



Welcomes all!

St. Paul's is a loving, affirming congregation that welcomes and seeks to serve Christ in every person!

St. Paul's Weekly Epistle
7th Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10:30am

Serving this coming Sunday

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Karen Joy Kelly
<i>Preacher</i>	J. Barrett Lee
<i>Acolyte</i>	Bill Davidson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon Reed
<i>Cantor</i>	J. Barrett Lee
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Catherine Thomas & J. Barrett Lee
<i>Eucharistic Visitors</i>	Anne Odden & Sharon Reed
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Diane Davidson
<i>Greet/Usher</i>	Bob Cheek
<i>Lector</i>	Dan Reed
<i>Nursery</i>	Bernice Mason & Anne Odden
<i>Organist</i>	Paul Hochstetler

Preparing for the Epiphany 7

In order to be prepared to hear the Scripture on Sunday, we will be offering introductions to the lessons. (Perhaps this preparation will allow for Bible Study following Coffee hour in January 2023!)

Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18, Many scholars today believe that Exodus, traditionally attributed to Moses, is a composite of the work of several different sources. The tablets God promises will record the commandments. Keeping these commandments was the condition of the covenant, under which God pledged providence and protection. Moses ascends a mountain top covered in cloud, a symbol of God's glory. His faithful vigil there brings the gift of the law to God's people.

Psalm 2, This psalm is a divine affirmation of the Jewish king. Amidst the rebellion of other kings (vv.1-3), God reaffirms the choice (vv. 4-6) and adoption of the king as God's son (v. 7) in order to establish God's rule over the nations (vv. 8-9). The psalm ends with a warning to the kings of the nations to submit to God and "serve the Lord" or expect God's wrath (vv. 10-11). Christians have applied this psalm to Christ, the "anointed" one of God (v. 2).

2 Peter 1:16-21, The author writes in response to anxieties about different teachings in the community and about the delay of the second coming. He appeals to the tradition of apostolic testimony, particularly to his experience as a witness to the transfiguration. The transfiguration manifests Christ in his power, confirming the messianic prophecies of the Hebrew Bible and pointing toward his return in glory.

Matthew 17:1-9, Matthew's account, marked by allusions to Moses' own mountaintop encounter with God, links the transfiguration to the final coming of the Messiah as prefigured in the Church. As Matthew tells it, Jesus' transfiguration is primarily a manifestation of who Jesus really is. The promise of his return receives the beginning of its fulfillment in the event of Jesus' death, resurrection, and appearance to the disciples. Peter, overwhelmed by the presence of those most intimately acquainted with God's ways-Moses and Elijah- wishes to enshrine the three and thus capture the revelation. But the voice from heaven redirects their attention to a living, breathing, active person-Jesus. Relationship with God cannot be a static experience of localized worship but must be as dynamic as attending to the voice of One they love. Moses and Elijah vanish, for the law and the prophets have been fulfilled in what Jesus has done, and Jesus alone remains with them always.

Hymns

H-135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, S-277 Gloria, H-7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, H-129 Christ upon the mountain peak, S-130 Sanctus, S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God, H-134 O light of Light, Love given birth, H-137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Calendar

Book Club every Tuesday, 10 a.m. at church

Ladies' Lunch Bunch 1st Thursday **RSVP** (269) 983-4761 *by Wednesday at noon.*

February

- 19 Sunday, Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
Vestry Meeting following service**
- 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's**
- 22 Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. at St. Paul's**
- 26 Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**

March

- 01 Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Turn)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**
- 04 Vestry Retreat 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Church of the Mediator in Harbert**
- 05 Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 08 Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Learn)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**
- 11 New Vestry Member orientation 1 p.m. St. Paul's**
- 12 Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 15 Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Pray)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**

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Vestry Meeting following the service.
- 22 **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Worship)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**
- 26 **Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 29 **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Bless)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**

April

- 02 **Palm Sunday Procession of Palms, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 05 **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Go & Rest)***
- 06 **Maundy Thursday Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's**
- 07 **Good Friday 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's**
- 09 **Easter Sunday, Sung Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**

Prayers

We pray especially for the victims, the students, faculty and support staff and families who were affected by the shootings at Michigan State University this past Monday. Especially for those who perished: Arielle Anderson, Brian Fraser and Alexandria Verner. We pray for Amber and Daniel and their family, Beth, Kate, Betsy Trescher, Jeri Spitzer, Kitty, Ibrahim Parlak and his family, along with all those suffering from earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Judy Moran, Sarah Woolcock, Mary Fedison, Kim Fedison, Pat McKee, Ethan, Karen B., Cecile, Tim, Jean, Paul, Amy, Ed, Greg, Carl and all in St. Paul's and St. Augustine's who are in need of healing of any kind.

