



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Ashtabula, Ohio

The St. Peter's EPISTLE

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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ashtabula, Ohio



Christmas Eve Prayer

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with
every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy
children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful
thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Happy New Year Wish

My Happy New Year wish for you
Is for your best year yet,
A year where life is peaceful,
And what you want, you get.
A year in which you cherish
The past year's memories,
And live your life each new day,
Full of bright expectancies.
I wish for you a holiday
With happiness galore;
And when it's done, I wish you
Happy New Year, and many more.

By Joanna Fuchs



AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRY JEWELRY SALE

It is time for our yearly display of beautiful hand-made jewelry, carvings, and music makers. Shop early to fill your Christmas Stockings!! Items will be on display from November 23rd until November 6th. Any questions, talk with Carol Wardell.

ST. PETER'S DIRECTORY

We are currently in the process of editing and updating the Church Directory. Don't be surprised when you receive a telephone call to verify your information! Any concerns, please call the church office at 992-8100.



ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

After we celebrate Thanksgiving, the mitten tree will be put up in the Narthex. The mitten tree is then decorated with donations of mittens, hats and socks. These donations will be delivered in January to various schools, day care centers, and given to children in need in the community. This is another wonderful ministry of St. Peter's.

CPR / FIRST AIDE CLASS

The next CPR/First Aide Class is being taught on Wednesday, December 7th from 4-8 p.m. The cost is \$10 and covers the rental of the manikins and the cards. A sign-up sheet will be across from the office. Class is limited to ten. Thank you.

Pam Bean, AHA-BLS Instructor



Yep, everybody - the Fowlers are on the move again. This time to a great retirement facility. Everyone we've talked to (outside of the facility that is) says it's a really special place to live. We're moving from here into a one-bedroom suite. So, we have had to down-size even more again! But our church here has come through for us like the one did in Ashtabula - they just had a rummage sale! Can you believe it? Anyhow, our new address will be:

One Lincoln Park Suite 123
590 Isaac Prugh Way
Kettering, OH 45429
Phone: 937-913-8052

Love to you all, MaryLou

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have begun to have a multiage Sunday School during church for all children present. At this time the older children are helping the younger ones to understand the Word of God, but we hope that in the future we will be able to split the group. Our lessons are in tune with the readings the parents are hearing in church. We have just completed our study of the man Moses and the miracles that God allowed him to perform. We tried the water out of the rock luck to no avail. Of course, we didn't really need to work this miracle and God had not directed it. We are having fun getting to know one another in the way that Christ would want and we always arrive back in church in time to share communion with our family. Pray that we will grow in Christ and his love.

Sincerely Pat Van Allen

2011 RUMMAGE SALE

The sales from this year's rummage sale were very good considering that we did not receive as much merchandise as in previous years. We are usually open for two days, but this year we decided to be open for three days and this plan worked well. We took in more than \$1,000 but the final count is still pending.

I discovered that about two hundred greeting cards had accumulated over the years in the Book Store! So Valerie Vitovich and I sorted through all of them and decided to lower the price to 5 cents each and sell them on two Sundays, and we are calling this sale Rummage Sale Rerun!!

Remember, all profits go to the boiler/heating fund!!!! *WE THANK YOU.*

SHARE-A-HOME

Share-A-Home welcomes two new residents, bringing our occupancy to six. The Board of Trustees is grateful for grant money obtained from The Morrison Foundation. Their generous contribution of \$3,500 allowed for the replacement of all the flat roof areas on the Share-A-Home facility and alleviated the leaking of rainwater into the interior of the facility. Also, thanks to the St. Peter's Mission Group for their ongoing repair work.

Jay and Martha Shippy

Begins December 21st



LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The following members of St. Peter's have recently received training as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and will be licensed to take Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services: Ernestine Bush, Judy Andersen, Connie Dixon, Hazel Phillips, Sue Port, Pam Bean, and Alison Burnham. They will join Pat Van Allen, Peter Bean, Martha Shippy, John Korb, and Bill Murphy who are presently ministering to parishioners in that capacity.

In the future, we will try to give an in-depth report on the number of parishioners served by these home/nursing home/hospital visitors. If you are aware of anyone needing this service, or, if you would like to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please contact church secretary Marguerite Seymour, Peter Bean, or Martha Shippy.

David Kozak also received the training and will be serving at the 8:00 a.m. service, joining fellow Lay Eucharistic Ministers Bob Hazeltine, Roger Smith, Chuck Brockway, Ann Balog, Carol Wardell, Pat Van Allen, Mary Kay Loose, John Korb, Dick Rose, and Peter Bean who serve at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. (I apologize if I forgot to mention someone).

