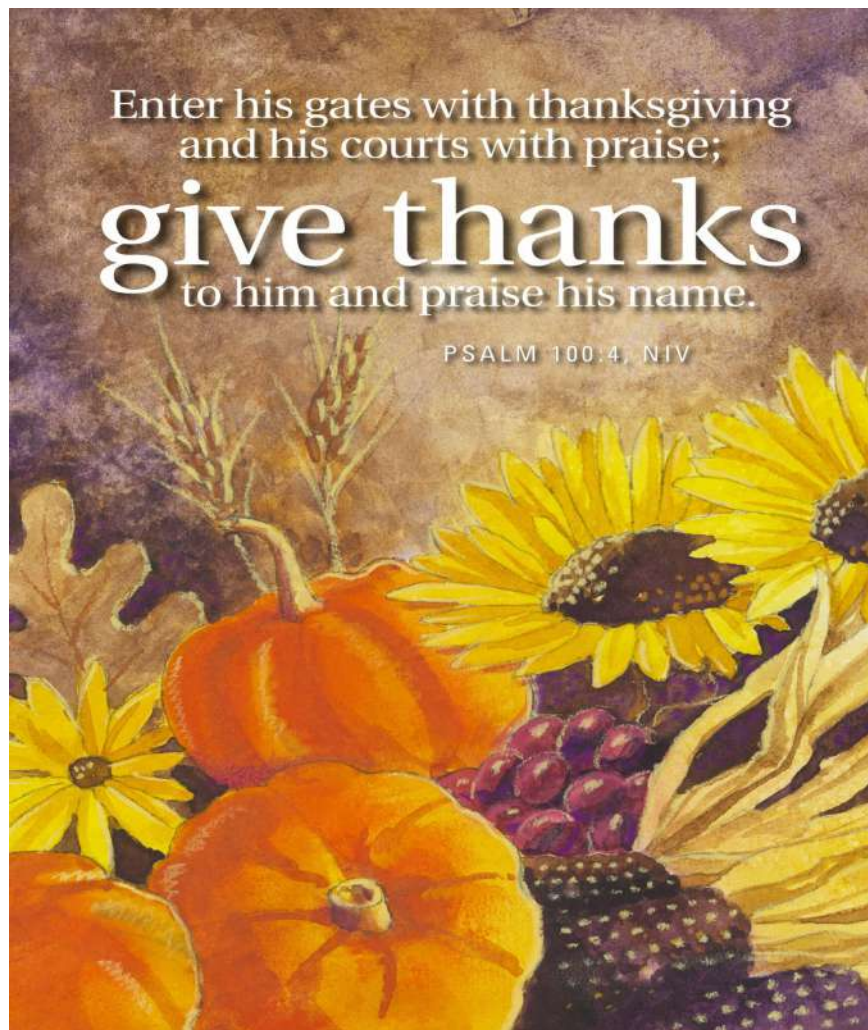




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# Rector's Corner

*"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.'" John 6:68*

Friends,

God has given us a "great cloud of witnesses" in the Saints of the Church and in our own lives. My heart hurts for the loss of Sparry Sparks whose 92 years were spent in this parish from beginning to end. Our prayers and love are with Nan and the whole family as well as his many friends. We who worshipped with him, sang with him and broke bread together know how loving and fun he was and feel the loss of his fellowship. Sparry showed us the love of God in the way he lived his life. His mirth and joy gave us a glimpse of the joy of the Lord whom he sees face to face even now.

We celebrate the saints who we know from biblical and church history, and some may even have a favorite whose life and work affect you deeply. In the Episcopal Church we keep a calendar a mixture of saints from the Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions as well as those whom we add even now. Adult forum has been studying a saint of the Episcopal Church named the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. If you don't know about her, please Google her! What an incredible woman to whom we are all indebted.

We also celebrate our personal saints, those folks in our lives through blood, marriage or friendship who have been lights in our darkness and shown us the love of God. I have several of these saints who helped raise me as a child including my Grandpa Joe who I try to emulate. He was a gift to all who knew him. You will have these saints as well who affected you deeply. What drew you to them is likely what you hope you could be as well. God honors such hope and will call us to live lives that are a blessing and light to others if we follow Christ's example.

Someday, the children or grandchildren in your life may rise and call you a saint of their own. You may have a friend, student, co-worker or stranger who knew you even briefly who will hold you in their heart long after you're gone because of a word, act or gesture that showed them the love of God. Such a life is worth living. Such a life is precious to all around it and reverberates through the years generating joy and goodness into the future.

