



# EPISTLE

**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 year-round, 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**

### 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.

<b>Date/Proper</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Assistants</b>	<b>Flowers*</b>
<b>December 1</b> 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
<b>December 8</b> 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
<b>December 15</b> 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
<b>December 22</b> 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
<b>December 24</b> 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	
<b>December 29</b> First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 61:10--62:3 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-hour shift. And St Paul's is blessed to easily cover our commitment with 5 different volunteers. Our thanks 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 transportation 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

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