

What's Happening: October 21, 2022

We hold in our prayers this week:

For the repose of the soul: Liz Vinson

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Bobbi Gillen, Lowell Johnson, Bob Lewis, John & Marci Rich, Tucker Handley, Sue Andrews, Lois Smith, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Linda Purdy, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash, Jennifer Carlson

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Cynthia Hall, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Molly Simon, Doug Bradfield, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Margo Tennant

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Tristan (Jessica Philpott & Mark & Luke Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Becky (Childcare), Lee Mehnert, Gail McCready, Josiah Andrews IV, Hugh Andrews (Tom & Sue Andrews), Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Larry Whited, Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Ashley Hoyt (Susan Jensen), Robin Yates, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers), Betty Carter (Ron Stach), Kirby Lee (Jeff Tennant), Elizabeth Van Meter, Dan McDonough (Jan Madigan), Emily Evans, Ruth Zimmer, Mardelle Evans (Peggy Zimmer), Mary Stevenson (John Keller), Don Aukerman, Julie, Karen, Gordon and Graham (Ann Bish), Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley), Richey Ruscin (Linda Purdy), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner)

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-XEvAg8xKiEI2jnI_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 for all unvaccinated persons in building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.



Stewardship Moment by Dan Gourash

All We Need Is You

When the pandemic first hit, Keith Owen, my son Jordan, and I met to discuss how we were going to keep the community together in worship while not being able to meet in person. We first tried scripting and filming. That turned out to be a long and error filled process, but we pulled it off – for one week. We then went to Zoom with lay readers participating from home followed by coffee hour gatherings. We next landed on the YouTube Livestream format we have today. Throughout these developments the importance of gathering, albeit remotely, was paramount.

When the virus then played games with us all by reducing numbers and then spiking with variants, the Vestry had to grapple with the issue of when we could meet again in person. We struggled with foregoing communion and the common cup, masking requirements, distancing, cleansing the pews and waiving to each other our offerings of Peace. Again, throughout that travail, the importance of gathering to celebrate and worship was paramount.

Now that we have landed (hopefully) on more permanent footing, the time has come to celebrate that the community stayed together, in one form or another, in friendship, worship, and prayer. We expanded our weekly reach beyond what existed before the pandemic and emerged stronger and more dedicated to each other. What strikes me most about the Generosity Team’s theme –All We Need is You— is the importance of gathering. Because, without “You” there is no “Us,” and without “Us” there is no gathering, and without gathering, the community is in danger of being lost. Praise be to God for all of “You.”

Musings of Daniel F. Gourash on the Generosity Theme

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Support St. Peter's Stewardship Campaign and our outreach efforts to the community by purchasing a St. Peter's T-Shirts for just \$10. T-Shirts come in both Youth and Adult sizes. Sales will be held after each service during October and at the In-Gathering Sunday Brunch.

Please join us for an in-gathering Sunday Brunch on November 6th. The Brunch will be after the service, and we encourage members to return their pledge cards before or at the brunch. This service will serve as a thank you to the congregation for its continued support and an opportunity to share fellowship.

There will only be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Please join us for the service and then the In-Gathering Brunch after the service to celebrate the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign. The Generosity Team thanks you for your ongoing and continued support.



October Outreach Focus of the Month: St. Peter's Community Meal

St. Peter's outreach program directs the loose money in the offering plate each month to a deserving organization in our community. We are pleased that this month's Outreach Focus is St. Peter's Community Meal.

Looking ahead, we hope you will let us know what other organizations could use St. Peter's love and assistance. Feel free to contact either Anne Marie Foti or Martha Taylor with your ideas for 2023 for it is always the season for giving! Please give generously this month to help others in need.

Our Community Meal ministry has continued uninterrupted since our last sit-down dinner in March 2020, albeit as a takeout service. A small number of us prepared entrees at home until we were able to return to the Undercroft; bakers prepare and package individual servings of desserts; and a small distribution crew gathers to pack and hand out the meals. Leslie Hannan and Tom Newman have handled the pandemic grocery shopping and delivery for us.

We serve close to half of the guests who used to join us on the second Tuesday of each month. Certainly, health and transportation concerns explain some of the drop off, but we also suspect many of our guests came to Community Meal as much for socialization as hunger needs. The same is likely true for our volunteers - Community Meal Day was a fun few hours with friends creating something special together. Parceling out the work instead of sharing it as a group is less fulfilling perhaps.

Now that we are cooking in the Undercroft again, we have an opportunity to revive the group spirit. If you'd like to lend a hand in cooking and/or cleaning up, please contact Jan Babbit (440-668-6289 jrbabbit@gmail.com). We have been meeting lately at 1pm with an eye to finishing by three, subject to the requirements of the menu. If you'd prefer to be a part of the packing and distribution team, contact Lesley Demagall (leslelydemagall@gmail.com ;740-368-7677) They generally meet at 5pm and finish by 6.

If cooking and distributing aren't of interest to you there is another way for you to help us get back to normal: Traditionally we've given our guests a small gift at Christmas time (less than three months away!) ***This year we would like to give each guest a knit cap along with their Christmas meal. If you would like to contribute a knit cap, you can drop the items in the plastic bin by the back door anytime until December 5.*** (Please note the change from the NET and last week's What's Happening.)

Thanks for any and every way you can join in this ministry.



The Praying of Names of the Departed: All Saints Sunday, November 1: As is our custom, we will pray the names of our beloved departed during the Eucharistic prayer on All Saints Sunday. There will be sheets in church on which you can write the names you would like prayed, or you can call or e-mail them to Leslie (office@stpeterslakewood.org). Please spell names clearly and provide pronunciation if appropriate. Please get the names to us by October 28th.

St. Peter's is pleased to announce Leah Babaran has accepted the Children & Youth position. Please give a warm welcome to Leah when you see her.



Calling all youth and families of St. Peter's!

Come to our Open House, Sunday, October 30, after the 10 AM service to welcome and meet our new Assistant for Children & Youth, Leah Babaran.

We will have Halloween-themed activities, drinks, and snacks! And candy! (With parent permission 😊)

All kiddos and parents are welcome, or anyone that has any questions, comments, resources, and well-wishes for Leah as we welcome her to our St. Peter's family!



The Outreach team is looking to fill the 2023 calendar. If you are part of an organization or charity which might benefit as one of our monthly Outreach Focus groups, please contact Jan McDonough, Anne Marie Foti, or Martha Taylor.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact 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