Peace and all good, Martha and Peter

MISSION AREA COUNCIL

The NeMAC meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. James/Painesville. Items to be addressed at the upcoming Convention will be discussed. Diane Box and I will be taking the items collected for the VA to the meeting for distribution to veterans. The collection is ongoing—lotion, lip balm, baby wipes, and lap robes—crocheted, knitted, and fleece. We have about 8 lap robes to donate and will continue to contribute to this ministry.

Shalom ~ Martha

VA Donations Needed: The collection of the following items for distribution to veterans is ongoing: Lip balm, Lotion, Baby wipes and Lap robes – 3 feet by 4 feet.

GREAT MUSIC WITHOUT BARRIERS

Great Music without Barriers will present two concerts at St. Peter's for the general public as the series finishes its calendar year season. On Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 p.m. the series will present a concert of operatic music with Cynthia Wohlschlager and her students. Cynthia Wohlschlager, soprano, is an active teacher and performer in the greater Cleveland area. Performances have taken her to Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany.

A native of this area, she has performed operas in area schools through Opera Cleveland on Tour and The Akron Concert Society. She was a featured soloist at the Spoleto Music Festival in Italy and won an opportunity to sing "Qui la voce" from I Puritani in Graz, Austria under the esteemed conductor Edoardo Müller. Recitals venues include the French Society of Cleveland, the Tuesday Musical Club at the Akron Art Museum, Christmas at Malone, the CIM Women's Committee Recital Series, and the Jefferson Arts Council Concert Series.

She has appeared with the Duke Symphony Orchestra in performances of Le Nozze di Figaro and Hansel and Gretel. She is a member of the core ensemble with Opera Cleveland and has been seen in numerous productions at the State Theatre in Playhouse Square. Ms. Wohlschlager teaches voice for The Cleveland Institute of Music, Case Western Reserve, and Malone University.

Ms. Wohlschlager will return to St. Peter's the following day to work with 4th, 5th and 6th grade Ashtabula Area City Schools CELEBRATE students. The students will be treated to a workshop and a meal.



Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. will be the annual Holiday concert. The entertainment promises to be entertaining, as The Musical Theater Project returns to St. Peter's to present "A Christmas Cabaret".

Don't miss TMTP's one-of-a-kind holiday treat! The songs go as far back as 1916 and Irving Berlin's "Santa Claus": "You'd better be good like a good baby should, or he will fly right by to another neighborhood!" And in addition to festive curiosities like that one, the show is filled with evergreens for young and old including "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," "Silver Bells," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and even "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." The program features Bill Rudman, Nancy Maier, Sandra Simon and a vocalist to be announced.

Guests are invited to a pre-concert dessert in Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. A reception to meet the artists will follow the concert.

BEATITUDE HOUSE

Beatitude ([Matthew 5:3-12](#)) House is now under renovation / construction at St. Joseph School. St. Peter's has opted to adopt and furnish one of the 10 apartments for the use of a homeless mother and her children. A list of needed items and supplies will be forthcoming in a future Sunday bulletin.

In addition to our parishioners, we will invite others who are 'back door members' of St. Peter's to join with us in fulfilling the needs of those who will be participating in the Beatitude House transition program. We will include those who attend the weekly self-help meetings, Weight Watchers, our breakfast guests, the fine arts committee and those who will be coming to Thanksgiving Dinner and to our concerts. It is our belief that the support of the community is important to the success of the mission of Beatitude House. Please keep this mission in your prayers.



MOVIE AND A MEAL



Our 3rd “Movie and a Meal” will be held on Friday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. The movie chosen for the evening is “Saving Sarah Cain”.

“When Sarah Cain, a self-involved big-city newspaper columnist, travels to Pennsylvania for the funeral of her Amish sister, she soon discovers that she is the legal guardian of her five Amish nieces and nephews. Rather than choose to move to Lancaster County to finish raising them there herself, or let them be separated by the foster care system, Sarah decides to take them with her back to Portland where she believes she can make a new life for them.

However, she soon realizes that the modern world has forced them to compromise who they are, and that she has moved them there for all the wrong reasons - a motive which is soon exposed - because secrets can really never be kept secret. In order to find her own redemption, she knows she must make a choice to give them back their lives in Amish Country. And whether she remains part of their lives will have a lot to do with how much she has grown to love them”.

