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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio

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

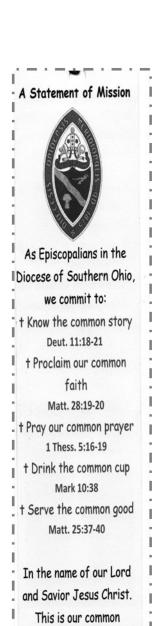
December, 2024

SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

How would Jesus like for us to celebrate December, the month of his birth? I cannot speak for him, of course, but I have a few ideas based on his teachings. He might enjoy a few of the fun things this month, such as Christmas cookies and get-togethers, but I believe that he would be much more pleased if we looked deeper and focused on his lessons. Let us live out his main teachings by always loving and caring for others, including those around us who may be struggling or lonely. It doesn't cost anything to spend some time with someone who needs to know that they are seen and cared for. A kind word and smile can also go a long way. I think that Jesus might also want us to forgive others at this time of the year, which is another gift that doesn't cost anything. How about serving others and volunteering? There are so many options for this both in our church and in our community. The gift of your time is one of the best gifts there is, and it truly makes a difference. Also, how about continuing these actions and gifts yearround, which would probably give Jesus the most joy. Our world is so hungry for the care and love that we can provide as the hands of our most blessed Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please join us this month of Advent for meaningful and beautiful services, including a special Christmas Eve Eucharist Service at 4 p.m. with Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh. Be sure to bring some family members and friends with you as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas all month long. Wishing all of you a very blessed Advent, Christmas, and holiday season!

Kim Bohler, Senior Warden



ministry.

Date/Proper	Readings	Assistants	Flowers*	
December 1 First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Chris Nelson, Celebrant Jan Dunwoody, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher	Eldon & Mary Alice Wolter	
December 8 Second Sunday of Advent	Baruch 5:1-9 Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Fr. Mujete, Celebrant PJ Brumbaugh, LEM/Prayers Joe Grilliot, Reader Sharon Wintrow & Duane Johnson, Ushers	Becky & Terry Hartnagle	
December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Kim Bohler, Celebrant Duane Johnson, Reader Jan Dunwoody, Usher	Jan Dunwoody	
December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 3: The Song of Mary Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	Fr. Mujete, Celebrant Kim Bohler, LEM/Prayers Karen Burkett, Reader Richard Mote, Usher	Sharon Wintrow	
December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	Rev. Brumbaugh, Celebrant PJ Brumbaugh LEM/Prayers Chris Nelson, Reader Fred Dean, Usher		
December 29 Isaiah 61:1062:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18		Joe Grilliot, Celebrant Peter Hemer, Usher	Kim Bohler	



St. Paul's celebrates Christmas with gifts of time and treasure

At this time of year, we give thanks to God for the gift of the birth of his son, Jesus. And to help show our Christmas time thanks for his gift to us, our parish once again offers our time as part of a wider fundraising outreach event for the Darke County Community Unity non-profit organization. St. Paul's will be splitting a 10-hour fundraising shift with the Ft. Jefferson United Methodist church to cover the staffing hours of 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Eikenberry's IGA on Nov. 30. Each church will staff a 5-hou shift. And St Paul's is blessed to easily cover our commitment with 5 different volunteers. Our thinks go out this year to John McCracken, Joe Grilliot, Linda Cassel, Tim Burns, and Jan and Chris Nelson.

The Darke County Community Unity non-profit organization is largely a multi-denominational church-based organization whose purpose is to help those with urgent and emergency economic and housing needs for Darke County residents.

The four main areas of assistance this organization provides to residents of Darke Country are:

- Utilities—pre-shut off payments
- Emergency Housing needs—typically 1-week local hotel stay vouchers.
- Medical needs—typically prescription payments, or medical transportation to doctors or hospital appointments, etc.
- Emergency transpiration needs—typically pre-paid gas-only cards.

Although the Darke County Community Unity organization is partially funded by grant money from the Darke County United Way, the Christmas Fund Drive is this organization's largest self-funded drive. Last year (2023), their Christmas fund drive, which St Paul's Episcopal helped staff, raised \$35,835.

St. Paul's will again this year share our treasure (money) by supporting 3 families with financial needs. We will give each family a \$250 gift certificate to Eikenberry's IGA in early December. In previous years, we have only been able to financially help 2 families. This year's total \$750 Outreach expense is largely made possible by an anonymous donor to our Outreach Fund who specifically as it be used to support the food needs of families on our community. If you would like to be a part of this Christmas food outreach effort, please consider donating with either a check or cash offering. Mark on your check or cash envelope, "Christmas Food Outreach"

Respectfully submitted,

Saint Paul's Episcopal Outreach Commission.

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

Chris Nelson, Chair.

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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30 AM Liturgy of the Word	2	3 Bulletin Information Due	4	5	6	7
8 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Father Brown, Coffee Hour	9	Bulletin Information Due	11	12	13 Poinsettia Deadline	14
15 10:30 AM Liturgy of the Word, Vestry	16	17 Bulletin Information Due	18 Epistle Information Due	19	20	21
22 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Father Brown 4:00 PM Caroling	23	4:00 PM Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist, Rev. Charlie Bulletin Information Due	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
10:30 AM Lessons and Carols	30	31 Bulletin Information Due	3 4 10 11 17 18	Nov 2024 T W T F S 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 26 27 28 29 30	Jan 2025 S M T W T	3 4 10 11 17 18 24 25