



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Oct 19, 2021)

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

808 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

search2021@stpaulspv.org

Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
40	2	1	
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
One month, including 5 Sundays (standard)		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$501-\$1000/year	Yes	Yes	

We are calling a Priest-in-Charge, compensation & benefits according to diocesan guidelines.

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

Contact:
search2021@stpaulspv.org

Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

We held our first ever Ice Cream Social. It was a glorious success in that current and past parishioners attended as well as community members. We gave tours of the church, the thrift shop was open, and there were activities for the children. Success is measured by the new family who has joined our parish and the reacquainting with former members.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

We have begun live-streaming the 10am service on our FaceBook page. We now accept online tithing. We have begun to accept credit cards at fundraisers. All of these ideas are geared toward attracting younger parishioners.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

Pastoral Care. Outreach Ministry. Preaching. Organizational Skills.

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

Contact:

search2021@stpaulspv.org

Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We provide two Sunday services. The 8am service uses Rite I in a spoken format without organ accompaniment or hymns. The 10am service uses Rite II with musical accompaniment and hymns. Both services include the Eucharist, lessons, Gospel, and sermon.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

St. Paul's has dedicated EM's who actively participate in the provision of the sacrament to shut ins, lead the prayers of the church at services, and in conjunction with lay riders, offer the weekly readings.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We support each other's need in all of the above ways — individually or together as needed. Our community is tight knit and we are able to openly discuss with each other the areas of our lives where we need support. During COVID, and without a Rector, the EMs made home calls, the Supply Priest made home and hospital visits, and we established a telephone tree for Sunday mornings.

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

Contact:
search2021@stpaulspv.org

How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

We began during the pandemic to create YouTube services for our local community, not assuming it would go any further. We have been amazed that this ministry has gone much further including Europe. Today we are still getting hits on the videos we created six months to a year ago as people continue to discover our YouTube channel.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

We are involved with Rural and Migrant Ministry, CropWalk, and Food Pantry among our ministries that touch the local and wider areas. Pre-pandemic there were Ecumenical services in Pleasant Valley that we contributed to. One of our Wardens has been lifted up as an Application for Ordination to the Diaconate; she is also our representative to Convention.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Friday Night Prayer Worship is a small group of parishioners who gather for an hour or so to end the work week with prayer. They often use Compline as an outline for their service. Liz Whitman organized this group about five years ago and made a prayer box for the back of the church where parishioners can leave their intentions for the group.

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

Contact:
search2021@stpaulspv.org

What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Our Stewardship campaign revolves around October-November testimonials, articles in the Damascus newsletter, and the Warden's letter. It is a six week campaign during which we show the many sides of stewardship including giving of your time and talents to, finally, giving of your money.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We are a community with varied demographics. Conflicts are inherent in any group. When they arise, we discuss, debate, and pray until an answer presents itself. It isn't easy to resolve every conflict but we do keep in mind that we all want the best for St. Paul's.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

Change happens slowly at St. Paul's. St. Paul's is in general an older parish where many new ideas or technology are slow to be accepted. It isn't just the parishioners, it is also the community around St. Paul's. We offer to accept credit cards for fundraisers but most in the community would still rather pay with cash. Acceptance happens with any new idea a bit at a time. Slow and steady is the watchword.



Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio
(last updated Oct 19, 2021)

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

search2021@stpaulspv.org

Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Michael Shafer	Supply	2019-09	

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Megan Sanders	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2015-10	2019-09

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Ellen O'Hara	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1997-11	2012-12

Church School YES		Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School 2	Number of Students for Children School 4
-----------------------------	--	--	--

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School 1	Number of Students for Adults School 5
---	---	--	--

Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	--------------------------------------

St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley, New York

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/21/21.

Contact:
search2021@stpaulspv.org

Worshipping Community Web site: www.stpaulspv.org

Media Links:

Online References:

> <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsppleasantvalley>

> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQGo2XZiJvGFH9CfTmaDXEQ/featured>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

Bishop:

Diocesan Transition Minister

Current Warden/Board Chair

Previous Warden/Board Chair

Search Chair

Parish/Institution

Local Community Leader