I hope as we pray, give, study, worship and serve we will affect the future of St. Paul's Church, of Jackson and all who live here. May our lives be light in this community, and may we show God's love to all who do not know it. A blessed Feast of All Saints to you all and God bless the saints all around us.

Faithfully,

Sarah+



# Curate's Report



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*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Siblings in Christ,

Part of our responsibility as Christians is not to remain stagnant. We are called to live into the fullness of all the God has to offer to us. One way to do that is to try new things. And recently I have been noting a trend of "new" going around.

We recently had the first stuffed animal blessing for our kids on the day of the pet blessing. Many of our young families can't bring their pets back to the afternoon blessing, so we found another way to honor those additional friends – the ones who are stuffed. We talked about what our stuffed animals mean to us. They help us to feel secure, have companionship, friendship, and unconditional love. And we talked about how those are all things God gives to us as well! It is my hope that the kids will now have a new way of thinking about their stuffed animals. It's a new tradition that seems worth continuing.

We also had our first "Faith and Blue" event. Faith and Blue is a movement that partners houses of worship with police departments. We were able to connect with Jackson Police Department to have one of their K-9's participate in the pet blessing. It was great to meet Officer Galbreath and K-9 Gleeson and create a relationship where there hadn't been one before.

Our middle and oldest age groups of kids are living into a new curriculum. For the middles they have started a two-year program called Rite 13 that will build them up for Confirmation. The oldest are learning from Journey to Adulthood, a post Confirmation curriculum where they can continue to learn and grow.

And lastly, we have now started a coffee hour activity for our children and youth to include games. It's a time for fun and connection. It's an opportunity for the children to live into their true self more deeply.

May our eyes be opened to that which is new, and may we have the willingness to follow when the Spirit so leads us to new places on the journey.

In faith,

Melissa



St. Paul's "Blessing of the Stuffedies"

October 10, 2021





## From Our Sr. Warden...

This has been one of the most pleasant falls we have had in a long time. We have been able to enjoy warm weather, and even better, the warmth and brilliance of the sun. Blue skies and warm sunshine make every day better.

It is heartwarming to see so many familiar faces in church on Sunday, as well as the new faces that pop up each week. Hopefully our in-person congregation will continue to grow, and we can welcome new people into our fold. Just as heartwarming is knowing that we are reaching people in their homes through our service on Facebook. For those people that are not comfortable joining us in person, or they are not feeling well or just don't want to get up and get dressed to come to church, the alternative of enjoying the service at home is available to them. We are thankful that you are able to join us online or in person.

Activities continue to return, and it is wonderful to see the children back in the classroom on Sunday mornings. Melissa is doing such a wonderful job leading our youth and continues to inspire us with new and fun activities for them. Thank you, Melissa, for attending to our young ones.

We are super excited about being able to gather again at our annual Harvest Dinner which will be catered by our own Chef Jeremiah on Sunday, November 14 following the 10:30 service. Please plan on attending and make sure you sign up, so we can plan appropriately.

—Debbie Batchelder



ALL  
SAINTS'  
SUNDAY

A sign up sheet has been in the narthex for names of our deceased loved ones who have died in the past year. Their names will be read at the Eucharist on All Saints Sunday **November 7th**. We will set up a table of remembrance in Holy Spirit Hall for parishioners to put pictures and mementos of their deceased loved ones that day so we can cherish their memories during coffee hour after service.

# Building & Grounds

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 7th If you're out and about when it's getting dark check out the Cross above the Sanctuary outer doors. Several bulbs were not lit. The cross has been cleaned and refurbished with LED lighting it was a bit of a trial and error to find the right bulbs to light the cross but now it shows the colors of the glass, nice and bright once again.

Rain, rain and more rain. As reported in past reports, the flat roof above the office area, the connector from the office area to Holy Spirit Hall and the roof over the Education building are in need of continuing repair. There is no warranty applied when roofing people do repairs because of the condition. I supplied pictures some time ago taken by the roofers, if there is any interest to see them again let me know.

My thanks go out to Susan Smar for her continued work in taking great care of our grounds. Harry Strait and Terry Treadwell have been important pieces to the maintenance of our church as well. As part of our agreement with snow plowing person, Terry has agreed to some additional duties pertaining to removing snow at SPEC. As a result I will need to purchase a snow machine up to the task of dealing with Michigan winters. I found a Toro two stage machine 4 cycle for about \$800.00. I had a quote from Napoleon Glass to replace the entry door to the ice melt storage area. It was \$3400.00, I deferred this until next year.

