



# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

## FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

We all have a sense of what it means to be Baptized and, to some extent, to be Confirmed. But what does it mean to be Received? And why do any of these rituals matter? First – some definitions:

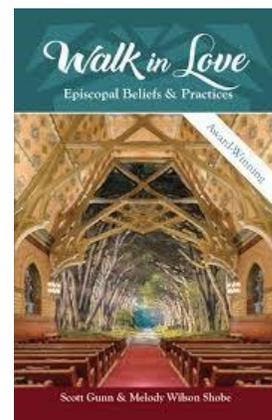
Baptism is the Christian rite (ritual) of initiation. It is the means through which we become a member of the Christian faith and join a Christian community. “Baptized Members” are those who have either been baptized at St. Christopher’s or have transferred their baptized membership from another Episcopal Church. This is how you become a “member” of our parish.

A Bishop always presides at either the Confirmation or the Reception of those who are making a mature commitment to live out their faith in the context of the Episcopal Church. Those who have been baptized in the Episcopal Church, or in denominations other than the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches, are Confirmed. Anyone who was confirmed in either the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches, who wish to continue their faith life in the Episcopal Church, are Received (acknowledged and welcomed) by the Bishop. There is a theological reason for that distinction. I am happy to explain it for those who are interested.

Now the “why” – I believe that these decisions; to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received are all heart-led decisions. If you feel as though St. Christopher’s is your spiritual home; if the Episcopal expression of the Christian faith feels like the right “fit” for you, then I encourage you to let me know of your interest or desire.

These are choices reflective of God’s Holy Spirit moving in your life; guiding you to the place where you may experience, and respond, to God’s redeeming love for you and for the world.

Beginning in early March, I will be offering an eight-week study group for anyone wishing to be baptized, received, or confirmed in the Episcopal Church. We will use the book, “Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices” by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe as the jumping off point for our discussions. The eight, one hour, sessions will cover a wide variety of topics and there will be ample opportunity for all your questions to be answered. Each of you will be reading the book at your own pace so if you have a crazy week here and there – no worries! I will provide an overview of that week’s topics and there will be plenty of time to cover whatever areas are of particular interest to the group. Our study group will end by mid-May, and I hope that we might welcome our new Bishop to St. Christopher’s for baptisms, confirmations, and receptions in 2023.



Recognizing that we all have busy lives (especially those of you juggling family responsibilities) we will use Zoom for all our meetings. I am proposing 7:00-8: p.m. on either Sunday or Monday evenings but am open to other days or times. Please call, text, or email me if you want to participate in this group. I will need to know which rite you want to prepare for and what days/times will usually work well for you. If you need a book, please call the Church Office; it is the parish’s gift to you!

In God’s Love,

Ann+

# VESTRY MINUTES    OCTOBER 26, 2022 6PM

by Mary Holmes

In attendance: Mother Ann Kidder, Becky Everett, Mary Holmes, Renee Kolecki, Ron Lee, Bruce Long, Peter Thatcher, Charley Marston, Judy Holmes

Mother Ann opened the meeting with prayer

The September 28, 2022, minutes of the Vestry Meeting were approved as amended.

Mother Ann stated that the by-laws of the church require the Vestry to elect a nominating committee to select new Vestry members to recommend to the parish at annual meeting. Given the timing, Mother Ann offered a list of possible candidates for the nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to allow Mother Ann to contact individuals on the list with the Vestry's approval if they agree to serve. The motion carried.

## **Sr. Warden update on Fellowship:**

Nothing concrete has been planned for further fellowship activities. It was suggested that Ron ask a few people to join the planning of future events.

## **Jr. Warden Updates:**

Charley Marston reported that Gillmore Security has agreed to take over the system installed by American Security since American cannot fix the system and Gillmore believes they can. Becky moved that we cancel our contract with American Security and proceed with Gillmore Security. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Rector's Report:**

For the Stewardship committee: response to the campaign letter has been very strong.

