



Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City

December 15, 2021

The Annual Meeting will be slightly different this year.

The meeting will be held within the Sunday morning Holy Eucharist beginning at 9:00 A.M.

By conducting the meeting during the service, we are reminded that all our work is set apart for God's use and while the church should operate with the best of business practices, it is not a business, but the people of God called together to work and serve God's people. Indeed, the grace of Christ is given away free to all.

All the reports will be posted online for everyone to read before the meeting. If you do not have an Internet connection, you may request a copy of all the reports, and they will be sent to you prior to the meeting. Only the Financial and the Rector's report will be reproduced for those attending the meeting.

The nominating committee will report and present their slate of candidates as soon as possible after the first of the year. Candidates names, a brief biographical sketch and a picture will be posted on-line and published in the "Epistle."

All Reports for the Annual Meeting are due one month from today on January 15, 2022. Reports will be posted online as they are received.

The following special motion will be presented by the Vestry for action of the congregation early in the meeting:

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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.

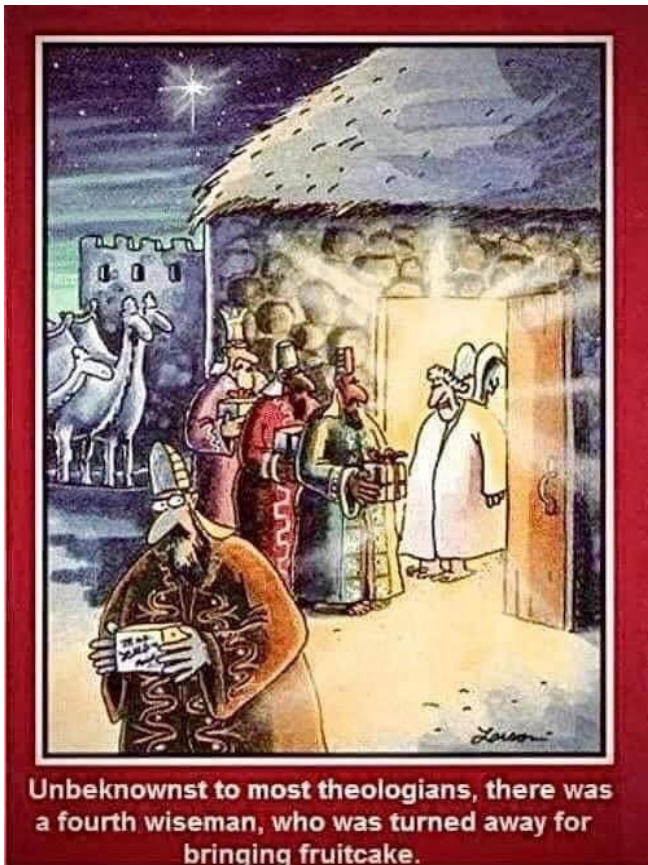
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What's Up Next?

The short season of Advent ends at sundown on December 24 as we celebrate the Christ Mass better known as Christmas.

Christmas has many names as it is also the Feast of the Nativity and in some places the Feast of the Incarnation.

The blue of Advent turns to white and the season of Christmas, just like the song, lasts 12 days until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6.



Quiz Time

- Which two Gospels tell the story of the birth of Jesus?
- Who appeared to Mary to tell her that she was to be the Mother of Jesus?
- The Bible says that Jesus was born in December (True or False)
- Joseph was the Father of Jesus? (True or False)
- Bethlehem is the city of Tim Grant? (True or False)
- What are the five names of Jesus found in the Bible?
- Joseph and Mary took a flight to Egypt? (True or False)
- What is the fifth candle on the Advent Wreath called?
- What is the name of the saint which we celebrate on December 6?
- What words follow "Silent Night Holy Night?"



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.

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The Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church acting with the approval of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan hereby proposed that those sections of the by-laws of St. Paul's Church be waived and that the current Senior and Junior Warden be permitted to stay as voting members of the Vestry for 2022."

Rationale: during a transition consistency of leadership is important. Barbara Mannor and Becky Bennett have served with distinction as our Senior and Junior Warden for 2021. Fr. Don arrived in the fall and requested permission from the Diocese to waive the by-laws and allow the Wardens to stay in office for the transitional year.

In the meeting that follows the Annual meeting, the Vestry will elect Wardens from their membership. If the Vestry chooses to elect someone other than Barbara and Becky, their term on the Vestry would immediately end.

For one year, the Vestry voting membership would increase from 9 to 11.

If you have any questions about the reports as presented, or the annual meeting itself, I urge you to ask them now or as soon as you can. Please do not wait until the meeting itself. If you ask your questions now you give us time to correct mistakes and find the answers for which you seek.

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Welcome Megan!

Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant. A write-up about Megan will be featured in the January "Epistle."



Christmas at St. Paul's 2022

Christmas Eve

5:00P.M. with Cantata

10:30P.M. Carols,

11:00P.M. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist