

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Greenville, Ohio

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**Helping all people find a connection to God's community.**

—Parish Mission Statement

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## Introduction

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, Ohio! In joy, we are seeking a new part-time priest for our community, and with open arms we welcome you to discern with us as you read through our parish profile.

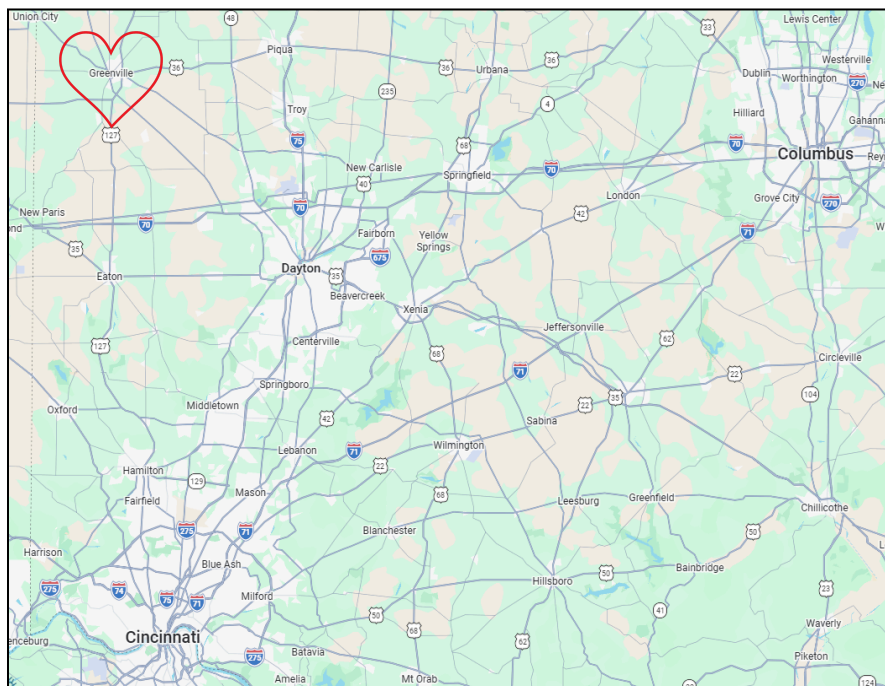
We are a church committed to hospitality for all; to serving our neighbors through our many outreach ministries; and to continually discovering new ways that we can share the Good News of Jesus with our neighbors, our county, and our diocese.

Together we seek to build upon the foundation we have established, so that we may embody a new future; and we're hoping that you might be the one to walk alongside us in the years to come.

## Current overview of the congregation

### Who we are

We are a church made up of strong community leaders. Situated in a quaint, agriculture-based town that stands as an island of the Episcopal faith in West-Central Ohio.



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## What we love about our church

*"I came to this church as an 11-year-old refugee from Latvia. A nearby farmer took me and my family in when we had no place to go. He and his wife brought us to St. Paul's Church, and I've been here ever since." -Maura, Age 85*

*"My favorite thing about Church is the donuts; and Mr. Chris." -Clark, Age 4*

*"This is my extended family. I love our liturgy, the music, having women in leadership, and how we can have a variety of beliefs, but all support each other." -Kim, age 66*

*"I thank God everyday for this Church. When our son died, they showed up for me in ways I couldn't even have imagined." -Gary, age 77*

## Here at St. Paul's, we describe ourselves as:

Active, hard-working, intergenerational, generous, hospitable, humble, musical, relaxed, compassionate, welcoming of children in worship, loving, connected to the wider community, and sent!

## Our core values

We live out our mission statement—helping all people find a connection to God's community—by welcoming all people into our parish. Our members hold conservative and progressive views on a variety of subjects. We share in common a respect for all people, treating everyone with respect as we celebrate the breadth of our lived experiences. We value active engagement, kindness, authenticity, and relationship as we seek to support one another in living into our Christian identities.

## Goals

Collectively, we've named our top three goals as:

1. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances (e.g. grief, divorce, job loss, addiction, family violence, homelessness, immigration issues, etc.)
2. Help members discern their gifts and equip them for ministries that are a good fit for them.
3. Explore how the church facility might be adapted to become a greater community asset that would increase utilization.

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## Worship

Our church currently meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. We hold Holy Eucharist twice a month with supply priests, and Morning Prayer services on alternate Sundays led by members of the parish.