Mother Ann asked for individual evaluations of the current candidates for Bishop of Ohio. Videos of the candidates are available at (*I could not find any videos on dohio.org.*)

Mother Ann reminded us that our last visit by Bishop Hollingsworth will be at the 10:15 service on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mother Ann closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Meeting: November 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – Guild Room and Zoom**

Future agenda items: Updates from Stewardship and Service

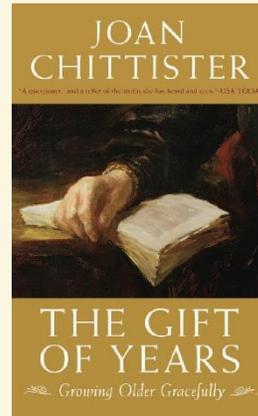




Please note the following changes of address for two of our parishioners:

**Baz & Mona DeBaz**  
20852 Fallen Leaf Road  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

**Marilyn Fisher**  
28500 Euclid Ave APT 208  
Wickliffe, OH 44092



### **Book Group**

Thursdays at 4 PM

Sundays at 9AM

*Feb 2/5 Chapters 8-10*

*Feb 9/12 Chapters 11-13*

*Feb 16/19 Chapters 14-16*

*Feb 23/26 Chapters 17-19*

### **Food Pantry Donations**

Kids snacks: 100% juice boxes, granola bars, pretzels, raisins, goldfish



## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**

In loving memory of:

- Linda Costello, Allayne & Doug Wick, Harriet & Tinkham Veale, and Charlotta & A.C. Ernst by Cindy Costello
- Joyce & Dick Williams, Q Cook and Robert Jones by Whitney Jones
- George & Eleanor Pesuit, Marion Scobee, Karen Vaccariello by Barb Pesuit
- William & Eleanor Calfee by Brian and Cindy Murphy
- Sarah C. Dickenson and Jeffrey R. Cudlip by Frances & David Dickenson
- Lynne & Bob Fisher by Anna & Lily Klingensmith
- Molly & Chan Wick and Midge & Bob Thomas by Kitty & Bruce Thomas





### A TRADITION CONTINUES

Sunday, February 19, we will have a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:15 service as the coming Lenten season approaches. It's a St. Christopher's tradition which we have been unable to do for the past three years, so it's particularly exciting to resume this year.

John Irwin, our veteran Breakfast Pancake chef, will lead a crew of volunteers in preparing and serving pancakes and sausages. It is an excellent opportunity for all members of our parish community, young and old, to gather and socialize after the restraints of the pandemic.

Please respond to the coming RSVP request through the weekly 'News and Notes' Communication or call the church office with the number of family members you expect to attend. Your early RSVP will be helpful in allowing us to procure supplies. See you then!

~Ron Lee

- 2 Mona DeBaz  
Lydia Zimmerman
- 4 Marshall Rankin
- 5 Eleanor Jones
- 6 Michael Marting
- 7 Rebecca Wolf  
Peter Thatcher
- 8 Anne Lammers
- 9 Karee Weikel-Broome
- 12 Olivia Miscko  
Barb Pesuit
- 14 Michael Donahue
- 17 Laura Cotton
- 24 Anna Klinginsmith



## Annual Giving Campaign Results & Celebratory Concert

The 2023 Annual Giving Campaign Team (*Lucy Lytle, Debbie Cole, Rindy Collister, Laura Cotton, Becky Everett, Leslie Marting, Barb Pesuit, Kitty Thomas, Jan Tuttle, and Kathy Vilas*) is grateful for the extraordinary generosity of the people of St. Christopher's. To date, the church has received 78 pledges for 2023 totaling \$184,100--more than \$19,000 above our goal!

As promised, we will celebrate with a carillon concert in early June. Everyone in the parish will be invited to sit on the lawn, enjoy cookies and lemonade (and perhaps even cotton candy) as we enjoy a 30-minute concert by Becky Everett. Since many villagers attended previous concerts during the height of the pandemic, we will extend an invitation to everyone in Gates Mills and neighboring communities to join us, in the hope that we might recruit some new parishioners in the process! More details to follow this spring.

In the meantime, if you have not yet made your pledge for 2023, it is not too late to show your support for the church! The vestry still needs your help to prepare a realistic budget for 2023. In addition, every pledge we receive increases the likelihood that the vestry will be able to provide at least modest wage and salary increases to our hardworking and dedicated church staff.

If you know what you are likely to donate to St. Christopher's this year, please take a moment to pledge. You can return your pledge card by dropping it in the mail, handing it to Lucy Lytle at the 10:15 a.m. service, or simply putting it in the collection plate during Sunday service.

