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NOVEMBER: THANKSGIVINGS, ELECTIONS, DUST AND MUD!

Numerous times over the years, I have bragged to you about having studied in college under one of America's premier political scientists: Dr. Larry Sabato. Larry and his famous "crystal ball"

(<http://crystalball.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>)

have been calling American elections with remarkable accuracy for three decades. In every exam Larry gave to his students, there was this extra credit question, good for half a letter grade: "What is politics?" Generations of Sabato's students (at least the ones paying attention) knew the answer: "Politics is a good thing!"

These were the first words in the first lecture of every class Larry taught, from freshman 101 surveys to 800-level doctoral seminars. Larry was passionate to instill in his students a deep appreciation and gratitude for the awesome privilege we all have in this country to participate, however imperfectly, in our government. Even in these divisive times, Larry teaches equanimity, optimism and gratitude, and demands the same of his students. Whatever the results on first Tuesdays in November may be, I always try to remember the lesson that Dr. Sabato so passionately and effectively taught.

November is a month of gratitude, of course, ending as it does with our national day of Thanksgiving. I love this month, because in our liturgical cycle we are perfectly in tune with that theme. We begin the month with the Feast of All Saints, our annual recollection of how indebted we are to the saints who came before us, and who even now surround and pray for us. This year, All Saints Sunday will be very special. We will rededicate our old

baptismal font by baptizing two new Christians in that font in its new location in our sanctuary. In a moving coincidence, All Saints Sunday will be the 100th anniversary, plus two days, of the death of the young man in whose memory the font was given.

Dennis Driscoll has done a yeoman's job of discovering for us who Robert Leo Lincoln was. It is an intriguing story we will share with everyone on All Saints Sunday. We will remember Robert and all the saints we love but see no longer.

Finally, in November we will conclude "God's Will: Joyful Living, Joyful Giving," our annual Stewardship Campaign. If you missed the kick-off on October 14th, you missed a really wonderful event. I hope

and pray you are giving careful consideration to your pledge for 2019. Please spend these weeks pondering the magnitude of God's blessings in your life, and then respond as generously as you can. To be perfectly blunt, we need at least a five percent increase in overall pledging for 2019 in order to keep pace with the rising cost of all things. This will also enable us to continue enjoying the ministry of Kelly Aughenbaugh beyond the May 31st end of her "contract" with St. Peter's.

Between celebrations, we will join with Lakewood Congregational Church, Cleveland Public Theater and the Y-Haven Shelter of the Cleveland YMCA to support and celebrate the 20th year of the CPT/Y-Haven partnership. This program will be our outreach focus, and on November 18th we are all invited to a free staging of this year's show: "Outside the Mirror." See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more info.



God's Will

Joyful Living, Joyful Giving!

In spite of the dust, mud, inconvenience and general discomfort we are experiencing now, I have never been as grateful or excited to be part of this faith community. By the time you read these words, our new building will finally be rising out of the ground. By the end of November, the skeleton and roof of the building should be in place. By year end, the exterior of the new building will be almost entirely in place. At this point, completion is contemplated by Easter. Please keep praying and paying those campaign pledges!

Have yourself a blessed month of in-gathering and Thanksgiving. Pause, reflect and intentionally identify the lavish plenitude of God's gifts to you. Pay it forward in as many ways and as best you can. May God bless you in this season of thanksgiving. You are all a great blessing to me.

Your Brother in Christ,

— *Keith*

**Our Outreach Focus Partner
for November:
CPT/Y-Haven Theater Project**

**FORMERLY HOMELESS MEN IN
TRANSITION CREATE AN ORIGINAL PLAY
OUTSIDE THE MIRROR
BASED ON THEIR JOURNEYS TOWARD
RECOVERY
November 8 - 18, 2018**

Cleveland Public Theatre's Education Department and the Cleveland YMCA's Y-Haven Program present "Outside the Mirror." The Y-Haven Theatre Project is a 20-year partnership between Cleveland Public Theatre and Y-Haven, a transitional housing facility for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse and mental health challenges. Every year, CPT collaborates with the clients of Y-Haven to create an original theatre production, performed by the men and based on their life stories. The Y-Haven Theatre Project captures an authenticity and emotional power as the cast shares their true-to-life experiences often hidden from the world.

PLOT SUMMARY

A mysterious salesman disrupts the lives of two men, a small business owner and his right hand man, with an opportunity to glimpse their future. "Outside the Mirror" questions our ability to see the consequences of our choices and whether our future is decided by actions of today or set by fate.

A consistent audience favorite, the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project offers candid insight into important issues of our society and gives real hope for growth and change. Audiences are deeply moved by the poignant stories presented in this powerful collaboration.

FREE PERFORMANCES AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC THEATRE

Thursday, November 8 at 7:30pm. Friday, November 9 at 7:30pm.