Music has always been an important part of our heritage and communal worship. We take seriously the call in Psalm 100 to “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.” Singing together from our pews deepens our sense of community and our connections with God. We see music as one of our most important gifts to God.

The Parish is fortunate to have a Wick’s pipe organ that fills our nave with beautiful music. We love to sing, and several of our parishioners play musical instruments including the flute, oboe, accordion, violin, guitar, trumpet. Each year our parishioners go Christmas caroling, visiting our parish shut-ins at nursing homes and nearby neighbors.



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## Outreach

St. Paul's has a vibrant history of participating in a variety of outreach programs.

At present, we collect donations for the local Food and Clothing Bank as part of our Sunday offertory. Over the last 12 to 18 months, the Food Bank has requested that we focus on collecting personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, a request to which we have enthusiastically responded. At the time we made that change we also changed the focus of our Offertory Prayer:

**Dear Lord, you fed**

**the hungry, healed the sick, and welcomed strangers. Teach us how to care for those around us. Send your Holy Spirit to provoke us to love and care for our neighbors as we seek to help meet their needs, not to make them more like us, but because we want to be more like you. Amen.**

We make burp cloths which are given to the mothers of each newborn in the local hospital with a label stating it was made by the people of St. Paul's as part of their Christian mission.

For several years, the parish has participated in the Darke County United Way Stuff A Bus drive. In addition to in-kind donations, the parish has provided financial support to the program over the years. In 2023 we collected \$710, and in 2024 we collected \$806. 2025 was our best year yet with a donation of \$1,410. The donations have supported



*Some examples of our Sunday collection for the local Food and Clothing Bank.*

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efforts to provide supplies to our local school children as a witness to our community



*Members of the Outreach Committee present a \$1,410 donation to the United Way for the 2025 Stuff the Bus drive.*

that we, as a parish, deeply value education.

Each year at Christmas and Easter, our parish supports three local families by providing them with sustenance during these holy seasons.

Each fall we participate in Greenville's Rolling 50's Car Show, offering free popcorn and water as we engage with our neighbors. While there,

we collect donations that are used to purchase personal hygiene supplies for Grace Resurrection Center. GRCC has been a great partner for us in providing for the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Finally, we continue to have parishioners who volunteer their time at the Darke County Community Christmas Drive. Donations from this drive support Darke County Community Unity, a county-wide non-profit that addresses emergency needs for utility bills, rent, gas, or transportation needs. This ecumenical effort allows us to volunteer with several local churches to engage in charitable giving at Christmas time.



*Parish members making popcorn during the Rolling 50's Car Show in Greenville.*

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In partnership with the Greenville Ministerial Alliance, we assist in staffing the Christian Life Center building at the Darke County Fair each August.

In our small town we recognize that our efforts are multiplied as we find strength in Christian unity.

## **Brief History**

### **Founding of the Parish**

Over 200 years ago, the Rev. Alvah Guion, an Episcopal priest from Piqua, Ohio, visited Greenville and found there was no Episcopal church in the community. He gathered people in the public square and preached the importance of establishing a church for themselves and especially for their children. He stressed a need for a library for educating the children so they could learn about Christ and stories from the Gospel.



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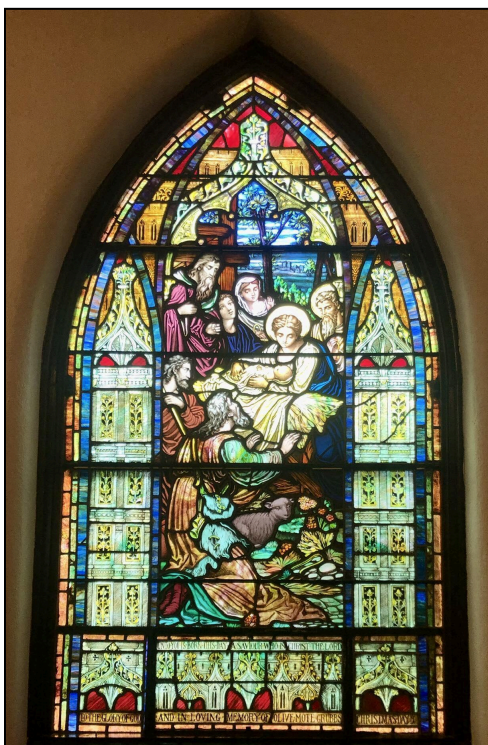
Mrs. Eliza Briggs enthusiastically heard Rev. Guion and expressed a desire to be confirmed. She travelled by horseback to Piqua, where she was confirmed by the Bishop. Mrs. Briggs worked hard for the new church and organized many of the activities around its development.

