



EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio

Helping all people find a connection to God's community.

April, 2024

SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

I am including 2 important articles in place of my regular column this month. We had a parish meeting on March 3, 2024 re: a possible Shared Ministry with another Episcopal Church and I thank everyone who attended. Rachel Grilliot, Vestry Clerk, wrote up a very good summary and that is included here. Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, I am including an update from Chris Nelson and Joe Grilliot re: Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Please feel free to talk with them if you have any questions about this.

See you all in April!

Kim Bohler, Senior Warden

Parish Discussion

March 3, 2024

Sr. Warden Kim Bohler explains the concept of shared ministry being considered by the vestry with St. James of Piqua. She used the example of the Urbana and Mechanicsburg churches led by Rev. Derrick Fetz who is also missioner for the diocese. Derrick is assisting in the discussions with Piqua.

The parish discussed the number of Eucharists the parish would want with a priest, pastoral care needs, and expected community interactions.

The majority of the parish would be happy with two Eucharists a month, with a few members stating they would prefer three or four a month. It was agreed that there should be a consistent service scheduler—first and third Sundays or second and fourth. There was also discussion of how a fifth Sunday will be handled. The parish is also open to considering a shift in service schedule, though the current 10:30 a.m. schedule is good.

The priorities expressed for pastoral care include: home, sick, communion, and hospital visits. There is also interest in having a priest coordinate a pastoral care team within the parish.

Priorities expressed for community interaction include: participation in the local Ecumenical Council, being seen in businesses—coffee shops, restaurants, kids activities, etc., reinstating a public blessing of the animals, opening the

church building to community activities. The parish would like a priest who is outgoing.

A Statement of Mission



As Episcopalians in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, we commit to:

† Know the common story

Deut. 11:18-21

† Proclaim our common faith

Matt. 28:19-20

† Pray our common prayer

1 Thess. 5:16-19

† Drink the common cup

Mark 10:38

† Serve the common good

Matt. 25:37-40

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common ministry.

RENEWING A MINISTRY PROGRAM AT ST PAUL'S GREENVILLE

Eucharistic Visitors are licensed lay people empowered to take communion to fellow Parishioners, when the parish priest is unavailable to make communion visits to those in the Hospital, home bound or residing in long-term care facilities. In 1988, The General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed a new Canon defining the roles of the Lay order and set up licenses for certain categories of Lay Ministry including Lay Eucharist Visitor.

Prior to the change in the National Church Canons, most of those roles were reserved for Ordained Ministry like Priests and Deacons.

With the decreasing supply of Priests and Deacons in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Southern Ohio recently announced a process of training for licensing Parish Members as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. The hope is that the Lay Eucharistic Visitor role can support parishioners to stay connected to our church with home provided communion services.

In the past Jan Dunwoody served as a Eucharistic Visitor empowered by Rev. Margaret Sammons.

Currently Our Vestry is supporting Joe Grilliot and Chris Nelson to enroll in Diocesan training sessions and licensing to become Lay Eucharistic Visitors for our Parish.

The first step in this process was completed in January 2024, at Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield. There are two other training requirements to complete the certification process. We expect the remaining training to be completed by the end of May.

We hope this renewed Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry will help people at home or unable to attend church services to feel more connected as members of the Communion of our Church.

If you have further questions, feel free to reach out to Joe or Chris.

Joe Grilliot



Date/Proper	Readings	Assistants	Flowers*
<p align="center">April 7 The Second Sunday of Easter</p>	<p align="center">Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1- -2:2 John 20:19-31</p>	<p align="center">Rev. Daniel Linnenberg, Officiant Chris Nelson, LEM/ Prayers Karen Burkett, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher</p>	<p align="center">Chris & Jan Nelson</p>
<p align="center">April 14 The Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p align="center">Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48</p>	<p align="center">Fr. Mujete, Officiant Kim Bohler, LEM/Prayers Gary Benesh, Reader Fred Dean, Usher</p>	<p align="center">Mara Cox</p>
<p align="center">April 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p align="center">Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18</p>	<p align="center">Joe Grilliot, Officiant Jan Dunwoody, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher</p>	<p align="center">Karrie Quigney</p>
<p align="center">April 28 The Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p align="center">Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22 :24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	<p align="center">Fr. Mujete, Officiant P.J. Brumbaugh, LEM/ Prayers Duane Johnson, Reader Fred Dean, Usher</p>	<p align="center">Duane Johnson</p>

** Please notify the office of flower dedication by noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday listed.

OUTREACH

The Outreach committee held it's first 2024 kick-off and organizational mtg on Tuesday Feb 27, 2024. The first order of business was to welcome the two new members joining our committee, Jan Dunwoody and Joe Grilliot.