SPECIAL BENEFIT PERFORMANCE:

Sunday, November 11 at 3:00pm
Cleveland Public Theatre's Gordon Square Theatre is located at 6415 Detroit Ave., Cleveland. Suggested donation of \$5 accepted to help support the project

FREE TOUR PERFORMANCES:

Wednesday, November 14 at 2pm
Lakeland Community College
Rodehorst Performing Arts Center
Kirtland

Thursday, November 15 at 5pm
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Lakeview Terrace Community Center
1290 W. 25th St., Cleveland

Sunday, November 18 at 2pm
Lakewood Congregational Church
1375 Clifton Blvd., Lakewood

Note from the Treasurer



We are getting close to year end so it is time for an update. Pledges year to date are \$18,159 short of projection partially offset by expenses being \$11,000 under budget. The budget for 2018 is a deficit of \$13,881 making it imperative that our pledges are up to date. I will continue to do updates through year end and again thank you for your support.

Yours truly, *Dan Lammers*



Our Stewardship campaign kickoff service on October 14th was a success. Thank you to all who attended and thank you again to the Stewardship Committee, Jeff Tennant, Fred Purdy, Pat Wielinski, Amanda Wolf and Anne Marie Foti for all the inspired preplanning and work to execute the event. As always, these kinds of events don't happen at St. Peter's without Leslie Hannan (and granddaughter Abby) and Tom Newman who do much of the heavy lifting. Michelle Killin-Keith created a fun, informative and engaging program for our youth, thank you Michelle!

Finally, Father Keith was instrumental in guiding us and creating a unique and meaningful worship service for the event.

I've written before that I hope Stewardship at St. Peter's becomes a way of life, and not an annual event. Although the need to pledge funds and set a budget are vitally important to running St. Peter's the idea that we should Joyfully Live and Joyfully Give year-round as a thank you to God for the abundance of the gifts he gives us is an important component of our spiritual practice. I was inspired by the depths of sharing that occurred around the tables during the invitations to discuss the readings and Jeff's testimony. Thank you to the attendees for fully participating in these discussions. I am grateful that I got to know a few more members of our congregation and learned about their views of Stewardship, St. Peter's and life.

As Father Keith stated during our service, in 2019 our financial needs will increase, our parish has traditionally been generous giving time, talent and treasure and we hope that you will consider an increase in your support to assist us in meeting our commitments and allow us to continue to meet the needs of this faith community.

If you wish to make an annual commitment, please so indicate by sending an email to the church at office@stpeterslakewood.com, or by placing your pledge card into the collection plate on Sunday or mailing it to the church office. To facilitate Vestry budgeting, please return your pledge by All Saints Sunday, November 4th.

Faithfully, *Susan Jensen*
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You will have two opportunities for worship on Thanksgiving this year.

- ❖ Trinity Cathedral will offer an interfaith service of Thanksgiving at noon on Tuesday, November 20th
- ❖ The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at Saint Peter's at 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Website...

Visit us at St. Peter's website for all the information regarding What's Happening, the NET, and the sermons as well as other information. By doing so, you will be able to see all of our pictures in "living color!" For any questions about the listed information, please contact the office. Enjoy!!!



www.stpeterslakewood.org

Closing a Painful Page

As many of you know, back in June a wrenching event took place at St. Peter's. On a Thursday night, a week's deposit of cash and checks, totaling over \$40,000, disappeared from a locked file cabinet in our temporary office spaces. Only \$1400 of the deposit was in cash. All but a few hundred dollars of the deposit was for St. Peter's Childcare.

There was no sign at all of forced entry, nothing else in the building was missing or disturbed and the one key to the cabinet was right where it was supposed to be. The Lakewood Police were called in immediately. Initial suspicions were that this was somehow an inside job.

As horrible as the prospect was, I asked all members of the staff to craft statements, as detailed as they could remember, as to their whereabouts on the night in question. Having been the last person out of the building that night, I included myself. It was unthinkable that one of us was the thief, but the possibility had to be eliminated.

To our great relief, within days the police received a tip and zeroed in on a suspect. The deposit bag and all the checks were discovered inside a dumpster near a Lakewood motel. The cash, not surprisingly, was gone. A few days later, the suspect was found at a community meal elsewhere and taken into custody. He confessed to the crime almost immediately.

It turns out he was a homeless youngish man with severe addiction issues, who had once attended our own community meal. He found his way into our building through a window from which an air conditioner had been removed during the asbestos abatement process. He made his way through the half-demolished building and into the undercroft. He stated he was looking for food, but took the opportunity of the empty offices to search for money. It was a sheer quirk of fate that there was money to be found, and he was able to find the one key to the cabinet.