In 1835, Articles of Association were drawn up and circulated in Greenville by Rev. Guion. Twelve people signed their names to it. By 1837, twenty-five signatures had been secured.

After Canonical notice was given by Rev. Guion, members of the Association met at the home of Dr. John Briggs and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: “Resolved that we now organize ourselves into a Parish under the name, style, and title of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio.”



*The church cornerstone marking both the founding of our church in 1837 and the construction of our building in 1902.*



The first generation of our church worshiped in people’s homes and temporary structures. In 1902, the cornerstone of a new Gothic-style church was laid. Beautiful stained-glass windows, a Baptismal font, a lectern, a pulpit, a set of brass vases, and a large brass cross were given as gifts that are still in use at St. Paul’s today.

*Intricately painted stained glass window of the Nativity scene in the church nave.*

# Financial Information

St. Paul's is a financially stable parish with no long-term debt or significant deferred maintenance.

<b>St Paul's Episcopal Church</b>						
Three Year Financial History of General Operating Fund and Outreach Fund						
4/17/2026	General Fund 2023	General Fund 2024	General Fund 2025	Outreach Projects 2023	Outreach Projects 2024	Outreach Projects 2025
<b>Revenue</b>						
Donations	3,094.00	6,873.00	7,342.00	1,028.32	2,019.51	4,002.35
Pledges	51,385.25	47,024.58	51,194.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Donations	54,479.25	53,897.58	58,536.80	1,028.32	2,019.51	4,002.35
		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Other Income</b>						
Endowment/Investments	5,179.61	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Investment Erngs	0.00	0.00	34.13		0.00	0.00
Interest/Trans In	82.38	85.63	0.00		0.00	0.00
Other Income	510.06	704.91	605.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	5,772.05	790.54	639.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>60,251.30</b>	<b>54,688.12</b>	<b>59,176.29</b>	<b>1,028.32</b>	<b>2,019.51</b>	<b>4,002.35</b>
		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Expenses</b>						
Personnel	18,805.90	19,237.41	19,285.53		0.00	0.00
Office	5,457.99	6,620.96	6,343.33		0.00	0.00
Property	15,515.07	15,171.89	16,201.99		0.00	0.00
Capital Outlay	5,925.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Outreach	689.41	777.41	1,939.94	1,485.18	1,730.91	3,785.37
Program	1,637.42	1,791.75	1,230.49		0.00	0.00
Diosean Assessment	3,830.55	2,953.19	2,811.06		0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	400.00	0.00	200.00		0.00	0.00
Transfers Out	0.00	10,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>52,261.34</b>	<b>56,552.61</b>	<b>48,012.34</b>	<b>1,485.18</b>	<b>1,730.91</b>	<b>3,785.37</b>
		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Net Total	7,989.96	-1,864.49	11,163.95	-456.86	288.60	216.98
Invest results (net)	0.00	27.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Beg Year Balance</b>	<b>9,464.80</b>	<b>17,454.76</b>	<b>15,617.71</b>	<b>506.76</b>	<b>49.90</b>	<b>338.50</b>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>17,454.76</b>	<b>15,617.71</b>	<b>26,781.66</b>	<b>49.90</b>	<b>338.50</b>	<b>555.48</b>

Three Year Investment Fund History	Restricted				
	St. Pauls Memorial Fund	Thieme Endowment Fund	Thieme Investment Fund	J. Louise Investment Fund	Edward Jones MKT Fund
<b>End of Year Balance</b>					
2023	229,691.35	449,200.68	187,704.56	122,926.79	69,869.60
2024	243,995.99	467,390.53	204,503.49	130,428.48	144,989.36
2025	273,212.07	522,601.38	229,282.12	145,964.64	176,171.68

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## Statistics

Our congregation currently consists of 35 members from 19 pledging households. Our ASA is currently 22 people. The majority of our parishioners are over the age of 65, but we have a growing number of adults who are middle-aged. One active young family with a child sparks a great deal of joy for our older parishioners serving as their many parents and grandparents during Sunday worship.



