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## Absalom Jones Celebration

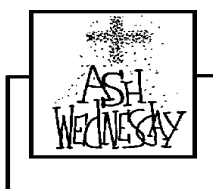
The 2012 Absalom Jones Celebration will take place on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Of course, a potluck luncheon and short program will take place after the service. All are invited to come and fellowship.

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## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7 pm



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## Lenten Wednesdays at St. Paul's

Classes to enrich your spiritual growth and your Lenten observance begin February 29th at 6 pm. Come join us for a Lenten supper and study each Wednesday evening through March 28th. For more information please see Mother Barbara. Sign-up at the Welcome Center so we can get a head count for food.

## Meet The New Director of Christ Enrichment Center

Danielle Brown is the new Executive Director of Christ Enrichment Center, Flint, MI. She earned her Bachelors of



Arts degree in English from University of Michigan-Flint and a Masters of Arts from Michigan State University in Family Studies from the College of Human Ecology. As a human services professional for over 17 years she has worked within a variety of organizations with her last position being Regional Coordinator for Michigan Benefits Access Initiative Pilot at the

United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Ms. Brown is a native of Flint, MI. Her professional experiences make her a great addition to the Christ Enrichment Center.

You are welcome to stop over to Christ Enrichment Center during working hours to meet their newest addition.

## OUR VESTRY

- John Snell**, Senior Warden; Member, Vestry Executive Ministry; CEC Board Member; & Stewardship/Finance Ministry
- John Cherry**, Junior Warden; Elder, Building & Grounds Ministry; & Member, Vestry Executive Ministry
- Andrew Dill**, Elder, Liturgy & Worship Ministry
- Velesia Ford**, Clerk of the Vestry; Member, Vestry Executive Ministry; Elder, Hospitality Ministry; Elder Susan Kilmer Scholarship Fund; Elder, Vera Scott Youth Enrichment Fund; & Elder, Margaret Stewart Fund Raising Coordinator
- Elizabeth Harris**, Chair, Outreach Ministry
- Michele Kotzian**, Member, Vestry Executive Ministry, Elder, Pastoral Care Ministry
- Craig Leavitt**, Elder, Absalom Jones Diversity Ministry
- Barbara Mannor**, Elder, Evangelism & Newcomer Ministries
- Thomas Meyer**, Elder, Christian Formation Ministry
- Ex officio*: **Fred Kump**, Treasurer
- Kelli Willis**, Vestry Secretary

**Convention Delegates:** Elizabeth Jordan, Kenneth Jordan, Laura Meyer, Thomas Meyer  
**Convocation Council Rep.**, Laura Meyer

# PRIESTLY PONDERINGS

By The Rev. Barbara Cavin

## LENT IS COMING

Lent is just around the corner! Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup> which begins Lent, a season which prepares us for Holy Week, the Passion of our Lord and Easter.

Lent is a time in which many give up something or take on a special discipline which focuses one's attention on what Jesus gave up – his life – for our sake.



I have often said I would give up rutabagas for Lent. I do not like them; therefore, this is not a sacrifice and certainly does not remind me of all that Jesus sacrificed. It is more realistic for me to give up something a really treasure or take on some discipline such as extra prayer time.

I am proposing a simple discipline for this year. A few years ago, small rocks were painted black with a gold cross on them by a parishioner. The stones were glued to a blue paper which had an invitation to join St. Paul's. These were to be handed out and I believe that many were handed out. The 'leftovers' were brought to me last fall when the staff was cleaning out a room upstairs at Church. I am going to distribute the stones on Ash Wednesday and ask you to carry them in your pocket all during Lent. A smaller stone might be put in your shoe, as a spiritual discipline; these are too big to put in your shoe and small enough to be in your pocket.

On Easter, you can take the stone out of your pocket, in essence, roll away the stone and see the victory of the cross which led Jesus to the Resurrection.

## ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting, we acknowledged the good works of two of our staff:

Ginger Wright, who is retiring at the end of February, as the Parish Administrator.

Ray Stilwell -- our Interim Organist and Choir Director, who leaves for Florida in early February.

Later we will acknowledge the good works of Larry Kincade, the retiring Building Manager.

## Meet the New Organist Mr. Timothy James Tikker February 5<sup>th</sup>

I am excited to announce that we have found an organist and Choir Master to replace our interim Organist and Choir Master -- Mr. Tikker. He is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Musical Arts study. He expects to receive his doctoral at the end of this year. His instructor is Marilyn Mason, a world renowned organ teacher. He also composes music, so we will be in for a treat as he shares his musical ministry with us. He was interviewed by Holly Richardson, Ray Stilwell and myself as he played the organ. Then the next week, Mr. Tikker conducted a choir practice with the choir members who were able to come. They were very impressed with his abilities and style. This is important as they are some of the primary people with whom he will interact.