Shrove
Tuesday



Joining our friends @ St. A's for our 2023 Traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

February 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

1753 Union Avenue, Benton Harbor

Need a ride? Volunteer to drive? Call or email Mother Karen.

Want to volunteer to help at the supper? (set up, clean up)? Call Sue Pribula.

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Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's where we will be joined by our friends from St. A's.

Need a ride? Want to volunteer to Drive? Please call or email Mother Karen.





From your Interim Rector

In just a few days we will be entering the somber, Holy Season of Lent. While being a reflective and somber time it is also a time of darkness turning to light as we see our daylight hours lengthen and the earth beginning to sprout, bringing joy as we experience a newness about us.

Through our Discernment Committee's excellent survey, you have told us of your yearning for Christian Education and for what is now known as *Christian Formation*. We, your Vestry and I together, have heard you. With this in mind (and as we explore opportunities to share ministries with St. Augustine of Canterbury in Benton Harbor) we will be studying "The Way of Love ... steps to becoming the Beloved Community" as part of a Lenten Soup Supper series. All sessions will take place at St. A's between 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning on March 1 and running through April 5.

Now, you have an opportunity to show us how important this is to you by "being there" and by participating!

Each evening in this series calls for a facilitator/presenter who will share a meditation and lead us in a time of reflection.

Some will be from St. As and some will be from St. Paul's. Are you game? We have two of the 6 sessions filled. I will be meeting with those who volunteer to go over the format for the evening and offer materials to use in preparation. The idea is that your presentation be your own personal journey that coincides with each of the steps: turn (me), learn, pray (Catherine Thomas), worship, bless, go and rest.

If you are uncomfortable in presenting, that's okay! We hope and expect to see many of you with us as we journey through this Lent mutually sharing our resources with our neighbors a few miles down the road.

Perhaps you would be more comfortable assisting with providing soup, salad, bread or fruit or helping to set up and/or clean up. Please let Sue Pribula know if you be part of the "provisions" team on any given Wednesday evening.

And, if you need a ride or care to drive anyone to any of our services during Lent and Holy Week, please let me know!

This will be the first time in three years that we will have had the opportunity to share Lent together. Let's make it special!

Blessings!

Karen+



The Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen @ the Salvation Army February 25!

Time to volunteer!

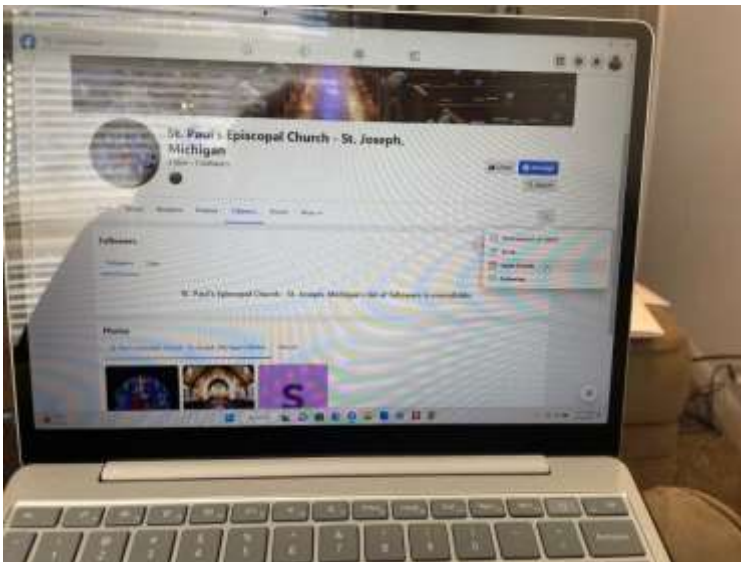
The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!

THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE:

Wondering How You Can Help?

We've all been hearing and seeing the devastation in Turkey and Syria as teams search for and rescue victims of the earthquake. Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is a trustworthy organization that has longstanding relationships with partners around the world. They are providing relief NOW and will continue to be involved in long-term recovery. Donations are urgently needed and can be made online at: episcopalrelief.org. Diane Davidson had the privilege of seeing ERD's recovery work (2001 earthquakes) in El Salvador in 2005. If you'd like to learn more about ERD's long-term recovery work, she'd be happy to share what she learned. Donations can be made here: episcopalrelief.org

Our new Facebook page is live! Tell your friends about it!



