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Advent has always been my favorite time of the year. It is a time of joyful expectation and at the same time we may be sensing the unease of anticipating the second coming of Christ. It is the beginning of the Christian year. It is a time of mystery, preparation, reflection, self-examination and renewed commitment.

We make the same journey every year, yet every year the journey through Advent is a little different. This year, there are several opportunities for that journey.

- A. I will be offering a time of conversation and reflection between the services on Sunday, from 9 to 9.40 in the Oratory.

November 28 Images of dark and light.
December 5 Hope in the wilderness
December 12 Trust, expectation and God's Grace
December 19 What's so special about Mary?

- B. I will offer a Thursday evening service at 5.30 on December 2, 9 and 16.
- C. for those who prefer to make the journey using some daily practices at home, there will be inserts in the weekly service bulletin.

For the children, we are working on weekly Christmas stories online, to watch whenever is a good time for you.

We are also planning a craft activity for the family to complete together via online instruction. And, yes, we are planning a pageant this year. It will be a simple scaled back version of the pageant you are used to.

So, I wish you all a very Blessed Advent!

Sally +



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.

Christmas Services



Join us for our traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The 4:00 service is geared to families with children. A drop-in pageant will be held at that service and all children are welcome to come in, grab a costume and participate in the pageant. No rehearsals; just drop-in, grab, and go!

The 10:00 service, Festival Eucharist of the Nativity, is a more traditional service with the choir and music.

The Christmas Day service will be held at 10:00 a.m. and be a more contemplative service.

Since Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are on a Friday and Saturday, there will only be ONE SERVICE at 9:30 a.m. on December 26, the First Sunday after Christmas.

We welcome you and invite you to join us for during this wonderful, joyous Christmas season.

Directory Updates...



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 or call 216-226-1772. Parish Directories are distributed at the Annual Meeting in January. Thank you for your assistance with this project.



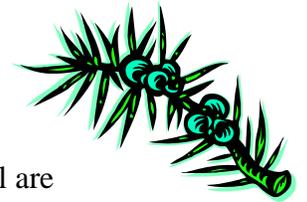
Coffee Hour & Fellowship



Now that the cooler days have arrived, we are gathering after the 10:00 service with coffee and lemonade. As long as Covid trend is low, we will gather inside in our “regular” spot outside the chapel. Please stop by and enjoy some wonderful St. Peter’s fellowship. You are missed! ~ Amanda Chambers

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens will begin on Thursday, December 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us; your help is greatly appreciated. All are invited.



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 \$8.00. Call 216-226-1772 or e-mail office@stpeterslakewood.org the office with questions or to place an order.



December Outreach Focus of the Month:

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.

Originally called the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (the PB Fund), the organization was established in 1940 by the Episcopal Church. Its initial mission was 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.

With increased funding in the 1960s and 1970s, the PB Fund increased its operational capacity and expanding programming to incorporate sustainable development. In the 1980s, major fundraising initiatives supported responses to famine in Ethiopia, an earthquake in Mexico, and a volcano eruption in Colombia.

After Hurricane Mitch in 1998, the PB Fund undertook disaster relief work in Honduras that focused on integrated community development. Over four years, an entire community was constructed, with 200 houses, a school, a clinic and a church. Micro-finance activities and agricultural projects were launched to create economic opportunities and improve food supply. The combination of rebuilding and development through micro-finance and other initiatives helped spur economic growth in the devastated region. This integrated approach became a core element of the agency's disaster relief work.

In 2000, the PB Fund was renamed Episcopal Relief and Development to emphasize its disaster relief work and its increased programmatic focus on integrated community development. The organization formally endorsed the Millennium Development Goals, eight benchmarks developed by the international community to reduce extreme global poverty by 2015.

In 2004 and 2005, ER&D undertook large-scale disaster responses to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. NetsforLife, a program partnership to fight malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, began as a pilot in 2006 and was established in a growing number of countries. Since 2010, the US disaster program has expanded through the Disaster Preparedness Initiative to support and equip Episcopal Church leaders to prepare for and respond to disasters in their communities.