Leslie Hannan and I attended the man's sentencing on September 26 at the downtown justice center. What a truly sobering experience it was to witness, if only for an hour or so, the grinding of the wheels of criminal justice. When our case came before the judge, she sentenced the man to five years in jail, but made it entirely on probation. The conditions of the probation were severe, requiring that this man attend 12-step

meetings every day for the coming five years and remain clean. He will regularly undergo random drug testing. He is also to pay restitution to us by next April. Should he veer away from the conditions of his probation by even a little, he will go directly to jail to serve out his sentence.

Leslie offered an eloquent statement before sentencing in which she described to the judge, and to the convicted man, how damaging this whole affair had been to the atmosphere of trust at St. Peter's. Staff members to varying degrees felt themselves to be suspects, or wondered which of their fellow staff or parishioners could have done something like this. Despite the relief felt at the man's capture, confession and conviction, there was a lingering sense of having been stained by the affair. Donna Felleisen, especially, felt deeply responsible for what happened. No matter how much we reassured her, she kept insisting on personally paying any losses to the church or daycare. Her offer has been refused.

Insurance has covered most of the cash lost. All the stolen checks have been accounted for. Financially, St. Peter's has been made almost entirely whole. The spiritual trauma of the episode, however, has continued to linger. Please join me in being thankful for the work of the local police and courts. Please join me in praying for the healing of this trauma among the staff members. And yes, pray for a messed up young man, and so many like him, who make such stupid decisions that cause so much pain.

— *Keith*

St. Cecilia's Guild

St. Cecilia will NOT meet in November since the third Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving. Save the date for the annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 19 at the Clifton Club. Your check to Joanne Calkins will be your reservation. Please see future emails or What's Happening for the cost of the meal. RSVPs due by December 14th. If you have questions call or email Lorna Jordan. 440-455-1603 ljcookie1@gmail.com

Child Care News



Thank you to the Parish of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for the generous donation we received last month from your September outreach for the Center. We received a donation of \$2000 for us to use to assist any of our

families that may find themselves in need over the year. It is really nice to be able to help a family or two as it often does MUCH MORE than just ease a financial burden. It will also enable us to purchase some new materials and furniture for the brand-new facility. Thank you very much.

The children are certainly getting excited about Fall and our classrooms are the proof. In each classroom you can find pumpkins, apples, Indian corn, and even some spooky things as well. They are also getting excited for all of the progress that has been going on at the construction site. Last month, the preschool children brought the construction crew some letters and cards as a way to show their appreciation for all the work they are putting into creating them something new and special. They make weekly trips to the site and are always greeted by the friendly workers.

November marks the 15th year anniversary of the Center's service projects. We have chosen a variety of organizations to donate money, goods or our time to, and have been quite successful with nearly all of them. It will be especially important to continue this service with so many more people in need. We are proud to have our children, families, staff and friends help us to be contributors in the community.

Wishing you all a safe Thanksgiving with your families and friends,

~ Courtney Nerad

Executive Director, St. Peter's Child Care

Fall Update for St. Peter's Choir

Another season of our music ministry with Choir is up and running and we are happy to welcome several new choral scholars to our program. Four of our college scholars from Oberlin have returned and it is so great to have these familiar faces, two of them have begun their third year with us! So that is the good news. Once again however, I have to

write about the continued small number of parishioner volunteers who should actually make up the "backbone" of a parish choir. We have not added any new members this season despite much outreach this summer and fall. In addition, we lost volunteers in our soprano section (new baby, and a too busy schedule). That leaves us with a total of three parishioner sopranos. The alto section is just as challenging with only four volunteers. (When I first arrived at St. Peter's, almost ten years ago, we had nine altos!) The tenor and bass sections are doing a bit better, but busy schedules, travel, work, family and health usually mean that three or four volunteers are away on any given weekend. As we move closer (and so quickly!) toward the Advent season, I invite you to pray for this ministry. Encourage people you know here to keep us from disappearing by attrition. There is rarely a Sunday that someone does not tell me how much our choir helps to nourish their worship experience. I still believe this is shared by many people at St. Peter's. Let's continue to work to preserve this ministry as we look forward to all sorts of new beginnings in the coming year at St. Peter's. Ask me how you can help today...that's is how it's done.

~ Michael Miller

The Vestry is Seeking a Few Good Folks

The Saint Peter's Nominating Committee is seeking a total of four adults and one youth to stand for election to Vestry at the January Annual Meeting.



If you feel called to serve, or if you would like to nominate a particular person, please contact a member of the committee. Persons elected must attend a monthly meeting (third Mondays), help lead one of our ministry leadership teams, attend a Vestry retreat in February (Friday – Saturday), and otherwise take a place in the overall spiritual and temporal leadership of the parish.

