

FISHERMAN'S NET

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church ♦ Lakewood, Ohio
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Dear St. Peter's Family,

Each month I intentionally begin this letter by addressing everyone as "family." I love how our understanding of family continues to grow in our faith. We discover that intimate belonging, faithful commitment, and devoted love are not limited by biology. Instead, they are gifts of God's grace that gather us into many kinds of relationships throughout our lives.

That is why the Church has long used the language of family as a central metaphor for our life together. We know one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. We speak of Mother and Father, not simply as titles, but as reminders that our life together is rooted in relationships of love, care, and belonging.

Our parish family is part of a much larger family. St. Peter's belongs to the Diocese of Ohio, gathered around our bishop. On **Sunday, September 6**, we will welcome **Bishop Anne Jolly** for her episcopal visitation.

In the Episcopal Church, the bishop is the chief pastor of the diocese. While I provide regular pastoral leadership at St. Peter's, my ministry is shared as an extension of the bishop's care for all the congregations entrusted to her. One of the bishop's unique ministries is celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation and welcoming those who are Baptized, Received or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church. Through these ministries, the bishop reminds us that we are united not only with one another but with every Episcopal congregation and, ultimately, with the whole Church of Christ.

Our diocesan family is part of the Episcopal Church, which is one province of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Anglicans around the globe are connected by common prayer, shared history, and a mutual commitment to following Jesus Christ. The spiritual focus of this worldwide family is the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Sarah Mullally.

This larger vision of family is one reason we are planning our **2027 pilgrimage to England**. We will worship in magnificent cathedrals, pray where generations of Christians have prayed, and visit places that shaped our Anglican heritage. Along the way we will encounter the story of the English monarchy's place in Anglican history, reflect on the ancient Celtic Christians who sought God in the "thin places" of creation, and walk where pilgrims have traveled in search of a deeper faith.

Pilgrimages are about much more than visiting historic sites. They remind us that our faith has been handed down through generations and across continents, helping us return home with fresh eyes for God's work among us at St. Peter's.

If you are interested in joining us, brochures are available at the back of the church and on our parish website. A deposit will reserve your place for this memorable journey in 2027.

Summer Blessings,

Fr. Mike

FROM THE VESTRY

This is a repeat of last month's information; however, it is still timely and relevant. The Realm software is here! All parish members should have received an email to create their account on Realm. If you have not, please inform any Vestry member and/or Tom Newman. Our accounting system will officially transition to Realm on July 1st, with your first semi-annual giving statement coming to you in a new format. The transition for the remaining capabilities is set for August 1st. We want to ensure everyone is ready for this transition. If you have any questions or need assistance, we are here to help!

There are several summer events on the calendar. First, the Montana Mission Trip team is coming to Cleveland. There are several opportunities to join this mission and support those visiting. St. Peter's will have a booth at the Lakewood Art Festival on Saturday, August 1st. Per our much-loved tradition, church lady hat making will be our craft. Lastly, the annual Church picnic is set for August 23rd at Lakewood Park. The service will be held in the pavilion followed by a picnic in the park.

Wishing you a lovely, warm, relaxing summer!
Jessica Redel

Friday Morning Bible Study continues throughout the Summer
Friday at 8:00 a.m., at Joe's Deli, Wooster Rd. & Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River.

**MORNING
PRAYER**

Mondays at
7:15AM

In the Oratory



Coffee Hour with Host Families

For August lemonade on the plaza will continue.

Well, believe it or not summer is wrapping up. Before we know it, we will be returning to our program year starting on September 6th. Below are our host families for September.

As a refresher... this is how it works: 4 households will be assigned each Sunday. No one will have to do this more than a couple times each year. We ask that you plan to bring along with you on Sunday a plate of something to put out for coffee hour. Baking is not required but is always welcomed! The items you bring can be as simple as a bag of goldfish crackers, rice cakes, baby carrots and dip, grapes, crackers & cheese, donut holes -you name it. Just bring enough to share with a dozen people, All you have to do is leave the item on the dining room table 20 minutes before church. The vergers will take care of putting things out and cleaning up (though you are always welcome to help!)

If you cannot cover your assigned Sunday, it would be most helpful if you call someone and switch Sundays or bring it ahead of time and we can hold until your assigned Sunday. You may opt entirely out of the rotation simply by contacting Amanda Chambers 440-669-6352 or amanda60chambers@gmail.com

With much gratitude,

Amanda Chambers

September 6

Bishop Visitation

Nan Archbold-verger
Kathy Woolner
Betsy & John Yingling
Christine & Jan Afungchwi
Tom & Sue Andrews

September 13

Dan Lammers-verger
Cherie Bauer
Mike & Hilary Bickerton
Stephen & Joanne Bickerton
Ann Bish

September 20

Linda Lange-verger
Jim Calhoun
Barb Caravona
Jim & Carrie Cofer
Liz Crosby

September 27

Pat & John Neumann-verger
Maddy Crosby & Parker Wolfe
Victoria DehMalo
Heidi Demaline
Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane

SECOND SUNDAYS! Zoom Zoom!