The major expense for the year, replacing the HVAC in the Sanctuary begins soon. This will start late next week or for sure week following. Completion date is before Christmas. This new system will give us redundancy for cooling and heating.

Kyle King  
Chairperson, Buildings and Grounds  
St. Paul's, Jackson



## Handbells are back !

Come join the fun on Thursday evenings, starting  
November 4th from 6:00-7 pm in the chapel.

All are welcome!

For details or questions, contact Michelle Gibson  
(832) 445-4461.

# The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

November. A time of change in our world. A time when the sun sits lower in the sky, the temperatures cool and the days shorten. A time when mother nature removes her colorful autumn robes in preparation for the period of rest to come. With All Saints and All Souls Day it's a time to honor and remember loved ones who have gone from our presence but never gone from our hearts. For me it's a time to commemorate the passing of many special people in my life, not the least of whom is my mother. It's a time to reflect and be thankful for all our many blessings with the coming of the Thanksgiving holiday.

November heralds in many things and it's a busy time for ECW too. Let's start by reviewing our October 9 meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances Geraldine San Juan-Dunford LLPC, was unable to attend. Dr. Sandra Kilian took up the slack like a champ and made her COVID-19 presentation. Sandra discussed corona viruses and the more common and familiar ailments they cause. She then talked at length about COVID-19 from its origin in China to its many variants from around the world including the U.K. and India. She spoke in detail about the vaccines and how they work in our bodies -how they spur the immune system to recognize and attack the virus. She addressed their safety and efficacy and how corona viruses had been studied for years prior to COVID-19's arrival on our shores. All in all, the sentiment was one of the most comprehensive and informative presentation on COVID-19 people had heard. Sandra went on to field many, many questions on the subject which showed it was for sure a much needed and welcomed program. I wish more of you could have attended and benefited from this great presentation.

Our nut sale did not garner as many orders as it has in the past, but we are still hopeful of making a profit albeit a small one. With the return of coffee hour there will still be opportunities to buy some nuts after the pre-orders have been filled. If you decide you don't want or need nuts this year, donations to ECW for its outreach are always welcomed and appreciated too. Some of you might wonder what ECW does with their profits. Last year we made donations to Priceless Gifts. This is a free store where low-income parents can go to get free, new gifts for their children at Christmas time. While volunteers prepare for months, the store usually runs from late November to mid-December and is a life saver for parents and children in our community. We also donated to the AWARE shelter which houses victims of domestic violence and is always in dire need of undesignated funds to help carry out their mission. Lastly, we donated to the Jackson Friendly Home for Women – a retirement home for lower income women who might otherwise end up on the street.

Agencies benefiting this year will be Habitat for Humanity and SOAR both of whom do wonderful work for families and women. In addition, ECW remembers women of St. Paul's who have passed away by the funding of an aumbry candle in their honor. Natalie Warrick, Betty Lou Sheele, Bea Julian, Gene Wandel, Jean Laughlin, Fonda Warwick, Gloria Larkin, the Rev. Milton and Eunice Austin and Shirley Hammond are those remembered so far this year.

# ECW continued...

As you can see ECW is committed to the women and children in our community and your support is vital to help fund our outreach efforts.

In other news, dues for the 2021/22 year are still being collected. ECW has donated to the Diocese of Michigan ECW an amount of \$75. Dues, while optional, help us continue to support the diocesan wide community of ECW. Start collecting hats, scarves and mittens for the children serviced by Priceless Gifts. These donations have been hugely popular with Priceless Gifts in the past and are much needed by these families to help keep the kiddos warm in the upcoming winter cold.

Looking forward our next meeting will be November 13 and will include a presentation by Wendy Clow on Habitat for Humanity. Get your holiday finery out of the closet in preparation for our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson on December 11. As always, all women are welcome to these meetings. Remember to count your blessings this month. It is certainly a privilege to be part of this community of generous and supportive women and I count you all as one of my many blessings in this life. May God continue to bless us and may His peace be with you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Rowley, Vice President, ECW.



## November Bible Reading Plan



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# *A Year of Thanks*

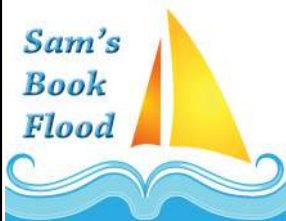
For the calendar year of 2021 I'm emphasizing a year of thanks to some of those ministries which help make St. Paul's be all that it is. Each month this year you will see me highlight one or more of the ministries and thus ministers of our parish community. Stay tuned to see if your ministry is one highlighted!

