



THE
EPISTLE



December
2023



CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S
2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS CANTATA WITH
HOLY EUCHARIST

8:30 P.M. BELLS & CAROLS

9:00 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

CHRISTMAS DAY I

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

CHRISTMAS DAY III



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

711 South Saginaw St., Flint, Michigan 48502
810.234.8637 www.stpaulschurchflint.com



A Note from Tom

I read with encouragement yesterday that Israel and Hamas have agreed to extend a temporary four-day truce for an additional two days. Hamas will free 20 more women and children during the pause in fighting. To date, both Israel and Hamas have released many prisoners, which include numerous civilians. The Israel Hamas war started back on October 7. To date, over 15,000 Israelis and Palestinians have been killed.

And I have noticed that this war in particular, has managed to divide the American people. There are those who support Israel, and those who support the Palestinians. A recent NPR poll showed a growing number of Americans who thought Israel's military actions against Hamas had gone too far.

So which is it, Israel or Hamas?

As we begin the season of Advent, we begin a liturgical period in which we are encouraged to prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior. And as such we are reminded to make room for God in our hearts and minds. During Advent, we travel with Mary and Joseph as they make their way to Bethlehem. We become attentive to their struggles, and we share Mary's hopes and excitement as she awaits the birth of her son.

And all our Advent preparations reach a dramatic climax at Christmas, as we find ourselves huddled with the Holy Family in a stable, as the new-born baby lies swaddled in a manger. And as we share in the moment, we hear the heavenly voices proclaim, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace...'

And as such, we have our answer. Neither Israel, nor Hamas. Our choice is war...or peace.

May this Advent be a time of peace, both in our lives, and in the world. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, fill our souls with love for God and peace toward our fellow man.

With every blessing...

Tom+



HOLLY'S NOTES



Advent and Christmas for many are the favorite times of the year. The contemplation of the miracle of Christ coming as a child, to grow as a human to save us all from sin and from death. The music is astounding! We could celebrate Advent and Christmas and have music that would go on and on, and many of the pieces are amazing. Choosing Advent and Christmas music is harder than it would appear, what do you leave out? Did we do that last year? Should we do it again? How long has it been since we sang this? The questions are endless. Some of my favorites are plain song, "Of the Father's Love Begotten" appearing in print in 1582 and translated by an Episcopal Priest, J.M. Neale and Henry Baker in 1851/1861.

The version currently in our Hymnal was originally adapted by Roby Furley Davis in 1906 for the English Hymnal.

1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth forever blessed,
when a virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

3 This is He whom heav'n-taught singers
sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now He shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
angel hosts, His praises sing:
pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

5 Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

I hope that you find the joy in the music
this season, and that you listen to the
beautiful words as we celebrate the wonder
of Christ's birth.

<https://youtu.be/Tgevjh-1IoU>

God's blessings to you and your families,

Holly Richardson, Director of Music



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



December Artwalk: ARTS

St. Paul's Artwalk will be held from 6:00-8:30 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023.

ARTWALK ARTIST -

My name is Boris D. Turner, and I am a Visual Artist/Teacher of 35+ years, based in Flint, Michigan. I began my art career at Mott Community College where I learned how Art connects and assists in interpreting meaning. After leaving Mott Community College I moved forward to the University of Michigan-Flint where I attained my Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Soon after, I began teaching Art Education for Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, I earned my Master of Science in Clinical Supervision and Administration in the Visual Arts from Parsons School of Design, The New School, in New York, NY. Since then, I have expanded the professional side of my art by being an active board member for the Greater Flint Arts Council (GFAC), and Red Ink Studios; Instructor for the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) and began Boris DuVaul Inc.

I have been commissioned and have paintings in NY, Japan and around the U.S., and love working with acrylic medium, on both large and small genres. My style can be interpreted through art movements such as Surrealism with a touch of Modernism. These art movements crafted my art style.

Residing in NY during the summer months, I sharpen my craft at the art studio that provides me with inspiration and content I would not attain any other place. My work includes, yet not limited to the human nude, sculpture, painting, and mixed media. Lately, I've had a resurgence of energy that is pushing me into a new style of expression. That expression is cultivated by images and emotions with intense imagination.