The next few years promise to be exciting and demanding. The term of office is three years for adult Vestry members and one year for youth members

Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of Ohio will hold its 202nd Annual Convention on November 9-10, 2018. All business will be conducted on Saturday, November 10, at the Cleveland Marriott East located at 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio. We encourage you join us for any or all of the weekend's activities, so be sure to register. For more information, go to the Diocese of Ohio website, www.dohio.org.

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio is the legislative body that approves the diocesan program and budget, elects persons to various groups, which serve the diocese, adopts resolutions on various issues, and approves changes in the Constitution and Canons of the diocese.

Each congregation in union with the convention, that is, those that are current with payment of diocesan assessments and Church pension requirements, is entitled to be represented by not more than three lay adult delegates in good standing in their respective congregations. Delegates are chosen in accordance with the prescribed Canon, or by special parochial charter or bylaws of the parish. Attendance at Annual Convention is not limited to lay delegates and clergy. Youth and adult members of all congregations are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Diocese of Ohio Annual Convention is held once per year, usually the second weekend in November.

Friday, November 9 at Trinity Cathedral

5:30 pm Convention Eucharist
7:00 pm Light Reception

Saturday, November 10 at Cleveland Marriott East

8:00 am Convention Registration
8:30 am New Delegate Orientation
9:00 am Convention Convenes
12:00 pm Lunch
5:00 pm Convention Adjourns

Have a question? Want to Volunteer? Call the Diocese of Ohio at 216-771-4815.

Intergenerational Advent Event



Intergenerational Advent Event is Sunday, December 2nd in-between the 8am and 10am Services. Please join us as we get messy with God.

Making things together - even simply making a mess together - can be one way in which God's kingdom explodes into life in a church, a community, an individual or a family. We're not just gluing and sticking: we're reflecting the God who creates and recreates and gives us the chance to be more fully human as we mirror his actions. Just as God wasn't afraid to get his hands into the stuff of the earth, touch swaddling clothes, skin, straw, smell frankincense and myrrh, taste milk and bread, the act of making things gives people a chance to get their hands too into the stuff of the earth, to give their senses a feast, to savour what is good, to feel real things in a screen-based world.

This Special Sunday will begin our first of three opportunities to get MESSY with God. Through these three Messy Church sessions, we will help 21st century folks own the eternal messages of Christmas for themselves so that seasonal tensions, sentimentality and material pleasures have a chance to fall into a better perspective. Stay tuned for more details in the next NET publication.

'Drop in Pageant' Planning Underway

I know, how can it be this time already??? It is, I assure you. Veteran families and those new to our parish please join us for a planning meeting on Sunday, November 4th, following coffee hour in the main lounge. We will need a good turnout to continue this much anticipated Saint Peter's tradition. Remember, first come, first to pick out the role of their choice.

From the Editor...

Over the years, several parishioners have asked if we could include a column of baptisms and deaths so folks who are out-of-town or who don't make it to church on a regular basis know what's happened. In an attempt to comply with that request, we are listing them on a yearly basis. We appreciate comments from our parishioners and hope this helps bridge the gaps.



Charlotte Elizabeth Combs
Jacob Daniel Dillon
Oliver Walker Kasnekaw
Mary Brooks Kuhn

In Memory Of...

Donald E. Ashmun
Bonnie Sue Bartlett
Maryre "Mickie" Boyd
Constance Chisamore
Ann W. Keller
Maxine Schwartz
Winifred Savidge

Share the Blessings



Once again, we are asking for helpers with Share the Blessings at Waverly Elementary School. We're asking for those who generously participate to provide uniform

clothing, a shoe certificate and a new winter coat

with hat and gloves. You may also include one educational item such as a book, a puzzle, a set of colored pencils, etc. (you get the idea). We will provide uniform information at the sponsorship table to make the process of shopping as easy as possible. Many of us are financially stressed, wondering how we will clothe our own children for school this year, let alone a stranger's child. But if we work together as the community of St. Peter's to care and provide for these children we can accomplish a lot and show hope to these children and their parents.

Please consider sponsoring a child this year, or sharing the responsibility, and the joy, with another family/friend. We were at Waverly early in September, meeting this year's participants and getting all of the necessary information about them. We will also be grateful for monetary donations to the Project if you are not able to shop for a child yourself. Please look for updates in the weekly Sunday bulletins on our timeline this year. This year "gifts" are due on Sunday, November 25, 2018. All packages may be left in the church office, brought to church on Sunday or dropped off at Jennifer Williams's house.

As always, we are humbled by the gift of your time, resources and compassion for this Project. Thank you for all that you do to make this Project so successful each and every year. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Williams (jjwilliamsjen@gmail.com or 216-533-6036) with any questions or comments.

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings Time will change on the first Sunday in November when clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time making it 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

Clocks will need to be changed on Sunday, November 4th.

from our Curate...