The ministry I am highlighting this month is those who pledge their time, talents, energy and treasure to St. Paul's. Yes, I am thankful for all those who participate in stewardship. I'm thinking of stewardship in the broadest sense of the word. Stewardship is best utilizing all the resources St. Paul's has available.

If I were to make an educated guess, I would say this includes YOU! Yes, it is time for our pledge drive. But it is also a time for us to examine our commitment to St. Paul's and an opportunity to recommit. This includes giving of ourselves, our gifts, our time, our energy and our financial resources. These all count as a contribution to St. Paul's. And this includes prayers, and everyone can do that! It includes all those who participate in the ministries of St. Paul's, including those highlighted in these articles and others.

Just when you think you have nothing to give there are always options. Ministries at St. Paul's abound, and many are in the process of regrouping and growing. Now is a perfect time to try something new.

In thanks,  
Melissa



Sam's Book Flood is a 501(c)(3) non-profit which provides grade level appropriate books for school aged children in Jackson County, Michigan. It was started by St. Paul's parishioner and vestry member Elaine Themm in remembrance of her youngest brother who died on May 28, 2017.

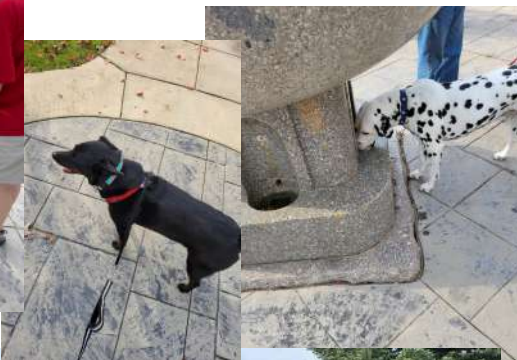
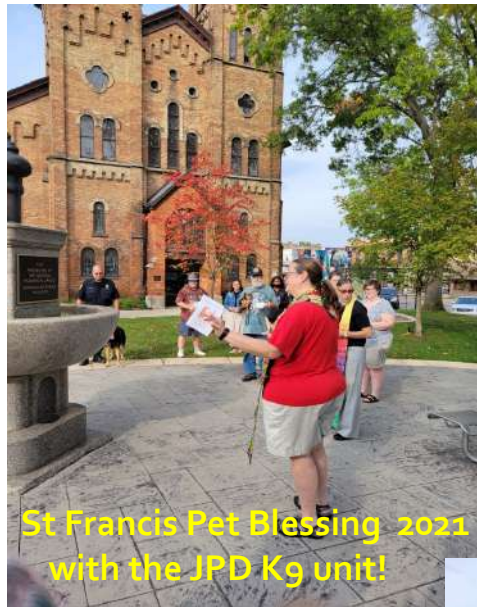
You can read more about this wonderful organization on their website: <https://www.samsbookflood.org/>

On **Saturday, November 13th**, they need volunteers to prep books for their annual December giveaway. All books will need to be put into envelopes with a note and a piece of chocolate. With over 3000 books going out this year, they can use lots of help! Everything will be set up at DaVinci Primary school at 559 Murphy Street.

For more info you can go to their Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/samsbookflood>

Or you can contact Elaine Themm at: [h1st\\_teach22@hotmail.com](mailto:h1st_teach22@hotmail.com)