While we're still "under construction" we wish to build our followers base. You can help! When you click on the Facebook page, note the tabs at the top. Go to "followers" then link to "invite friends" and then send to all of your friends!

Special thanks to Kelly Tucker for her initial presentation regarding our social media and branding opportunities,

bringing us into a new era! More to come with this.



Will you sign up to host a coffee hour?

As indicated in the Parish Survey, our fellowship time together (aka Coffee Hour) is one of the ministries that is highly valued by our members. Yet, we only see a handful of folks who consistently host coffee hour. Again this week, no one has volunteered. Please consider sign ng up to host one ... better yet, look around the congregation on Sunday morning and see who you might approach host a joint coffee hour. Doesn't even have to be fancy. And, someone will gladly teach you how to use the coffee pot!

Please check the sign up sheet in the hallway (first bulletin board) and add your name to the list!

Lakeshore Collaboration

Happenings at The Church of the Mediator

End-of-Life Planning Workshop
Saturday, February 25, 2023
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator
14280 Red Arrow Highway
P. O. Box 223, Harbert, Michigan 49115

8:30 am Doors open with light refreshments
9:00 am Welcome & Introductions
9:10 am Estate Planning
Michael Dombos, from Lewis, Reed & Allen, Attorneys

10:45 am Advanced Care Planning
Julie Griffin, Caring Circle, Spectrum Health Lakeland

11:45 am Break, Lunch, and Time for One-to-One Conversations

12:15 Funeral Pre-Planning
Rev Darlene Kuhn, Rector, Church of the Mediator

1:00 pm Adjourn

Please RSVP by February 22, 2023
so that we can have enough materials
office@mediatorharbert.com
296-469-1441

The School of American Music in Partnership with
The Pokagon Fund & the Episcopal Church of the Mediator
Present Free Family Concert

Tres Belle, Three Sopranos

Kimberly Starnes Jones

Pamela Lipka Kowalski

Linda Green

Music from Classical to the Great American Songbook
Sunday, March 5, 2023, 3:00 PM EST

Episcopal Church of the Mediator
14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115

Free Admission * Donations Welcome
Food Item donation requested for Neighbor by Neighbor
Get tickets at SchoolOfAmericanMusic.com

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Diocesan Update



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S CONCERT FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY AWARD WINNING CONCERT TOUR COMES TO MICHIGAN!

February 10, 2023/in [Blog](#), [Event Details](#), [News](#)/by [Michelle Ruiz](#)

The *Concert for the Human Family* is an inspiring collaboration between musicians and church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster [Beloved Community](#).

Experience genre-crossing original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop, rock and bluegrass, performed by a multi-cultural, award-winning team of recording artists, led by GRAMMY-nominated pianist and composer [Kory Caudill](#) and [Wordsmith](#), a Baltimore-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Guided by their music and friendship, they invite concertgoers into an exploration of Beloved Community and the power of racial reconciliation through relationship.

The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan are thrilled to host two stops on the nationwide Spring Tour: in Grand Rapids on April 21st and in Flint on April 22nd. This is a destination experience — see below for tickets!!

With questions, please contact Katie Forsyth, Canon for Evangelism and Networking, at kforsyth@edwm.org.

Tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$18 per person with our local discount codes and additional savings are available for students and group registrations. This event is open to all, regardless of denomination or faith background — please share! **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st at 7:30pm** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids

Discount Code: STMARKS

TICKETS



Celebrate Black Excellence through the Absalom Jones Fund

Dear Friends in Christ,

Celebrate the feast of the Rev. Blessed Absalom Jones with us.

Each year The Episcopal Church celebrates the feast of the Rev. Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest ordained in our Church, with a call to support in his memory, our two (HBCUs) Historically Black Universities and Colleges: St. Augustine's and Voorhees Universities. Founded as a witness to Jesus Christ and His way of love by providing moral, spiritual, and educational nourishment for formerly enslaved people after the U.S. Civil War, SAU and Voorhees have continued to form and

nurture countless numbers of talented young leaders of color and changed innumerable lives.

Your gift to the Absalom Jones Fund supports scholarships for students of these two vibrant universities of black excellence.

Online – Absalom Jones Fund

Know your Vestry

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