### Need a Pledge Card?

If you are new to St. Christopher's and didn't receive a 2023 pledge card but want to support the church, please call Mary Zup in the church office at (440) 423-4451. She would be happy to mail one to your home.

# I'm Grateful For My Mental Health Journey

by Joyce Zaid

I suffered from major depression, compounded by episodes of psychosis, for over 20 years — a struggle that culminated in my arrest in 2006. I was unaware of my psychosis for much of this time, and I only fully understood what I was experiencing when I nearly attacked another client at my mental health agency. I was then diagnosed with major depression with psychotic features and received treatment for over 10 years.

Despite pursuing treatment for depression with psychosis, my symptoms did not abate. Finally, in 2019, a psychiatrist diagnosed me with schizoaffective disorder. At first, I wouldn't accept the diagnosis. I was in the depths of my illness, in a fog of depression and psychosis, but I believed my behavior was simply due to my depression — and I did not understand that the voices I was hearing were hallucinations rather than my internal monologue.

Three years later, I have accepted my diagnosis — and my history makes sense to me now. Looking back, I now have language to describe what was happening to me when I behaved erratically and responded to voices — and I know that all the confusion and frustration I was experiencing were symptoms of schizoaffective disorder.

I have also made strides in my recovery; I am stable, despite the occasional bout of psychosis or depression. My personal and professional life have flourished; I am a spouse, mother and grandmother, sibling, aunt, great-aunt, friend and employee. I have worked hard to maintain my mental health, and I am proud of my accomplishments.

Although parts of my history were difficult, I am grateful for the path that brought me here. I certainly struggled in the earlier stages of my mental health challenges, but I believe that the fulfilling life I have today is a result of my complicated journey. Getting arrested saved my life; though I have two felonies on my record, those incidents encouraged me to get mental health treatment, and I didn't let them stop me from finding employment or housing. I was fortunate to have a community that stood by me:

family, friends, coworkers, church members — even strangers who reminded me that I was not beyond redemption, that I had the right to live the best life possible, and that my past didn't have to shape my future.

**“I certainly struggled in the earlier stages of my mental health challenges, but I believe that the fulfilling life I have today is a result of my complicated journey.”**

I know not everyone has the support or resources to live their best possible life; many families struggle to access and afford appropriate treatment, and we face several challenging policy issues regarding crisis response. It shouldn't be that way, but as the conversation surrounding mental health becomes a national priority, things have *begun* to improve. My hope for the future is that more people with mental illness can get the care and services they deserve and live lives of hope and dignity, because everyone deserves a happy ending.



If you or someone you know need help,  
contact NAMI HelpLine

**Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. ET**

**Call:** 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)

**Text:** 62640

**Email:** [helpline@nami.org](mailto:helpline@nami.org)

**Chat:** [nami.org/help](https://nami.org/help)

## Vestry Nominations

Pending a vote at the Annual Meeting of St. Christopher by-the-River on March 5, 2023, the Following Qualified Electors have been nominated to serve in the following positions:

Vestry, 3-year term: **Judy Holmes**

Vestry, 3-year term: **Barb Pesuit**

Vestry, 3-year term: **Matt Vazzana**

Vestry, 1-year term: **Charlene Currutt** (This is to complete a vacant position, expiring in March 2024)

Northeast Mission Area Council

Representative, 2-year term: **Laura Cotton**

Please thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their faithful work.

Ron Lee, Chair

Sally Conley

Becky Everett

Leslie Marting

Fran Meyers

*Posted January 18, 2023*

*The Reverend Ann Kidder, Rector*

## Annual Meeting!

Put it on your calendar! One service only on **MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:15 AM with the annual meeting immediately following.

## Bargain Box Meetings

Following both the 8am and 10:15am service on **Sunday, February 5th**, we will be having brief 15-minute organizational meetings about Bargain Box. Please attend if you are interested in helping organize or execute the 2023 Bargain Box sales.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please contact Melanie Reda:

440-773-4976

[melanie.reda@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.reda@gmail.com)

## Day by Day Calendars

The 2024 Day by Day calendars have been printed! Thank you all, again, for your quotes that we collected at the end of last year. The calendar looks great, and we will begin taking orders and selling them in late spring/early summer. The cost of the calendar and the plastic base on which it is mounted will be **\$30.00**. The good news is that the production costs



for this first group of 100 calendars was donated by an anonymous parishioner. Therefore, **ALL of the proceeds from the sale of these calendars will go directly to paying for daily RTA bus passes**. This means, if we sell them all, we will be able to provide 600 bus passes to our friends at the men's shelter!! WOW!

