

## **We hold in our prayers this week ...**

**Parishioners in need of Prayer:** Cindy, Bryan, Lois, Jim & Linda, Bob, Jo, and Peggy

**Homebound Parishioners:** Anida, Sheena, Doug, Jane, and Molly

**Parishioners' Friends and Family:** Joan, Sante, Sheryl, Tina, Betty (Liz Crosby), Maryellen (Bob Brown), Craig, Don (Ann Bish), Azri & Barb, Stan & Deloris (Jim & Nickie Stary), Vitalia (Carolyn Beredo), Laura (Dennis McCready), Lee (John Keller), Dan (Deb Vandrasik), John (David Nash), Marilou (Sara Ferry), Ann (Jan McDonough), Samantha (Sam Morgan), Sharlene (Bob & Christine Schauer), John & Mary (Julie Steigerwald), Brynn, Ellie (Linda Purdy), Virginia (Brenda Pongracz), Christian (Ann Wright), Grace (Cheshier Family), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie, Gary (Emily Malquest), Leslie, Alyssa, Gerry, Nacine, Paul (Joanne Hull), David (Beth O'Rourke), Dan (Cindy Lemmerman), Lee (Tom & Sue Andrews), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine (Patti Dobro), Sue, Michael (Amanda Chambers), Kristen (Alison LaRosa), Carol (Monica Jochum), John (Michelle Killin-Keith), Helen (Marci Rich)

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**Join us for Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
10 a.m. is LIVESTREAMED ONLINE  
The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector**

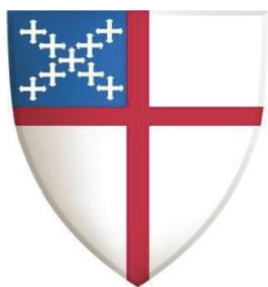
The Service will be livestreamed beginning at 9:50 a.m.  
and the recording will subsequently remain available here:

[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 glass door at the rear of the church 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.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL

### **July Outreach Partner of the Month: The Bishop's Annual Appeal**

During July, St. Peter's ministry outreach focuses on the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the principal means by which communicants and congregations support essential ministries beyond the diocesan budget. This Appeal funds initiatives that individual congregations cannot afford, allowing us to act together as one community. It enables the Diocese of Ohio's parishes and parishioners to support ministries serving the poor, the hurting, and the disadvantaged in our region.

Funds raised through the Bishop's Appeal also help underwrite mission trips and leadership development, provide summer internships for high school and college students, and support the training and placement of newly-ordained clergy. I was able to work with the curates from across the diocese as part of the Bishop's Fresh Start program. This collaborative group met monthly to ensure the collegial support and guidance for those new to their ministry. Your financial gifts help mentor new clergy as they lead their first parish.

Saint Peter's has directly benefited from the Bishop's Appeal, receiving funds for the former curate, the Rev. Kelly Aughenbaugh, for example, and for the youth mission trip. Additionally, the Lakewood Community Services Center and St. Luke's outreach ministry are grant recipients.

By contributing to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are feeding the hungry, comforting those who are struggling, developing leaders, strengthening the church, and changing lives every day.

The loose plate offering collected during July will support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I greatly appreciate your generosity this month.

Blessings,

*Father Mike*



## **SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE REV. NANCY WITTIG ON SUNDAY, JULY 28**

**On Sunday, July 28, at a special all-church worship service at 9:30 a.m.,** the congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church will gather to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Nancy Wittig. Mother Nancy will officiate, preach, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the eve of the 50th anniversary of her historic ordination, which took place on July 29, 1974. Mother Nancy was one of the "Philadelphia Eleven," women who, in defiance of the constitution and canons of the

Episcopal Church, became ordained as priests in Philadelphia's Church of the Advocate. This singular act is the subject of the 2023 documentary film *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

As the Rev. Mike Lager wrote in the July issue of the *Fisherman's Net*:

"This milestone is beyond the longevity of a professional career in the Church. It represents a lifetime devoted to serving God, the Church, and the community out of the faith we all cherish."

**A potluck brunch reception in honor of Mother Nancy's ministry will take place in the Undercroft after the service. A sign-up sheet can be found at the rear of the church; please look for it and determine how you can help with the brunch.**

*In honor of the anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven, the documentary will be available to watch online, on the tech platform Kinema, from 12 p.m. EDT on July 26 through 12 p.m. EDT July 30. You can purchase a ticket at the link below for \$11. Proceeds from this viewing will allow more people to see the movie. For questions about the film, please contact Lorna Jordan at 216-647-3774 or [ljcookie1@gmail.com](mailto:ljcookie1@gmail.com).*

<https://kinema.com/events/the-philadelphia-eleven-ut94x5>

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## Community Meal is July 9



July's Community Meal, on **Tuesday, July 9**, will be the *last* community meal in the take-out format that has been the norm for the last four years, when the COVID pandemic demanded a new "normal." In August, the Community Meal program will return to a dine-in format.

The July meal runs from **5:30 to 6 p.m.** Cooks should gather at 12:30 as usual in the Undercroft. Since there are sufficient sweets in the freezer and cupboards, no bakers are needed this month. Packers and distributors are asked to arrive at 5 p.m.

To learn more about this ministry before in-house dining begins in August, please stop by on Tuesday and speak with the volunteers. You may also contact Jan Babbit ([jrbabbit@gmail.com](mailto:jrbabbit@gmail.com) / 440-668-6289) or Lesley Demagall ([lesleydemagall@gmail.com](mailto:lesleydemagall@gmail.com) / 740-368-7677).

