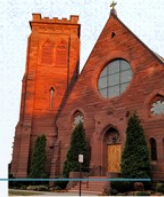


# The Messenger

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*A progressive community of faith with ancient roots.*



From Bob Railey



## *Winter Quarter Schedule*

The usual display of Winter Quarter Schedule (**January through March**) and the various activity rosters is posted on the “sign-up bulletin board” in the chapel hallway through **December 17**. You may use the weekly schedule to sign up for specific role(s) on specific date(s). You may use the appropriate rosters to tell me when not to schedule you or to increase the number of activities in which you wish to participate. I still notice that very few of those who asked to be removed from the activity rosters due to the pandemic have restored their names to the rosters; if you are in that category and have lingering concerns, please speak to me about that.

Completed schedules will be distributed beginning **December 24**. Questions - ask Bob Railey.

## *Changing Lectionary Again*

After St. Paul's using the Women's Lectionary for one year of its three-year cycle, the Seasonal Planners have decided to return to the Revised Common Lectionary (with readings taken from the Inclusive Bible) beginning this Advent; this is the source Kevin had us use beginning in 2007; we continued using that combination through 2022.

## Liturgical Leadership

Sundays:

Date	Sunday	Preside	Preach	Deacon
December 3	Advent 1	Marcia	Bob R.	Coralie
December 10	Advent 2	Bob R.	Mohey	Mary
December 17	Advent 3	Marcia	Judd	Coralie
December 24	Advent 4	Bob R.	Bob R.	Coralie
December 31	Christmas 1	Marcia	Marcia	Mary

Christmas Eve:

December 24	7:00 p.m.	Jim S.	Jim S.
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Christmas Eve  
Service.  
7:00 p.m.



# Scrip News

*by Barb Carpenter*

The scrip program recently gave \$500.00 to St. Paul's from the sale of cards this past year. We would like to give \$500.00 again sometime soon but we have to have your help. The good news is when you buy, it doesn't cost you any money. You pay \$50.00 and get \$50.00 in scrip to spend at your favorite store or give as a gift. It's easy and you are contributing to St. Paul's every single time!

We have cards in denominations from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Take a look at the order form enclosed and the stores that are participating (most are locally owned, and a couple are regionally owned). Many scrip cards are carried in inventory but we can always get the ones we don't carry quickly. With the holidays approaching they make great presents and stocking stuffers for anyone on your gift list.

Scrip cards are for sale after church on Sundays or contact Barb Carpenter (906 362-3875) or Ann Smith (906 360-7997). We will take your order anytime.

## January monthly Outreach collection

*will go to Messiah Lutheran's Asylum Seekers' Project*

- 1) For those who may wish to provide support to Messiah's hosting of a family of five refugees from Honduras beyond just our one month per year, here again is the mailing address for financial contributions: Messiah Lutheran Church  
Asylum Seekers Fund  
305 W. Magnetic, Marquette, MI 49855

- 2) For those who may wish to volunteer in support of this project, we provide the following information: The primary need at this time is for transportation (the family does not have a car). The principal needs in this area are for medical appointments and shopping trips. More information will be provided in the January Messenger.



### December Birthdays

Arlene Gordanier	3
Liz Lancour	7
Jo Wittler	10
Coralie Voce	10
Kevin Thew Forrester	12
Howard Harding	16
Burt Purrington	17
Jim Edwards	20
Liam Thew Forrester	25

### Alternate Gift Market

*by Meg Goodrich*

St. Paul's will once again host the Alternative Gift Market this year. AGI is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. They offer donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends, and associates. On the last three Sundays of Advent -- December 10, 17 and 24-- someone will be at the atrium table to assist you with the order forms, inserts, and cards; booklets will be available to read about the projects to support. Please consider making Alternative Gifts part of your family's Christmas tradition.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Scrip Order Form

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Order \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Scrip Program) Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor	% Profit	Dollar Denomination	Quantity	Total
Babycake's Muffin Co.	10%	\$10		
Border Grill	10%	\$25		
Doncker's	10%	\$25		
Downwind Sports	10%	\$25		
Downwind Sports	10%	\$50		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$25		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$50		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$100		
Getz Dept Store	8%	\$25		
Getz Dept Store	8%	\$50		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$25		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$50		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$100		
Huron Mtn Bakery	10%	\$10		
Jeffrey's Restaurant	10%	\$10		
Marquette Food Co-op	10%	\$25		
Marquette Food Co-op	10%	\$50		
Marquette Food Co-op	10%	\$100		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$25		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$50		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$100		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$25		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$50		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$100		
Third Street Bagel Co.	10%	\$10		
Togo's Sub Shop	10%	\$10		
Vango's	10%	\$10		
Vango's	10%	\$20		
Wood Jewelers	15%	Any amount		
Order Total				

