

What's Happening: December 1, 2023

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Lois Smith, Molly Simon, Jim & Linda Good, Bob Lewis, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Doug Bradfield

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Annette Barnes (Sally Scovill), Mike Heys (Bob Brown), Don Aukerman, Karen, Gordon and Graham, Kurt Atwell (Ann Bish), Azri & Barb Hami, Stan & Deloris Stary (Jim & Nickie Stary), Vitalia Ononye (Carolyn Beredo), Laura Faulkner (Dennis McCready), Lee Keller (John Keller), Dan Pernod (Deb Vandrasik), John Bradley (David Nash), Marilou Durkin (Sara Ferry), Ann Rudeen (Jan McDonough), Samantha Hall (Sam Morgan), Sharlene Page (Bob & Christine Schauer), John & Mary Degnan (Julie Steigerwald), Christopher Taylor (Sarah Taylor), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahon (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), Ryan Swanson (Ed & Julie Stenger), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Dennis Harp, Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Lee Mehnert (Tom & Sue Andrews), Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)

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?

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.

December Outreach Focus of the Month: *Episcopal Relief and Development*



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Healing a hurting world

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.

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.

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.

The four core program areas of ER&D include:

1. Alleviate hunger and improve food supply
2. Create economic opportunities and strengthen communities
3. Promote health and fight disease
4. Respond to disasters and rebuild communities

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



Saint Nicholas Day Celebration Sunday, December 3rd

Join us for a memorable holiday story about a unique Christian Bishop, reading by Mr. John Rich. Enjoy some refreshments and crafts. Come and learn about Nicholas and the good deeds he did obeying Jesus, and helping the poor, the sick, and the suffering.



Inter-generational Advent Event
Come ONE, Come ALL,
and join us in the building of St. Peter's church

Thank you to all who have donated Legos. We are ready for our **Intergenerational Advent Event** taking place in between our two services this Sunday. Remember Legos are for all ages and stages of life and we'll need some veterans checking in and helping all through Advent in

order for us to build the church. Please meet in the Narthex and pull up a chair.

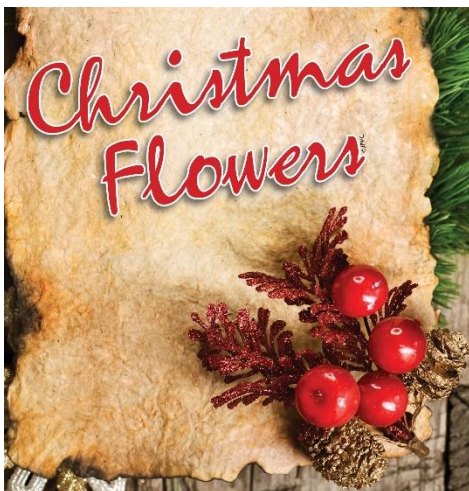
This event will be held on Sundays throughout the month of December. We'll begin on Sunday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. in the Narthax. All through Advent we will continue building together and we hope to have something resembling our parish building by the end of the month. During this time of Advent let us pray in thankfulness for our building the wonderful people inside the building and the wonderful works we can do in and outside of the physical walls of our church together.



Help Fill the Bags!!! Traditionally Community Meal have given our guests a small gift at Christmas. This year we would like to include a pair of warm socks, gloves, or a hat, and perhaps some toiletries with the Christmas meal. If you would like to contribute a pair of unisex one size fits all socks, gloves or hat, or

toothpaste, deodorant, etc., you can drop the items in the plastic bin by the back door anytime until December 5. If you'd like someone to pick up your donation, please give the office a call at 216-226-1772. Thanks for any and every way you can join in this ministry.

~ Jan Babbit and Lesley Demagall



Memorial Flowers
Christmas 2023

Please consider contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund for decorating the church. The requested donation is \$25 or more. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with a notation in the memo line "Christmas Flower Fund."

Write the names of any loved ones or people you wish to honor on your envelope or on a separate piece of paper. Drop the envelope and check in the alms basin, at the office, or mail it to the church. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

DEADLINE: Friday, December 15th



Thank you to all who have supported our Bazaar Mission Trip Fundraiser. We will have new items each week so please stop in and take a look. We will have more Christmas cards and ornaments by Lorna.

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