

# EPISTLE

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio**

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

**February 2025**

## Sr. Warden Comments

Some may say, "Some things always stay the same." Some may say, "Nothing stays the same forever."

So, what is it for us at St Paul's' Episcopal?

If you attended our annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, you know that Kim Bohler and I did a bit of a "Musical Chairs" switch around. After serving the past 3 years as Sr. Warden, most of which was without a full-time or even a part-time priest, Kim asked for someone else to step up and fulfill her 4th year as Sr. Warden. And she was willing to take a Vestry seat if someone on the Vestry would take the Sr. Warden position. The Sr Warden position within the Episcopal faith is the effective leader of the Parish when there is not a Rector or Priest in charge. Even for a small sized Parish such as ours, it can be a very time-consuming job. So, a big "Thank You" is due to Kim Bohler for her 3 years of Sr. Warden Leadership.

So, what about the two questions at the top of this article?


"The thing that seems to stay the same:" Somehow we are still able to support our own Parish needs with unselfish servants over the many years giving of their time as Wardens, Vestry members, and several other dedicated parish members. This Leading and caring for ourselves to help serve the many functions of the church over many years, has been a constant for our Parish. It's one of those things that seem to stay the same, over many years.

"Nothing stays the same forever:" Our current situation now for approximately 2.5 years of operating without any kind of priest in charge support, I believe will not last forever. We've been here before since our last full-time rector Rev. Mauri Kaiser retired in 1995. We eventually regained some sort of priest arrangement to serve our Parish. And, several times over the past 30 years, beyond just Sunday supply priests.

To that end, we recently received some encouraging news from the Bishop's staff. Two members of the Bishop's staff will be visiting our Parish and conducting a Holy Eucharist service on Sunday Feb 9, 2025. They will then meet with our Vestry after the service to discuss our current no-priest situation and review some options and possible directions.

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**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.

# FEBRUARY

## February Birthdays:

Lily Nelson, February 2

Tammy Gross, February 18

John McCracken, February 24

Fred Dean, February 28

## February Anniversaries

Kenny and Tammy Gross, February 18

## Please Keep Our Members & Friends In Your Daily Prayers:

Darrell Wintrow, Duane Johnson, Peggy Riegel, Margaret Godown, Bob Ronk, Sharon Wintrow, April Wilkinson, Kathryn Adams, Denver Johnson, Sam Lee, Rev. Ed Payne, Neil McHolland, Joan Mote, David Wolverton, Joel Kohlmeyer, and Leslie Alexander

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This is especially timely for us, as we also recently (mid-December 2024) received notice from St. James Episcopal in Piqua, that they decided to withdraw from the Bishop-encouraged and signed agreement to share a clergy person between St. James and St. Paul's.

Kim has done a magnificent job of scheduling Sunday supply priests for 2 out of 4 Sundays thru April 2025, including Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh for Easter Sunday, April 20. In February, we will have 2 Holy Communion services and 2 Liturgy of the Word services.

Chris Nelson,  
Sr. Warden

## Vestry Vibes

On January 19, the Vestry met and finalized plans for the Annual Meeting. This planning included consulting the church bylaws to verify the allowed procedure for allowing Kim Bohler to resign as Sr. Warden and Chris Nelson to fulfill her remaining term. It was determined this could be accomplished by the members of the Vestry at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Kim is looking for someone to take over management of the Church's Facebook page. This does not need to be a member of the Vestry, only someone comfortable with the technology.

Rev. Melanie Slane and Rev. Derrick Fetz will be visiting from the Diocese on Feb. 9. They will lead the service and meet with the vestry afterward. This will give us an opportunity to discuss our priest search and situation with them and learn what the Diocese sees as next steps for us.

<b>Date/Proper</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Assistants</b>	<b>Flowers*</b>
<p><b>February 2</b></p> <p>The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Jeremiah 1:4-10</p> <p>Psalms 71:1-6</p> <p>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</p> <p>Luke 4:21-30</p>	<p>PJ Brumbaugh, Celebrant</p> <p>Jan Dunwoody, Reader</p> <p>Judy Fitzgerald, Usher</p>	<p>Jan Dunwoody</p>
<p><b>February 9</b></p> <p>The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]</p> <p>Psalms 138</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</p> <p>Luke 5:1-11</p>	<p>Rev. Fetz, Celebrant</p> <p>Rev. Slane, Preacher</p> <p>Chris Nelson, LEM/Prayers</p> <p>Joe Grilliot, Reader</p> <p>Peter Hemer, Usher</p>	<p>Marty Davis</p>
<p><b>February 16</b></p> <p>The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-10</p> <p>Psalms 1</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</p> <p>Luke 6:17-26</p>	<p>Kim Bohler, Celebrant</p> <p>Duane Johnson, Reader</p> <p>Fred Dean, Usher</p>	<p>Linda Cassel</p>
<p><b>February 23</b></p> <p>The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</p> <p>Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50</p> <p>Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p>Rev. Linnenberg, Celebrant</p> <p>Chris Nelson, LEM/Prayers</p> <p>Karen Burkett, Reader</p> <p>Dick Mote, Usher</p>	<p>John &amp; Karen Burkett</p>

Some give them food to eat. Some give them clothes to wear. We give them items to keep themselves clean.

On Nov. 25, 2024, our church made a sizable donation to our community outreach partner Grace Resurrection Community Center (GRCC). This is Darke County's largest single source for free food and clothing assistance for those county members that are experiencing financial struggles.

Approximately 1 year ago, the director of the GRCC asked us to consider focusing donations on personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies. Although there are various forms of government-sponsored programs for food assistance ("Food Stamps, etc."), none of those allow for any purchase or supply of non-food items, like personal hygiene or household cleaning supplies. So, these types of items are continually in urgent need for their donation dispensing shelves at GRCC.

GRCC has 2 large roll-around shelving storage units used exclusively for non-food personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies (see photo below). When we arrived on the evening of Nov 25, both roll-around shelving units were totally empty. We used our donation total of \$320 from our fall car show popcorn stand and purchased personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies from Eikenberry's IGA. When the asst. manager at Eikenberrys (Mike Null), who helped us coordinate the large bulk order, learned of the urgent needs at GRCC, he was moved by our outreach effort. He decided to purchase with his own funds and donate another \$41 of similar personal hygiene items in loving memory of his mom, Kay Null, who was a lifelong member of St Paul's Episcopal.

We also collected a large stockpile of non-food items from the staging table in the lounge from our weekly offertory gifts to God and GRCC. When we consider that collection of items (Oct and Nov), it amounted to approx. \$184. So, in total from the car show donations, Mike Null's donation, and the items collected from our weekly parish donations, we delivered approx. \$545-worth of personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies. And the delivery time would have been made to start serving people in need, on the next "Food Bank" day of Thursday



Dec 5. It was just in time to help people with financial help needs in December when so many other special financial need expenses occur. And we will continue with another donation from St Paul's from our Dec and Jan weekly offerings of personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies.

Respectfully submitted, 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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