



Our friends in Christ,

Our parish is faced with difficult decisions about our future. We, as a vestry, have asked our chapter

of the Daughters of the King, the Keepers of the Kaleidoscope, to pray for us. We have also asked them to write a prayer for us all to use during this time of discernment.

As always, we, the vestry, are your servants chosen to help lead our congregation. If you have any ideas, thoughts, concerns, please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

Please as you say your prayers in the coming weeks, please say this one as we look for guidance from God and the Holy Spirit.

For His Sake,

*Carol Haney – Senior Warden*

*O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire.*

*Your St. Paul's Dowagiac parish gives thanks to you for all the blessed years that we have had together. In our current building, with our amazing parish family, past - present and future, and through your grace we have been able to serve the Greater Dowagiac Community in service with our St. Paul Saturdays ministries.*

*Even though we have tried our best to be good stewards of the gifts You have given us, our church is in dire financial straits - at a major crossroads on where to go with what we don't have and what we do. We are lost and looking for guidance; grant us your wisdom during this time of discernment.*

*We WANT to stay together as a parish family. We know you brought us together for a reason, and we want to honor that in any form that we can. We WANT to be able to continue to serve the needs of our community with our food pantry, it not only feeds your flock - but feeds the souls of the workers.*

*We are your sheep - we need You, our Shepherd, to lead us in the right direction. Give us strength, wisdom, compassion, the ability to listen and hear - not only You, but each other, and the conviction to make the necessary decisions.*

*We ask it all for His sake, our King and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*