



THE EPISTLE

November 2021



Upside Down with the Senior Warden

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13

The world has been turned upside down. Just as humans are starting to get out and connect more with each other, the animals are starting to prepare for hibernation. They are planning to enter into a deep sleep until winter is over.

We at St Paul's are looking at how we can leave our dens and become a part of the world. Of course we are going to be cautious and realize not only is the Covid virus still around but also the flu virus. Zoom meetings and a live stream of the Sunday service will continue. The various ministries are beginning to meet and plan for the holidays. Even though things will be done differently, we will reach out to our neighbors and reconnect to many of our members.

During the month of October the vestry has been working on relationships and trust. We are going to look at our "True Colors" as a personality trait during our retreat day. Getting to know one another and being able to share our faith is going to be a theme for the coming months.

It really is a good time to focus on helping others since we will be entering the advent season and preparing for the birth of our Savior. We will be collecting food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for Crossover families. The Angel tree will provide Christmas presents for children. In 2022 we will once again house families as part of our work with Family Promise.

Father Don has been busy upgrading our computers, telephones and internet communication

systems. We appreciate this work and are looking to find even better ways to connect with our members.

We will be working with *Partners for Sacred Places* (sacredplaces.org) to help St Paul's perform community asset mapping and conduct parish wide meetings to get an idea of our congregation's desires and hopes for the future. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us during this process and that St Paul's members will become one body, with many talents, working together to develop and grow relationships with each other and our neighbors.

For His Sake Barbara Mannor



Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It won't be long before we begin our preparation for Thanksgiving. We are asking our St Paul's family and friends to share their bounty with our Crossover families this November by providing the following items:

canned gravy, boxed stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, canned cranberries and canned yams/sweet potatoes. Monetary donations are also welcome.

These items are added to the "Holiday Boxes" from the food bank. Items can be dropped off at the church following the service on Sunday beginning November 7 thru November 15. Monetary donations can be sent directly to Crossover or to St Paul's. Please indicate the money is for Crossover Thanksgiving. If you have any questions please call Barbara Mannor 810-513-8098. Thank you.



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Financial Update

Maggie Hart, Parish Treasurer
George Gibson, Director of Finance

Next year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our beautiful church building. Unlike many large, old downtown churches in the country, we have been able to pretty well maintain our much loved, historic Flint landmark. A combination of pledge income and endowment income supply funds of \$115,000 this year, and for next year we are proposing a budget of \$125,000. This is a considerable sum of money, but it really is a bare minimum to operate and maintain this beautiful old building.

Here is a breakdown of costs for this year:

Insurance	\$ 38,476
Electricity/Gas	\$ 46,759
Water	\$ 6,086
Building Maintenance	\$ 23,721
Total	\$115,042

The vestry has set aside an additional annual reserve of 1% of our endowment for building maintenance (about \$30,000 a year). This is for capital expenditures and emergency repairs. That, too, seems like a goodly sum of money, but repairs can quickly eat that up. For example, we have some small leaks. But to repair them, will take skilled stonemasons. Not many companies are capable of that work and the estimate to repair the leaks, which will be painstaking work, is about \$54,000.

		Year to 30 SEP	2021	Year Percent
Revenue	Pledges	153,6911	180,000	85%
	Other Income	160,627	306,056	52%
	Total	314,228	486,056	65%
Expenses	Serv/Outreach	58,358	114,272	51%
	Worship/Ed	2,256	3,300	68%
	Personnel	160,811	266,287	60%
	Build/Grounds	84,858	115,500	73%
	Administration	8,906	12,850	69%
	Total Expenses	315,189	512,209	62%
	Rev/Loss	-961	-26,153	

Our building and grounds committee is led by Rebecca Bennett, our Jr. Warden. Our committees are getting back to more normal functioning as we get through the phases of this Pandemic. If you would like to join the Building and Grounds committee, contact Becky.

A snapshot of our finances as of September 30, 2021, please see the inset above.



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From the Keyboard

Holly Richardson

Director of Music

What is a requiem? We use this word in music circles a lot, we sing them and hundreds if not thousands have been composed. "A Requiem or Requiem Mass, also known as Mass for the dead (Latin: Missa pro defunctis) or Mass of the dead (Latin: Missa defunctorum), is **a Mass offered for the repose of the soul or souls of one or more deceased persons.**"

Many are beautiful, which is why I suspect we sing them at concerts outside of a funeral setting. We have all lost someone dear to us, and I think when we are singing them or listening it honors those, we have loved who are gone. So many of us have lost dear ones in the last two years and many have not had funerals attended by near and dear to us. November 1 is All Saints Day we are observing, All Saints Day, October 31 during our morning worship.