On the second Sunday of each month, you are invited to catch up with your friends at our **Virtual Coffee Hour!**

Join us and enjoy the company of St. Peter's online community!



The next gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, August 9, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. The following month's gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, September 13, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.

Please call Kathy Woolner at 440-503-6111 with any questions.

For ease in attending, simply add this link to your calendar:

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

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001



Let's get connected.

Our new ministry and finance management system.

Everyone who can receive an email invitation to REALM has by now. **THIS IS NOT SPAM** or a fake email. In order for the parish to take full advantage of all the elements of the Realm system, the maximum number of parishioners need to be participating. If you have an individual email and did not receive an email invitation, please contact the office. If you do not have an individual email, please create one. As of this writing, July 22 there are 135 outstanding invitations. The original invitations were sent **April 30th**. From "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" - notifications@onrealmmail.org



Montana to the CLE schedule:

Saturday	8-Aug	All Arrive, ice breakers, dinner at church – Pizza Party.
Sunday	9-Aug	Services, St. Peter's Lakewood - Montana to host coffee hour after church, picnic at Rocky River Reservation and games, evening compline.
Monday	10-Aug	Work Day - Habitat for Humanity Playhouse project, Dinner at Afungchwi home – backyard BBQ.
Tuesday	11-Aug	Magnet Program 10 AM - 1:30 PM (bring lunch) & Community Meal dinner prep/serve and join.
Wednesday	12-Aug	Cedar Point - All Day.
Thursday	13-Aug	Matthew 25 Statues, Morning Prayer and Tour of the Cathedral, Rock Hall and Science Center, dinner at Linda Purdy's son's home and pool party.
Friday	14-Aug	Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Cleveland Museum of Art and Cultural Garden, lunch in Little Italy, followed by dinner either with Church of the Ascension or at the Taylor home.
Saturday	15-Aug	Work Day - St. Lukes, followed by dinner at Lakewood Park in the Kiwanis Pavillion, swimming in the pool, and watching the sunset over Lake Erie.
Sunday	16-Aug	Depart for Montana.

Please keep our missionaries in your prayers. You can help our missionaries by taking a slip of paper in the back of the church and writing a prayer. Then staple the strip to the existing chain of prayers.
Thank You



YOUTH SUNDAY

August 30th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This means our teenagers will be making the 10 a.m. service happen and happen successfully. This is such an exciting time to watch them take such care and appreciation of THEIR church. If any youth would like to play a song on an instrument or sing, please let Michelle and Bryan know asap because this would be the perfect time to share.

Sunday, August 30, 2026 is

“Go to Church as a Family Sunday”

We try to set aside a few Sundays for families to worship all together. It is important for the children to understand what happens in a full worship service. As they get older, they will appreciate all of the traditions involved and find the beauty and love in all of the sacraments. Childcare will still be offered for children from infants through 2 years of age. Bonus, they will get to see the youth run the service.

Confirmation Retreat Morning

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 2026

Confirmands and sponsors are invited to a morning together. We will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. We will make our Confirmation Day Banners. A draft of these banners was made in June. The banner includes a sharing of faith, personal prayer, and a group effort all to deepen our understanding of the Holy Spirit and encourage a relationship with God. We will go up to the sanctuary and practice for the bishop's visit. We plan to finish up at noon.

Please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 6th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Bishop Anne Jolly will preside over our confirmands both adult and youth. A celebration will be held in the narthex during Coffee Hour.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES DURING SUMMER

**Sundays: August 2, 9, 16, 30 in the Undercroft
Between Services (9:00 a.m.)**

HOMELESS AWARENESS SLEEP-OUT CHECK DELIVERY

We raise the funds in November and deliver the checks over the summer when the kiddos are home from school and have more availability. Five checks have been written just under \$1500 each to the following non-profits. A sixth check is available to Trials for Hope, but we haven't been able to connect, so the youth may have to decide where this money is given.

Lutheran Metropolitan Men's Shelter † Wade Park Veterans Domicile

Y-Haven † Laura's Home † Norma Herr

These funds were raised through the youth sleep-out event (for the homeless) on the Saturday before Thanksgiving last year. They were able to experience what it is like to be homeless and dependent upon the generosity of others. They also faced the folks passing by who yelled profanities at them and those who ignored their pleas.

Thank you for your generous support!