Episcopal Relief and Development partnered with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti to offer immediate aid to those affected by the 2010 Haiti earthquake. In the initial years following the quake, the agency provided emergency relief in the form of food, medicine, and assistance in finding shelter for those who lost their homes. The organization has since shifted to long-term sanitation, shelter provision and employment creation programs, assisting more than 40,000 people.

Starting in 2012, ER&D introduced Asset-Based Community Development. This model of development uses the gifts and talents that people already possess, while facilitating solutions rather than directing them. The method produces sustainable community-driven solutions.

Episcopal Relief and Development began a *Hurricane Harvey Response Fund*¹ to provide support for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall in Texas on August 26, 2017, where more than 185,000 homes were damaged and 9,000 destroyed.

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. For more information, go to ER&D's website: www.episcopalrelief.org.

Help Fill the Bags!!!



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.



Note from the Treasurer



Only one month to go and we will be ringing in 🛎️ 2022. Through October we have collected \$413,673 in pledges against an annual budget of \$525,000. Please check your pledge statements and if you have any questions please contact Leslie Hannan [216-226-1772](tel:216-226-1772). I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Yours truly, *Dan Lammers*

Children's Advent Storytime



Each Sunday during Advent, join us for Storytime. We will be asking a member of the congregation to read a book which will be videotaped and uploaded onto the St. Peter's YouTube page. The entire parish is invited to watch the videos, individually or as a family. Join us for these wholesome, inspiring and happy readings.

If you are interested in narrating one of our books, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org.

Books which may be included into Storytime:

- ❖ *The Star in the Christmas Play* by Lynne Marie and Lorna Hussey
- ❖ *The Spider Who Saved Christmas* by Raymond Arroyo
- ❖ *Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect* by Richard H. Schneider
- ❖ *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- ❖ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss
- ❖ *A Christmas Journey for Jesus: Sharing God's Love Near and Far* by Susan Jones
- ❖ *Lights in the Church* by Marilee Joy Mayfield



Advent 1 November 28
Images of dark and light: What does Advent mean for us after nearly two years of COVID?

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?

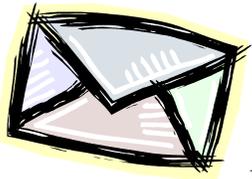
Year-end giving reminders!

To be tax deductible your charitable gift must go to a nonprofit organization such as your parish. To take a tax deduction for any cash contributions, no matter how small, you must have a canceled check, bank record or a receipt with the charity's name and donation amount. If you normally drop a \$20 bill in the collection plate on Sunday you miss the opportunity to deduct \$1,040 from your income taxes at year end. Instead, put the cash in a marked contribution envelope so the treasurer can credit the gift to you.

Gift timing is very important. You can take the deduction for your contribution in the year that you make it. If you mail a check to your favorite charity on December 31, you can write it off on that year's tax return. When you make a donation on a credit card, you will claim the write-off in the year the charge is made, even if you don't pay the credit card bill until the following year.

But a pledge to make a donation is different: Because it's only a promise to make a future donation, there is no deduction until you actually follow through. If you want to give appreciated property, such as stock held more than 12 months, be sure to transfer the stock directly to the parish. You will receive gift credit for the present value of the stock, regardless of how much you paid for it. If you sell the stock and then make the gift you will have to pay capital gains tax.

Offering Envelopes



If you would like offering envelopes for 2022, they will be on the table at the back of the church towards the end of December. Please call or e-mail the office via 216-226-1772 or office@stpeterslakewood.org to order your envelopes.

Also, remember to *discard* all your old envelopes. Each year many envelope numbers change, making the 2021 and previous years envelopes invalid. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Memorial Flowers Christmas 2021



If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund for decorating the church this year, please complete the form below. The requested donation is \$25 or more. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Episcopal

Church with a notation that this check is for the Christmas Flower Fund.

You can place the form in the alms basin, drop it off at the office, or mail it to the church. Please be sure to attach the form with your check. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

DEADLINE: Monday, December 15th.

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Please **print** the names of those to be remembered:

**All orders due by Monday,
December 15th**

St. Cecilia's Guild



Please join the St. Cecilia Guild for a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 15 at noon. All members of the parish are invited. The lunch will be in the new chapel at St Peter's. Masks will be required when not eating. It will be a nice chance to catch up with people. There is no formal agenda although we will drink a toast to former members who have gone to God and those unable to attend.