I realize that November is a month of thanksgiving, and I believe part of being thankful is also to honor those in our lives who have made a difference for us, who have shown us a Godly example of how to live a Godly life, and part of that is honoring those saints that have impacted our lives.

One of the world's most famous Requiems is by W.A. Mozart

https://youtu.be/Pa4o_nutl14

Another important requiem was written by Michael Haydn, the brother to famous Franz Joseph Haydn

<https://youtu.be/Of5Kz7wVexM>

Michael Haydn's is about 35 minutes long, should you choose this link.

Advent 1 begins November 28 and we will begin

to hustle and bustle as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. May we take the month of November to continue to remember that Every Perfect Gift comes from God and it includes the saints who have gone before.



November

2	Sean DeGeorge
2	Tom Shriver
4	The Rev. Dcn. Donna Kusky
8	Ferrell Katzenberger
10	Genevieve Oertel
11	Norma Struck
13	Evan Karr
13	Dr. Sean Tahaney
16	Michael Kennedy
25	Elizabeth Barnhart
26	Jo Miska
28	Judith Stoerman
29	Zack Bailey
29	Gerrit Cates

December

1	Sir Ernest Emenyonu
1	William Sprague
3	Mike Bommarito
4	Ted Mannor
4	Maggie Hart
14	Linda Lemieux
14	Laura Meyer
14	Walt Peake
20	Minette Rollins
21	Craig Leavitt
30	Ed Walthers



Greater Flint Arts Council

Artwalk at St Paul's

Friday November 12,

2021 from 6:30-9:00 pm
Thomas Meyer will display his artwork, and music will be provided by Flint MasterSingers. The evening will end with Compline at 9:00 pm.

Friday December 10,

2021 from 6:30-9:00 pm, Margrit Schlatter will display her artwork, and Holly Richardson will be the pianist for the evening. Compline will follow at 9:00 pm.

Thomas Myers {Tom} is a native of Michigan. He spent his early years in Flint, and later moved to Davison where he graduated from high school. After being wounded in the Viet Nam War, he returned to the Flint area. He enrolled at Mott Community College and later received his B.S. in Education from Central Michigan University. Tom worked for General Motors for over 30 years and retired in 2000.

Much like Grandma Moses, Tom realized an interest in and developed a talent for Art later in life. After joining most local painting groups he became interested in Oil Painting, in particular. Tom finds the versatility of Oil offers him a wide range of painting techniques, from Impressionism to realism. He has enjoyed trying different styles and techniques over the years.

Tom's art evokes images of homes, farms, and people of his own area. His love of family and home as well as found memories of the area are all present in his Paintings. None of his paintings are an exact representation of what he sees. For that he would take a Photograph. Tom's paintings are more about mood and a certain warm feeling done with imagination and character.

Tom has had Paintings on view at Flint Institute of Arts and Studio 23 in Bay City.

From Margarit Schlatter's biography: "I am a self-taught artist and call my art ART FROM THE HEART.

I grew up on a farm in Switzerland where I spent most of my childhood outdoors. In 1976 I immigrated to the Flint area with my husband intending to stay for 1 or 2 years. 46 years later we are still here having raised 2 sons and enjoy 2 grandchildren.

In the late 70's a friend invited me to participate in a pottery class at The Flint Institute of Art and so my introduction to the art world began.

After working with clay for several years I felt inspired to try something new and bought colored pencils and paper and started drawing. From colored pencil I moved on to other media such as pastels and then to art markers which are my chosen tools as of now.

I like to create joyful and colorful paintings that are inspired by the beauty of the natural world but also through meditation.

Over the years I have exhibited through various art councils in the area. Some restaurants and have participated in art walk several times."

We are looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant.

This person will assist the Rector, Staff, and people of St. Paul's in many ways including the creation and publication of our Sunday bulletins and our newsletter. This position is between 15-18 hours per week. Although applications will be received, due to issues relating to conflict-of-interest, members of St. Paul's are not encouraged to apply. If you would like to nominate someone, please let them know and ask them to contact Fr. Don or George Gibson at 810-234-8637 or rector@stpaulschurchflint.com.

Do we have your email address?

This week we hope to send out a new brief publication about what is going on at St. Paul's. At the moment we are calling it "Tower Talk", but a better name would be appreciated in case you have any ideas. The weekly news will be sent via email.

