

## ***What's Happening January 5 – 12, 2020***

### **We hold in our prayers this week:**

**We Hold in Our Prayers This Week:** Molly Simon, Bob Lewis, Mary Daniel, Bob Brown, Rick Nash, Warren Williams, Ron Gantt, Lawrence Gibson, Jennifer Carlson

**Homebound Parishioners:** Doug Bradfield, Clara Mae Cain, Barbara House, Betty Fifner, Mildred Bittel, Bob Houck, Deb Sefcek, Fran Ogan, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Brandt and Margo Tennant, Lynn Allman

**Parishioners' Friends and Family:** The Rev. Evan Fischer (Keith Owen), Jim Karman (Jan Cook), Russ Pishnery (Childcare Center), Dan McDonough (Jan Madigan), Clinton Hist, II (Heidi Demaline), James Daniels (Bob Brown) Pat Kiely (Mariann Wren), Michael Wood (Nan Archbold), Andrew Horner, Geoff Busch (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutera), Elena Rippe (Anida Balmer), Lauren (Dave Tabar), Mom (Susan Jensen), Susan Wenz, Brenda Massetti (Gina Massetti), Daniel & Catherine Taylor (Dennis McCready), Karen, Graham & Gordon (Ann Bish), Rosemary Andrews, Joan Fowle, Sandy Lepick (Tom & Sue Andrews), Brynn Purdy, (Linda Purdy), Michael Slaby, Alice Weaver (Peggy Zimmer), Tim Purdy & family, Dennis and Joyce Broadway (Fred Purdy), Nancy Lyons (Jim Cofer), Bob Hollowell (Lisa Cheshier)

**Our Wider Fellowships:** In the Diocese of Ohio pray for the Southeast Mission, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for Rwanda and West Africa

**Loose Plate Offering for January to support Clergy Discretionary Fund:** An old, but still on the books, Episcopal Church canon directs that “the alms of the people on one Sunday each month” be placed in the custody of the Rector in order to assist the poor. Over the years, this practice has come to be called a “Rector’s Discretionary Fund.” This is money held in the church’s accounts that the Rector can use to respond to pastoral emergencies, requests for charitable assistance, or acts of ministry not otherwise foreseen in a church budget. In my years here, those monies have been used for a remarkable array of things: camp scholarships for kids, rent payments, electrical and water bills, tanks of gasoline, RTA bus tickets, a window air conditioner, shoes, school books for kids at Waverly Elementary School, tuition payments, gifts for baptizands, confirmands and ordinands. The most common use is to have on hand here in the office Giant Eagle gift cards that we can give to folks referred to us by Lakewood Community Services Center, or who just drop in, needing food assistance. The Discretionary Fund also occasionally buys pizza for a “Greening of the Church” lunch or supper for a young adult gathering. The Fund simply gives the Rector a means to respond to needs “in the moment.”

Over the years, parishioner generosity has made unnecessary taking the one Sunday a month. This month, lacking any other nominated ministry, our loose plate offerings will be directed to the Discretionary Fund.

**Feast of the Epiphany:** A Eucharist service will be held on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Confession of St. Peter. All are welcome.

**“God Land” – Discussing Politics in the Church:** Our Adult Forum will resume again next Sunday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Undercroft Lounge.

In his November address to Diocesan Convention, Bishop Hollingsworth challenged us to find the courage, discipline and faith to make our congregations spaces in which “politics” can be discussed respectfully and intelligently. To that end, the Adult Forum from now until Holy Week will try to be such a space.

We will begin by reading together the recent book “God Land: A Story of Faith, Loss and Renewal in Middle America,” by Lyz Lenz, and this will occupy us for four Sundays. We will then spend six Sundays discussing some of the deeply polarizing political issues of our day. The group will have the option of continuing after Easter.

A significant part of our experience will be learning a process of group discussion that privileges deep listening. We WILL NOT debate issues in the fashion we usually envision as “debate.” We will not, at the end of each session, vote on “who won or lost.” The goal will be to leave the sessions, and the entire program, as fully committed to our political beliefs as were at the beginning, but nevertheless still in fellowship with those with whom we disagree. Wherever you sit on the political spectrum, especially if you sit at one or the other extreme, please take up this critical discipline at this critical time.

