



## UPDATE ON ST. PAUL'S FROM PTP'S PRESIDENT, DANA NOEL

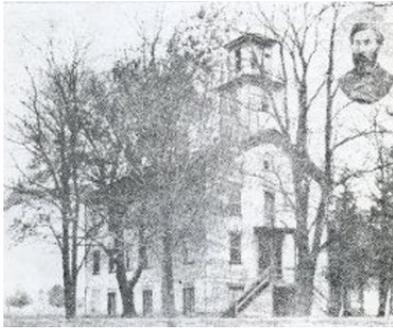
I'm sure you all know by now that the winning bid for Historic St Paul's was by PTP member, Tony Troppe. Over the years, Tony has reinvented a number of historic buildings in downtown Akron. Even before the City created tax abatement incentives for residential redevelopment, Tony was busy saving our collective heritage by creatively reusing the built environment in ways that preserve the story of who we are as Akronites. For infusing new energy and optimism into our community through his historic redevelopment projects, Tony has received several Summit County Architectural Heritage Awards and been recognized by the Cleveland Restoration Society. His vision and hard work as a pioneer in redeveloping Akron's historic buildings have been the platform and inspiration for many of the current projects you see today.

Thank you to all our members who have persisted in believing that, despite years of neglect and a devastating fire, the churches still held tremendous value and every effort should be made to save them. For years, PTP has patiently tracked the University's efforts, offered suggestions, and raised public awareness about the churches. In May, Tony was made aware of the poorly advertised auction by a PTP member. He promptly submitted his winning bid – and St. Paul's was saved.

Five years ago, PTP publicized the fact the University was anticipating demolition of the churches and the historic Quaker Square buildings adjacent to the silos. Our efforts maintained a spotlight on the more vulnerable churches, but now we need to continue our effort with Quaker Square. These buildings and the historic Martin Center remain empty and at risk. The willingness of the University to ignore its historic assets remains a concern, and PTP needs to continue its effort to remind the public of its heritage being put at risk by unconcerned owners.

Thank you, Tony, and thank you, PTP members, for believing in the power of preservation.

**See Page 2 for information about our upcoming *Members Only* annual picnic.**



The Vermillion Institute Then

## Progress Through Preservation Annual Picnic Monday, August 23, 2021



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On Monday, August 23rd, we will meet for our Annual Picnic at the historic Vermillion Institute in the tiny village of Hayesville, Ohio. Established in 1843 as a coeducational academy, the institute was a preeminent center of higher education in the mid-1800s and once had an enrollment of over 600 students from 13 states. As faculty and students left to fight in the Civil War, the school faced a slow decline. Eventually it was deeded to the village and served as Hayesville High School. When a new high school opened in 1929 the building was largely abandoned and stood empty as one of Ohio's "ghost academies". Our meeting will be at the sole surviving college structure, a three-story brick building with a gabled roof and impressive tower. The building was purchased in 2011 and has undergone a complete restoration. Our speaker will be the owner, Steve McQuillin. Mr. McQuillin is a preservation consultant based in Hayesville with more than 40 years of experience in the field of historic preservation. The Institute now serves as Mr. McQuillin's home and office and houses his many collections. If you are interested in historic preservation this one is a must-see.

**Dinner:** The picnic is a potluck event. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, vegetable side dish, or a dessert to add to the buffet. PTP will provide: plates, napkins, silverware, cups, cold beverages and the meat entrée.

**Time/Place/Directions/Parking:** We will meet at 6:00 at The Vermillion Institute which is located at 150 E. Main Street, Hayesville, Ohio. Take I-71 South to exit 186/Ohio Rt. 250. At the end of the exit ramp turn left onto 250. At the sixth light turn left onto Rt. 43 South. In approximately one mile turn left onto Ohio Rt. 60. **Warning:** Here the directions get **tricky**. In order to follow Rt. 60 you will almost immediately need to make another left turn then a quick right turn. Follow Rt. 60 about 6 miles to Hayesville and turn left on Main Street. The Vermillion Institute is located at the corner of Main and College Streets. Turn left on College and right into the first drive on the right to park onsite. Additional parking is available next door at 160 Main St. Driving time is approximately 55 minutes.

**Bonus Pre-Meeting Tour:** At 5:00 we will have the opportunity to tour the restored 1886 Hayesville Grand Opera House, the only opera house on the Historic Lincoln Highway. Owned by the Village of Hayesville, it continues to operate as an entertainment venue. As part of the tour you will need to climb 25 stairs and please bring a mask for this indoor event. The Opera House is at the corner of Rt. 60 and Main St. Parking is available in a lot across the street.

**RSVP:** This free event is open to **PTP members and their guests only**. Please RSVP by August 18 by calling Alice Christie at 330-864-8364 or emailing [achristie@malone.edu](mailto:achristie@malone.edu) and indicating how many will attend, which food item you will be bringing, whether you prefer indoor or outdoor dining, and if you will be visiting the Opera House.