Have you ever been asked to pray aloud? Maybe you have been asked to pray for a person or maybe to offer a prayer before a meal with family and friends. When asked,

are you thrilled at the opportunity? Or do you try not to be asked because you don't think you know how to pray aloud? Maybe you have never been asked but wouldn't mind being asked.

Prayer looks and sounds a lot of different ways. In the Catechism of The Book of Common Prayer (found in the back of the Prayer Book), the response to *what is prayer?* Is: "prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words" (BCP, p. 856). I like this response because we all have different personalities and ways to show our gratitude, our concern and our emotions to one another and to God.

Whatever your experience of prayer, praying aloud can sometimes seem daunting and scary, especially when you don't have something prepared. I still get nervous and thought about how I learned- someone taught me! My friend Steph invited me to her Bible Study group, and that's where I learned to pray using this acronym: ACTS- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. It has stuck with me!

I offer and share it with you, so you have a tool to use if you are ever asked to pray aloud or if you want to use it in your own prayers. It can be adapted to be used with children, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, extended family, your partner, your friends...

Adoration- praising God for who God is: good, mighty, love, or whatever you want to praise God for! There are many names of praise for God, here are a few: Gracious God, Holy God of life and love, God you are good, God of wisdom and mercy... What words of adoring and praising God come to your mind?

Confession-anything you want to confess to God. Reflect on your day, week, and month and anything that has taken you away from living your life following the way of Jesus. Have you said something that was hurtful and harmful to another? Have actions drawn you or another away from the love of God? Anything else on your heart or in your mind that is burdening you that you can name and lay before God?

Thanksgiving- what are you thankful for? People, places, events, things, an outcome, relief, the list for what you might be thankful to God for can be long or short, just be honest. Supplication- what things do you want to ask God for? Has someone asked you to pray for them? Have you volunteered to pray for someone? Share their name here, share about a situation that needs help or healing, share about anything that you see or know that needs made better.

With Thanksgiving this month, maybe you'll be asked to pray for a meal, here's an example of how you could use this prayer model:

Gracious God, you pour out your abundant love and grace upon all creation. Thank you! Please forgive us for wasting the resources you've given us, forgive us for not treating each other with love, and forgive us for our greed and selfishness which isolates us from our communities. Thank you for this time and wonderful food that we share together today. Thank you for the abundance you show us daily. We pray for all those who don't have enough and who need healing. We pray for those who are alone. Help us love you and love each other. Help us work for the betterment of all. In your name we pray. Amen.

This is just one example, and I tend to be a bit wordy, so know this is not the only way to do it. Experiment and try this and see what works for you!

Peace and prayers. *Kelly*

Growing Together IN Family Discipleship

Family discipleship focused, how do we get there? How do we get families to engage and how do we shift our culture to help families engage? God's original plan for discipleship is for faith and values to be passed from one generation to another. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says "AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT. AND THESE WORDS, WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, SHALL BE IN THINE HEART: AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND SHALT TALK OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY, AND WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP. I don't want to speak for you, but I will tell you that my own family and my own ministry at Saint Peter's definitely have some room for improvement. I think we sometimes get tired, and we lose focus of family discipleship. We slip into that idea of worshiping our Lord only on Sunday's. It's easy and convenient, the staff has everything set up and ready to go and let's face it the folks are pretty nice so it's okay that I feel as though I've done my "Christian duty" in that one hour and now I'm good to go for the next week. But when we really think about it, 1/168, one hour out of the week, it's not enough and we're all guilty of thinking it is and we all have the power to be more intentional. Rev. Kelly, Larry, and I had the privilege of attending D6 Conference 2018 in Greensboro, NC. We learned a ton and I hope to share with you what inspiration I received.

What if what happened at church, also happened at home? What if we all supported one another and helped make connections back and forth between church and home, and back and forth again, for every generation? We would foster that culture God intended us to have. He wants us out seeking him and discussing him and joining him outside of these church walls. I want to equip children with a faith that will last, a faith that will outlast this changing world. Timothy Paul Jones taught my first breakout session that we are viewing the word "Secular" incorrectly as defined within the church walls. We need our youth to understand "unbelief" is an

option. You want them to challenge us in this safe environment, not a hostile unbelieving environment. They shouldn't be afraid to broach this topic with us. We need to STOP assuming that our expressions of religious beliefs should be kept private. Talk to your neighbors, talk to the people in line with you at the grocery store, talk to other parents at school. Stop making religious discussions taboo. Our youth can recognize and respect other beliefs without embracing them. Just teach them to focus on the resurrection. Support our college kids. They arrive to campus and most times don't make any connection to their faith while there, campus ministry is so important. We need to help parents find their students campus ministry and make the connections. Consider retreats for seniors in high school, an "I'm going to keep my faith in college" retreat. Lastly, he suggested creating summer guide kits for families to read, explore and question.

