



# Thursday, December 8, 2022

## A Message from Mother Darlene

Christmas Blessings to Family and Friends!

We hope that 2022 has been good to you. It has been a busy year. We were finally able to get out and about easier with the pandemic, which also meant that we were sick with covid in September once Jon returned to teaching with no masks. I was so happy to get home to visit my family in June, but we have not been able to see Jon's family yet. I had hoped to officiate at the marriage ceremony of my niece Allie and Mike in September, but COVID caused me to miss that. Above is a photo from Allie's bridal shower in June. I am so glad that I was able to attend and see family I had not seen for 2 ½ years.

Thank God for phones, the internet, and Zoom!

To continue reading Mother Darlene's letter, click [here](#).

## SERVICES

**Thursday, Dec 8, Prayer Service is cancelled**

**Sunday, December 11:  
Advent III – Holy Eucharist & Sermon,  
10:30am**

Healing Prayers with Rev. Richard Emrich the First Sunday of each Month

9:30am – Choir Practice

10:30am – Holy Eucharist with Choir – [Bulletin](#)

Noon – St. Molly's Guild/ECW Cookie Exchange

## Sunday Servants

Celebrant/Preacher: Rev. Richard Emrich	LEMs: Judy Joseph, Kris Veldheer
New Testament Reader: Barbara Ryan	Greeters: Sandy Glick & Rich Hoffman
Vestry Member: Barbara Ryan	Coffee Hour: Donna Mitchell, Alyce Carter
Organist: Bill Card	Bulletin Cover: Jan Anderson
Altar Guild: Nancy White, Ruth Merrifield, Lori Ziesmer	Flower Guild: Jeannine Totzke
Advent Wreath Prayers: Daughters of the King	Counters: Barbara Ryan & Marilee Roth

## Hymns

Service Music: Trisagion – S100; Sanctus S125; Angus Dei S161

Opening: H72 – Hark, the glad sound

Sequence: H493, O for a thousand tongues to sing (1-3, 4-6)

Offertory: Choir Anthem – Shine the Light of Your Love

Communion: H615, Thy kingdom come on bended knee

Closing: H67 – Comfort, comfort ye my people

# Thursday, December 15: Prayer Service, 8:00pm

Zoom link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/2694696794](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2694696794)



**Advent Book Study** – “The Light of the World” by Amy-Jill Levine, read chapter 3

Tuesday's: December 13 & 20 10:00am Holy Eucharist, celebrant Rev Darlene Kuhn 10:30am Advent Book Study Noon Light Lunch	Wednesday's: December 14 & 21 7:00pm Zoom Link <a href="https://ctu.zoom.us/j/95987605639">https://ctu.zoom.us/j/95987605639</a> Same material as Tuesday, led by Kris Veldheer
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**Tuesday, December 13:** 5:30pm – Daughters of the King Christmas celebration, Julie Bender's home (3253 S Sunset Drive, Bridgman, MI)

**Sunday, December 21:** 6:00pm – Choir Practice

**Saturday, December 24:** 5:10pm – Christmas Carols, 5:30pm – Christmas Mass

**Sunday, January 1, 2023:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm Open House at the Kuhn's Residence, followed by New Year's Dinner!

**Sunday, January 8, 2023:** Annual Meeting following the service

Click [here](#) for a full list of Save the Dates during Advent, Christmas & Epiphany 2022/2023.

## RECENT EVENTS

### St. Nicholas Day

On Sunday, Dec 4, we celebrated Advent II, St. Nicholas day, and blessed the gifts for 22 children. We also celebrated the life of Paul Cromheecke as our long-time St. Nicholas at Mediator.

After the service, parishioners were treated to a special coffee hour by Carol and Bil in recognition of Paul and his service to Mediator. Paul's St. Nicholas robe, staff, mitre, and beard, and photos of Paul were on display.

As a parish, we continue to keep Paul's family and friends in our prayers for peace and comfort.

Click [here](#) to view Paul's St. Nicholas robe made by Judith Joseph, and the blessing of the gifts.

## Christmas Wreaths

Joanne Sims' beautiful wreaths were picked up last Sunday, Dec 4. If you purchased a wreath, you may place your payment in the collection plate, mail to the church using the P. O. Box address, or drop it off during business hours.

Checks can be made out to Episcopal Church of the Mediator with "Christmas wreath" in the memo line. You can also make a payment through our website giving page by clicking [here](#).

Thank you, Joanne, for your time and talents.

