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June is a big month in the church's calendar. You may think that you have done Advent and Christmas, wrestled with Lent and celebrated Easter and now we are headed for summer and you can rest during the long season they call "ordinary time", that time when not much happens in church. "Ordinary time" has its own story that I will save for later, but before we get there, we have two important days.



First, we have Pentecost or Whitsun, the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit.

No one really knows why it was called Whitsun. That name was used from the 11th century when white clothing was associated with those who had been prepared for baptism, so it might have been the Sunday when they all came to church wearing their baptismal clothing. In early days, Whitsun was associated with several characteristics of the ancient pagan practice of Beltane, the celebration of the beginning of summer, when everyone wore bright or white summer clothes. I remember some people at church wearing white shoes, hats and gloves on Whitsun even when I was growing up. It might also have been referring to the day when the disciples finally "got" what Jesus had been trying to teach them, the day they got their "wits", or finally caught on. Maybe it was derived from the French Dimanche Huitieme (or eighth Sunday). We just don't know, but it is the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, which would be the eighth Sunday of Easter.

The history of Pentecost brings us back to our Jewish roots, to the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, the giving of the Law to Moses and the

people of God. For us, Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit descending upon the believers in Jerusalem and the Church. It is the final culmination of the season of Easter.

The following week is Trinity Sunday, Most Principal Feasts in the calendar of the Episcopal



Church celebrate events in the life of Jesus, but this one is the only one that focuses on a doctrine of the Church. *"The Trinity is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The term is from the Latin tri, 'three,' and unites, 'unity.' The term was devised by Tertullian to express the mystery of the unity-in-diversity of God. Trinity means 'threefold unity.'"* (episcopalchurch.org)

So, we have some history, important events and deep concepts to celebrate, and in June we plan some baptisms too, when we will welcome new members to the parish, to God's family and to the world-wide Church, and look elsewhere in this newsletter for news about events for all the family this summer.

Plenty of reasons to celebrate and to be together in church!

Blessings to you all,

Sally +

please join us

June Outreach Focus of the Month: Wigs For Kids



Our Mission: Helping Children Look Themselves and Live Their Lives!

The various causes of hair loss in children don't result in just physical suffering. The change in their appearance can drastically undermine their self-image and sabotage their self-esteem. To help heal the pain of these struggles, Certified Cosmetic Therapist Jeffrey Paul founded Wigs For Kids, a non-profit hair donation organization that has been serving children suffering from hair loss since 1981.

Wigs For Kids is a cooperative effort among Certified Service Providers throughout North America who share a common goal. "Children shouldn't have to worry about how they look, especially when they're in the middle of a health crisis," says Jeffrey Paul. "We want to give these kids the opportunity to feel good about themselves again."

The cost of the hair replacement systems Wigs For Kids provides is approximately \$1,800. "These are custom-made hair replacements," says Jeffrey Paul. "Each prosthesis is hand-tied and is made completely from human hair. We make sure they look just like a child's own hair." "They won't come off on the baseball field or in the playground," he adds. "Kids can count on them. And because kids look just the way they did before, they feel better about themselves. They look in the mirror and their eyes light up. To see that light in their eyes – that's priceless."

Wigs For Kids Donation Information

Wigs For Kids depends on monetary and hair donations from generous individuals. The process for creating wigs made from real hair is costly and time-consuming. Wigs For Kids never charges the families that are receiving these custom hair replacement systems. Wigs for Kids is very grateful for the support of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Vestry First Quarter

When the Vestry met at our annual retreat in February this year, we identified 3 important objectives for our work this year: (1) engage and revitalize our current members; (2) expand St. Peter's visibility to the greater westside neighborhoods and (3) welcome our neighborhood onto our physical campus. We are well on our way to reaching these goals.

Engaging Our Membership

It is not possible to address this topic without using the "C" word (*covid*). Its toll on our parish life was as significant as the toll on our businesses and communities. One of our sage consultants advised us NOT to try to bring things back but to look forward. But admittedly, our rearview mirror was filled with richness and beauty and it has been difficult if not impossible to long for that world. So, we are doing both: revitalization and reinvention. Much of this has been the result of, or more accurately, complicated by staff departures. But we are moving forward - not backward and we have momentum:

- Choir. David Wagner, along with some of our choral scholars and our gifted choir members, emerged from COVID with new determination. On a weekly basis, David wasn't sure who would be available to sing. Nevertheless, he organized the music with grace and an infinite amount of joy, that translated into an admirable music program which brought our beloved hymns to life and engendered within us the comfort and connection we all longed for during shutdown.

Our search continues to fill this role and Vestry remains committed to ensuring that St. Peter's maintains its high standard of music excellence.

- Children's Worship. When St. Peter's opened its doors after the shutdown, something vibrant was missing. Children. While it was wonderful to see everyone back in church, there were literally NO CHILDREN and few parents.