Discipleship is not an event; it is a WAY OF LIFE! Ron Hunter told us to be Fearless Leaders. The population of atheists and non-believers are rising. They comprise a larger population in Western countries than believers. We must prepare for life's battles and defend our faith. We must prepare our children for this battle and prepare them confidently. Our children need faith tools and education to succeed. They not only need their churches support but also Christian support from the home. They need to respond when challenged. Rob Rienbow explained that family worship is the engine that powers the Christian family. If we take our "good intentions" + "willpower" we have a fighting chance. Let's say for example my family of 6 that all live under one roof, sins, Yes, I know the 6 of us make for a lot of sin! We need daily doses of grace and mercy. We shouldn't just be waiting to clean up our messes till Sunday at 10am. We need to be working on this daily. Rob, suggested that we set aside an area or a room in our homes that this could be made a priority. He said it doesn't have to be an exclusive room. He uses his living room. I can tell you that when he explained this to us, the Keith's use their kitchen table at dinner time. We need to support worship in every home and as ministry leaders we need to equip our families with tools. Jesus wants us worshiping him everywhere and advancing the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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You will always harvest what you plant. Kyle Idleman went on to explain to us that if we're not applying discipleship in our own home, marriages, etc. – what do we really expect? Can we expect to be raising strong Christians? If we're not working on this at home during the week can we really expect our children to be strong enough to enter the world and support their Christianity when challenged? You get out of it, what you put into it and like I said before I'm just as guilty as the next, the Keith's have some work to do.

The big picture, involving kids, students, and families in God's local and global mission. Jason Gaston explained that we need to change from seeking more people in our pews on Sunday's to SENDING more people out into the world. We need to unleash our students with the gospel to make connections all over the globe. Can you even imagine, Generation Z could possibly be the last generation to whisper "Jesus" to a tribe that hasn't heard his name? He continues to paint a picture for us of soil and roots taking hold and growing. He says our soil must be saturated in scripture. This way our students will grow strong roots, be harvested and shared globally. Now I have heard the word "mission" defined in many, many ways but Jason defined it as; the relentless pursuit of Gods people. We need to be making easy on ramps for our church families. We need to help our parents with easy "wins". Back to the planting in the soil, providing opportunities to serve as a family in the community is not always easy but it is possible, we just need to plant that seed. Celebrations should not be limited within the church. Find ways and outlets to celebrate, be creative with these sending opportunities.

Making disciples who make disciples, who said that, Robby Gallaty? Never been a disciple, don't know what to do? Nowhere in the Bible is anyone asked to make a "decision for Christ" and no one is made to accept "Christ". That's not what it's about. What if we followed a "disciplistic" gospel, since "disciple making" is the central teaching of the church? We send in mission. Jesus met with 5 guys for 18 months and took them on short-term mission trips. Plant seeds of replication. The gospel came to you BECAUSE it was heading to someone else. We have to change our scorecard in church. It's not about butts, money, baptisms, and buildings. Jesus didn't gauge success this way. We need to be out of the church reaching people, making an impact

within our community and developing relationships. Accountability needs to be happening within small church groups, men's group, and women's group. Men and women are more comfortable opening up in their own groups so keep them separate. When they meet follow this agenda; 1) How was your week/prayer, 2) Memorize scripture, 3) Read and share on what you heard in the Bible, 4) Read a book together, 5) Tools, provide prayer action steps.

Restore our home, while the impact of culture weighs on our strategies. Tim Goodyear and John Stonestreet gave strategies to help our churches. First we are responsible for casting the vision and clearly defining family discipleship. We need to clearly explain what we mean, what we do, and what do we expect. Vision leaks over time and results will not be seen over night. Create the new culture by providing tools. We're usually good on providing training and handouts but we need to be better at investing in good tools. Parents are the primary disciple makers and we need to support them with the best. We need to continually be praying for all of the homes within our church and the homes around our church, those close to the physical building and those farther out in the community. Lastly, we need to coach. We have to coach our families along the way, preparing them mentally. Bring the new culture to Main Street – bring it to the center of everything. Equipping our parents means we're equipping future saints. What is our salvation for? Sophie Scholl and her brother asked themselves this question during WWII. She and her brother were German students and anti-Nazi activists. They were convicted of high treason after having been found distributing anti-war leaflets at their university. As a result, they were executed by guillotine. They were reported before their death saying "We are Christian, and we are German; therefore, we are responsible for Germany!" So, if we transferred this and apply to our life, fill in the blanks. "I am Christian, and I am a mother; therefore, I am responsible for my families discipleship."

Raising tiny disciples into bigger disciples and into senders is a privilege. Being able to help minister this to additional families is the ultimate honor, thank you for trusting me.