MUSIC



Presenting Jazz Guitarist Bill Makela

Performing tunes from the '**Great American Songbook**' and more. Come listen to uplifting jazz guitar from artists that have inspired musicians all over. Songs by Ellington, Gershwin and other masters played "In a Mellow Tone" on Jazz guitar!

For Booking-Wjmak@outlook.com

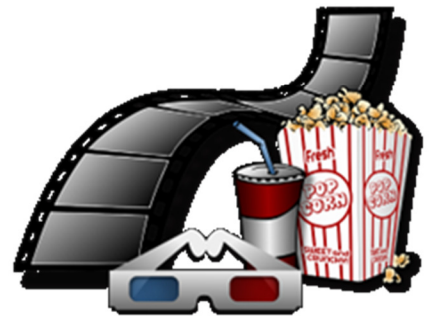
Listen:MakelaMusic@SoundCloud.com



MOVIE NIGHT



at St. Paul's

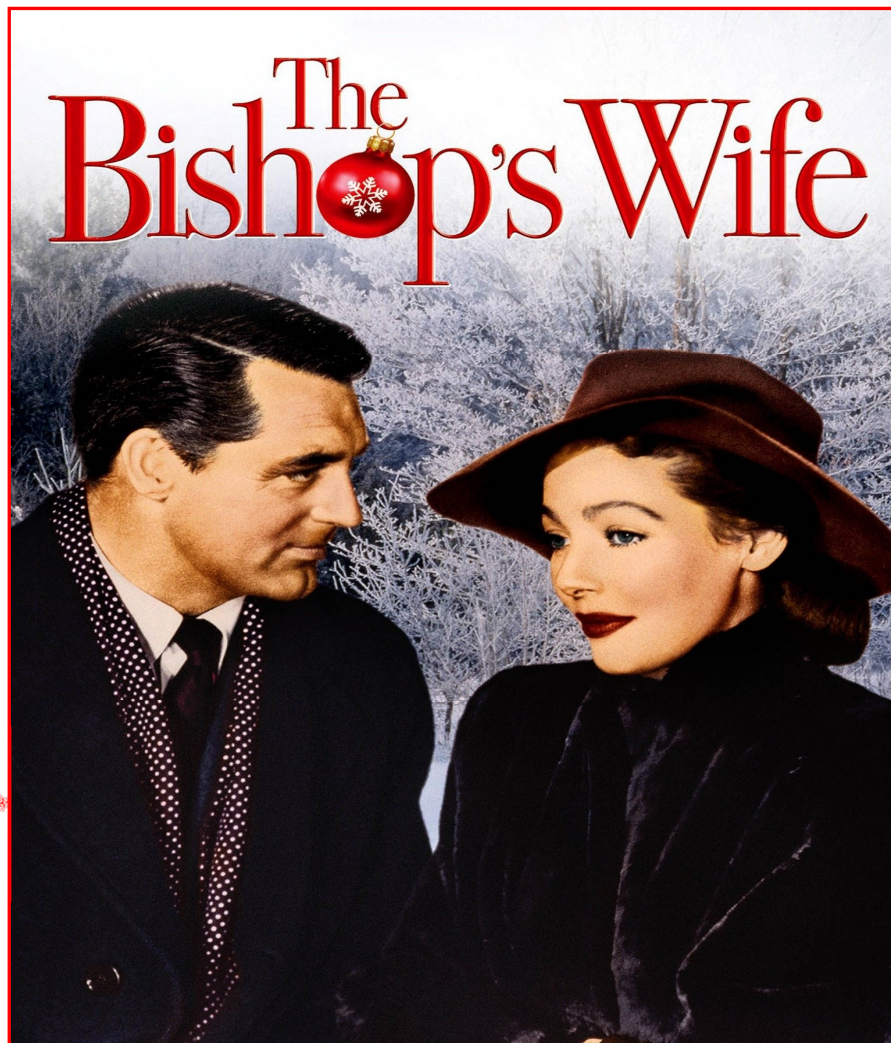


Come out and enjoy a movie with us!

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Meet at 5:30 pm

Movie at 6:00 pm



THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE!