Box lunches from Panera will be served. You have a choice of Cobb salad with a baguette, or a turkey sandwich with chips, or chicken salad sandwich with chips. Options include a cookie, and drinks will be in single serve bottles of water, iced tea or lemonade. Once you send your check in, there will be no refunds. Checks must be at Lorna Jordan's house by December 8. You may mail them or drop them off in a box on a table outside Lorna's door. Address: **1507 Westford Circle #105, Westlake OH 44145**

Please make check out to **St. Peter's Episcopal Church with St. Cecilia's Guild in the memo line**. Please include the form with your lunch preference. If you have questions contact Lorna Jordan 440-455-1603 landline or ljcookie1@gmail.com.

Churchman's ORDO: Episcopal Calendars



The Church Office has a very limited number of Episcopal calendars for sale. This year, we are using the Churchman's ORDO calendar which is very similar to the Episcopal Kalendar. The cost of each calendar is \$5.00. If you are interested in a 2022 calendar, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org.

St. Cecilia Guild Christmas Lunch Form

December 15 lunch
Checks must be at Lorna Jordan's house by
December 8
DO NOT send to church
Mail or drop off to Lorna
(There is in a box
on a table outside Lorna's door)

Address: 1507 Westford Circle #105,
Westlake OH 44145

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Lunch order

____ Turkey Sandwich \$15

____ Chicken salad sandwich \$15

____ Cobb Salad \$16

All meal prices include bottled water, iced tea or lemonade. No hot drinks will be available.



The Call to the Annual Meeting

In accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, and the Code of Regulations of Saint Peter's Church, I hereby announce that the Annual Meeting of Saint Peter's Parish, Lakewood, Ohio, will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2022, beginning with a celebration at 9:30 a.m. of the Holy Eucharist.

The Annual Meeting will take place in the nave of the Church. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new members to the Vestry, to hear reports of the finances and various ministries of the parish, and to take action on such matters as may come before the body. Persons eligible to exercise seat, voice, and vote at the meeting shall be those aged 16 or older whose membership is recorded on the rolls of this church either through baptism or transfer, and who are known to the Rector and Treasurer as faithful in worship, giving, and serving in this last year.

*~ The Rev. Sally Goodall
and The Vestry of St. Peter's*

With Much Gratitude



As the campaign for Stewardship Pledges draws to a close, please accept a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who have submitted your pledges. For those few who have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider what your 2022 pledge will be and return your card

by mail, in the collection plate, or contact Leslie at the parish office at 216-226-1772 or online at www.office@stpeterslakewood.org to request an electronic pledge card. We need to hear from you!

*Jeff Tennant, Chairperson
and the Generosity Team*

Parish Clean-Up Day



Thank you very much to a small, but energetic team of workers who came out on a somewhat dreary day, Neil Green, Joyce Green, and Dennis Driscoll assisted our Sexton, Tom Newman with the grounds clean up.

Welcome New Members



We would like to welcome our newest parishioners:

*Marilyn Cobb, Stephen Bryant,
Andrew Folds, and David Wagner.*

These folks attended the most recent Explore and Connect session. If you see them, please extend a warm welcome. Thank you for joining the St. Peter's family.

Thank You

December Events

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2 Adult Ed, 5:30 pm	3 Bible Study, 7:00 am	4
5 Advent II Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:15 am Advent Conversation, 9:00 am	6	7	8	9 Adult Ed, 5:30 pm	10 Bible Study, 7:00 am	11
12 Advent III Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:15 am Advent Conversation, 9:00 am Virtual Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.	13	14 Community Meal, 6:00 pm	15 St. Cecilia's Guild Christmas Lunch, noon <i>NET Deadline</i>	16 Adult Ed, 5:30 pm	17 Bible Study, 7:00 am	18
19 Advent IV Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:15 am Advent Conversation, 9:00 am	20 Vestry, 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Christmas Eve Eucharist Service, 4:00 pm 10:00 pm OFFICE CLOSED	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Eucharist Service, 10:00 a.m.
26 One Service Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1 New Year's Day

Merry 
Christmas 

December Celebrations

Below is a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of December. If you are celebrating a milestone this month and are not on the list, please E-mail or call the church office to update your files.