Date picked up: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this order form with check or money order to:  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 East Ridge Street, Marquette, MI 49855  
or drop this order form off at the church between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday–Friday or on Sunday morning  
Questions? Call 226-2912

## News From the Outreach Committee

by Mary Sullivan

The Outreach committee met on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – here are some of the highlights:

- ❖ We “tidied up” the Outreach of the Month calendar for 2024. There are a few moveable dates, but for the most part, it’s done!
- ❖ Giving Tree: Yes, folks, once again we are joining with the Altar Guild to do the Giving Tree. This tree will accept the traditional warm outerwear: hats, mitten/gloves, scarves, and warm socks. Items for adults – both for men and women – are especially needed. Those items will be distributed to RATI, Ripple Effect, and Great Lakes Recovery. In addition, the tree will be decorated with gift wish cards for the youth at Lake Superior Village. The timing on the gift wish is short:
  1. the tree goes up on December 3 - wish cards will be available on this date.
  2. any “unselected wish cards” will be returned to Lake Superior Village on December 15<sup>th</sup>
  3. the unwrapped gifts\* will be picked up or taken to Superior Village on December 20<sup>th</sup>.\*gift wrap instructions: a) Do not wrap the gifts b) Tape the card with the youth’s identification (probably a number) to the gift, then c) The gift will be wrapped by volunteers at Lake Superior Village
- ❖ Mary’s Leave of Absence – I am experiencing an increase in responsibilities related to commitments I have made and to be honest, it is taking its toll. Therefore, I am taking a leave of absence from Outreach for 2024. It was agreed that we need more members on the committee and that a circular leadership model would be beneficial. So, I encourage all of you to give consideration to volunteering to join the Outreach Committee. We reach out to our world, our country, and our neighborhood. We at St. Paul’s make a difference.

**January Messenger Deadline  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> , 6pm.**

### The Messenger Team

**Editor Meg Goodrich**

**Copy Editor - Jane Ryan**

**Lay-out - Jim Edwards**

**Reporter - Bob Railey**

**Copier - Sierra Larson**

A huge THANKS to all involved in planning, setting up, composing the congratulatory prayer, and keeping silent about the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of my ordination on the last Sunday of November (Christ the King).

It’s been a pleasure serving here since “retirement”.

*Jim Sorenson +*



## **A Fundraiser for Room at the Inn – Matching grant opportunity!!!!**

The M.E. Davenport (family) Foundation is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching grant to Room at the Inn. RATI announced a special fund-raising effort in November – Homeless Awareness Month. The M.E. Davenport matching grant extends through the end of December.

Make your check payable to: Room at the Inn, 347 Rock St., Marquette, MI 49855.

## **"A Child's Requiem" readthrough on December 30th, 2023**

Vocal Score \$20.00

Please be sure to place your order before December 15th! Your score will be ready for you at the December 30th read-through. A vocal score is mandatory if you wish to sing - if you would simply like to listen and observe, no purchase is necessary!

Go to [thomaslavoy.com](http://thomaslavoy.com) to purchase your score.

YOU MUST CHECK OUT AFTER ADDING THE SCORE TO YOUR CART! Once you have clicked “Add to Cart” and filled out the form and submitted it, please click on “Cart” in the top right corner of your screen, then click the button for “Checkout.” Proceed to checkout with your credit card as normal.



A schedule of events is below.

December 30th, 2023, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

201 East Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855

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| 1:30 p.m.        | The room is open.<br>Please arrive early to collect your score and organize into loose sections. |
| 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | “Rehearsal” - we will work through the piece movement by movement and “rehearse” as we go.       |
| 4:00 - 4:15 p.m. | Break  |
| 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. | “Performance” - we run the piece straight down.  |
| 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Time for visiting/questions.   |



## Liederabend

Saturday December  
2nd, 2023 at 3pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal  
Church  
Morgan Memorial  
Chapel

Darrius Morton,  
tenor  
Jan Broderson,  
pianist

Works by Brahms,  
Beethoven, Schubert  
and Hugo Wolf

Michigan Premiere of  
Hugo Wolf's  
Geistliche Lieder aus  
dem Spanisches  
Liederbuch (1890)

Free admission,  
reception to follow.  
All donated proceeds  
benefit the future  
sustainability of  
sacred music  
programs at St.  
Paul's.