



# Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

December 3, 2021

## Healing

The Rite (Sacrament) of Healing (of the sick) is more than anointing and the laying-on-of-hands. The Rite, also called unction, is more than a tradition before a person passes from this life to the next. The Rite is a wonderful opportunity to feel the grace of Christ in a most meaningful and physical way.



This Sunday, December 5, the Rite of Healing will be offered during the service at the time of the Prayers of the People. The clergy will anoint, and members of the Order of St. Luke will provide meaningful prayers for each person.

The Rite is NOT faith healing in the way you may have witnessed it in other denominations. Unction is all about intention. The intention of the Christian community to do whatever is possible to relieve the emotional, physical, or mental pain that may be causing disruption in the life of any person. While one cannot truly receive the sacrament for someone else, a person may ask for prayers and anointing in the midst of trauma in their life.

Anointing with oil is traditionally done by a Bishop or Priest, but our Book of Common Prayer indicates "In cases of necessity, a deacon or lay person may perform the anointing, using oil blessed by a bishop or priest" (BCP p456).

Why now, and why Advent? Our lives have been shook to the core with the presence of a deadly virus and as I write our county's infection rate is quite high. Many families have been seriously affected not only by the sickness itself but with job stress, school insecurity and all forms of travail. Our Church has been under great tension as we continue without the guiding hand of our Bishop as chief-pastor. Our parish said a fond farewell to a loved priest who brought the church to the community and the community to the church. We, as the parish, need prayer and the grace of Christ as we slowly return to the loving, caring and thriving parish we wish to be.

Advent is a time when we make room in our hearts for the birth of Christ as a child, the presence of Christ in the guidance of our decisions and the hope for Christ to come again. Confession and healing help us to make ready to receive Christ, and to recognize Christ's presence. (continued)

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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 Wi-Fi in Barth Hall is L0v3Jesus.

### The Master Calendar

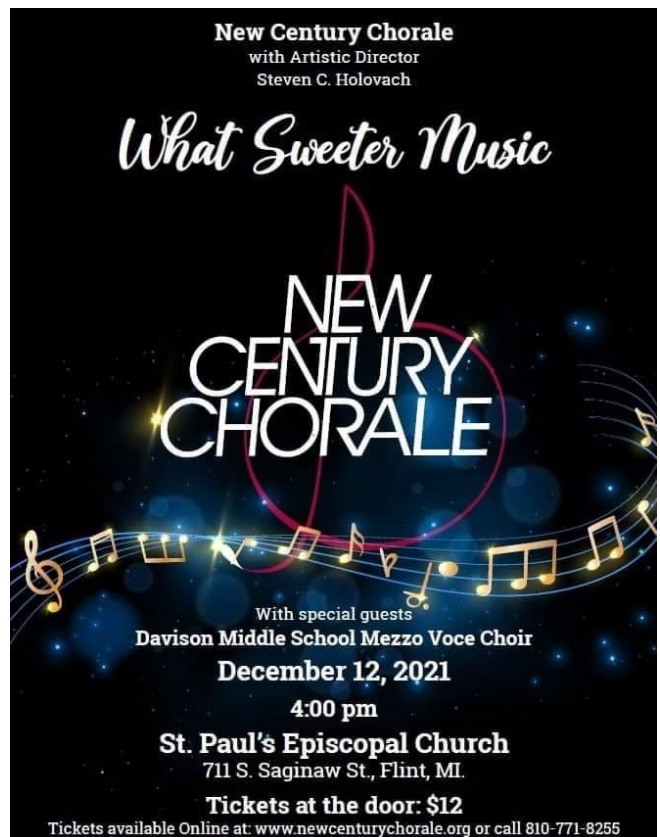
of all events, services and meetings at St. Paul's is now available on our website.

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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.

If you are interested in standing election for the Vestry (a term of 3 years) please contact [TaMara Oertel](mailto:TaMara.Oertel).



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.

## The Vestry

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

Yes, you must be 16.

Next week: Are there any other requirements?

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Healing (continued from front page)

You do not have to say why you wish prayers and anointing. You do not have to receive prayers or anointing, you are welcome to receive only what you wish. You are welcome to spend private time in personal prayer in one of the side chapels once you have received prayers or anointing.

Please join us this Sunday and please know you are welcome to pray for us, pray with us and let us pray with you.

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### About the Order of Saint Luke

Our motto is "O Jesus, be to me my Savior (Healer), my Leader, my Light, and King." Healing is more than mending broken bones, rather a willingness by each individual to be changed outwardly and inwardly. (Excerpt taken from OSL Handbook pg6/7).

Many of you already know that before the pandemic we offered prayers following the receiving of the Eucharist.

Other offerings we make available are: to receive your prayer requests (which are held in confidence) lifting them up daily to our Lord. We keep track of the needs until we are given the joyous news of God's healing touch.

This is in a nutshell, who and what we are about. You are welcomed to call John Snell, John & Ferrell Katzenberger, Rebecca Bennet or Bill & Donna Kusky for prayer needs.

One more thing you are encouraged, invited to come to our gatherings. If you are interested in becoming a member, you are welcomed; if you have an interest feel free to call anyone of us.

We have begun to meet once again. This time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:15 in the church building.

There are healing Prayer Cards and the Sharing Journal located on the table nearest the Copy Machine Room; at no charge. May God enrich you with His Love, bless you with His Presence and enfold you in His arms.

Donna Lee Kusky, Deacon – Chaplain.

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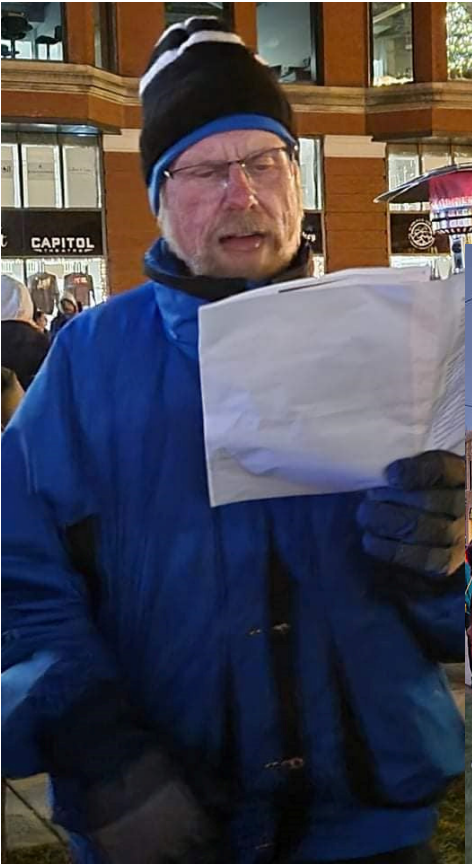
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# Welcoming the Season! Caroling at Tree Lighting in Downtown Flint



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