## “HOLY GLASS”

### A Tour of the Windows of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Jackson, MI Part 6

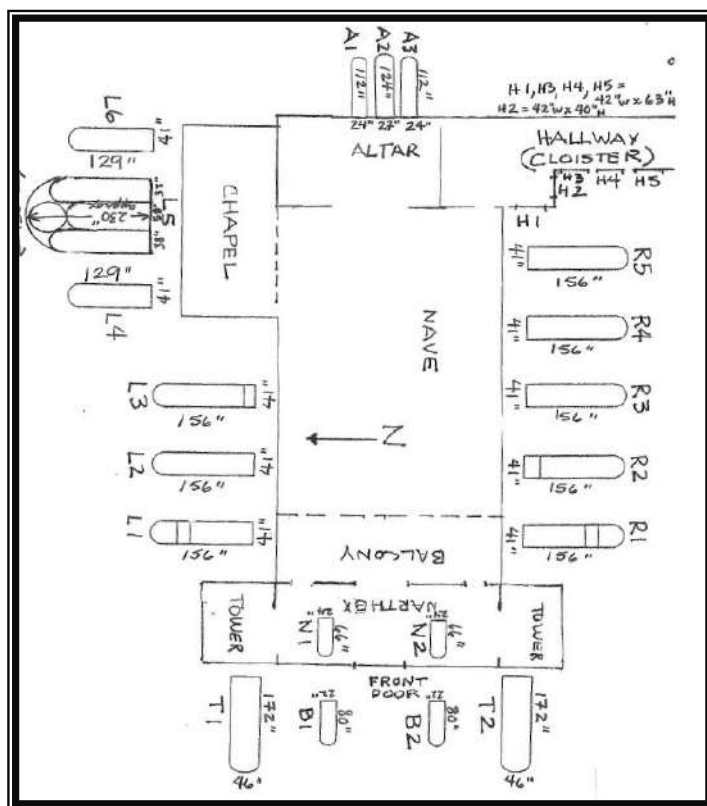
After World War II, there was a brief pause in the effort to replace the six remaining original geometric windows.

Our country was in the process of getting back to the normal activities of daily living and St. Paul’s was no exception. But after Father Brownell arrived in 1948, he renewed the effort to finally replace the remaining geometric windows with pictorial windows. The Lamb Studios of Tenefly and Ridgewood, N.J. were chosen to be the creators. In most of these windows the clothing and hairstyles are more contemporary. This month we will look at the “Holy Matrimony” and the “Holy Eucharist” windows.

The “Wedding Window,” as it is known, is located in the Chapel near the altar in the L-6 position. It was installed in 1960.

The window is constructed of glass panels, lead came, and is primarily a painted window. The Lamb Studios logo - a cherub’s head and wings - appears at the top of the window and is repeated, along with decorative geometric forms, in the border around the window. Below the top border is a panel with a stylized Chi Rho and two entwined wedding bands, indicating the sanctity of marriage. The groom is placing the wedding ring on the bride’s finger. Below the images of the bride and groom there is another decorative panel with the words, “With This Ring I Thee Wed.” The panel on the bottom border reads, “To the Glory of God Given by John G. Rossiter and Ruth McGee Rossiter.”





The “Holy Communion Window” is located in the R-5 position on the south wall of the Nave and depicts Christ presiding at the Eucharist. His twelve disciples are seated around a table which is covered with a white tablecloth. Christ and his disciples all have halos around their heads. Interestingly, in addition to the contemporary style table, the disciples are also sitting on contemporary style stools; however, Christ and his disciples are all wearing biblical period robes - placing the original Sacramental act in a more modern setting. The Lamb logo cherub is at the top of the window and the panel below it contains the Chalice and Wafer (bread). Christ stands at the head of the table and presides at the Holy Meal. The panel below reads, “This Do in Remembrance of Me.” Below that, in the lower border, the inscription reads, “To the Glory of God - a gift of the Gould Families.

*Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.*

*Please enjoy our windows!*

*Joyce Grace, November 2021*



# Organist's Corner



## The Bach Toccata in D minor

If you were in church or live-streaming the service on Sunday, October 31, you heard the wonderful Toccata in D minor (BWV565) by Johann Sebastian Bach. So, first of all, what is a toccata? Literally translated from the Italian, the word means “to touch.” A toccata is usually a virtuoso-type piece of music that has fast-moving sections designed to show off the finger dexterity (or “touch”) of the performer. This musical form first appeared in Italy in the late Renaissance and eventually made its way to Germany in the Baroque era. It was there that the toccata reached the pinnacle of its development at the hands of J. S. Bach.



Bach's original manuscript

During the Baroque era, toccatas grew in length, virtuosity, and in structure. Composers wrote rapid runs, arpeggios, chords, and often coupled the toccata with an independent fugue. Although still a compositional form after the Baroque period, the toccata now appears less frequently in the works of modern composers.

The Toccata in D minor languished unknown with many of Bach's other works until Felix Mendelssohn had many of Bach's works published and also began to perform them. In the 1960s and 1970s, there was some debate as to whether this toccata was actually a composition of J.S. Bach because of some of its more unusual characteristics – the parallel octaves at the beginning were usually not acceptable, for example. However, this piece is catalogued as Bach's, is much-loved, and is recognizable by the first three notes. The beginning has been described as “descending like a lightning flash, the long roll of thunder of the broken chords” by musicologist Hermann Keller.

