

Weekly Announcements

NOTE: To place an announcement, please prepare a *brief* copy, including contact information, to bonnie@saintpeterscolumbia.org no later than TUESDAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

December 1—Advent Wreath Making (9:15 AM, Parish Hall)
December 7—Christmas Parade Watch Party
December 8—St. Nicholas visit
December 15—Christmas Pageant and Birthday Party
December 15—A Service of Lessons and Carols

USHER TRAINING

There will be an Usher Training on Sunday, November 24 following the 10:15 AM service. If you feel you could help in this very important ministry—please attend to see what it's all about.

Veterans Service Office

The Maury County Veteran Service Organization in need of items for their Food Pantry. Donations may be brought to the VSO box in the Parish Hall. Most needed items include Cooking Oil (small bottles), Stick Butter, * Strawberry or grape jelly * Small jars of creamy peanut butter * Easy Open canned food * Shelf stable milk * Canned Roast Beef and chicken, Canned Carrots & Peas, * Boxed Mac and Cheese * Hamburger Helper * Chicken Helper * Spaghetti * Spaghetti Sauce * Instant Potatoes * 2lb. bags of Sugar * Syrup * Pancake Mix, Muffin Mix * Canned fruit, chili, Beef Stew, Tomato soup, SPAM and peas * Cereal, Pop Tarts, Dish soap, Dryer sheets, Laundry detergent, Hand soap, Cleaning Wipes * Paper Towels and Toilet Paper.

STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

This month, we highlight our annual period of prayer and reflection about the gifts we want to make to God through St. Peter's in 2025. We are always invited to make gifts of all kinds to God, whether investing our time in relationships, offering our talents in service, or giving financial gifts. Each autumn we renew this invitation but with a special focus on financial gifts. The standard instrument for financial giving in the Episcopal Church is called a "Pledge". Pledges are not legal contracts; instead, they are grace-based promises of a certain amount over the span of a given year. Non-pledged gifts, called "Plate," are also very helpful and deeply appreciated, but Pledges help our Vestry be responsible stewards for how we will invest in our ministries and programs next year and beyond. In a spiritual sense, Christian stewardship is year-round and life-long. Practically speaking, the Pledge Campaign portion of our Stewardship Education Program will close on Sunday, December 1.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

We will observe the beginning of Advent holding our Annual Advent Wreath Making Event on Sunday, December 1st at 9:15 AM. It is a wonderful time for the whole family to create an Advent Wreath to take home to use as we journey through Advent. The church will provide the wreath and candles. Please bring cut greens to add to your wreath.

THE BIG RED BIN.

The **Student Resource Center** is asking for new, re-gifted, or slightly used items to be wrapped by students as their Christmas gift's to their loved ones this season. Items include jewelry, toys, body & bath items, candles, kitchen items, blankets/throws, men's items, sports items, hair accessories, and purses. We will also need Christmas paper, tissue paper, ribbon, bows, and tags.the gifts will be selected and wrapped on December 12 and 17 by the students and volunteers.

Look for the big, red bin on the stage! Please help this worthy cause in any way you can.

Thanks again. Lynn June

CHRISTMAS PARADE VIEWING

Join us while we view the Columbia Christmas Parade on December 7th.at 6:00pm. Pizza, chili and hot chocolate served beginning at 4:00pm.

LOOKING FOR BELL RINGERS

Every year, the Family Center rings the bells for the **Salvation Army**, and we use the money to help people pay rent and utilities. It's very easy to do and really helps the community. Businesses, individuals, Sunday School classes, Youth Groups, Civic groups can all ring! The more ringers we have---the more people we can help. As you plan for the holidays, please consider putting us in your schedule. Please go to <https://familycenter.org> to signup.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

We will be offering the seasonal favorite, Festival of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm in the St. Peter's sanctuary. This time-honored service features readings, choir anthems, congregational carols, and festive organ music. If you would like to join the choir for this special service, please plan to rehearse with the choir on Wednesdays, December 4 and 11. Let Dr. Peter Douglas know at choirdirector@saintpeterscolumbia.org if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Practice for the St. Peter's Christmas Pageant will begin on Sunday, November 17th, and will take place during the 9:15 AM Sunday School hour. The Christmas Pageant will be held on December 15th at 9:15 AM.

We kindly ask that all beverages be consumed before entering the church. Thank you.