**Acolytes, Readers and Chalicers:** We are looking for new recruits for these important Sunday morning ministries for both services.

**Acolytes** can be adults or young people, males and females. You can volunteer for the 8 or 10 service, or both. The requirements are that you be 50” tall and at least 11 years old. Typically, you are scheduled to serve about one Sunday each month. A training session for new acolytes will take place on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 10:00 service. 8 o’clock volunteers will be trained privately at a convenient time.

**Readers** are scheduled to read the appointed Scriptures or lead the Prayers of the People. You are typically scheduled about once every 4-6 weeks.

**Chalicers** administer the chalice at communion. Chalicers are usually scheduled about once every 4 weeks.

Please contact Keith if you are interested in sharing in one or more of these ministries.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you requested offering envelopes for 2020, they are on the table at the back of the church. Please call or e-mail the office via 216-226-1772 or [office@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:office@stpeterslakewood.org) if you would still like to order envelopes. Also, remember to **discard** all your old envelopes. Each year many envelope numbers change, making the 2019 and previous years envelopes invalid.



**Directory Updates... Last Chance to update before this year's printing!!!**

Please contact the office with any address and phone changes. We try very hard to have the correct contact information for everyone in the parish. So, if you have a change to the Parish Directory, i.e. address, phone number, mobile phone, etc... or would like to add a birth date or anniversary date to our data base, please email the office at [office@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:office@stpeterslakewood.org) or call 216-226-1772. Parish Directories are distributed at the Annual Meeting in January. Thank you for your assistance with this project.



**Chancel Guild:** The Chancel Guild will be holding its Winter Brunch on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Peter's. The new schedule for 2020 will be available at that time and a short "housekeeping" meeting will follow.

Anyone interested in joining Chancel Guild or finding out more about this ministry is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to your Team Leader or by calling Cathe Step at 216-221-6081.



**St. Cecilia's Guild** will meet at church on Wednesday, January 15 for a surprise presentation by Rev. Keith Owen. Keith is treating the Guild to lunch. Please RSVP to Lorna Jordan by Wednesday, January 8 so we have an accurate count for lunch. For more information contact Lorna Jordan 440-455-1603 or [ljcookie1@gmail.com](mailto:ljcookie1@gmail.com).

**Coffee Hour / Fellowship:** The response to our coffee hour approach has been wonderful! Lots of food and fellowship. "Hosts" in the coming weeks are: **January 5** - Nan Archbold - Verger, Nancy McIvor, Penny Mead, John & Pat Neumann, Dorothy O'Neill, Dave & Gina Opdycke; **January 12** - Sue and Tom Andrews -Verger, John & Monica Opdycke, Naomi Opdycke, Matt & Ellen Ospelt, Keith & Monica Owen, Charlotte Patrick; **January 19** - Tina Uible -Verger, Nat & Liz Pendalton, Claire Perrin, Jessica Philpott, Bob Potts, John & Marci Rich; **January 26** - Parish Annual Meeting; No Coffee Hour.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF  
SAINT PETER'S CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

**One service at 9:30 a.m.**

**Potluck brunch and continued meeting to follow.**

**Please bring potluck items as follows:**

**Main course: A – L**

**Hot/old vegetable or fruit: M – R**

**Light dessert: S – Z**

# Here's What's Happening!



## January 5 – January 18, 2020

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>01/05/2020</b>	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 am	Fellowship
Monday	6:00 pm	Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Confession
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Birthworkers Chat
	6:30 pm	Bowling @ Fairview Lanes
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing
	10:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	7:00 am	Bible Study @ Joe's Deli

### **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>01/12/2020</b>	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 am	Fellowship
	11:30 am	Youth Mission Trip Meeting Youth Pizza Sale begins...
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Community Meal
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Resilient Mamas

### **NET Deadline**

Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	7:00 am	Bible Study @ Joe's Deli
Saturday	11:00 am	Chancel Guild Brunch
	7:00 pm	Homeless Sleepout