THE 2026 HASO EVENT
 is
Saturday, November 14th
 through
Sunday, November 15th

FALL FOYER GROUPS

Fall is fast approaching so the Generosity Committee wanted to invite our parishioners once again to join Foyer Groups. For those of you who may not have participated in the groups last year, let us explain briefly what they are and encourage you to join the fun!

The Purpose:

The word “foyer” comes from the French word for “hearth” or “home.” Foyer Groups therefore, are small, informal social gatherings of people from a church community who meet regularly in the “home” to build relationships outside of worship services. In many churches, it’s easy to attend services without truly

getting to know others around you. Foyer groups aim to give people a warm and welcoming space for fellowship, thereby helping the group members to connect, deepen friendships, and foster a stronger sense of Christian community.

How They Work:

Groups are formed of 6-8 adults, randomly assigned to encourage mixing across age, background, or ministry involvement.

The groups will meet once a month, often in each other's homes, for a meal or other type of activity until all members of the group have had a chance to host the gathering. Get creative!!

There is no agenda, Bible study, or formal program - just time together to share stories, laugh, and enjoy each other's company.

Group members will then reorganize every four months so participants can meet new people over time.

Let's Get Started:

Once again a sign up sheet will be available at the back of the church where interested parishioners can sign up to participate.

Sign ups will be available for the first four Sundays of August.

Groups will then be formed and participants will be notified of their group members. An initial host will be assigned to host the first gathering.

He/She/They will contact the members of their group and coordinate the initial gathering in September. The group will determine dates to meet for the October, November, and December gatherings and who will host the event in those months.

Why It Matters:

Foyer Groups help the church feel more like a family. They break down barriers, encourage hospitality, and often lead to stronger engagement in the life of the church. For newcomers, they're a way to feel welcomed and included. Long time members often enjoy refreshing and renewing connections with friends in the church.

St. Peter's parishioners have enjoyed Foyer Groups for years and have always had robust participation! Please sign up and be a part of the fun!!!

Martha Taylor 216-870-9095

Leslie Price 216-965-8518



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Monthly Outreach
August



Breakthrough
T1D™

Juvenile Diabetes

Type one diabetes (T1D) occurs when a person's immune system attacks and destroys insulin-producing cells in their pancreas. Insulin is a hormone that helps regulate blood sugar. Without it, people with T1D require insulin therapy to help manage blood glucose levels in order to stay alive. Everyday a diabetic is alive, they have to be managing diabetes 24-7 or else they are in danger. It's...exhausting. And one of the toughest parts is the diabetics, nor their families, ever get a break. But each year it gets a little more manageable, all because of Breakthrough T1D. In the late 1970's the first ever pump was made, and now about 55 years later, a diabetic is making his own insulin all because of Breakthrough T1D's research on cell therapy. Each and every year new developments are being made. And these developments are CHANGING LIVES! I can't tell you how awesome it feels when, as a diabetic, you get a new version of a medical device. It really does change your life, making it feel less like a life long disease, and more like a cure is in sight.

Breakthrough T1D's website states, "Today, we are opening doors that were once closed by diagnosis. We lead the way to more effective solutions: connecting the brightest minds to advance treatments, influence policy, and improve global access to care.

Tomorrow, we will make this condition a thing of the past, by accelerating research and driving innovation forward."

And with the help of our church, all around the world diabetes will be a mere memory. Someday soon, 9.5 million people, including me, will be able to live their lives diabetes-free.

Thank you for your support! -Keira Gardner 💙

Thank you on behalf of the Parish to Net Menders John and Betsy Yingling, and Coffee Hour lead Amanda Chambers for their work in Storage Room NE3 (Coffee Hour & Events prep area). They installed and trimmed out new cabinets and a counter top to replace the folding tables and makeshift storage. Earlier this year the team ran a water supply for the new commercial Bunn coffee machine Amanda donated and made major improvements to the electrical supply. Thanks again to John Yingling, Betsy Yingling, and Amanda Chambers. Parishioner volunteers taking care of business.





Please join us Sunday, August 23rd for the Annual Parish Picnic and service. The events will take place at the Kiwanis Pavilion at Lakewood Park, that's the large open structure adjacent to the playground.

St. Peter's will provide hot dogs and hamburgers with buns and condiments. We ask that you bring other items to share:

Last names beginning with **A through J**, please bring **BEVERAGES**. For the **K through R** folks, please bring a **SIDE DISH** of your choice.

Last names **S through Z** please bring a **DESSERT** item to share.

We will begin the mornings events with a service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by the picnic. We hope everyone who can, will participate.

ST. PETER'S AT  **THE LAKEWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL!**

The Lakewood Arts Festival is ALWAYS the first Saturday in August and this year that date is **AUGUST 1st !!!**

We hope you will stop by the St. Peter's booth, join the fun, and take a walk around to appreciate the art and crafts.