## Holiday Sing-Along Is a Hit

If you missed the holiday sing-along you missed a fun time with wonderful Christmas carols. Mediator played host to the Harbor Country Singers on Sunday afternoon, Dec 4, with approximately 62 people attending.

Click [here](#) to read more and to see photos.

Rumor has it there might be a Valentine's Love Song Sing-along.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 11, is the annual St. Molly's/ECW Cookie Exchange in the church basement. Click [here](#) for additional details.

Bring at least 3 dozen of one type of cookie to trade. Note: Some of these cookies will be packaged for shut-ins and our Christmas families.

Don't forget your empty containers you'll need to pack up the cookies you select to take home.

We guarantee you will have a good time.

## Daughters of the King Christmas Celebration

Tuesday, December 13, is the Christmas Celebration at Julie Bender's home (3253 S Sunset Drive, Bridgman, MI).

Bring a wrapped gift if you want to participate in the gift game.

Soup and salad will be provided but extra food always welcome!

# Paul Cromheecke's Memorial Service



Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 1:00pm in the sanctuary with a luncheon to follow at the church. Visitation begins at 11:30am. The family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Episcopal Church of the Mediator.

Arrangements are with Pike Funeral Home in Bridgman, MI, and the obituary is available at their website at [www.pikefh.com](http://www.pikefh.com).

Cards to Todd Cromheecke, Paul's son, may be sent to 31 East Ogden, Unit 447, La Grange, IL 60625.

Cards to Linda Anderson may be sent to P. O. Box 206, Sawyer, MI 49125.

## OTHER NEWS

### Public Service Announcement – Community Alert!

There are a number of confirmed scammers working our area – police are aware and are tracking these individuals.

Please be vigilant while you are in your car, on your computer, and on the telephone. Be safe!

### Need a photocopier? We have one that is FREE to a good home.

The church has a Panasonic 8016P Photocopier available for free. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please call the church office at 269-469-1441.

Note: It was working prior to being relocated.



# A Little History: Our Parish Banner & New Logo



Have you noticed the above image appearing on communication and print material recently? This is our new logo created from the purple-colored cloth banner that stands to the right of the sanctuary lectern?

Inquisitive minds wanted to know the history of this banner, including what each quadrant represented, so we reached out to one of our historians, Marilee Roth. Thank you, Marilee, for your detailed story on the banner creation.

Below is the beginning of Marilee's story. The entire story, plus some photos with the creators, is available by clicking [here](#).

## **Our Parish Banner History by Marilee Roth**

Our banner was designed and created by the Order of the Daughters of the King® Lambs of God Chapter members Elizabeth (Betsy) Cole, Marilee Roth, Julianne Sheldon, and Marianne Williams, and parish member Marilyn Beemer Wagner. The banner was completed on April 10, 2002 and dedicated on April 28, 2002.

# Meet Bob Tibbles – The History of Bob and Adventures with Bob

Have you noticed a little 6" – 8" figure like Bob Tibbles at church?

During the summer of 2020, Phyllis Norris and Jan Anderson were having fun going in and out of resale stores in the South Bend, Indiana, area when Jan came upon a wonderful, little carved figure that looked so much like our own Bob Tibbles. As Phyllis and Jan said, "it looks just like him". With a big grin Phyllis even mentioned, "he didn't cost much either". After riding around with Little Bob in South Bend having much fun, the two returned home.

Click [here](#) to read the story and see photos of "Bob's adventures".

# ARTS OF MEDIATOR

## Creating Art Through Poetry

The Gearen family — John, Ann and their daughter, Cameron — are passionate about poetry. All three are published poets who edit each other's work, share book recommendations, and attend authors' readings together. Literary creativity was fostered and encouraged in their home.

Learn more by clicking [here](#).



## Calling All Artists

As artists we have been given the gift of searching. In this exhibition, the artist is asked to consider how he or she responds to being called to be an artist, learning to accept that call, and to move forward with all the doubts, the uncertainty, the questions, and finally the revelation or the epiphany.

*Submissions deadline extended to December 9, 2022.*

If you are interested in knowing more, we invite you to contact Julie (see current parish directory). You may also leave a message with the church office during business hours (Mon – Thu, 9am – Noon) directed to Julie.

## Mediatorite E-Blast Items

If you have items to include in an E-Blast, please submit them to Candice in writing. You may email them to [office@mediatorharbert.com](mailto:office@mediatorharbert.com) or drop them off in the office during business hours.

Thank you!

All times listed are in Eastern Standard Time unless noted differently.

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