

The Messenger
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JANUARY
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Our annual Christmas Pageant and Dinner at St. Paul's was a great success on December 21, as our youngest ones led us, in word and song, through the story of the birth of Jesus, helping us prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord!

We are grateful to everyone who made the evening so successful and to everyone who came out and supported our children's ministry. We even had a visit from good ol' Saint Nick!







On December 7, eleven of our St. Paul's members went out to spread holiday cheer with caroling and candy canes at assisted living facilities in Easton. A special thank you to Joe and Michele Comer for organizing and leading this ministry.



1/4 Barry Reusing
 1/7 Betty Jean Mumford
 1/8 Michele Comer
 1/9 Crue Cannon
 1/12 Peggy Boyce-Sauca
 1/13 Sofie James
 1/14 Colleen Davis
 1/15 Ava Behrens
 1/15 Delaney Bissett
 1/16 Will Behrens Jr
 1/19 Henry Fuchs
 1/19 Hank Spies III
 1/19 Austin Spies
 1/21 Amanda Ward
 1/22 Olivia Brown
 1/24 Ryan Saathoff
 1/26 Carter Walls
 1/29 Lauren Stevens
 1/31 Clara Cep

Despite the sleet and snow, below-zero windchill and big gusts, we had a glorious Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 14 t at Grace Lutheran Church, Easton MD. People from three counties were in attendance, the music was phenomenal, and David Nicholson was masterful in his leadership of the choir and other musicians (including myself on piano and soprano saxophone and Elizabeth Roesel on violin). He spent countless hours working on this as we edited, crafted, refined, finalized, edited, finalized, finalized again, etc., on this. I've never had a parish carol service go so well and be of such quality.

I am additionally grateful to all those who worked to make it such an unqualified success, including the choir, people who helped with hospitality, those who cleaned sidewalks, and those who came in support.

Everyone left with not just full stomachs, but full hearts.
 Rev. Jonathon Moyers

Our crawlspace encapsulation has completed with a final inspection performed on December 15. All visible mold has been remediated; a vapor barrier, new sump pumps, lighting, dehumidifiers, foam insulation and a new entrance have been installed. Below are pictures of the completed crawlspace.



Washington Art Glass has been contracted to fabricate and install heavy—duty custom aluminum frames to protect our 12 stained glass windows.

The custom aluminum frames will be manufactured by the Caff Company of Pittsburg. Work would begin around April 1 when temperatures at night stay above freezing. The stained-glass windows are to be cleaned before the installation of a protective frame, glazing with stainless hardware and caulking would then be completed. The final caulking takes 4-5 days to cure. The sequence of work would take about 1 week with a crew of 5. Once complete, painting of interior frames is required, this cost is St Pauls (not included in the quote at our request as we felt we could get it done locally). The total cost is \$39,750 and will ensure that our stained-glass windows will continue to bring beauty to our church for years into the future. A sample of the frame and protective glazing is available on the bulletin board outside the offices. A deposit of \$13,250 has been made and our capital fund has a balance of \$16,695 as of November 2025, we will need an additional \$9,805 to pay the remaining balance for the windows. Thank you for your continued support of these necessary repairs.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:45 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's (No Sunday School) 10:45 am Holy Eucharist at Grace	5	6 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's 6:30 pm Epiphany Service at Family Affair Farm	7	8 <i>New Year's Day</i>	9	10
11 8:45 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 am Holy Eucharist at Grace	12	13 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	14	15	16	17
18 8:45 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 am Holy Eucharist at Grace	19	20 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	21	22	23	24
25 8:45 am Holy Eucharist-St. Paul's Congregational Meeting (No Sunday School)	26 <i>Milk It. Day</i>	27 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	28	29	30	31



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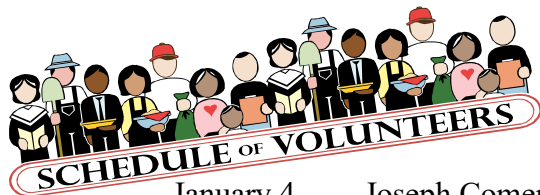


It was brought to my attention that donations were made to the Capital Fund for improvements to St. Paul's in memory of Mike. Thank you so much. I am sure he would be deeply honored by this generosity.

I would also like to thank all of the members who attended the Blue Christmas service at Christ Church. Father Michael Valliant offered a very heartfelt service in Mike's memory. The video will be available online for those who were unable to attend and would like to view.

Thank you as well for all of the cards, texts, and prayers. Although we are no longer on the prayer list, please continue to keep us in your prayers—we need them now as much as ever as we navigate this new reality.

Terri Hiner



January 4	Joseph Comer
January 11	Joshua Lewis
January 18	Declan Corley
January 25	Beth Roesel



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January 11	Donnie Davis and Keith Davis
January 18	Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
January 25	Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore

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Tellers



Communion Assistants

January 4	Couper Barletta
January 11	Joshua Lewis
January 18	Declan Corley
January 25	Tom Roesel



Acolytes

January 4	Henry Callahan
January 11	Joshua Lewis
January 18	Declan Corley
January 25	Henry Callahan

Crucifers

Couper Barletta



Barbara Saathoff and Dottie Moore

Congregational Meeting



St. Paul's Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately following the morning worship service. There will be no Sunday School so that teachers may attend the meeting.

Council members please have your year-end reports in to the office by January 15, so they can be distributed to the congregation before the annual meeting.

The 2026 Sign-Up for the Talbot Interfaith Shelter is on the bulletin board outside the offices; please take the opportunity to sign up for any days/times you are available.



Homeless Outreach

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Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am
Please inform the church office of any
changes in your personal information:
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divorce, or new births so that we
can keep our records up to date.

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