

# What's Happening: May 26, 2023

## We hold in our prayers this week:

**Parishioners in need of Prayer:** Molly Simon, Cynthia Yoder, Keira Gardner, Jim & Linda Good, Bob Lewis, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash

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

**Parishioners' Friends and Family:** Christopher Taylor (Sarah Taylor), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahon (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), David Stenger, Ryan Swanson (Ed & Julie Stenger), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Lee Keller, (John Keller), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dee & Dan Gale, Lee Mehnert, (Tom & Sue Andrews), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Ashley Hoyt (Susan Jensen), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)

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**Join us for Sunday Worship...**  
**in person at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**  
**10:00 a.m. ONLINE**  
**The Rev. Mike Lager, 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-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl\\_s7g?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g?)

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. 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.

Parents, if you wish to bring little ones to church, the care room is open every week. Children are also encouraged to sit in their special area in the front of the church on the carpet. Older children who would like to come to church are always welcome. We have activity bags at the back of the church with things to do based on the message of the day.

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*For pastoral emergencies, please contact The Rev. Mike Lager at 479-221-4030 or via email at [rector@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:rector@stpeterslakewood.org)  
Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at [office@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:office@stpeterslakewood.org)*

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## May Outreach Focus of the Month: The Annual Bishop's Appeal



During the month of May, St. Peter's ministry outreach is the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is the principal vehicle by which communicants and congregations support many creative and vital ministries not otherwise afforded by the diocesan budget. It allows funding of ministries that are beyond the scope of individual congregations, helping us to act together as one community. The Bishop's

Annual Appeal funds parish-based outreach ministries. This is the primary means by which the parishes and parishioners of the Diocese of Ohio work together to support ministries that serve the poor, hurting, and disadvantaged in our region.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a primary source of funding for Episcopal Community Services (ECS), which provides funds for parish-based outreach ministries that feed the hungry, educate children and young adults, provide spiritual freedom for people who are in prison, give hope to those who are struggling, and carry out God's work in creative and inspired ways. Such programs provide crucial assistance to those in need. At the same time, they allow us to embody our Christian values and grow together spiritually.

Funds raised through the Appeal also help to underwrite mission trips and leadership development. They provide summer internships for high school and college students, and help to train and place newly ordained clergy.

Saint Peter's has directly benefited from the Bishop's Appeal with monies for the former curate as well as the youth mission trip. Lakewood Community Services Center is also a grant recipient.

We are lucky to have Tucker Handley serving on ECS board. He can give you more information about the funding of outreach ministries.

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are feeding the hungry, giving comfort to those who are struggling, developing leaders, strengthening the church, and changing scores of lives every day.

The loose plate offering collected during the month of May will be used to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

**Every gift makes a difference!**

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### St. Peter's Youth Plant Sale:

Spring  
**plant  
SALE**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ONLINE PLANT/FLOWER SALE!!!! Another way to support us is the in-store walk-in fundraiser. You can shop in the retail store for plants, soil, pottery, and other spring décor. You just need to tell the cashier that you are with **St. Peter's Youth Group** before checkout.

This fundraiser is from May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>; 3984 Porter Rd, Westlake, OH 44145



Safe Church Safe Communities is the replacement for Safeguarding God's Children (SGGC) Training. We will be offering this training on Tuesday, May 30th at 5 pm and again on Sunday, June 25th following the 10 am worship service. You only need to attend one. We have a number of new children/youth volunteers and VESTRY who need to attend this initial training along with those that are in need of the "every 3-year" renewal mandate. Please let Michelle know if you will be attending **and** if you have any questions. She can be reached on her cell phone at 440-781-4161 or by email at [childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org)

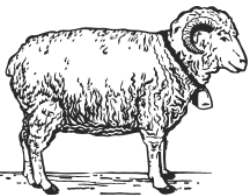
Safe church Safe Communities is a training program for child sexual abuse awareness and other abuses. The program provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. Our diocese and insurance company mandate that volunteers working with children and all Vestry/Staff attend this training and keep up with renewal certification every 3 years.

### Calling All New Members!

The Generosity Team is preparing a Newcomer's Board highlighting our newest members who have joined St. Peter's during the last year. If you are one of our newest members, please make sure to meet with Jan McDonough briefly after the 10:00 service this Sunday so she can take a photo of you (and/or your family unit) to include on the Newcomer's Board. We want to make sure that each of our new friends are INcluded as part of our ALL IN! activities!



Sunday, June 4th is **APPRECIATION SUNDAY**. We will appreciate everyone that volunteered and/or attended Christian Formation this last year & our wonderful **CHOIR** members. This day will include cupcakes out front.



**Bellwether**  
— FARM —  
CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

**Volunteer Day at Bellwether Farm:** Camp is just around the corner! Join staff and volunteers to prep for our Bellwether Farm summer campers at a volunteer day on Saturday, **June 3** from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We'll be putting

finishing touches on cabin screens and mattresses, organizing the art cabin and infirmary, and sweeping out the entire camp area. We may even need to do the vital work of testing out the new frog nets and buckets! Please wear sturdy shoes, and bring work gloves and a water bottle, if possible. Minors are welcome to join with a trusted adult. RSVP to Anna at [camp@bellwetherfarm.com](mailto:camp@bellwetherfarm.com)

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**MISSIONS BIKE RIDE**



**Mission Bike Ride and Bishop's Bike Ride:** The Diocesan Mission Ride 2023 will be **June 7-9**. Each day of the Mission Ride riders will be visiting churches in the Diocese where they will participate in a selected local mission project, finishing the day with a ride to the next church (approx. 30 miles). Riders may choose to join the ride for a single day or for the entire two-day ride.

Overnight accommodations will be provided at the host churches for June 7 and June 8. Overnight accommodations for Friday (June 9) can be arranged with Bellwether Farm in connection with the Bishop's Bike Ride at Bellwether Farm registration. Mission Riders are also encouraged to seek sponsorship from your home parish. All proceeds from the ride will go to benefit Bellwether Farm Youth Camp scholarships. For more information, please visit the diocesan website, <https://www.dohio.org/calendar/2023/06/07/mission-bike-ride>

Join the Bishops for the Bishop's Bike Ride at Bellwether Farm on **June 10**. Riders will head out for a day of riding, returning to Bellwether in the afternoon. For more information, please visit the Bellwether Farm website, <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar/events/2023/06/09/bike-ride-at-bellwether-farm>

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# Let's Celebrate!

## Annual Worship Service & Picnic in the Park

Join us Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Lakewood Park in the Kiwanis (open) Pavilion for the Annual Parish Worship Service and Picnic.

St. Peter's will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. We ask if your last name starts with the letters

- K – R** please bring a side dish to share
- S – Z** please bring a dessert to share
- A – J** please bring beverages to share

Electrical power is available if needed for hot foods. And, feel free to bring any game your family likes!

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The church offices will be closed, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Memorial Day.