

What's Happening: December 8, 2023

We hold in our prayers this week:

For the repose of the soul: Edward Green, father of Rebecca Austin Lange

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 Vandrask), 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.

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>.



Polar Express Story Time Sunday, December 10th

Polar Express Story Time: Climb aboard for a special holiday story with Mr. John Rich featuring the Polar Express! Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and more Christmas treats. Don't forget to wear your pajamas. Yes, you read that correctly, wear your pajamas to church and bring a friend!

The Nominating Committee would like to inform the parish that Julie Steigerwald has deferred her candidacy for vestry to January of 2025. We thank her for her willingness to serve, and welcome Jessica Redel to the slate of candidates standing for Vestry next month.

JESSICA REDEL



Jessica Redel joined St. Peter's in spring 2022 after moving to Lakewood from Tampa, FL. Jessica was born and raised just outside of New Haven, CT. She attended The University of Tampa, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Public Health, and Saint Louis University, receiving her Master of Healthcare Administration.

Jessica has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2013. She currently works at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System as the Health System Specialist to the Chief of Staff. She has been an active member of the Episcopal Church for many years, including serving on the Vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Tampa, FL for a three-year term from January 2016-December 2018.

Jessica lives in Lakewood with her husband, Jake, and dogs, Ali and Leo. She enjoys reading, catching up on Bravo shows, trying new restaurants, traveling, and is starting training for her second marathon in October 2024.

Inter-generational Advent Event

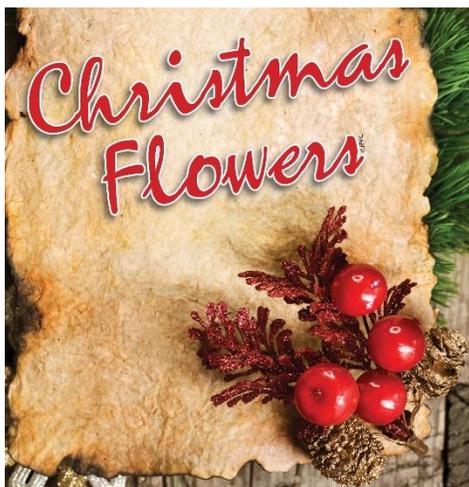
Come ONE, Come ALL,

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.



Brass Polishing: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 am for brass polishing as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. We gather in the kitchen and shine up our brass and enjoy fellowship with each other. This ministry has an amazing group of parishioners that get our brass sparkling in under 2 hours! Please join us - the more the merrier. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Chambers amanda60chambers@gmail.com.



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

Virtual Sunday Coffee Hour

Join us for a **VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR** at
11:15 a.m.

Catch up with friends at the **Virtual Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 10 at 11:15 am.** Please join members of St. Peter's online community. Any questions, please contact Kathy Woolner (440-503-6111.)

The next Virtual Coffee Hour will be held on **Sunday, January 14 at 11:15.** Pour yourself a cup of coffee and join us. Mark your calendar now for future virtual coffee hours on the second Sunday of the month. We look forward to welcoming you.

Login to Sunday Coffee Hour via ZOOM at 11:15 a.m. Sundays. You can get to brunch by using this link in your internet browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813898119?pwd=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119
Passcode: 18001

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: As we head into the new year, it is getting time for the next Worship Rota to be completed. We are looking to refill our ranks; therefore, if you have any desire to assist during either the 8:00 or 10:00 worship service, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org or talk with Fr. Mike. We have opportunities for lectors, acolytes, crucifers, chalcifers, bell ringers, and ushers. Training for all positions is available, so please don't let that deter you from serving.

If you are already on the Worship Rota, you do NOT need to contact the office unless you do not wish to continue to serve or if you would like to serve in another or different capacity. Thank you very much for your service and willingness to assist.



**Assisting Opportunities
IN
WORSHIP**





The Hanging of the Greens will begin on Friday, December 22nd at 12:00 p.m. Please plan to join us; your help is greatly appreciated. All are invited.



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