How did this toccata become the music that defines the creepy and scary? It seems that the organ's use as live accompaniment to silent films started the tradition. In the 1930's, the piece was used in the movie Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. In 1940, the toccata was featured in Disney's Fantasia. This film used an arrangement for orchestra by Leopold Stokowski, which became a very popular version of the organ piece. Later movies to use the piece were 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1950s) and Phantom of the Opera (1960s). Now it is pretty impossible to hear this piece and not associate it with the spooky and the ghostly. I can't imagine what Bach would think of that!

*Julie J. Baglien*  
*St. Paul's Organist*







Daylight Saving Time 2021  
ends on Sunday, Nov. 7!



Barbara Lock	November 2
Janet Patch	November 9
Clark Hutchens	November 13
Barney Rudolph	November 16



## Cardio Drumming is back!

Join Instructor Michelle Gibson  
on Tuesday & Thursday evenings  
at 5:15-6 pm in Holy Spirit Hall  
beginning November 2nd.  
It's free and welcome to all fitness  
levels.



Our **"In Thanksgiving"** sign-up  
hasn't caught on quite yet, but we  
had a few names submitted for  
special recognition this month:

*We are grateful for:*

**Our solo musicians: Christy,  
Wayne, Romelle, Clark, and  
Michelle**

- ♦ **Our organist, Julie**
- ♦ **Harry Strait**

**THANK YOU!**



Join us for services at 8 am or 10:30 am.  
Capacity Restrictions are lifted and masks are not required, but are still strongly suggested.

Contact tracing remains in place.

**Or Join us online Sundays at 10:30 am:**

For the Facebook Livestream of our service follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi>

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at <https://stpauljxmi.org/>

You can also view our services later on Facebook.

(You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view our videos.)

## Bible Study



Bible Study is in person on Wednesdays at **10:30 am** in the Small Dining Room.

(It will continue to be on Zoom also for those who would like to still attend online.)

Follow this link to Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502>

No Password required



**Wednesdays @ 12:15 pm -  
Holy Eucharist in the chapel**



Join Pastor Sarah each **Wednesdays at 8pm** on our St. Paul's

Facebook page for the service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer with the commemoration of saints that day.

All are welcome to join us for a 'pub theology' evening. We meet at Ironbark Brewery **every other Wednesday at 6pm** (i.e., Nov 3, 17; Dec 1, 15).

Questions? Email Tom at [holsingerfriesen@gmail.com](mailto:holsingerfriesen@gmail.com).

## Adult Forum

**9:15 am-10:15 am** on Sundays in the small dining room.

Email Eric Magnusson ([emagnusson75@gmail.com](mailto:emagnusson75@gmail.com)) for more info or questions.



Our prayer list is on our podium in the back of the church with categories for names of those for whom we wish our prayer ministers to pray and those whom we would like to have included in our public prayers during worship. These names will remain on the list for a month and then we will begin again. Feel free to add the same name each month for those who need our continual prayers. The list of memorials remains the same and our list for thanksgivings will move to the bulletin board in the glass narthex. **At any time you may call the office or email us to make your prayer requests and please call Pastor Sarah when someone is in the hospital or desires home communion.**



You should have received this year's stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail for the annual pledge drive. We build our budget each year on the individual pledges of this congregation. If you're not a pledging member, please take the time to become one so we can count on you in our common mission here at St. Paul's. If you are a pledging member, thank you and please consider increasing your pledge this year to help us grow! Return your pledge card by Stewardship Sunday (**Nov. 14th**) to the offering plate or by mail. We will give thanks for all our pledges at the annual Harvest Dinner at noon that day.

**\*Please sign up on the bulletin board for the Harvest Dinner.**

The next generation of the St. Paul's tech team hard at work!



We had a great looking crew from St. Paul's for our trip to Meckley's on Halloween Sunday!





*You are invited to the  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church annual*  
***Harvest Dinner***

*Join us for Sunday Dinner after the 10:30 service as  
we give thanks for our many blessings.*

***Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021***

***309 S. Jackson St.***

***Jackson, MI***



*Make plans to attend and bring your family and friends to join in fellowship  
and food. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Turkey, potatoes,  
dressing and gravy will be supplied by Big Guy Catering.*

*Please sign up to indicate your attendance or if you can help with any of the  
following: Decorating or cleanup*

*For more information, please call or  
email the church office (517) 787-3370*