He will be responsible for conducting the Chancel Choir and being the Organist here at St. Paul's. A member of the St. Andrew's Choir, Ann Arbor told me that we could not find a better organist anywhere (except for our Interim Organist). That was a sufficient recommendation for me. Mr. Tikker will be introduced to the congregation on February 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 worship service, and then he will work with the choir after the Eucharist that morning. His first Sunday as organist will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

*The Rev. Barbara Cavin*

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## Artwalk February 10<sup>TH</sup> ~ 6 PM

We will have two artists displaying their work this month.

GLORIA WATSON does African American Folk Art. She defines folk art as art that reflects people in every day life. Her goal is to reflect feelings in her art, and get people to think about what they are seeing when they look at her paintings.

Gloria states that folk art is unpolished, not learned in a class, and the artist "does what's in her heart".

Gloria is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint and works as a social worker for the Salvation Army. She also stated that her office walls are filled with her paintings, and she hopes that when clients come into her office they are inspired in some way to change their lives.

CLAUDE MILLER started out studying sculpture at Mott Community College, and later switched to painting with acrylics. He now does figurative drawings, portraying an idea. One of his favorite subjects is children especially his grandchildren. Children are honest subjects to paint he says.

Claude has shown his work many times at Greater Flint Arts Council, the Saginaw Art Museum where he won a prize for best painting, and has 5 pieces hanging in the Whiting Auditorium. There are also paintings of his in Pages Book Store in downtown Flint, and on the Mott Community College campus. Claude was one of the artists that worked on the bronze mascot sculpture in front of the Brennan Center on Mott Community College's campus. He has also done many pieces for charity auctions at Flint Institute of Music, Mott Community College, and painted wooden chairs for auction at Buckham Gallery.

Come out and meet these two wonderful talented artists.



*Audrey Stephens*

# BEING AN EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

By Jackie Elliott

I became an Eucharistic Minister January 27, 2002 and always felt very proud to be up by the altar and give "the blood of Christ". I am so glad I became one, what a wonderful feeling I have when I take communion to St. Paul's parishioners unable to come to church.

I think I have served Ginny Rickey from the beginning at Woodhaven Senior Community. She has been active there in leading others in exercises. She and others have knitted hats, scarves, and lap blankets. If any of you have any skeins (not wool) you want to donate, bring them to me and I will take them to her. She also takes care of the library. She has not been feeling well for 3 months. I am glad to say she is feeling better now and back to knitting & putting puzzles together again.

I have always given communion to Mary Lou Odom both at home and Genesee Gardens. After a few weeks at Briarwood, she is now back at Genesee Gardens. She appreciates taking communion. This strengthens her faith to face whatever happens. She likes the food at Genesee Gardens and sometimes goes to the entertainment.

My new communicant is Helen Graham. She also is at Woodhaven and is getting adjusted to her new surroundings. She enjoys the entertainment. Especially sing-a-long. Her eye sight is not very good but she just finished reading a book. She enjoys going out to eat with her son. She is always a great hostess which is "her". It is hard for me to convince her that I am happy to bring her communion. I am not going out of my way. I usually give communion to Ginny and Helen together.



I was blessed to have Johanna King for many years as my companion. She had to resign and I now I am happy to have Carole Davis as a companion.

I feel as Deacon Claudia says, "Go out into the world and serve the Lord". I hope I do this by the way I live my life and try helping others when I can. "Thanks be to God!"

## We'll Miss You!

We have two staff members that will be leaving us this month.



Our Parish Administrator, Ginger Wright, will be retiring at the end of February after being with us 14 years. She and her husband Ken will take a long awaited sight seeing tour of the southern states for the first month. They will also be spending their summers at their cabin in Vermont. When we asked Ginger what she would be doing once she retired, she commented, "I'm going to do as little as possible and not make any appointments before noon".

Our Interim Organist, Ray Stilwell, will be leaving February 5th. We knew that when he came aboard but we will miss him none-the-less. He and his wife Sandy will be going to Florida for a few months to help a former parish with music. They will also be restoring their 1924 Mediterranean house on the Indian River in Florida.

## Announcement

The Vestry, at their January 15th meeting, voted to suspend the Search Process for a Rector and to ask our Priest In Charge, the Rev. Barbara Cavin to stay for an additional three years as Priest In Charge. She agreed to this with delight.

The decision came after a meeting between Bishop Ousley and the co-Chairs of the Search Committee and a discussion between the Vestry and the Bishop at their December gathering. The Bishop is fully agreeable to this decision.

There are many changes to the St. Paul's staff this year in keeping with balancing our budget. It was thought wise to take time this year to change the staffing needs of the parish and then to have two years to "settle in" with the new staff members. Since September, and by the end of this year, we will have changed the following staffing positions:

Building Manager – Larry Kincade is retiring; Terence Whitehead is taking this position.

Custodian – Terence is moving to Building Manager and Wyman Robinson is taking this position.

Bookkeeper – will be hired by the time you read this.

Administrator --- the Priest In Charge is taking over these responsibilities when Ginger Wright retires in February.

Organist – Ray Stilwell is leaving his Interim Position with us and will be replaced by Timothy Tikker.

Gospel Choir Conductor – Gussie Blake is retired and Rafael McDaniel is taking over the leadership of the Gospel Choir.