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In response, a small group of parents joined forces, and with the assistance of Sally and involvement of a Diocesan consultant, a plan evolved. We brought children into the church with their parents. And we found a way to make church welcoming for our teens.

- There is no dispute that the children's area and inclusion of kids in our weekly worship is a huge success. Sally continues to provide inspirational "Children's Words" to our youngest members and their presence in our weekly worship has been welcome. Thank you to Kristen Gardner and Christine Clark for not only envisioning the plan but working tirelessly to make it happen. Our middle and high school students have likewise begun to come together under the guidance of Jeff Gardner, Tucker Handley and Cody Crosby. We still need adult volunteers for this program for 1-2 Sundays per month. If you have 30 minutes and can talk to a teen, please consider pitching in!
- As we enter our second quarter, Vestry will finalize a job description for our next Director and our search will commence. **BUT WE NEED YOU!** The most effective way to attract a new Director is to evidence the need: **KIDS IN CHURCH!** Please help us "advertise" our need by joining us on Sundays!
- Search Committee. The Search Committee has completed its parish survey and is ready to begin phase 2. Thank you to the entire Search Committee and to each of you who participated in the discernment process. We are **THAT MUCH CLOSER** to our next rector!

Expanding Our Visibility

Taking St. Peter's "on the road" if you will, is a long-term project - one that is not designed to have a "completion deadline." In the words of some great philosopher, "it is the journey, not the destination." For St. Peter's to remain relevant, we must embrace the community in which we reside, and the communities from which our membership will ultimately be drawn. While our building(s) are

beautiful, beauty alone will not attract new members. St. Peter's is actually a gem inside the walls - our liturgy, our music and most importantly, our willingness to embody Christ's words, are the elements that will ensure our longevity. The most important way for us to insure for our future is through our presence in our neighborhoods.

As a first step in responding to this objective we have "registered" as a participant in the Lakewood Arts Festival, on Saturday, August 6, where we will have a "booth." This may well be the first time St. Peter's has attended the event and it will require a parish-wide participation for success. In the next month or two, we will be asking you to invest your time to decide on how we present St. Peter's at the event and we will also need volunteers to "man the booth" at the festival for 1-2 hours that Saturday. More information to come on this.

We are also inviting you to lead us in our "outward bound" initiative. In what ways can we make St. Peter's more visible to our neighbors and become active participants in our community?

Sharing our Physical Space

Sharing our physical space means inviting those same neighbors to join us at our "house," to use our beautiful buildings and grounds for life-supporting activities. This form of outreach not only provides a resource for the needs of our existing members but will also be a valuable tool in attracting new members. Here, we have made great progress!

- The Community Meal is alive and well, and while still not in-person, we are serving about 50 meals per month in "drive-in" style. We still need cooks, and we still need volunteers, and we can always use your donations!
- On May 17, 2022 St. Peter's opened its doors for the first time in many years to Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA"). AA has a rich and important connection to the Episcopal Church. For those of you who do not know the story, AA was founded in 1935 in Akron, Ohio. A struggling, traveling salesman (Bill W) was staying at the Mayflower Hotel in Akron.

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- He was passing through the lobby, heard the familiar bar noises coming from the Mayflower's restaurant and that triggered within him a desire to drink. But embracing a desire to remain sober, Bill W. turned his attention to the hotel's list of area churches. There he found the number for St. Paul's Episcopal Church and called the rector, Dr. Walter Tunks. He explained his powerlessness over alcohol to Dr. Tunks who at the time was a member of the Oxford movement, along with Henrietta Seiberling. Dr. Tunks invited Bill W to join him and Miss Seiberling, along with a 4th person, Dr. Bob, at Stan Hewitt Hall to address the insidious disease of alcoholism and find a path towards sobriety. Together, they formed what is now known as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Against this backdrop, it is both an honor and privilege to welcome the Tuesday Night Ladies Old School group to St. Peters.

- On June 11, St. Peter's will also welcome the North Shore Men's Chorus, along with one of its members, John Keller, who will use St. Peter's for choral practice. More than 50 voices will fill our building - a sound worth celebrating!

These achievements are possible because of your vision, your participation, and mostly, our collective faith and discernment. **WHAT DID WE NEGLECT TO DISCUSS OR APPLAUD?** Are you doing things that we haven't highlighted? **TELL US!!** Are there things you would like to see happen? Are there ways in which we can realize these objectives? Please let your vestry know!

~ *Liz Crosby*, Senior Warden

Altar Flowers



As we return to normalcy, we would like to have Sunday Altar Flowers on the high altar. If you would like to pick a Sunday to remember a love one or to honor someone special in your life, please contact the

office the office at 216-226-1772.