If the interest is great and we need to produce more, the \$30.00 will cover the cost of the production of each calendar with \$5.00 going toward the purchase of a bus pass. If more calendars are needed, if any of you would like to donate money toward the production of these additional calendars/bases, please contact Becky Everett or Mother Ann.

Look for further announcements this spring as to when we will start selling these. They make great birthday or Christmas gifts!

## A Note from the Cicirellos

Sal and Helen sent in a lovely Christmas note to share with the Congregation. It is posted on the bulletin if you are interested in reading toward

SUNDAY JANUARY 29		MONDAY - 30	TUESDAY - 31	WEDNESDAY-1	THURSDAY-2	FRIDAY- 3	SATURDAY-4
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9AM Book Group Chpts 5-7		10:00 Staff Meeting  6:30 PM Grief	4:00 Book Group  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Melanie Reda	John Irwin						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Kitty Thomas	Becky Everett & Lucy Lytle						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sally Conley	Laura Cotton						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	NEEDED!						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Charlene Currutt & Laura Cotton						

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5		MONDAY - 6	TUESDAY - 7	WEDNESDAY-8	THURSDAY- 9	FRIDAY- 10	SATURDAY- 11
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9AM Book Group Chpts 8-10  Bargain Box Meetings after each service.	9-11 Stephen Ministry		4:00 Book Group  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Becky Everett	Fran Meyers						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Brian Wright & Courtney Schmidt						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Teri Ianni	Courtney Schmidt						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Brian Wright						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Mary Holmes						

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12		MONDAY - 13	TUESDAY - 14	WEDNESDAY-15	THURSDAY- 16	FRIDAY- 17	SATURDAY-18
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9AM Book Group Chpts 11-13		10:00 Staff Meeting  6:30 PM Grief	4:00 Book Group  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
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<b>LECTOR:</b> Kitty Thomas	Fran Sarkisian & Lucy Lytle						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sally Conley	Laura Cotton						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Laura Cotton						

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19		MONDAY - 20	TUESDAY - 21	WEDNESDAY-22	THURSDAY- 23	FRIDAY- 24	SATURDAY-25
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9AM Book Group Chpts 14-16   PANCAKES!!	9-11 Stephen Ministry	 <b>12:15</b> (Charley Marston /Kitty Thomas) <b>6:00</b> (Becky Everett/ Fran Sarkisian)	4:00 Book Group  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	Dale Gndt						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Becky & Chandler Everett						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	Leslie Marting						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	NEEDED!						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Becky Everett						

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26		MONDAY - 27	TUESDAY - 28	WEDNESDAY-1	THURSDAY- 2	FRIDAY- 3	SATURDAY-4
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9AM Book Group Chpts 17-19		10:00 Staff Meeting  6:30 PM Grief	4:00 Book Group  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Melanie Reda	John Irwin & Eric Jayne						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Judy Holmes & Fran Sarkisian						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	TBA						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
<b>HOSTESSES</b>	Charlene Currutt						

