

What's Happening: December 5, 2021

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Linda Purdy, Dottie O'Neill, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Rob Kuhlenschmidt, Robin Ingram, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash, Jennifer Carlson, Bob Lewis

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Calkins, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Molly Simon, Doug Bradfield, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Clara Mae Cain, Mildred Bittel, Deb Sefcek, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Margo Tennant

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Jeannie Grimm, Marcia Meyers (Joanne Hull), Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers), Betty Carter (Ron Stach), Karen Wagner (Michelle Killin Keith), Kirby Lee (Jeff Tennant), Rhett (Anna Norton), Evie Morris (Martha Taylor), Mike Kaczmarek (Jan Madigan), Mary Anne Barnes (Emily Malquest), Suehana Kieres (Liz Crosby), Phil Vandrasiak (Brad Vandrasiak), Cindy Check (Fred Purdy), Emily Evans, Ruth Zimmer, Mardelle Evans (Peggy Zimmer), Charlie Speake (John Keller), Don Aukerman, Julie, Karen, Gordon and Graham (Ann Bish), Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley), Gloria Morgan (Sam Morgan), Richey Ruscin (Linda Purdy), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Joe Nero (Don & Mary Blesse), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Debbie Wodzisz, Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutera)

Join us for Sunday Worship...
in person at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. ONLINE
The Rev. Sally Goodall, Interim Rector

The Service will be live streamed beginning at 9:50 a.m., and the recording will subsequently remain available by going to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEI2jnl_s7g?

Everything you need for worship can be accessed at

<http://www.stpeterslakewood.org/news/sunday-worship/>

Welcome to St. Peter's! If you are attending services, please use the back glass door off the parking lot (where the elevator is located) or the front door to enter the church. At this time, the other two entrances will remain locked. If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers or Tom Newman, St. Peter's Sexton. Masks are required in building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monthly Outreach Focus: Episcopal Relief and Development



Episcopal Relief & Development (ER&D) is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, ER&D serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Episcopal Relief and Development works with church partners to rebuild after disasters and empower people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Working in close to 40 countries, their programs impact the lives of approximately 3 million people. Their international development programs seek to mobilize local resources and expertise toward sustainable, community-led programs that address poverty, hunger, and disease.

The organization was established in 1940 by the Episcopal Church with its initial mission to assist refugees fleeing Europe during World War II. Soon after the war, the agency's efforts expanded to include additional humanitarian assistance, focusing mostly on disaster relief.

ER&D has assisted world-wide and domestically from hurricane disasters to tsunamis to earthquakes. Anywhere there is a natural disaster, poverty, famine, or the need for economic strength, the promotion of health and recovery, Episcopal Relief and Development is there.

The four core program areas of ER&D include:

- Alleviate hunger and improve food supply
- Create economic opportunities and strengthen communities
- Promote health and fight disease
- Respond to disasters and rebuild communities

Please give generously to Episcopal Relief and Development, this month's outreach focus. For more information, go to ER&D's website: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org>.



**Please be sure to return your pledge card.
You may mail it, place it in the alms basins,
email it (office@stpeterslakewood.org)
or call the office (216-226-1772).
Your generosity and support of St. Peter's is greatly
appreciated.**

**Help Fill the Bags!!!
Only a Couple Weeks Left...**

Traditionally we've given our Community Meal guests a small gift at Christmas time. This year we would like to include a pair of warm socks or gloves and perhaps some toiletries with the Christmas meal. If you would like to contribute a pair of unisex one size fits all socks or gloves, toothpaste, deodorant, etc, you can drop the items in the plastic bin by the back door anytime until December 12. If you'd like someone to pick up your donation, please give Jan Babbit a call.



We hope you are having fun working on your Advent Project. This is Week Three!

We hope you are having fun working on your Advent Project. This is Week Two!

Mrs. Martha Taylor will be available via the St. Peter's YouTube link to guide you through the project each week. Here is the YouTube link for Week Two's video.

<https://youtu.be/xWjCqNa0gH0>

We hope you enjoy your Advent project.

Blessing to all,
Youth Ministry Committee

SPECIAL NOTE After completing the stable in week two, I realized the structure needed more support than just popsicle sticks. I have substituted paint stirrers in your kit to be used instead. Have fun! *Mrs. Taylor*



The Christmas Baby by Marion Dane Bauer, Illustrated by Richard Cowdrey and read by Lesley Demagal.

<https://youtu.be/5fSbqxDSfTM>

Advent

An invitation
To Come



Join us in the Oratory on Sunday mornings between the services, 9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. for Advent Conversations.

Advent 2 December 5: Joy in the wilderness: Finding Hope in Advent

Advent 3 December 12: Trust, Expectation and God's Grace

Advent 4 December 19: What's so special about Mary?

VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Join us for a VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR at 11:15 a.m.
December 12**

Virtual Coffee Hour will meet on the second (2nd) Sunday of the month: The next one will be held on December 12. Please join in and meet and greet your fellow parishioners. (Mark your calendars for the other Coffee Hours!)

Login to Sunday Coffee Hour via ZOOM at 11:15 a.m. Sundays. You can get to brunch by using this link in your internet browser:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813898119?pwd=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or The Rev. Sally Goodall at 330-608-8085 or via email at revsallyg76@gmail.com.

Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org



Join us on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. for a family-oriented service complete with a drop-in pageant. All children are welcome to participate. Arrive a few minutes before the start of the service, and pick a costume. Then as the Gospel is read, take your place as a shepherd, angel, Mary and Joseph, and the many animals from the fields. There is no rehearsal... this is truly a drop-in event.

We hope to see you there.

Other services include the Solemn Eucharist of the Nativity at 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. And the Eucharist of the Nativity at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The First Sunday after Christmas, December 26, there will be only **ONE** service which will be held at 9:30 a.m. Join us as we sing carols and celebrate the Birth of our Lord.



BULLETIN INSERTS

December 5, 2021 – Advent 2 (C) Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



Sunday, December 5 **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

Monday, December 6 **GO**

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

Tuesday, December 7 **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

Wednesday, December 8 **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

Thursday, December 9 **BLESS**

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Friday, December 10 **TURN**

Where did you struggle this week? Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God’s help, to make those changes.

Saturday, December 11 **REST**

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.



Advent 2,

Sunday, December 5,
Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 am
9:00 am Advent Conversation

Advent 3

Sunday, December 12,
Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 am
9:00 am Advent Conversation

Advent 4

Sunday, December 19
Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 am
9:00 am Advent Conversation

The Feast of the Nativity

December 24

4:00 p.m.

Christmas Service for Families
“Drop-in” Christmas Pageant

10:00 p.m.

Solemn Eucharist of the Nativity

December 25

10:00 a.m.

Eucharist of the Nativity

**The First Sunday
after Christmas**

December 26, ONE SERVICE

9:30 a.m.