Seasonal flower arrangements are \$50. Call or stop by the office to see if your date is available. The people of St. Peter's thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

With Gratitude to St. Peter's Choir

As we conclude another season of singing for our Choir, it is so fitting to offer thanks to each one of these parishioners who give of their time and talents for this ministry. As we look forward to the Choir's return in the September, we will again need to add more parishioners to our roster in order to ensure that music will continue to be a vital and inspiring part of our Sunday worship.

Please pray for this ministry and consider offering your own voice to our song.

Thanks again to each one of you who has given their time to make possible the Choir of St. Peter's Church.

Cheri Bauer
Betsy Yingling,
Brenda Pongracz
Julie Steigerwald,
Victoria DehMalo
Deb Vandrasik
Sam Morgan
Devin Roark
Ken Taylor
Ryan Vogelgesang
Brad Vandrasik

We would also like to thank David Wagner as well as our other supply musicians during this time of transition on a job well done.

Happy Father's Day

St. Peter's would like to extend a Father's Day greeting to all fathers and grandfathers. Thank you for your support and unending love.



Children, Youth and Families

Children & Youth Ministry

Summer is here, but that doesn't mean we're done with youth activities. We're just getting started! And we'd love for you to join us for any or all of the events we have planned for the summer months! *Throughout the summer, we will be collecting school supplies for those in need. Please contribute to the boxes you will see around the church as you are able.*

June - August Sunday School Schedule:

Primary Grades

- 1st Sunday of each month – meet us in the soft space at the front of the church for a variety of quiet activities and a children's message from Rev. Sally
- 2nd Sunday of each month – we will have a short Sunday school lesson in the chapel, and will then join families in the sanctuary for communion
- 3rd Sunday of each month – meet us in the soft space at the front of the church for a variety of quiet activities and a children's message from Rev. Sally
- 4th Sunday of each month – join us in the soft space, and children who are present may have the opportunity to participate in the church service (e.g. ushering with adult help, collecting offering, etc.)

Middle School & High School

- 1st Sunday of each month – Sunday school (and donuts!) in the office space upstairs*
- 2nd Sunday of each month – Sunday school (and donuts!) in the office space upstairs
- 3rd Sunday of each month – Sunday school (and donuts!) in the office space upstairs*
- 4th Sunday of each month – students will participate in the church service in a variety of ways (e.g. bell ringing, ushering, reading lessons, etc.)

*These additional weeks of Sunday school are pending some additional adult assistance, which is needed for the summer, as well as next school year. Are you interested in donating some of your time to expand the minds of St. Peter's youth????? If God is calling you in this way, please reach out to Kristen and Jeff Gardner (jkegardner@sbcglobal.net) or Rev. Sally (revsallyg76@gmail.com).

Put these dates on your calendar!

Middle School and High School Events:

Saturday, June 25th
Saturday, July 30th

On these days we will volunteer together, and then visit a local attraction. Details are being finalized; we will share more information when we have it.

Upcoming Family Events for ANYONE in the parish to join!

Let's Celebrate!

Sunday, June 5th – After coffee hour, we're headed to Truck Stop Park for some lunch and sunshine!

Sunday, July 17th – After coffee hour, we'll meet for a bring-your-own picnic lunch (location is yet to be determined).

Sunday, August 14th – After coffee hour, we're planning a pizza party in the undercroft! We'll be sorting our school supply donations and creating backpacks for those in need while we eat.

We can't wait to celebrate summer with you, both in church, and in the community! If you have questions, ideas or are interested in volunteering, please call or email Christine Clark (Christine_m_clark@yahoo.com, (773)837-4304) or Kristen Gardner (jkegardner@sbcglobal.net, (440)829-7762).

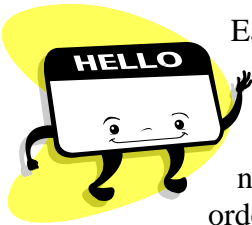


Spring Clean-Up



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Spring Clean-up! The grounds look fantastic! We appreciate all the efforts our Sexton, Tom Newman, and those of Steve Bickerton, our Junior Warden. The flowers and mulch have helped beautify our grounds; the hanging baskets make things look inviting; and cook-out was fantastic. Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who made this possible. Great job!

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.

June starts....

Lemonade on the Plaza!



Please join us for fellowship after the 10 am service. We will gather outside on the plaza or inside should it be raining. Looking forward to see you soon.

St. Cecilia's Guild June Luncheon

Join St. Cecilia Guild for the annual Spring Luncheon at Cleveland Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 15 at noon. The event starts off with a cash bar and the lunch includes chicken crepes, salad, dessert and CYC's famous sticky buns. For reservations, send a check for \$30 made out to Naomi Opdycke. Her address is 5 Laurel Dr., Rocky River OH 44116. The deadline is Friday, June 10. For questions about the lunch contact Lorna Jordan ljcookie1@gmail.com 440-455-1603.



