

## ***What's Happening January 19 – 26, 2020***

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

**We Hold in Our Prayers This Week:** David Daley, Ron Stach, Molly Simon, Bob Lewis, 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:** Stewart Pierson (Naomi Opdycke), Lee Keller, Don Pate (John Keller), Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Ruth Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer), The Rev. Evan Fischer (Keith Owen), Jim Karman (Jan Cook), 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), 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 (Tom & Sue Andrews), Tim Purdy & family, Dennis and Joyce Broadway (Fred Purdy)

**Our Wider Fellowships:** In the Diocese of Ohio pray for Retired Clergy, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the United Church of Bangladesh

**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.

**“God Land” – Discussing Politics in the Church:** Our Adult Forum will continue 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 today, 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.

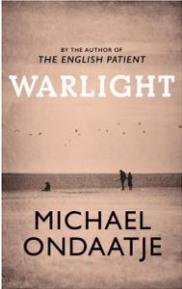
**Chalicers** administer the chalice at communion. Chalicers are usually scheduled about once every 4 weeks.

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

**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.

**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 19** - Tina Uible -Verger, Nat & Liz Pandalton, Claire Perrin, Jessica Philpott, Bob Potts, John & Marci Rich; **January 26** - Parish Annual Meeting; No Coffee Hour.



**St. Cecilia’s Guild Book Discussion** and tea will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Tina Uible’s house. The book, *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje, will be discussed. Goodreads says “In a narrative as mysterious as memory itself – at once both shadowed and luminous – *Warlight* is a vivid, thrilling novel of violence and love, intrigue and desire. It is 1945, and London is still reeling from the Blitz and years of war. 14-year-old Nathaniel and his sister, Rachel, are apparently abandoned by their parents, left in the care of an enigmatic figure named The Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal, and grow both more convinced and less concerned as they get to know his eccentric crew of friends: men and women with a shared history, all of whom seem determined now to protect, and educate (in rather unusual ways) Rachel and Nathaniel. But are they really what and who they claim to be? A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all he didn’t know or understand in that time, and it is this journey – through reality, recollection, and imagination – that is told in this magnificent novel. St. Peter’s parishioner Joseph Jacoby will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

**Dewey’s Super Bowl Pizza:** The Youth will be selling Dewey’s Pizzas for our Dewey’s Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser to support our Summer Mission Trip. Dewey’s has promised us a great pizza. These delicious pizzas will be perfect to have at home to watch the game or to take to your Super Bowl Party. Order forms are available in the church office, the back of the church and in some Sunday bulletins. **Pizzas will be half-baked** and freshly made to order. They will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> after each service. Dewey's has agreed to a maximum of 45 pizzas, so don't miss out on yours, order today!



**January 12 – January 26, 2020**

Sunday <b>01/19/2020</b>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 am	Fellowship
	11:30 am	Acolyte, Reader, Chalice mtg.
Monday	6:45 pm	Vestry
<b>OFFICE CLOSED – MLK Day</b>		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Village Circle
	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
Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Annual Mtg.

# REMINDER

**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:**

*Please note the change... we would like to have  
only main dishes, vegetables and fruit. No  
desserts. Thank you very much.*

**Main course: A – N**

**Hot/cold vegetable or fruit: O – Z**

**DON'T FORGET**