~ Michelle Killin Keith



Youth Group News...



Youth Group is having a GREAT Fall!!!

Here are our November Dates

❖ Saturday, November 3:

Parish Grounds Clean-Up Day. I have offered our group to clean and paint the kitchen cabinets. We also use this room for our Bible Study and I thought it would be nice to leave it better than we found it. Hope you can all help!

❖ Sunday, November 4:

Who wants to be in the Christmas Eve Pageant? We need youth to take reading/speaking roles. Come sign up!

❖ Sunday, November 18:

Y-Haven and CCP Present a Play on Sunday November 18 at LCC. The time is to be determined. Y-Haven is one of the shelters we support in our Homeless Sleep-out fundraising. We met one of the actors this summer and look forward to attending this play. Our youth group has the unique opportunity to eat lunch with the actors (residents of the shelter) and gain a new understanding of their life.

❖ Sunday, November 25:

Please plan to stay after worship for lunch and a bonding exercise then we'll head over Eliza Jennings Home to begin a friendship with their residents and help with some Holiday crafts. We will need another parent to host our lunch, please let me know if you are able. Parents pick up at 3pm at Eliza Jennings Health Campus located at 10603 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, [216.226.0282](tel:216.226.0282)

Parish Work Day



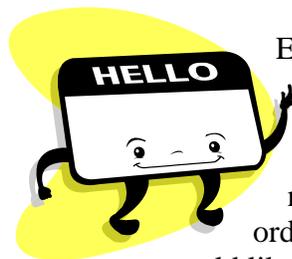
On Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 am to noon, the Buildings and Grounds Ministry will host an indoor/outdoor parish work day. There are many things around the church that need fixing and sprucing up. Please mark you calendars, and plan to attend. Many hands are needed to get the job done, so join us for fun, fellowship and a little "hands-on business". Breakfast will be provided.



Bible Studies

Every week, group Bible Study is available for all. On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., we meet in the downstairs lounge to ponder the Scriptures assigned for the coming Sunday. On Fridays at 7:00 a.m., at Joe's Deli, a group of men (but it's not limited to men!) meet for a hearty breakfast and serial study of books of the Bible. These are "drop-in" groups, so you are always welcome.

Name Tags



Each Sunday, you are invited to write out your name on a name tag and wear it so everyone will know who you are... Permanent name badges are available for ordering! Please call the office if you would like to place an order for a badge (red background with white lettering). The badges are available with magnetic backs or pins. (Please remember: anyone with a pacemaker should not order a magnetic back badge.) The cost of the badge is \$7.50. Call 216-226-1772 or e-mail office@stpeterslakewood.org the office with questions or to place an order.



Coffee Hour



Although our location may have changed nothing else has.....just to remind us all how this works: 6 households will be assigned each Sunday. No one will have to do this more than a couple times each year. We ask that you plan to bring along with you on Sunday a plate of something to put out for coffee hour. Baking is not required, but is always welcomed! The items you bring can be as simple as a bag of goldfish crackers, fresh fruit such as grapes, baby carrots and dip, grapes, crackers & cheese, you name it. Just bring enough to share with maybe two dozen people, and please make sure it's ready to service(i.e., on a platter, sliced, whatever). The verger will take care of putting things out and cleaning up (though you are always welcome to help!)

If you cannot cover your assigned Sunday, it would be most helpful if you call someone and switch Sundays. You may opt entirely out of the rotation simply by contacting Amanda Chambers 440-669-6352 or amandaschambers@hotmail.com

With much gratitude, *Amanda Chambers*

November 4: Linda Lange-verger

Kay McKelvey

Penny & Sumner Mead

Jill Rumford & Annika Mintzlaff

John & Pat Neumann

Dorothy O'Neil

Dave & Gina Opdycke

November 11: Amanda & Amy Chambers-verger

John & Monica Opdycke

Naomi Opdycke

Matt & Ellen Ospelt

Keith & Monica Owen

Charlotte Patrick

Claire Perrin

November 18: Hilary & Mike Bickerton-verger

Lisa Peterson

Jessica Philpott

Bob Potts

John & Marci Rich

Liz & Grace Roberts

Louise Rodebush & Michelle Felgar

November 25 : Tina Uible-verger

Maria Roig and Ron Gantt

Wadia Salah

Mary Sandberg

Matt and Melissa Sattler

Marilyn Schabel

Bob & Chris Schauer

December 2: Sarah Taylor-Verger

Paul & Wendi Schwartz

Tim & Molly Simon

Gary & Megan Sindelar

Lois Smith

Cathe Step & Ryan Vogelgesang

Ron Stach & Doug Hoffman

December 9: Su & Tom Andrews-Verger

Nat & Liz Pentalton

Carl & Shirley Tabar

Dave Tabar

Ken & Martha Taylor

Jeff Tennant

December 16: Nan Archbold -Verger

George & Barbara Thomas

Brad & Deb Vandrask

Pat Wielinski

Angie Whidden

Kathy Woolner

December 23

Greening of the Church-lunch provided

December 30

Bring good to share

St. Peter's Foundation:

If you are considering St. Peter's Church Foundation in your giving and estate planning, and would like more information, please go to St. Peter's website at www.stpeterslakewood.org, and click on the link to the Foundation. You may also call the church office for assistance. This is an opportunity for you to give to the future of our church, in building and in mission.