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## Facilities

The church of St. Paul's in Greenville was built in 1902. The building consists of a beautiful sanctuary, library, church office, priest's office, and undercroft that includes classroom space for Sunday School, a kitchen, and open space for coffee hours and parish meals. Outside, we have two Memorial Gardens, one of which is the final resting place of many of our church members who have been members of St. Paul's since the day of their baptism. We receive many compliments from passers-by about the natural beauty of our church grounds. Community members have been known to come to our gardens to enjoy the peaceful space and even their take-out lunch.

Our building was recently audited by a Diocesan review committee and was found to be sound and well maintained.







*Above: The parish library is perfect for small gatherings and vestry/committee meetings.*



*Left: The parish enjoys Coffee Hour in the Undercroft following services.*

*Below: The Children play together during Coffee Hour.*



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## Community profile

Population of Darke County (2020 US Gov Census) 51,880

Population of Greenville, county seat (2020 US Gov Census) 12,700

Darke County is largely based on an agriculture income economy, complimented by several small and medium sized manufacturing companies. Greenville is the home of Whirlpool/KitchenAid handheld mixers and the well-known kitchen counter “Stand Mixers.”

The Darke County Fair, held each year in August, is one of the largest county fairs in the country. The Fair has been in operation in Greenville since 1853. The Fair now extends for nine days and takes place on the 185-acre Darke County Fairgrounds. Many businesses in the county have limited hours during Fair week to allow employees to enjoy the festivities.

Greenville and Darke County as a whole is home to dozens of churches representing a wide variety of denominations including Baptist, Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, and various non-denominational congregations. The Darke County Ministerial Association is an active group of Darke County ministers and pastors who will be happy to welcome you to join their efforts.

Downtown Greenville boasts several local clothing boutiques, coffee shops, and craft stores. The town is also home to larger stores including Kroger and Walmart that allow residents access to most needs.

Darke County is home to seven state of Ohio highly rated school districts serving 7,500 students.

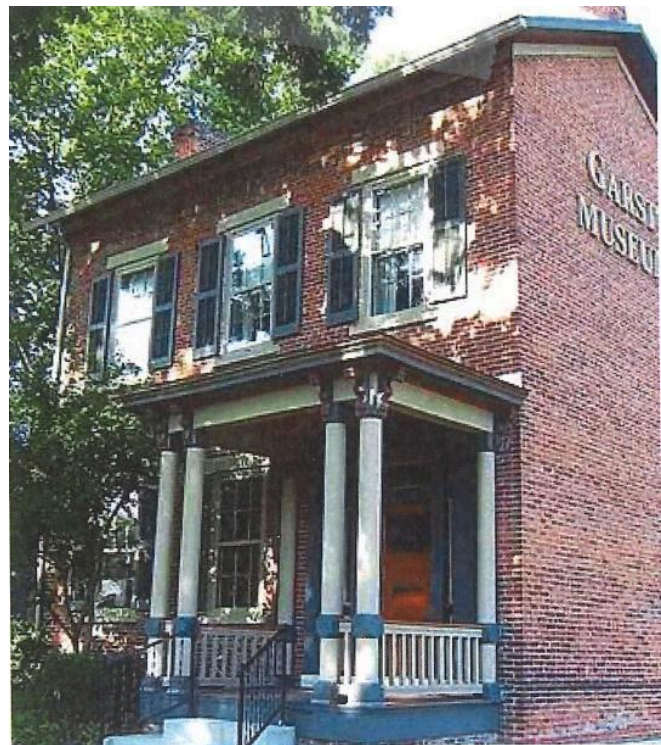
The Darke County Center for the Arts presents and promotes performing and fine arts, encouraging cultural enrichment. Among the annual offerings are the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and the Missoula Children’s Theatre.



*Historic Bear's Mill*

Darke County boasts numerous parks and preserves that offer forest paths, meadow overlooks, and nature centers for you to explore.

The Darke County Historical Society (DCHS) operates the Garst Museum in Greenville. It houses over 300,000 artifacts on display inside 35,000 square feet of exhibit space within six major and two minor venues. Permanent exhibits of national importance include those celebrating Darke County-born Annie Oakley (Little Miss Sure Shot); The Treaty of Greenville; Lowel Thomas (legendary CBS News broadcaster); and the many contributions of the Indigenous peoples of Ohio.