Written by [Redemption Films](#)

The meal will be a pot-luck. Since the movie deals with Amish life, an Amish dish to pass around might just be a real taste treat. All are invited to join us for the evening. If it is not convenient to bring a dish to share, please come and bring your appetite. The ‘loaves and fishes’ work at St. Peter’s.

HALO (Holiday Angels Loving Others)

The purpose of HALO is to provide food for a traditional Christmas meal; provide a new gift such as a toy or educational game for each child up to 18 living in the home; provide for special needs in the family where possible; and provide all of the above in a dignified manner, in keeping with the Christmas spirit of goodwill towards all mankind. A list of gift suggestions will be posted on the bulletin board very soon. If you make a selection, cross the item off of the list in order to avoid duplication. Gifts and monetary gifts will be collected in the church office.

Our HALO Family consists of a 23 year old mother and 30 year old father. They have four children: a six year old male, a five year old male, a two year old female and a one year old female.

Can we gather together to help this family have a wonderful Christmas celebration?
More information to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

Marguerite Seymour

CHEF OF THE MONTH

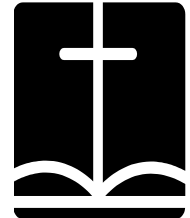
A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Currently our freezer contains mostly bread! If your ministry is to help those in need, please sign-up to be a *Chef of the Month*.

We usually cook our favorite food and package it to feed two in a freezable container. These are placed in our freezer in parish hall. There must be a great need as the freezer is bare. Any questions, call Cassie Korland at 964-2842.

BOOKSTORE

We recently started cleaning out the store. We had a card and miscellaneous sale but there are many more items left to sell - cheap! We have some Christmas items and St. Peter's shirts and hats at a reduced rate. Christmas cards are still 5 cents. Martha Shippy has made some beautiful Anglican Prayer Beads. The money from the sale of these beads will go to Share-A-Home.

Please stop in on Sunday and see what unusual stuff we have for sale. Great stocking stuffers! If there are any questions talk with Carol Wardell.



BOILER/HEATING PROJECTS UPDATE

I am writing this brief note to let you know how our projects are progressing.

First of all, the Boiler Project in the church has been completed and is working great. The work was done by Rabe Environmental Systems, Inc. out of Erie, PA.

Second, the Heating and Air Conditioning Project for the Guild Room and the Church and Sexton/Treasurer's offices is currently in progress and is being done by our neighbors, Apple Heating and Air Conditioning. This should be completed within the next two weeks. If you take a peek into the pool room doors you can see how much work is involved in this project. A big THANK YOU to all who contributed so generously. This would not have happened without your help.

Third, the tearing off and replacing of the flat roof on the north side of the church, as well as patching some areas that have caused water damage near the Rector's office and the stairwell to the second floor class rooms. This project was completed by Ray Roofing of Ashtabula.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to Larry Hughes (Hughes Roller Building Company) who reviewed the quotes we received and who personally went up on the roof to make sure the damage was repaired properly and cost effectively.

I cannot express my appreciation enough to our Sexton, Jim Carlson, who worked very hard to make sure everything was moved, disposed of, and cleaned up in order for the contractors to do their job. My thanks to St. Peter's Church and Foundation for their generosity.

Larry Seymour, Jr. Warden



YARNING AT ST. PETER'S

Our St. Peter's Yarning group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. We would be very happy to welcome new faces and hands willing to help with our project of making prayer shawls, lap blankets, and baby and child blankets. We will gladly help anyone who is new to knitting and/or crocheting. Thanks to a very generous donation, we have some beautiful new yarn to work with and look forward to putting it to very good use with your help. Hope to see you there.

Sandra Buckel

FOUNDATION CENTER UPDATE

The Foundation held their quarterly Board of Supervisors' meeting on October 26th. At our quarterly meeting the Board accepted the resignation of our long-time Secretary, Eleanor Andrews. The Board is very appreciative of the 15 years of service that Eleanor gave to us. The Board appointed Bernadette Nolan as our Secretary at this time. We are very pleased that Bernadette accepted this position. The following grants were approved:

1. St. Peter's Fine Arts Program \$750.00
2. McDaniel's High School Graduates \$350.00
3. Phase 2 – Heating and Cooling – Part of the Parish House \$6,500.00
4. Chapel Roof Repair \$6,000.00

Please remember the Foundation in your financial planning.

The next quarterly meeting will be January 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

Don Loose, Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS & VESTRY

On behalf of the Vestry, I would like to thank all those who helped with our capital fund drive that provided for the completion of Project I and Project II of our heating and cooling efforts.