# *Kids' Page*

*Faith Formation - February 2023*

*Happy Valentine's Day! - February 14, 2023*



## **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

## *Seasons of the Church Year*

### **Epiphany** – January 6 – February 19

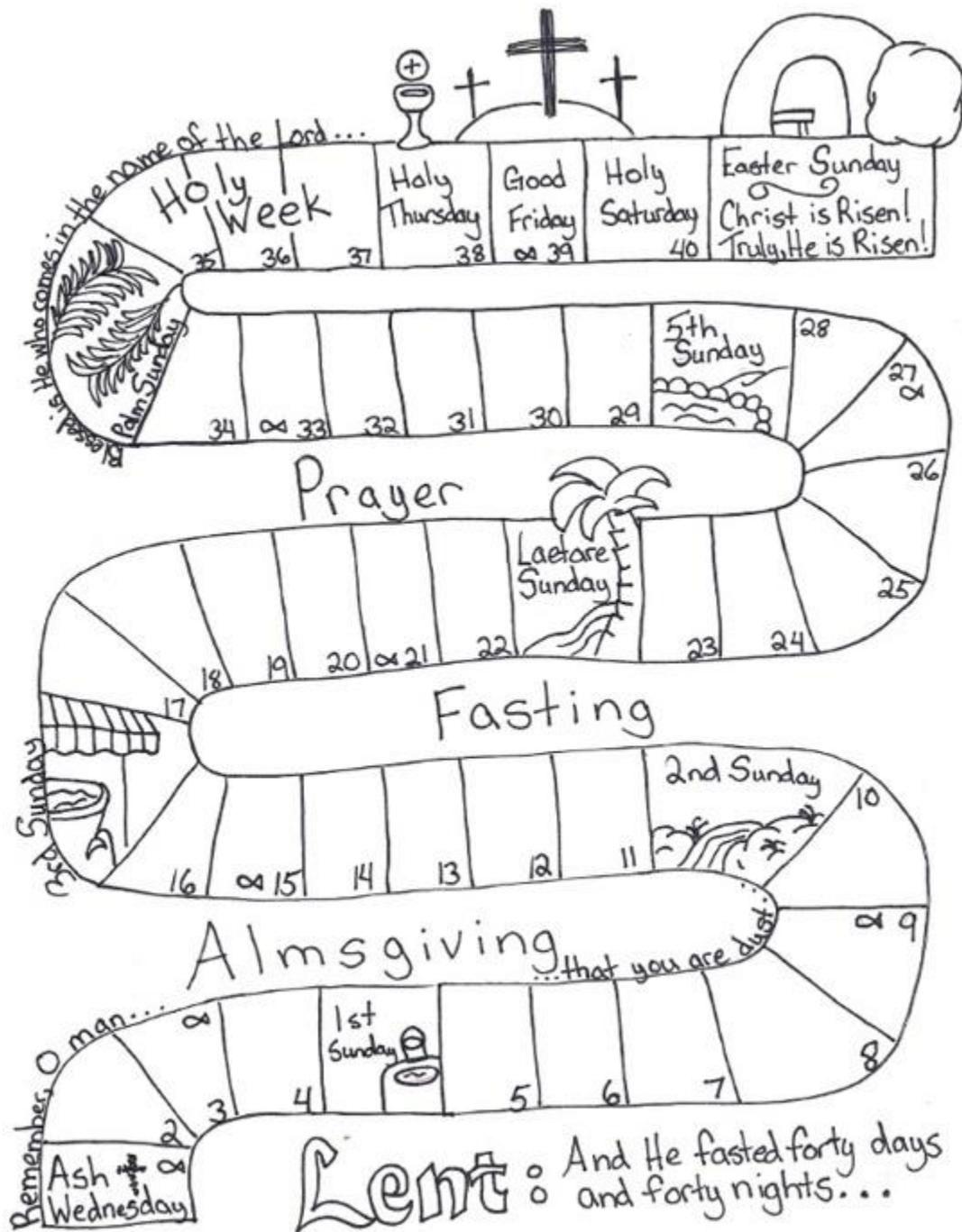
The word Epiphany means “showing forth” or “manifestation”. It is a time to remember Jesus’ showing the gentiles that he is the Messiah, that he is the Son of God. It is the time when we commemorate the miracles that he performed to show his divine power and glory. We see Christ as “Light of the World”. The color is white on Epiphany Sunday and green for the season. Green symbolizes hope, life, and growth. We can think and pray how we can spread the light of Christ’s forgiving and redeeming love. How can we be more loving toward our family and friends?

### **Lent** – February 26 – March 31

Lent is a term from the Anglo-Saxon tradition and means “long days” or “spring”. It is a special time of fasting and penitence to prepare for Easter. The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday and comes from the ancient custom of burning the palms from Palm Sunday the year before. The ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful in the form of a cross. During Lent we observe special acts of self-discipline and denial. We can give up something that means a lot to us, like candy or chocolate, or we can do kind things for others. The color of the season is purple.

Lent is also a time of preparing for the joy of Easter, of the Resurrection!