Review previous year Outreach Events for possible repeat or "Tweaking" for 2024 events.

A. Consensus to continue the Prev years outreach events as follows:

- Continue weekly donations for personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies for GRCC.
- Continue donations of Alum pop tabs for Ronald McDonald house in Dayton OH.
- Continue Easter time food Gift certificates from Eikenberry's IGA. Two families provided and increase recent years gift amount from \$100./each to \$125./each for 2024. Announce to Parish and solicit for individual donations for his outreach event.
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- Participate again in 2024 for Darke County United Way "Stuff- A- Bus" outreach event. Approx. mid-July event. Solicit donations from Parish members for a 1 to 1 dollar match.
- Participate again in the early Sept Downtown Greenville Car show with Popcorn and bottled water give-away. Donations to be given to GRCC in the form of personal hygiene or household cleaning supplies.... No cash donation to GRCC.
- Solicit individual parish members (Late Oct – Early Nov.) for staffing with another church for the Community Unity Christmas fundraiser drive at Eikenberry's IGA. Working sessions typically start Thanksgiving weekend, thru the week before Christmas

B. Let's plan a better advertising / publishing style for 2024. Can we make bi-monthly or quarterly contributions to our monthly newsletter?

- Will try to submit more Parish newsletter articles around times of outreach events.
- Will use the same news articles for St Paul's website
- Will submit same newsletter article to Facebook postings..... maybe before and after outreach events.
- Submit same news releases to Early bird and Darke.net (?) e-news site.

C. Should our Outreach Comm be the spear - header for our Website?

- Current organization structure has the Sr Warden as the filter. Actual submissions are made from the Church secretary and church PC, then forward to our website creator / maintainer.
- Outreach articles to be forwarded to Sr Warden for review and submission to church secretary.
- Current website has not been recently reviewed for overall design, content, and ease of use. Need to consider a small comm to study and recommend website improvements.

2. New Discussion = Outreach Comm as Additional role as “Parish Support Group” = Consensus feeling was not the function of the Outreach Comm. Although maybe this need might be developed from other parish members, that may also be on the Outreach Comm.

A. Supply Priests address Sunday Service only. Who addresses after Sunday Services?

- Possibly addressed by soon to be certificate licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitor’s Joe Grilliot and Chris Nelson

B. Hospital / Surgery events..... Who visits before surgery? Who spends time with the spouse-friend during surgery

- Table until Shared Ministry decision is made.

C. Home – cooked meals right after surgery? Sat kitchen cook-off event and Freezer bags for Baking Volunteers?

- Can we find 2-4 volunteers to serve as “On-Call” parish members for this outreach effort?

D. Sunday card signing program W/ Sunday bulletin.

- Can small group from Outreach serve as organizers of this? Cards need to pre-purchase and inventory at the church. Solicitations for Parish signing made during Church announcement time.

E. Recording of Sunday service to deliver on Sunday afternoon / eve? Or live-stream Church service? Many other churches now do this, especially now since COVID Pandemic forced churches to close for several months.

- No movement on this item. Perhaps review again after shared Ministry decision is made.

F. Easter-time & Christmas time Cookie bake (Parish wide on Sat?) for neighborhood gift giving.... St Paul’s shut – ins?

- No discussion on this item. Review again in next Outreach Comm. mtg.
- No planning time left for Easter-time cookie bake.

G. Discussion about returning to the previous “Flicks for the Soul” Sunday eve movie, and light supper program.... What would it take to restart that program?

- Low cost impact to the Parish
- More logistics involvement for consideration if movie selection is moral or religious teaching based vs “Warm and Fuzzy” selection.
- Pot luck carry in concept or rotating food gift provided? Or, popcorn and chips, deserts snack only etc.
- No decision. Table until next Outreach comm mtg.

Respectfully,

St Paul’s Outreach Committee.

Chris Nelson, Chair

Kim Bohler, Tim Burns, Linda Cassel, Jan Nelson, Jan Dunwoody, Joe Grilliot.

April 2024

Monthly Planner

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