November Events

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Choir 7:30 pm	2 Bible Study, 7:00 am	3 Parish Clean-up Day, 8:30 am
4 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am Pageant Planning, 11:45am	5	6 Building Design, 7:00 pm	7 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am	8 Choir 7:30 pm	9 Bible Study, 7:00 am Diocesan Convention	10 Diocesan Convention
11 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am	12	13 Community Meal, 6:00 pm	14 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am	15 Choir 7:30 pm <i>NET Deadline</i>	16 Bible Study, 7:00 am	17
18 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am	19 Vestry, 6:45 pm	20 Choir, 7:30 pm	21 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am Foundation, 7:00 pm OFFICE CLOSED, noon	22 Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am OFFICE CLOSED	23 Bible Study, 7:00 am OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am Youth @ Eliza Jennings, 1pm	26	27	28 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am	29 Choir 7:30 pm	30 Bible Study, 7:00 am Holy Eucharist at Normandy, 11:00 am	

Happy Thanksgiving



Parish Prayer Rota for November

Please use this parish prayer rota in your daily prayers. We will pray for all the families and individuals in the parish serially over the course of a few months, we'll then start over again. Clip this page and keep it with your daily devotions for easy access.

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| Nov 1 | Al & Jo Oldenburg
Dottie O'Neill | Nov 15 | Matt, Melissa, James,
Stella & Norah Sattler
Keith & MaryAnn Savidge |
| Nov 2 | Dave, Regina,
Abbigail & Emma Opdycke
John, Monica, Alexis, Ian,
Lucas & Noah Opdycke | Nov 16 | Marilyn Schabel
Bob & Christine Schauer |
| Nov 3 | Naomi Opdycke
Matt, Ellen, Truman,
Grace & Grant Ospelt | Nov 17 | Fritz Schaufele
Maureen Schoen |
| Nov 4 | Keith, Monica, Alison,
Josh & Rachel Owen
Tom Pace, Jennifer Marcy,
Zoe, Max & Eli | Nov 18 | Thomas Shorle & Thomas Rowntree
Paul, Wendi, Blake,
Claire & Rachel Schwartz |
| Nov 5 | Nathaniel, Elizabeth & John Pendelton
Claire Perrin | Nov 19 | Sally Scovill
Deb Sefcek |
| Nov 6 | Michael, Jenny, Anthony,
Richard & William Perrins
Lisa, Jana & Alexander Peterson | Nov 20 | Tim & Molly Simon
Lois Smith |
| Nov 7 | John & Susan Petty
Jessica Philpott, Matt & Luke Sferra | Nov 21 | Carrie Sowden
Ron Stach & Doug Hoffman |
| Nov 8 | Elaine Porter
Bob Potts | Nov 22 | Thanksgiving Prayers to All |
| Nov 9 | Fred & Yvonne Purdy
Tom & Linda Purdy | Nov 23 | Kevin, Holly, Cameron & Ethan St. Clair
Julie Steigerwald |
| Nov 10 | Gary & Bobbie Ramsey
John & Marci Rich | Nov 24 | Ed & Julie Stenger
Cathe Step, Ryan Vogelgesang,
Charlie & Owen |
| Nov 11 | Our Veterans: for their patriotism, love of
country, and willingness to serve and
sacrifice for the common good | Nov 25 | Carl & Shirley Tabar
Dave & Donna Tabar |
| Nov 12 | Liz & Grace Roberts
Louise Rodebush, Michelle Felgar,
Ella & Haley | Nov 26 | Ken, Martha, Gordon & Stuart Taylor
Sarah & Rory Taylor |
| Nov 13 | Marc, Hilary, Marlie Spencer Rose
Jill Rumford & Annika Mintzlaff | Nov 27 | Jeff Tennant & Bruce Smith
Margo & Brandt Tennant |
| Nov 14 | Wadia Salah
Mary Sandberg | Nov 28 | George & Barbara Thomas
David & Tina Uible |
| | | Nov 29 | Madelon VanDeuson
Brad, Deb, Chris & Peter Vandrask |
| | | Nov 30 | Churchill & Evelyn Ward
Lucy Warner |

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
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