



# Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

November 23, 2021

## The Colors of Advent



There are four colors involved distinctly with Advent. Three are clearly shown in the picture to the right.

Purple reminds of royalty as Jesus was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Rose (Pink) candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent and it reminds of refreshment.

Green wreaths adorn the Advent Wreath and other places in the church and they remind us of new birth.

Blue or properly Sarum Blue reminds of Mary who, when asked if she would be the Mother of Jesus said Yes.

Now a question for you. Is the Advent Wreath a religious symbol?

While it may be a symbol now and it is placed in honor in many churches of many denominations, its origin is not religious at all. The wreath with many candles was often seen in bars long before the spread of the Christian religion. The candles were lit until the winter solstice, or the time when the days began to get longer and there was more sunlight.

A German Lutheran Pastor is credited with turning the secular symbol into a religious one by associating the tradition with Advent and the lighting of four candles, one each Sunday until Christmas Day. A fifth candle is sometimes added to the wreath and lit on Christmas. It is called the Christ Candle and reminds us of the birth of Jesus.

Question for next week:

Was Jesus born on December 25th?

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### 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!

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### New Wi-Fi in the building

Our New Wi-Fi provides a faster and more consistent connection to the Internet in the building. There is a new password. The password for the StPGUEST wifi in Barth Hall is L0v3Jesus.

### Year C (Happy New Year)

The First Sunday of Advent is November 28, 2021. With the beginning of the new Church Liturgical Year we have new Calendars, and we begin year C of our three-year Revised Common Lectionary.

### Vestry

At the regular meeting on November 16, the Vestry adopted the 2022 Budget. The Budget is based on the pledges of our people and income from parish investments.

The Vestry approved the purchase of a new Live Streaming system to be installed as soon as possible.

Approved minutes of the Vestry will soon be available on our website [www.stpaulschurchflint.com](http://www.stpaulschurchflint.com).

### The Master Calendar

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

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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 23, 2022. The meeting will be held in conjunction with our Sunday morning service.

**New Century Chorale**  
with Artistic Director  
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**NEW  
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With special guests  
**Davison Middle School Mezzo Voce Choir**  
**December 12, 2021**  
4:00 pm  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
711 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI.  
**Tickets at the door: \$12**  
Tickets available Online at: [www.newcenturychorale.org](http://www.newcenturychorale.org) or call 810-771-8255

## The Vestry

In the Episcopal Church the Vestry is the governing church board of trustees. At the Annual Meeting in January, the congregation elects three people every year to serve members of the vestry. At St. Paul's there are nine elected members. The parish Rector is the President of the Vestry and presides at all vestry meetings.

The Vestry has three major purposes and shares leadership with the Rector on other areas of parish leadership. Those three are:  
The Stewardship of Parish Finances  
The Stewardship of Parish Property  
The election of a priest to serve as the Rector once approved by the Bishop.

Question for next month:

Is there an age limit to be elected to the Vestry?



**Blood Drive**  
**Red Cross Donation Center**  
1401 S. Grand Traverse Street, Flint

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment, log on to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code GCARC) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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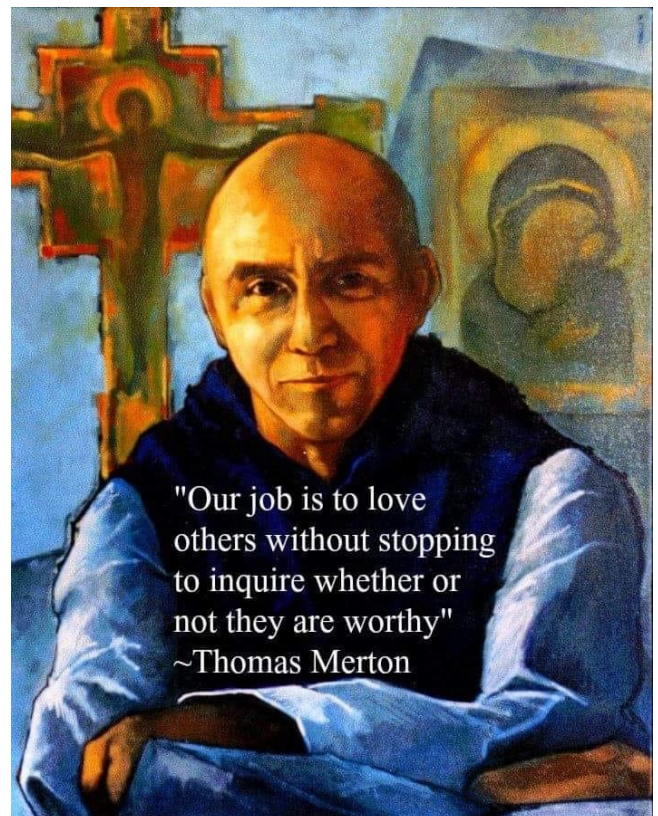
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## Transgender Day of Remembrance

St. Paul's Episcopal Church sponsored a solemn service honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance on the evening of November 21, 2021.

The service, a tradition of the parish, including a reflection by the Reverend Jeremy Peters the Senior Pastor of Court Street United Methodist Church of Flint.

Since the last Transgender Day of Remembrance, 69 transgender people were killed, most by acts of violence.

Sixty-nine candles were lit as each name was read aloud along with some information about each person.