The county is served by Wayne HealthCare which provides a network of doctors and clinics as well as surgical and emergency medical care. The hospital is a state-of-the-art facility including a recent \$60 million expansion. We are also located within a one-hour drive to medical facilities in Richmond, Ind., Troy, and Dayton.

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Darke County is also home of Greenville Technology, a tier 1 supplier of key plastic components to several Honda assembly plants. Midmark Medical, in Versailles, manufacturers of doctor, dentist and veterinary office exam tables, chairs, cabinetry, etc.



## About the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio embodies the Gospel of Jesus Christ and shares in God’s transformation of our communities with the Holy Spirit as our guide. We embrace the values of integrity, relationship, and love as we live out this mission.

Our diocese is the spiritual home to about 15,000 Episcopalians in the southern part of the state of Ohio, gathered in 70+ communities of faith in towns, county seats, and urban and suburban centers across the state. The diocese was created in 1875 out of a division of the Diocese of Ohio.

The offices of the bishop and Christ Church Cathedral are both located in downtown Cincinnati. We are blessed with an active camp and conference center, Procter Center, which serves as a focal point for formation, discipleship, and fellowship for Episcopalians of all ages.

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Our diocese is also the home of the Community of the Transfiguration, an Episcopal religious community of women founded in Cincinnati in 1898. The sisters' ministry includes the Transfiguration Spiritual Center, hosting individual and group retreats, and the Bethany School, the only K-8 Episcopal school in Ohio.

The 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio is the Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White.

## About our Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White is the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. She was elected in September 2023 and ordained as bishop on February 17, 2024. She is passionate about the development of vital congregations, cultivating healthy systems and supporting innovative change for the future of the church.

Bishop White served as canon to the ordinary for congregational development and leadership in the neighboring Diocese of Indianapolis from 2018 until her election as bishop diocesan in 2023. She is a lifelong Episcopalian who was born in Anchorage, Alaska and raised in Prineville, Oregon. She served congregations in the northern suburbs of Chicago before joining the bishop's staff in Indianapolis. She is a trainer and practitioner of the College for Congregational Development.

Before earning a master of divinity degree at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Bishop White was a high school English teacher in Oregon. She also holds an associate's degree from Cottey College, a bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University and a master of arts in teaching from Willamette University. She and her husband, John, are parents of an adult daughter, Katherine Grace, who lives in Germany.



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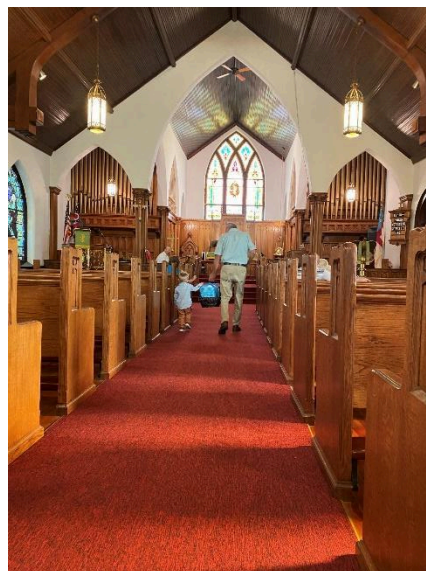
## Priest-in-Charge profile

St. Paul's parish is seeking a part-time Priest-in-Charge who will be a shepherd for us spiritually, in Christian formation, and in outreach. This person should be a warm, authentic, and loving pastor. Someone who is compassionate and willing to get to know us, individually and as a faith community. We pray for a leader who centers ministry around working with small groups of people, helping them relate their ministries to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope this person will help us grow and enrich our church both through reaching out to members who are no longer active and through connecting to the community at large. This person needs to be someone who is willing to be involved in the Darke County community, and the local ministerial alliance. We are praying for a priest who is excited to work alongside us as we energize our parish.

## Wrap-up

Thank you for considering a call to St. Paul's. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our community.

Life is short, and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with us now and forever. Amen.



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## Apply Today!

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and Vocations Hub profile to the Rev. Melanie Slane, Diocesan Transition Minister, at [transitions@diosohio.org](mailto:transitions@diosohio.org) with “St. Paul’s, Greenville” in the subject line. We will be receiving applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled.



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*St. Paul's Vestry looks forward to welcoming you. From left, front row: Sr. Warden Chris Nelson, Jr. Warden Gary Benesh, Gail Benesh, Tim Burns. From left, back row: Jan Nelson, Rachel Grilliot, Kim Bohler.*