Dec 01	Jim Klomfas
Dec 03	Ed Wilkinson
Dec 04	Jacob Dillon
Dec 05	Mark Lekan Maria Roig Robert Kuhlenschmidt Molly Kuhn
Dec 07	Kristen Gardner
Dec 08	Hal Cooper
Dec 09	Dennis Driscoll Jane Nash
Dec 11	Jack Patrick
Dec 14	Traci Meredith
Dec 15	Blake Schwartz
Dec 17	Amy Chambers Barbara Caravona Douglas Fifner Bobbi Gillen
Dec 18	Lisa Peterson Jessica Pendleton
Dec 20	Joseph Kasl Abby Lance
Dec 22	Dottie O'Neill Katie Mead
Dec 23	Patrick Fitz
Dec 24	Holly St. Clair Hayden Bish
Dec 25	Baby Jesus Carol Kienzle Tren Cheshier
Dec 30	Charlie Vogelgesang Sagan Woolner
Dec 31	Joyce Barrett



Wedding Anniversaries in December

Dec 15	Ken & Martha Taylor
Dec 20	Richard & Leslie Hannan
Dec 31	Hal & Connie Cooper John & Janis Carlson

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.

Parish Prayer Rota for December

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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| Dec 1 | Chris Donaldson
Ian Drennen | Dec 16 | Tucker Handley
Nancy Harris |
| Dec 2 | Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane
Tim Evans | Dec 17 | Carter, Lindsey, Ivy & Henry Hawkins
Joan Heinrich |
| Dec 3 | Karen Eversman
Peter Fahrenkopf | Dec 18 | Doug, Caroline & Georgia Henry
Tony, Lauren & Caleb Hinkston |
| Dec 4 | Donald Farone
Steve Felder | Dec 19 | Sue Hofelich
Gerry & Tolisa Horning |
| Dec 5 | Sara Ferry
Hilary Fichter | Dec 20 | John House
Dan & Matthew Hout-Reilly |
| Dec 6 | Douglas & Elaine Fifner
George Filko | Dec 21 | Joanne Hull
Bob Hulligan |
| Dec 7 | Andrew, Samantha, Jonathan, Patrick,
Anna & Katherine Fitz
Scott & Mary Fitz | Dec 22 | David Hulligan
Mike Illner |
| Dec 8 | Jim Ford
Joan Foster | Dec 23 | Joseph Jacoby
Richard Jacquemotte |
| Dec 9 | Anne Marie Foti
Richard Furry | Dec 24 | Sheena James & Mary Elaine Patrinios
Susan Jensen |
| Dec 10 | Sharon Gain
Ron Gantt & Maria Roig | Dec 25 | The Birth of our Lord |
| Dec 11 | Jeff, Kristen, Evan, Isaac & Keira Gardner
Chas & Patti Geiger | Dec 26 | Lowell Johnson
Lorna Jordan |
| Dec 12 | Bobbi Gillen
Jim & Linda Good | Dec 27 | Dan, Sunita, Matthew & Grace Karchmer
Joseph, Price, Eddie & Grace Kasl |
| Dec 13 | Dan, Sarah & Emmet Gourash
Bill & Kathy Grane | Dec 28 | John Keller
Roger & Carol Kienzle |
| Dec 14 | Bob Gray
Neil & Joyce Green | Dec 29 | John Krebs & Joyce Barrett
Robert Kuhlenschmidt & Robin Ingram |
| Dec 15 | Nan Gregory
Mike, Jennifer, Gabrielle,
Jacob & Elisa Hammarlund | Dec 30 | The Staff of St. Peter's Childcare |
| | | Dec 31 | The Staff of St. Peter's Church |

✂ Don't forget to clip this page.



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.

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Leslie Hannan, Parish Administrator
Donna Felleisen, Parish Accountant
Tom Newman, Sexton
Dan Gourash, Senior Warden
Joanne Hull, Junior Warden
Ron Stach, Clerk
Dan Lammers, Treasurer
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George Filko, Anne Marie Foti, Ryan Vogelgesang, Martha Taylor, Alex Pongracz

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Website: www.stpeterslakewood.org
St. Peter's is on FACEBOOK; Like US!!