Each Thanksgiving, our partner, Crossover Downtown Outreach serves 100 families and 20 senior citizens and/or special needs adults with a Thanksgiving dinner box. This provides the food needed to celebrate with family and friends and to give thanks. St. Paul's helped out again this year, collecting donations over several weeks in October and November. Pictured here are members of the Outreach Ministry making a delivery to Crossover. Terence Whitehead, Sexton, helps with loading up the canned goods with Karen Schaefer, Outreach Ministry, Denise Diller, Executive Director of Crossover Outreach, and Barbara Mannor, Outreach Ministry.



THE HOLIDAY TREES ARE UP!

As Father Tom announced on Sunday November 26, the holiday trees are in the parlor - BARE - waiting for the creative decorating skills of the ministries. Each Advent season, five trees are put up, hopefully to be decorated by the beginning of Advent, or at the latest by the 2nd Friday ARTWALK in December.

- The ministries which have a tree this year are:
- Altar Guild - To the left of the buffet
- Diversity - To the right of the buffet
- Music - Closest to the door of the Sacristy
- Common Threads - To the left of the exit door, by one of the couches
- Outreach - By the navy couch
- If you aren't part of one of these ministries, you are welcome to join in. Just contact the ministry leader.
- The only rule is - there are no rules. HAPPY DECORATING!



Mobile Food Giveaway at United Methodist Church Photos submitted by David Taylor



Volunteers for distributing food bags:
Norene Leatzow, David Taylor, Edythe Peake,
and Denise Diller (Executive Director of
Crossover Outreach)



ST. PAUL'S HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP CROSSOVER OUTREACH WITH THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY.

Due to delays in completing the new Crossover Outreach facility on Court Street, Crossover asked for our assistance with their weekly food distribution from Court Street United Methodist Church. Helping were Barbara Mannor, Norene Leitzgo, David Taylor, and Edythe Peake. We were cold and wet for a couple of hours, but it was a lot of fun, and we got to meet people from many area churches and organizations.



You can still help with the 2023 Angel Giving Tree!

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAKE THIS YEAR SPECIAL

THE STOCKINGS ARE STUFFED

ANGEL TREE

HELP US HELP FAMILIES AND KIDS HAVE A NICE CHRISTMAS!

THE ANGEL TREE IS READY!

FOR MORE PHOTOS AND INFO THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO YOUR AGE AND GENDER OF THE CHILD YOU WANT

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE AND THE ST. PAUL'S ANGEL TREE IS UP. ST. PAUL'S PARISHIONERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF THIS MINISTRY. THE NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IS GREATER THAN EVER.

THE ANGEL TREE WILL BE SET IN THE PARLOR - NOVEMBER 10TH THROUGH DECEMBER 10TH. SELECT A KEEPASAKE ORNAMENT THAT SPOILS THE AGE AND GENDER OF YOUR CHILD. PURCHASE A GIFT OF CLOTHING OR A TOY, AND RETURN IT TO CHURCH BY DECEMBER 10TH.

IF YOU PREFER TO MAKE A MONETARY GIFT AND HAVE US PURCHASE A PRESENT ON YOUR BEHALF, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND NOTE "ANGEL TREE". IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE ONE OF THE ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS, OR SEND AN EMAIL TO info@stpaulschurchflint.com

We are partnering with Crossover Outreach to provide toys and clothes to area kids



You have until December 10th to take an ornament from the tree and help a kid out on Christmas. See Carole Davis any Sunday in the parlor.



Thanks to George Gibson for orchestrating our new sidewalk!



BEFORE



AFTER



Sunday December 17th, we will be having a Parish Tea Party to celebrate the Yule Tide (Christmas Season).

Everyone is invited to come and have a cup of cheer.

**184TH ANNUAL MEETING
AND POT-LUCK LUNCHEON OF
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH IN
BARTH HALL
NOMINEES NEEDED FOR VESTRY AND
DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS**



IT'S TIME TO HELP OUT AT
ST. ANDREWS.

THERE ARE FIVE SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER



Join the volunteer team at the Saturday Morning lunch service at St. Andrews. Contact Lanie Nix for details 810-965-8969. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING HAND WE CAN GET! WHEN THERE ARE FIVE SATURDAYS IN A MONTH, VOLUNTEERS FROM ST. PAUL'S HELP SERVE LUNCH AT ST. ANDREWS - IN SERVICE TO ONE OF OUR MISSION CHURCHES.