Thank you all. If you have questions, please contact Liz Crosby:

li2ard@aol.com

Liz



August	2	Cynthia Yoder
August	5	Wadia Salah
August	6	Linda Lange
August	8	Ann Wright
August	12	Rory Taylor
August	16	Susan Petty
August	18	Carrie Cofer
August	19	Emily Malquest
August	22	Judy Leatherman
August	22	The Rev. Michael Lager
August	23	The Rev. Dr. Nancy Wittig
August	26	Richard Furry
August	26	Oliver Armstrong
August	26	Colin McConnell
August	26	Kate McHale
August	28	Jamie Cofer
August	29	Dave Tabar
August	29	The Rev. John Keller
August	30	Jamie Hammarlund
August	31	Andrew Nash
August	31	Pam Darling



August	3	Jason & Megan Combs
August	6	David & Robin Nash
August	13	Michael & Jennifer Hammarlund
August	14	Mike & Hilary Bickerton John & Marci Rich
August	17	Paul & Wendi Schwartz
August	28	Donald & Mary Blesse



PARISH PRAYER ROTA FOR JUNE 2026

Please use this parish prayer ROTA in your daily prayers. We will pray for all the families and individuals in the parish serially over the course of a few months, then we'll start over again. Clip this page and keep it with your daily devotions for easy access.



August 1	David Hulligan Joseph Jacoby	August 17	Sumner & Penny Mead Justin & Jessica Mester
August 2	Dick Jacquemotte Susan Jensen & Peter Fahrenkopf	August 18	Michael Miller Bob Moncrief
August 3	Keith & Monica Jochum, Fletcher Caroline Jordan	August 19	Bryan Mitnaul Dave Mitzo
August 4	Lorna Jordan Dan Karchmer & Sunita Mathew, Grace Karchmer	August 20	Nan Miller Jared Morgan, Adeline
August 5	Larry Keith & Michelle Killin-Keith The Rev. John Keller	August 21	Sam Morgan Vicci Mowery
August 6	Roger & Carol Kienzle Bob & Cathy Kinison	August 22	David Murphy David & Robin Nash
August 7	John Krebs Peter Kuhn & Mary Coe, Molly Kuhn	August 23	John & Patricia Neumann Jadon Newman
August 8	The Rev. Mike Lager & Kim Lager Dan & Sally Lammers	August 24	Amalinda Norton Julian & Yhosila Norton, Bjorn, and Lucy
August 9	Kevin & Linda Lange, Henry, Jack, and Mia Tim Lange & Rebecca Austin-Lange, Ian Lange, Cayleigh and Fallon Austin	August 25	Al Oldenburg David & Regina Opdycke, Emma and Abigail
August 10	Alison LaRosa Thomas & Judy Leatherman	August 26	John & Monica Opdycke, Alexis, Ian, Lucas, and Noah Naomi Opdycke
August 11	Mark Lekan & Margarita Quispe Chocos, Maggie and John Ernie & Cindy Lemmerman	August 27	Beth O'Rourke Keith & Monica Owen
August 12	Amanda Love, Chuck Emily Malquest	August 28	Alex & Christina Paschyn Charlotte Patrick, Jack & Fred
August 13	Mat & Sara Marscher, Roya, Kenzey, and Xavier Jeremy & Kelly Martin, Patrick and Amelia	August 29	Mary Elaine Patrinis Nat & Liz Pendleton, John and Jessica
August 14	Gina Massetti Emma McAfee & Barry Stormer	August 30	Claire Perrin Jenny Perrins, Anthony, Richard and William
August 15	Colin & Sarah McConnell Dennis & Amanda McCready	August 31	Ann Pesta John & Susan Petty
August 16	Jan & Dan McDonough Moira & Robin McNutt		

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lakewood Arts Festival 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
2 Adult Confirmation Class 9:00 am HE 8 & 10	3	4	5	6	7 BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am @ Joe's	8 MONTANA group arrives.
9 Montana Cook Out Adult Confirmation Class 9:00 am HE 8 & 10	10 Montana Playhouse Construction 9am to 3 pm	11 COMMUNITY MEAL COOK OUT / BAR-B-Q	12	13	14 BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am @ Joe's	15 MONTANA Group at St. Lukes.
16 MONTANA Group DEPARTS BACK PACK BLESSING Commisioning Children & Youth Volunteers Adult Confirmation Class 9:00 am HE 8 & 10	17	18	19	20	21 BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am @ Joe's LAST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP	22 Fr. Mike's Birthday
23 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC 10:00 a.m. HE at 8 am at the Church HE 10 at the PICNIC	24	25	26	27	28 BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am @ Joe's	29 Confirmation Retreat 9 - 12
30 Adult Confirmation Class 9:00 am HE 8 & 10	31					

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Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing:
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory

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St. Peter's is on FACEBOOK. Don't forget to follow us!