If we do not have your email address, please send it to rector@stpaulschurchflint.com, or call us and leave it on Fr. Don's voicemail.



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Busting our Buttons We are Proud of You!

Honored

Harriet Kenworthy, a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was recently honored for her many years of support for the YWCA of greater Flint. Mrs. Kenworthy writes in an article published in the Annual Report of the YWCA:

"I am grateful to the YWCA Greater Flint for all it has given me. It has offered me and all women the chance to test our abilities, to learn and to grow. Through these experiences as a volunteer, I was inspired to become and advocate for women and children. Volunteerism has tremendously enriched my life and most special has been the satisfaction of having a wide variety of friends developed through working together for something as important as the YWCA. ...



From the time I was a freshman in college in Iowa, I was involved with the WYCA through its student association. My mother told me to stay at the WWCA when I came to Flint to work because it was a safe place for young women. Just like it is today.

A young woman named Nina Mills founded the YWCA Greater Flint in 1908. It's starting to realize that I have been a part of this organization for almost 70 years."

From all your friends at St Paul's, Congratulations!

Copied with permission from the YWCA Greater Flint 2020 Annual Report"

Elected

Jelecia Garaghty, and Fr. Don were elected for three-year terms as a members of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan.



Dr. Elizabeth Jordan was re-elected as a member of the Diocesan Council.

Jelecia, Genevive Field, Audrey Stephens and our Senior Warden Barbara Mannor were delegates to the 2021 Joint Convention of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan.

During the convention, the Right Reverend Prince Singh the current Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, New York was elected as the Bishop Provisional of both Dioceses. He will begin his expected 3-5 year term in February 2022.

Dr. Elizabeth Jordan was recently honored as a Distinguished Alumni of Mott Community College.

Holy Communion

Sunday: 9:00 AM

(available via live-streaming)

Wednesday: 12:10 PM

Feast Days as Announced



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A way of thinking... "Jabbed for Jesus"

The Reverend Dr. Don Davidson

My Rite Aid Pharmacist had the pleasure of jabbing my arm for the third time yesterday. This time with the Moderna Covid 19 Booster Vaccination. This is not my first rodeo as my Kansas colleagues might say. A look at my WHO shot record shows that I have had many vaccinations through the years, especially during my time on active duty. Smallpox, Typhoid, Hepatitis, Pertussis, Measles, and the list goes on. As a child, I ate the sugar cube so I would not get polio and remember the lines in school. I trusted my doctors.

Covid for a number of reasons seems to be different. Many people have made the individual choice not to receive the vaccine. Did you know that there is not a single school of medicine or university in the world that recommends not receiving the covid vaccine?

The overwhelming majority of those being treated for Covid infections in our hospitals are folks who made the decision not to receive the vaccination. I refuse to debate the "why." I respect the right of an individual to make choices about their body.

When I decided to receive the Covid vaccine I did so as a jab for Jesus. In many ways, every vaccine could, maybe should, be understood that way. When we receive a vaccine, we become less likely to get the disease on a level which is life threatening. When we wear a mask in public, we become less likely to spread the disease to another human being. Both decisions, getting jabbed and wearing a mask, are ways of loving others and loving self. A mask protects others from you more than protecting you from others. A vaccine makes it possible for an entire population of people to become resistant to the virus.

We may never defeat the horrible diseases that inflict and kill the people we love. We can trust the experts who care about our health; we can love others as we love ourselves; we can put ourselves out in a selfless way; and we can get a jab for Jesus.

Yes, my arm is sore...and it sure feels good.

Don+

HONORING OUR VETERANS

November 11 was first set aside as the day to remember the end of World War I with the signing of the Armistice. Following the end of that war and all the wars since, millions of service members have come home. At the end of the war and since that time many churches have taken the time to honor Veterans, those who have worn the uniform of our nation.

On November 14, we will pause during our Sundays service to honor those who have served. We will include those who have served as police officers, fire-fighters and emergency responders as they too have served their fellow citizen with honor and should be remembered and respected.

Please join us on Sunday and honor the men and women who have served; and yes, that is me..as a young Chaplain (Captain) just a few years ago.



Trees Trees and More Trees

In celebration of Advent and the season the follows Advent, we will be placing "Thanksgiving/Advent" trees in the narthex and parlor beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Each church group is asked to decorate a tree (the tree and lights will be provided).



We hope to have an Altar Guild tree, Outreach Tree, Music Tree (more), Lay readers Tree, Vestry Tree and on and on. What your group puts on the tree tells its story, and we can all bask in the light and give thanks for the people that make our parish thrive.