**LENT – THE ROAD TO EASTER**



**Minutes, NEMAC, Revision 1 — Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 — 6:00 p.m.**

<b>Preliminaries</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>								
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Christ Church:</b> Rev. Dawson Moorer, Mary Bowins, Sandy Pavick; <b>Grace:</b> Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Pat Newyear, Elizabeth Estep; <b>Epiphany:</b> Rev. Rosalind Hughes, Linda Price, Nancy Geiger; <b>St. Christopher:</b> Peter Batcheller; <b>St. James,</b> Eric Saylor, Linda Webb; <b>St. Luke:</b> Fawn O’Hara; <b>St. Martin:</b> Cheryl Gray; <b>St. Peter:</b> Rev. Peter Nielsen, Laura Nielsen, Cathy Pelton								
<b>Openings</b>	Thanks to Peter B. for chairing today’s meeting! Rose Anne Lonsway led us in an opening prayer.								
<b>Minutes, 7/20/22 Meeting</b>	At the Epiphany Guns to Gardens event on 6/11/22, volunteers dismantled the guns. This update will be reflected in a revised copy of the July 20, ‘22 minutes. <i>Motion to approve: Rosalind; Second, Nancy; Passed with one correction, above</i>								
<b>Financial Report</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>—Initial Transfer to St. Peter Church [For Use by NEMAC]</td> <td align="right">\$1,750.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—Received from the Diocese for like use in early April, 2022</td> <td align="right">\$3,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—Guns to Gardens Disbursement</td> <td align="right">\$2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—Total available for approved uses</td> <td align="right"><b>\$2,750.33</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The diocese contributed \$3,000 in 2022 despite a NEMAC balance of \$1,750.33 at year end. Peter noted there is no guarantee that this will happen again in 2023.</li> <li>• Our remaining 2022 funds carry over to the NEMAC budget for 2023.</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion to approve: Linda; Second, Sandy; Passed</i></p>	—Initial Transfer to St. Peter Church [For Use by NEMAC]	\$1,750.33	—Received from the Diocese for like use in early April, 2022	\$3,000.00	—Guns to Gardens Disbursement	\$2,000.00	—Total available for approved uses	<b>\$2,750.33</b>
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<b>Diocesan Council, New Representative Election</b>	Peter B. called for nominations. Peter N. expressed interest and self-nominated. <i>Motion to approve: Peter N.; Second, Nancy; Passed</i> Peter N. will attend the December Council meeting. Thank you to Peter for volunteering. ✓ <i>Action item:</i> Secretary to notify Eva Cole at the Diocese that Peter has been elected.								
<b>Diocesan Council Report, Rose Anne</b>	A “year in review” meeting was held, with recaps and funding discussions about civil discourse and sacred ground projects. In December, Council will explore providing parish civil discourse training sessions. Other work includes support for the Council for Racial Justice and Episcopal Church women [ECW]. As background for NEMAC members, Rose Anne highlighted Council roles and responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as an advisory group to the Bishop and the Diocesan staff on financial and other matters.</li> <li>• Oversees the development of the Diocese’s operating fund budget and recommends the budget to Diocesan Convention for approval.</li> <li>• Provides guidance and oversight for the Diocese between conventions.</li> <li>• Works in committees to support Diocesan staff and Diocesan ministries.</li> <li>• Serves as liaisons to parishes and mission areas of the Diocese.</li> <li>• Council meetings are held the third Thursday afternoon seven times each year at either Trinity Commons or Bellwether, sometimes with Zoom availability.</li> </ul> For additional information: <a href="https://www.dohio.org/committees-commissions/diocesan-council">https://www.dohio.org/committees-commissions/diocesan-council</a>								
<b>Report, Guns to Gardens Program, St. Andrew, 9/17/22</b>	Dawson Moorer reported that the event was a success; 18 guns were collected and disassembled. Gift cards were given to donors based on their contribution amount. There was further discussion about handling of funds for the two Guns to Gardens programs at Epiphany and St. Andrew. <i>Rosalind:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two programs between Epiphany and St. Andrew were designed to be collaborative.</li> <li>• The balance of the funds not spent remains in the gift cards purchased for the two programs.</li> </ul> <i>Peter:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All NEMAC funds that were used in the purchase of unused gift cards will be retained for future programs due to the existence of those funds in the form of cards.</li> <li>• Should there be any overage, NEMAC should take an action.</li> <li>• There is no need for NEMAC to make a motion and vote at this time.</li> </ul> Rosalind and NEMAC exchanged thanks for the support and the discussion.								
<b>New Business</b>									