Deadlines ...

The deadline for article submission in the *Fisherman's Net* is the **15th of each month**. The deadline for submitting material for What's Happening is **Wednesday at 10:00 am**. There may be an occasion when these deadlines will vary, but we will take every precaution to ensure all materials submitted are printed in a timely manner. The staff reserves the right to edit any and all materials submitted.

Dates, dates and more dates...

From the Editor: please be sure to coordinate all dates and times for building usage with the office prior to setting the date. This will alleviate confusion and conflicts.



June Events

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Bible Study @ Joe's Deli, 8:00 am | 4 Marge Welfare Memorial Service, 1:00 p.m. |
| 5 Pentecost Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School Coffee Hour Truck Park Lunch, noon | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Bible Study @ Joe's Deli, 8:00 am | 11 |
| 12 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School Coffee Hour Virtual Coffee Hour, 11:30 am | 13 | 14 Community Meal, 6:00 pm | 15 St. Cecilia's Guild <i>NET Deadline</i> | 16 | 17 Bible Study @ Joe's Deli, 8:00 am | 18 |
| 19 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School Coffee Hour | 20 Vestry, 6:45 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Bible Study @ Joe's Deli, 8:00 am | 25 |
| 26 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School Coffee Hour | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |



June Celebrations

Below is a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of June. 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.

Birthdays in June



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| June 06 | Mike Hammarlund Ethan St. Clair |
| June 08 | Sara Ferry |
| June 11 | Lesley Demagall Ezra Davis |
| June 12 | David Hulligan Dennis McCready |
| June 15 | Leslie Hannan Tony Hinkston |
| June 16 | Mildred Bittel |
| June 17 | Nicole Fizer |
| June 21 | Emmett Gourash |
| June 22 | Richard Nash Ellen Ospelt |
| June 23 | Caleb Hinkston |
| June 24 | Emma Callesen Debora Rudesill |
| June 26 | Bob Schauer Jordan Dillon |
| June 27 | Dave Opdycke |
| June 29 | Mia Lange |
| June 30 | Al Oldenburg Jen Hammarlund Addie Armstrong |



Wedding Anniversaries in June

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| June 04 | Jeff Tennant & Bruce Smith |
| June 06 | Craig & Jan Cook |
| June 10 | Antony White & Laura Sutera |
| June 14 | Thomas & Linda Purdy |
| June 22 | Clark & Mella Davies |
| June 23 | James & Jennifer Williams |
| June 30 | Tren & Lisa Cheshier |

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 June

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.

June 1 Jan, Christine, Sylvia & Ellie Afungchwi
Tom & Sue Andrews

June 2 Nan Archbold
Adam, Kate, Addie & Oliver Armstrong

June 3 Jan & Harold Babbit
Tom, Jennifer, William,
Thomas & Caroline Baker

June 4 Anida Balmer
Cherie Bauer

June 5 Fred & Sarah Bauer
Erik & Courtney Beall

June 6 Suzana Bejo
Cipriano & Carolyn Beredo

June 7 Kristi Beredo
Mike & Hilary Bickerton

June 8 Stephen, Joanne, Warren,
Victoria & Carter Bickerton
Ann, Henry & Hayden Bish

June 9 Mildred Bittel
John & Mary Etta Bitter

June 10 Don & Mary Blesse
Eileen Boland

June 11 Doug Bradfield
Bob Brown

June 12 Marvalee Brown
Steve Bryant & Andrew Folds

June 13 Jim Calhoun
Joanne Calkins

June 14 Phillip, Margy, Emma & Owen Callesen
Mike & Nicki Cancelliere

June 15 Barb Caravona
Jennifer Carlson

June 16 John & Janis Carlson
Amanda & Amy Chambers

June 17 Tren & Lisa Cheshier
Joel & Carol Childs

June 18 Linda Chisamore
Ray Chisamore

June 19 Paul Ciarrone
Marilyn Cobb

June 20 Mary Coe, Peter & Molly Kuhn
Jim, Carrie & Jaime Cofer

June 21 Craig & Janet Cook
Hal Cooper

June 22 Alberta Crawford
Liz & Bill Crosby

June 23 David Daley
Mary Daniel

June 24 Pam Darling & Nancy Wittig
Lesley, Jon & Lucy Demagall

June 25 Matt, Heidi, Allison & Brooklyn Demaline
Adam, Tiffani, Cole & Gia Dietrick

June 26 Kelly, Jordan, Emily & Jacob Dillon
Terry & Patti Dobro

June 27 Penny Dolski
Chris Donaldsom

June 28 Ian Drennan
Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane

June 29 Tim Evans
Karen Eversman

June 30 Peter Fahrenkopf
Donald Farone

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