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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio

Helping all people find a connection to God's community.

December, 2023

SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

A Statement of Mission



As Episcopalians in the
Diocese of Southern Ohio,
we commit to:

† Know the common story

Deut. 11:18-21

† Proclaim our common
faith

Matt. 28:19-20

† Pray our common prayer

1 Thess. 5:16-19

† Drink the common cup

Mark 10:38

† Serve the common good

Matt. 25:37-40

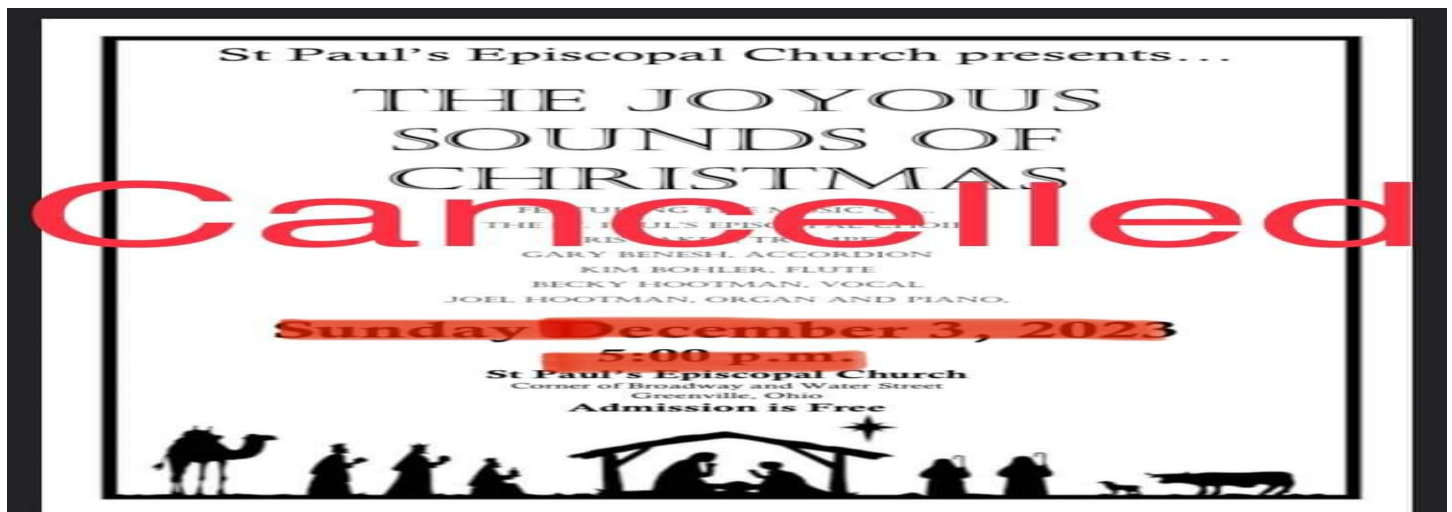
In the name of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common
ministry.

December has arrived and it always makes me think of the lovely Christmas hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" with its verses about frosty wind, snow on snow, and so on. The hymn becomes quite joyful, however, with the birth of the infant Jesus. As the hymn goes, Mary worships her beloved child with a kiss and the hymn then asks what can we give him? The answer is we can give him our hearts. What a wonderful thing to do, to give Jesus our love, especially during a holiday season that often sadly seems to focus on the more commercial side of Christmas. The season of Advent is the perfect time to focus again on the bright light of Jesus that shines through these wintry days as we once again wait in hopeful expectation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Please join us this month at St. Paul's for beautiful and meaningful services, including a special Christmas Eve Eucharist service at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to bring some family members and friends to this special service as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Wishing all of you a very blessed Advent, Christmas, and holiday season!

Kim Bohler, Senior Warden



If you have any updates to the church directory, please contact the church office either by phone 937-548-5575 or email office@stpaulsgreenville.org. The deadline is December 15th

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each



The poinsettias are used to decorate the Sanctuary for this special holiday and will remain through Christmas. A dedication list will be published in our December 24th service announcements. Please place completed form with your payment in the offering plate, or in the secretary's mailbox. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with memo line entry...poinsettia. Last day to order is December 15th.

Updates from Outreach Commission

"The organizers for the Community Unity contacted our church asking if we could solicit any of our Parish members to volunteer for 1 or 2 hours of service manning one of the Christmas Fund Drive donation stands. Our available assignments would be "indoors" at either Eikenberrys or Kroger.

We did respond with 3 - 4 volunteers from our Parish last year that supplemented another church that was short staffed. Please consider if you could be a part of this Outreach effort staffed by many churches and non-profit organizations. Please contact Chris Nelson for more information. Cell ph 937-459-9618"

****Please notify the office of flower dedication by noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday listed.**

Date/Proper	Readings	Assistants	Flowers*
December 3 The First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Joe Grilliot, Officiant Jan Dunwoody, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher	Eldon & Mary Alice Wolter
December 10 The Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Fr. Mujete, Officiant Chris Nelson, LEM/ Prayers Gary Benesh, Reader Fred Dean, Usher	Terry & Becky Hartnagle
December 17 The Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Rev. Daniel Linnenberg, Officiant PJ Brumbaugh, LEM/ Prayers Karen Burkett, Reader Chris Nelson, Usher	Gary & Gail Benesh
December 24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Canticle 3:The Song of Mary Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Fr. Mujete, Officiant Joe Grilliot, LEM/ Prayers Duane Johnson, Reader Fred Dean, Usher	Sharon Wintrow
December 31 The first Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 61:10- -62.3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25,4:4-7 John 1:1-18	Kim Bohler, Officiant Jan Dunwoody, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher	Kim Bohler

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Monthly Planner

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