YOUR TIME, EFFORT, AND PRESENCE AS A VOLUNTEER WILL MAKE A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023
1922 IOWA AVENUE IN FLINT
9:30 AM



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

REMINDER!
5TH Saturday Service
at St. Andrew's

**Saturday, December
30, 2023 @ 9:30 AM**

**Show Up or contact
Lanie Nix for details:
810-965-8969**

IT'S TIME TO HELP OUT AT
ST. ANDREWS.

THERE ARE FIVE SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER



Join the volunteer team at the Saturday Morning lunch service at St. Andrews. Contact Lanie Nix for details 810-965-8969. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING HAND WE CAN GET! WHEN THERE ARE FIVE SATURDAYS IN A MONTH, VOLUNTEERS FROM ST. PAUL'S HELP SERVE LUNCH AT ST. ANDREWS - IN SERVICE TO ONE OF OUR MISSION CHURCHES.



YOUR TIME, EFFORT, AND PRESENCE AS A VOLUNTEER WILL MAKE A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023
1922 IOWA AVENUE IN FLINT
9:30 AM



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

December's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of People)	Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger
3-Dec-23		Rebecca Bennett	Tom Shriver	Joel Arnold	Tim Grant	Bill Johnson	Ed Walthers
10-Dec-23	G	Tim Grant	Kim Ramirez	Pat Emenyonu	Jeledia Geraghty	Maddie Cherry	Mike Farver
17-Dec-23	B	Elizabeth Jordan	Joel Arnold	TaMara Oertel	TaMara Oertel	Tim Grant	Mike Farver
24-Dec-23		David Taylor	Pat Emenyonu	Rebecca Bennett	Ed Walthers	Jeledia Geraghty	Mike Farver
31-Dec-23	G	Edythe Peake	TaMara Oertel	Tim Grant	Erynn Ford	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers

New Century Chorale will be presenting "A Home Alone Christmas." The concert will be Saturday, December 9 at 7 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint located at 711 S. Saginaw. This concert will include songs from the Home Alone movies and many traditional carols! Join Artistic Director Steven Holovach for a wonderful selection of music. Plan to attend and enjoy some great music. A reception will follow. Tickets are \$12 at the door. The concert will also be live streamed and you may purchase tickets at <https://newcenturychorale.square.site/> and a link will be e-mailed to you.

CENTURY CHORALE

A Home Alone Christmas

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
MEZZO VOCE FROM DAVISON MS

Saturday December 9 at 7 pm

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
711 S. SAGINAW ST., FLINT

TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$12

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: NEWCENTURYCHORALE.ORG OR
CALL 810-771-8255

Your Vestry:

(all at stpaulschurchflint.com)

Walt Peake, Senior Warden

seniorwarden@stpaulschurchflint.com

Dr. Elizabeth Jordan, Junior Warden

(Building and Grounds) (juniorwarden@)

(Diversity) (Member of Diocesan Council)

(elizabeth@)

Jan Bugbee, Treasurer (Finance)

(treasurer@)

Tina Morrison, Clerk of the Vestry

(clerk@) (Worship)

Heather Gagnon (Pastoral Care)

(heather@)

Joel Arnold (Intersection 150 & PSP)

(joel@)

Celeste Lord Timlin (Outreach)

(celeste@)

Zan Milner (Stewardship)

(zan@)

Staff:

The Rev. Thomas Manney

Priest-in-Charge

rector@stpaulschurchflint.com

Karein Russell

Administrative Assistant

Editor; The Epistle

stpoffice@stpaulschurchflint.com

George Gibson,

Director of Finance (directoroffinance@)

Holly Richardson,

Director of Music (directorofmusic@)

Rafael McDaniel, Gospel Choir Director

(gospel@)

Ed Arter, Organist (organist@)

Terence Whitehead, Sexton

Edythe Peake, Web Editor

(webeditor@stpaulschurchflint.com)



For our Homebound Parishoners:

Joy Fusi, Judy Stoerman, Doris Carroll,
Marion Leman, Richard Wooten, Greg
Vanucci, Russ Matar



Remember St. Paul's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502, and its successor, the greater of \$_____, or _____percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
711 South Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48502

