



# Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City*

November 9, 2021

## Crossover Thanksgiving Baskets

Crossover is asking for our help in their Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. They are requesting:

Canned Gravy  
Boxed Stuffing  
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Cranberries or Cranberry sauce  
Canned Corn  
Canned Green beans

Items can be dropped-off at the church on Sunday, November 14. Or, dropped off during the week at Crossover at 414 West Court St. Flint.

Monetary Donations can be sent directly to Crossover or to St. Paul's with attention George Gibson.

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## St. Paul's College

In 1888 a College was founded in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Its name was St. Paul's Normal and Industrial College. It later became St. Paul's College;

that's where I came in. In 1952 I was awarded a scholarship from my Church to attend St. Paul's. I later learned that it was sponsored by the Episcopal Church. I was excited! Yes, I was an Episcopalian then!!

The College closed in 2013. The Alumni is selling Christmas ornaments which is a picture of the Chapel to establish an Achieve for the College.

Please see me if you would like one. They sell for \$22.00 each.

Thank you, and may God Bless You.

Barbara Hamilton Welch

P.S. Checks can be paid to me and online you can write to St. Paul's College achieves.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@stpaulschurchflint.com), or call us and leave it on Fr. Don's voicemail.

**The Master Calendar**

of all events, services and meetings at St. Paul's is now available on our website.

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**Attention Veterans**

On Sunday, November 14, we will honor our Veterans. If you are a Veteran (if you have worn the uniform and served in a branch of our armed forces or as a law enforcement officer, fire-fighter or emergency responder, please join us as we wish to honor your service.

**Furnace**

Tomorrow, a temporary "fix" to our current heat issue will be installed allowing us to have normal heat in the building by Thursday.

**Angel Tree**

Christmas is approaching quickly and our Angel Tree outreach to children in need is ready-to-go. Our Crossover partners provided us with the names, ages, and gift suggestions for 20 children. Each child will receive two gifts, one of clothing and one of a toy, game or gift-card. Monetary guideline is approximately \$50.00 per gift. Our "Angel Tree" will be set up in the church parlor beginning Sunday, November 14, where you can select a child's name on a special ornament.

Monetary donations are also very welcome. Please send your donations to the church to the attention of George Gibson. Be sure to note "Angel Tree" on your check.

If you have any questions, please contact the Angel Tree chairperson Carole Davis, phone/text 810-410-7789, email: [mauderose@comcast.net](mailto:mauderose@comcast.net). ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO ST. PAUL'S BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12. Crossover will begin distributing gifts to families on December 13.

Our St. Paul's Community have always been generous supporters of the Angel Tree, and the need of these children and their families is greater than ever. Let's all make this the best year ever!

If you, or someone you love would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr. Don. Home visitations have not been possible during the pandemic, but with the advent of vaccinations, this can be done. Please call the office, Fr. Don or send an email to make an appointment.

### **Your Vestry:**

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## ***Live Streaming Update***

Live-streaming, sometimes also called net-casting is the production of video and audio signals that can be received via the Internet anywhere in the world. Live-streaming makes it possible for our community to expand to those who are unable to come to church due to illness or mobility issues.

There is nothing that can replace being with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ to pray, praise, sing and receive the sacrament of our Lord together. We learned, during the pandemic, that live-streaming made it possible for many Christian communities to stay together during a time when many folks may have spent most of their time alone.

The Vestry of St. Paul's has been investigating the installation of a new live-streaming system starting with new Internet service, new cameras and the switcher/sequencer necessary to convert the local video and audio to magnificent high density pictures available to you. The cost of this new equipment will be nearly \$30,000.00.

Our investment will also be available for special services, weddings and funerals. Stay tuned for more information as this exciting project continues.

# Remembering my Dad

George Davidson died on Christmas Eve 5 years ago. A blustery, and somewhat unusual man, my Dad was generous in heart and difficult of spirit. In some ways everyday around Dad was a mystery of sorts, as one never knew which George version you might get on that day.

I was aware that Dad served as an enlisted man during WWII and later as an officer in the Korean Conflict. In Korea he was a decorated Commander of an Ambulance Company. I think of Dad as I watch an episode of M\*A\*S\*H.

In 2003 I spent a year on an active duty overseas in the aftermath of the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina. There was almost nothing that could compare the brutality of Bosnia to the Communist uprising in Korea. Obviously, humanity has not come up with better ways to communicate and solve problems.

Dad never told me much about his wars, except a few silly stories. He was quiet about the horrors he observed and the pain he felt when he lost soldiers in his command. I finally heard the real stories, after I got home. His hearing was nearly gone and age was not his friend yet, after I came home we talked; two Lieutenant Colonels, one retired and one years away from it talked about the friends we made, the stupidity of war, the pain we felt, the love and hate of the Army. I seldom have felt closer to my Dad.

I am so thankful for those chats, after I came home.

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