Bell Choir Conductor – Sheryl Kennedy has taken the leadership of this choir.

This is a great deal of change! It is thought time will be needed to acclimate ourselves to these changes and to re-evaluate who we are as a congregation over the next few years, before we call a Rector.

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## Confirmations and a Reception

Bishop Ousley performed 9 Confirmations and 1 reception during his visit to St. Paul's on January 7th. Carole Davis was Received and the rest were Confirmed. Congratulations to all!

### *Pictured*

Top Row: Heath Meyer, Bishop Todd Ousley, Russell Overstreet, Allan Davis

Bottom Row: Julianne Streukens, Genevieve Oertel, Karissa Kennedy, Hannah Willis, Joseph Kennedy, Michael Oertel, Carole Davis





## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Paul's invites you and your neighbors to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21st at 6 pm in Barth Hall. We're serving all the pancakes, waffles, bacon, and sausages you can eat for only a donation.

Again, bring your neighbors and friends for a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

## Music at St. Paul's

Dr. Sennet has performed recitals and conducted master classes at the Flint Institute of Music. She maintains a busy touring and teaching schedule at the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana). Her performances are characterized by an impeccable technique and a "breath of fresh air" imagination.



Dr. Sennet is rapidly establishing herself as a well-known performer, teacher, and scholar. Her recital programs showcase her versatility at the keyboard, with frequent performances of works by Bach, Beethoven, and African American composers such as H. Leslie Adams, Adolphus Hailstork, and Pulitzer-Prize winning composer George Walker.

## Lenten Brown Bag Concerts

Each Thursday in Lent  
March 1—29

Beginning each time at 12:30 pm

You bring your lunch; we'll supply the coffee and the grand performance by one of Flint's local organ performers.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Marion Leman
- 3—Alexandra Hoover  
Joan Reynolds
- 5—William Anderson
- 6—Thomas Meyer
- 9—Michelle Carpenter  
Keith Cross
- 12—Alan Brisbane
- 14—Connor Eiferle
- 16—Marion Wilson
- 17—Edward Lenegan
- 19—Alexandra Isaac
- 24—Rishaul Nital
- 28—Marvin Latchana



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 15—Robert & Barbara Welch
- 24—Meghan & Christopher  
Hennessy

Come on, let's Celebrate 14 Years With Ginger!!! Please join us to send Ginger off to her fun filled years of retirement. We will miss her but we must let her go.



When: Tuesday, February 21  
 Where: Masonic Temple  
 Time: 12:30 p.m.

## New Gospel Choir Director



Please welcome Rafeal McDaniel who is our new Gospel Choir Director. He was the Assistant Gospel Choir Director and has

now moved up to the position of Director. Say hello and welcome to Rafeal when you see him.



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### PRAYERS FOR PERSONS:

Children in Homes of Danger, Dorothy VanDuyne-Hughes serving in Norfolk, VA, Michael Kump serving in Korea, Nicole Kump serving in Korea, Thomas Dill serving in VA



### The home parishioners and their caregivers:

Ginny Rickey, Laura Vieu, Gloria Woodrich, Evelyn Woodbury, Viola Hall, Daisy Robinson

### The sick and recovering and those in any sorrow or distress:

Barbara, Danielle Brook, Gage Bryce, Rene' Carpenter, Phyllis Crane, Melissa Cussans, Elaine Davis, Donald, Jack Dyball, Tim & Ellie Ellwell, Leslie Fries, David Fulcher & family, Helen Graham, Lucy Habte-Gabr, Wanda & Willie Harden, Dorothy Harris, Wm Hartley II, Harley, Amer Hekmati & family, Jackie, John & Chera, Rick Johnson, Laura Kelley, Russ & Ginger Matar, Fr. Kieran (Loren) McClanahan, Jeff McPhee, Trevion Neal, Paul, Jacqueline Powell, Reynolds Family, Emma Roberts, Julien & Jacob Robinson, Patrice Shriver, Steve, Sue, Tina, Veledia Ford and family

### Those who are in the hospital & other care facilities:

Mary Lou Odom, Genesee Gardens  
Ginger Matar, Caretel Inn of Linden

**ADDITIONAL PRAYERS:** For . . .Peace and stability in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, the Middle East, Haiti, Egypt, Japan, Korea, and the lives lost in the Phillipines.



## Upcoming Scripture Lessons for Worship

### The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

February 5th

5th Sunday After Epiphany  
Isaiah 40:21-31 ♦ Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 ♦ Mark 1:29-39

February 12

6th Sunday After Epiphany-Absalom Jones  
Isaiah 11:1-5 ♦ Psalm 137:1-6  
Galatians 5:1-5 ♦ John 15:12-15

February 19th

The Last Sunday After Epiphany  
2 Kings 2:1-12 ♦ Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ♦ Mark 9:2-9

February 22

Ash Wednesday  
Isaiah 58:1-12 ♦ Psalm 103:8-14  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26

1st Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 9:8-17 ♦ Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22 ♦ Mark 1:9-15

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## **Worship at St. Paul's**

Sunday: 8 am & 10:00 am

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.