We do appreciate those who kept this work in their prayers; there were many who did so. We are also grateful to those who were able to make a monetary contribution to the fund drive. In all, a total of 50 gifts were made to ensure that we will stay toasty warm during the winter. A more consistent cool will be felt by those who use the Guild Room or either of the offices during the summer.

Roger Smith, for the Wardens and Vestry

Veterans' Day

November 11th





Birthdays and Anniversaries

November		December	
Don Thomas	02	Tabitha Goodman	02
Laura Craven	03	Shirley Mullen	05
Gen Howe	03	Micah Shaffer	06
Jayne Shaffer	04	Roger & Jane Shaffer	06
Meredith Buck	06	Jim Weidig	10
Maricris Ricket	08	Pamela Bean	11
Chuck & Jean Brockway	10	Sandy Buckel	11
(Hopsie) Katherine Lines	10	Chuck Brockway	13
Jeff Cline	11	Casella Korland	17
Rex Dickey	12	Dr. Janet Green	18
Christopher Cobb	13	Amelia Chiles	19
Nick Kozak	13	Viola Kunkle	21
John Buckel	14	Matthew Hynd	22
Jamie Varner	15	Carl Nelson	22
Martha Hazeltine	16	Barbara Korb	23
Larry & Alberta Meloro	17	Emily Schroeder	24
Logan Ricket	20	Dale Theis	24
Chris Tatters	20	Rus & Melinda Kapalin	26
Jesse Ricket	21	Antoinette Green	27
Diane Box	24	Larry & Marion Hughes	27
Sally & Steven Searl	24	Alberta Meloro	27
Tom Tyler	25	Tom and Elinor Tyler	27
Neil Meloro	26	Tim Erickson	29
Cyndy Dill	29	Larry & Casella Korland	29
		Richard & Jean Rose	29

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6th

Turn clocks back



Emergency Phone Numbers **When....**

You are sad, phone [John 14](#)
You have sinned, phone [Psalm 51](#)
You are facing danger, phone [Psalm 91](#)
People have failed you, phone [Psalm 27](#)
It feels as though God is far from you, phone [Psalm 139](#)
Your faith needs stimulation, phone [Hebrews 11](#)
You are alone and scared, phone [Psalm 23](#)
You are worried, phone [Matthew 8:19-34](#)
You are hurt and critical, phone [1 Corinthians 13](#)
You feel like an outcast, phone [Romans 8:9-39](#)
You are seeking peace, phone [Matthew 11:25-30](#)
It feels as if the world is bigger than God, phone [Psalm 90](#)
You need Christ like insurance, phone [Romans 8:1-30](#)
You are leaving home for a trip, phone [Psalm 121](#)
You are praying for yourself, phone [Psalm 87](#)
You require courage for a task, phone [Joshua 1](#)

Inflations and investments are hogging your thoughts, phone [Mark 10:17-9](#)
You are oppressed, phone [Psalm 27](#)
Your bank account is empty, phone [Psalm 37](#)
You lose faith in mankind, phone [1 Corinthians 13](#)
It looks like people are unfriendly, phone [John 15](#)
You are losing hope, phone [Psalm 126](#)
You feel the world is small compared to you, phone [Psalm 19](#)
You want to carry fruit, phone [John 15](#)
Paul's secret for happiness, phone [Colossians 3:12-17](#)
With big opportunity/discovery, phone [Isaiah 55](#)
To get along with other people, phone [Romans 12](#)
For dealing with fear, call [Psalm 47](#)
For security, call [Psalm 121:3](#)
For assurance, call [Mark 8:35](#)
For reassurance, call [Psalm 145:18](#)

ALL THESE NUMBERS MAY BE PHONED DIRECTLY.
ALL LINES TO HEAVEN ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY.

Rest assured that your God is always near, but sometimes we seem to think He has gone on vacation without leaving a cell phone number for emergencies. In case anyone was out to lunch when God's cell phone number for emergencies was given out, it is 7-7-2-9-3-7 (or you can just dial the letters P-R-A-Y-E-R). It is a 24-7 number. He is always available.

P-R-A-Y-E-R is not a long distance exchange. It is a local number. God is always listening. He encourages us to dial His number at any hour and from any location — even when we have taken a wrong turn or gotten lost following a detour. And in an emergency, no 9-1-1 operator could respond more rapidly. Go ahead. “Phone home” today — and every day. God is just a prayer away. And God is eagerly awaiting your call. After all, He loves you. And we all enjoy hearing from those we love. So reach out and be touched by Someone for With God's Help All Things Are Possible.

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