<b>Collaborative Funding Request</b>	<p>Christ Church requests \$400 to cover the cost of small bags with a gift reflecting the blessings of the season, and small treats. These will accompany the meals provided during the St. Peter's Christmas Outreach Meal program on December 23. [The meals portion is fully funded by St. Peter; this request is for only the bags and contents as part of the collaborative effort.]</p> <p>At the event when approximately 2400 meals and bags will be provided, there will be Christmas music playing, punch and cookies available — and blessings given as recipients exit. Mary Bowins thanked NEMAC for assistance preparing the funding request.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve: Rose Anne; Second, Nancy/Elizabeth; Passed</i></p> <p><i>Action items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. St. Peter will send a NEMAC treasury check for \$400 to Christ Church.</li> <li>2. The NEMAC secretary will send St. Peter's treasurer a copy of the minutes.</li> </ol>
<b>Other Business</b>	
<b>A Word from the Parishes</b>	<p><b>Christ Church.</b> The parish welcomes Father Dawson Moorer as new Priest in Charge. Collaborations continue with St. Peter as part of the Christmas Outreach Meal and Gifts program to provide a seasonal gift bag along with the meals provided by St. Peter. The teen mothers' program is supporting a young mother and baby with food, clothing and help to earn her GED. The Grape Jamboree ice cream program was a success. Planning is underway for the Annual Holiday Ticket Auction in November.</p> <p><b>Epiphany.</b> The parish is holding an exhibition, <i>Guns to Gardens Art Exhibition</i> on Sunday, December 4 from 2:00 — 4:00 p.m. Items on display are made from gun parts recovered from Guns to Gardens event.</p> <p><b>Grace.</b> 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary efforts continue. The parish continues to gather and add information and pictures to their scrapbooks.</p> <p><b>St. Christopher.</b> There has been a suggestion to return to masking at both services. The Thursday Evensong, grief committee and Stephen Ministry groups are being held. The Fall Bargain Box sale in late September netted \$13,000.</p> <p><b>St. James.</b> Planning for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish is underway, with events to be held from November 2023 through November 2024.</p> <p><b>St. Martin.</b> The parish is collecting toiletries for the Renee Jones Empowerment Center which supports efforts to stop human trafficking.</p> <p><b>St. Peter.</b> The great Music Without Barriers season has begun. The parish is partnering with a Methodist and Baptist church to offer a collaborative advent program. There will be a field trip including lunch at the Cleveland Museum of Art. A program for caregivers is being planned to help people involved with providing long term care.</p>
<b>Closing</b>	
<b>Other Words</b>	<p><b>Bishop Search.</b> RAL+ reminded us that that the candidate Meet and Greet sessions begin on Sunday, 10/23. See session schedule information here: <a href="https://www.dohio.org/bishop-search/meet-and-greets">https://www.dohio.org/bishop-search/meet-and-greets</a></p> <p><b>Mission-Area Event.</b> Two members expressed interest in organizing a mission-area event or project to involve members in community and/or promote evangelism. An agenda item will be added to the January 23, 2023 meeting.</p>
<b>2023 Meetings</b>	Mon. 01/23; Tue. 04/11; Wed. 07/19; Thu. 10/23
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Peter Batcheller offered our closing prayer.
<b>Adjourn</b>	<i>Motion to approve: Linda; Second: Elizabeth; Passed at 6:53 p.m.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda P. Webb*

Secretary, NEMAC

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### **Sunday Services**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharistic Rite II

Find our weekly worship on [YouTube](#).

### **Parish Office**

**Staffed T-W-Th 8:30-2:30**

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## **THURSDAYS**

**5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

## **GRIEF GROUP**

**Zoom Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 14 & 28**

**6:30-8:00 PM**

To attend, please contact Kathy Pender:  
440-463-7378 or [kp@momshrink.com](mailto:kp@momshrink.com)

## **BOOK GROUPS**

**Thursdays 4:00 p.m.**

**Sundays 9:00 a.m.**

*See inside.*

## **St. Christopher by-the-River**

**WED, FEB 22**

**12:15 PM**

**6:00 PM**

*Ash Wednesday*  
**SCHEDULE!**

**SUNDAY, FEB 19:**

**Pancake Breakfast**



**SUNDAY, MAR 5**

**Annual Meeting,**

**One Service only**

**@ 10:15 a.m.**