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## St. Peter's Missioners Head to Pennsylvania Next Week

For their second Mission Trip of the summer, members of St. Peter's youth group and their adult chaperones will depart for Rochester, Pennsylvania, following coffee hour on Sunday, July 14. Father Mike will be joining them — as will six missionaries from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea — for this five-day, labor-intensive trip sponsored by Hosanna Industries of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Weather permitting, the group will stay close to home base and repair one-story roofs after beginning the day with devotions.

"We look forward to working with St. Thomas, and to building a relationship in mission together," said Children and Youth Minister Michelle Killin-Keith.

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On Sundays at 9:09 a.m., Rev. Mike Lager leads Adult Forum, a Sunday School class for grown-ups; he also teaches Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Another opportunity for Bible study takes place on Fridays at 8 a.m. at Joe's Deli in Rocky River. For information about the latter group, contact Jim Calhoun at [jlcv401@gmail.com](mailto:jlcv401@gmail.com).

*Please note that there will be no Wednesday Bible Study on July 17, when Fr. Mike will be on the mission trip, nor on July 24, when he will be on vacation.*



## Add to the Beauty of Worship at St. Peter's by Contributing Flowers to the Altar

Worship at St. Peter's is an experience of beauty. Every element of the service — the architecture, the altar hangings, the music, the people in the pews, and more — draws us closer to God by inviting us to bring our very best and lay it upon the altar. The flowers bedecking that altar are an important and radiant symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Altar flowers present an added dimension to the worship experience; not only do they create beauty, they also are shared with the homebound, parishioners celebrating momentous occasions, or someone who just needs a “pick-me-up.”

Every member of the parish is invited to enhance the loveliness of our worship by donating altar flowers on a particular Sunday — either for the glory of God, or in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or events that are important.

Many Sundays are available at St. Peter's for you to place flowers at the altar. (Please note that the Lenten season is an exception.) If you would like to make a gift of altar flowers, please call Johnny Kaufman in the church office at 216-226-1772, or stop by in person to reserve a date. Two regular bouquets are \$90; two special bouquets are \$150. If you would prefer to share with another parishioner on a Sunday, the cost will be divided between families. Please let the office know of any acknowledgements of Remembrance or Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and for contributing to the beauty of our worship.

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## Summer Sunday School at St. Peter's

*Note: Due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, there will be no Summer Sunday School on July 7.*

Summer Sunday School — aka the “Shake-it-Up Café — is ongoing through the end of August. The premise of the program is ingenious: children explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's World. By celebrating biblical festivals, they will discover secret ingredients that will help them follow God. The Bible gives us the recipe: Be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God's Son, remember Jesus' life teachings, and celebrate God forever.

The shake It Up Café is for pre-K children through fifth grade; youth in middle school and high school also attend as mentors, leading some of the lessons.

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## Lakewood Arts Festival is August 3: We Need Your Crafty Help ... and Your Fake Flowers!

St. Peter's is again participating in this year's Lakewood Arts Festival, scheduled for **Saturday, August 3 in downtown Lakewood**. And it would not be the Arts Festival without our famous Church Lady Hats! But we need YOU! Sign-up sheets will be at the rear of the Church beginning Sunday, July 7, so add your name to join in the fun. The following opportunities are available:

- **Cutting Craft paper.** This year it will be somewhat easier because we are purchasing 30-inch wide paper. We will need people to cut the paper into 30-inch length pieces. There will be three rolls, so perhaps three volunteers? We would like to have all of the paper cut in advance of the event.



- **Cutting Fabric.** We need two to three people to cut standard dress fabric into two-inch wide strips. Martha Taylor has generously agreed to donate the fabric, which will be about 44-inches to 48-inches long. We need two to three people to cut the fabric into two-inch-wide strips.
- **Cutting Ribbon.** We need two to three people to cut fabric ribbon into 18- to 24-inch lengths.
- **Setting Up.** We need four to five people to meet at the booth site around 8 a.m. on the day of the show and help set up the booth. This might include collecting the paper, fabric, and ribbons, and bringing them to the event.
- **Staffing the Event and Assisting with Hat-making!** See the sign-up sheet at the rear of the church for two-hour shifts. Our busiest time is from about 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., although the show runs until 6 p.m. We will then need help striking the set!

In addition, we still need fake flowers. If you don't have old arrangements laying around, perhaps you could grab some from the close-out bins when you are at the Dollar Store, Drug Mart, Jo-Ann's, or Michael's! And don't forget to use your coupons! AND WHILE YOU ARE AT THE CRAFT STORE, PLEASE PICK UP SOME DECORATIVE FABRIC RIBBON FOR US! You may leave these in the specially-marked box in the rear-entry vestibule, across from the St. Luke's donation bin.

Thanks to everyone who helps with this. Each year we are the HIT of the show, and what a great way it is for us to shine in our community — bringing joy and smiles to the event-goers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks again,

—Liz Crosby



## Registration is Ongoing for Vacation Bible School

Registration is ongoing for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), which takes place from **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**, for children in pre-K through fifth grade, at Lakewood Congregational Church across the street. Type the URL found below into your browser to register.

In addition to participants ranging from age four to incoming fifth grade, registration is also for youth volunteers (incoming sixth through twelfth grades), and adult volunteers.

Dinner will be provided each day, although participants are welcome to pack a meal if they prefer. There is no cost to attend VBS, but donations are welcome. Opportunities to donate will be offered closer to the start date.

The registration form for Vacation Bible School can be found by typing this URL into your browser:

[tinyurl.com/UnderConstruction2024](http://tinyurl.com/UnderConstruction2024)

*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).*