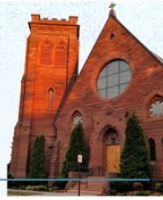


# The Messenger

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*A progressive community of faith with ancient roots.*



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## Stewardship Report

The Rooted in Abundance reflection for Christmas (by David Garvey) riffs on the carol *Lo How A Rose Ere Blooming*, which he sees as a play on the word root, both as the lineage of a family (or a congregation?) and as the grounding of a flower. He remembers his grandmother telling him that all flowers are weeds (or all weeds are flowers?), depending on how people appreciated them. Some bore delicious, nutritious fruit, some were pleasant to look at, some provided pollination services – and some, I suppose were just noxious weeds, no matter how you looked at them. (Or maybe we just do not yet see the service they were offering!)

Each flower (weed!) is a sign of abundance. Together their roots soak up water and nutrients, their leaves absorb sunlight, their pollen drifts away to nurture still other plants. And God's Garden, the Earth, grows and flourishes.

Each of us at St Paul's soaks in nourishment from the reading and proclaiming of the Scripture, and we absorb the love and grace and peace as we come together in worship, formation/education, and fellowship. And that love, grace, and peace "drifts away to nurture others" through our mission and outreach. God's Creation grows and flourishes, in Advent hope and expectation that the Time of God's Peace in all its fullness is indeed blossoming around us.

As of December 17, 39 people/families have pledged \$85,376 in support of our life and work at St Paul's. Thank you.

The Stewardship Committee

## Congregational Survey

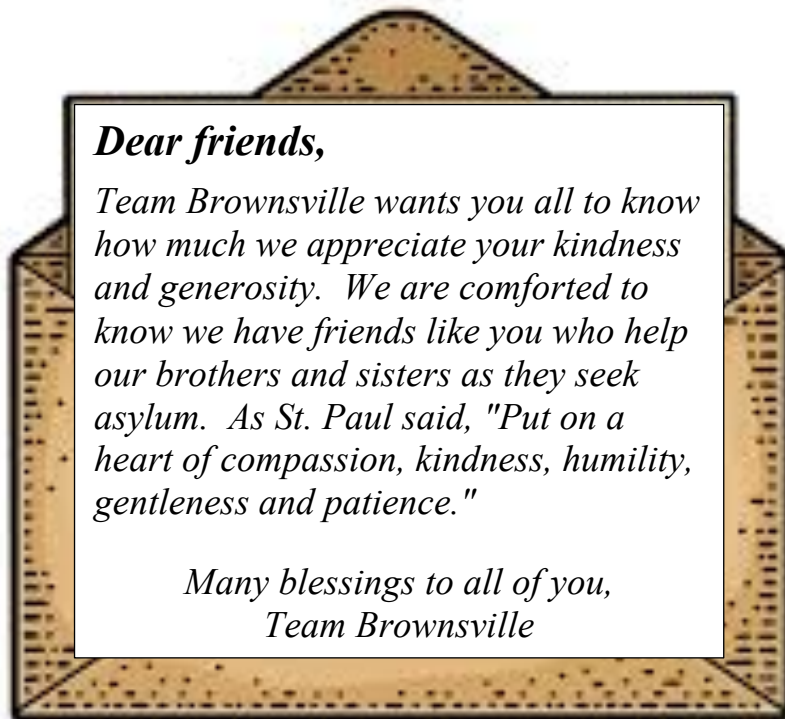
The Vestry team has thoughtfully developed a questionnaire to be distributed to the congregation. This survey will go out electronically to all members, and we will have paper copies available for those who prefer to fill it out that way. We feel that it is important to get a clear vision of what people are feeling about our church and our mission. Because we would like to meet with as many congregants as possible to discuss our findings, we have set several dates and times to meet. We will meet in the library of the church on **Sunday, January 14**, from 11:30 – 12:30, **Sunday, January 28** from 11:30 – 12:30, and **Wednesday, January 31** from 4:30 – 5:30. The outcomes of the survey will be discussed at the next Annual Meeting. I urge you to fill out a survey and come to one of the scheduled meetings so that your voice can be heard.

Respectfully, Kris Mowafy, Senior Warden

## January Outreach Collection

January's Outreach Collection will go to Messiah Lutheran Church's Asylum Seeker's Project. When no options seemed possible for a local project following the National Episcopal Church's migration ministry format, we discovered and embraced this local project, which followed the Episcopal Church's Migration Ministry format for its project guidelines.

- 1) For those who may wish to provide financial 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. Messiah's coordinator for transportation needs of the family is Inga Banitt. She is on the office staff at Messiah. Carol Potruski has volunteered to provide transportation for Messiah's project; she would be happy to provide answers to questions you might have. Each member of the family has progressed in their English due to their taking English language lessons.



### January Birthdays

Jane Ryan	2
Margaret Jajich	10
Dan Carpenter	11
Peggy Sheehan	28

**Next community meal:  
Wednesday, January 31st, 2024**

## Liturgical Leadership

Sundays:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Preside</u>	<u>Preach</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
January 8	Epiphany 1	Bob R.	Bob R.	Mary
January 14	Epiphany 2	Jim S.	Jim S.	Mary
January 21	Epiphany 3	Marna	Marna	Coralie
January 28	Epiphany 4	Marcia	Judd	Coralie



### 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 must 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.

**Deadline for February Messenger:  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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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

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