

St. Peter's Parish Church April - May 2012

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From the Rector's Desk

During this Lenten season we have re-introduced the United Thank Offering (UTO) boxes. I hope that you've gotten yours. They used to be called "blue boxes" because they were blue on all six sides. UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that supports mission and ministry throughout the church. The idea is that you put money in the box whenever you feel thankful: for seeing a rainbow, for a child's "A" on a report card, or for hearing a favorite song. If you've given up that \$5 gourmet coffee for Lent, every time you would have had that coffee, put \$5 in the box. If you're stopped for speeding 57 miles per hour when the limit is 35 – and you don't get a ticket – figure out how much that ticket would have been and put it in the box in thanksgiving! Then, on Saturday before Easter, count it, write a check for the amount you find (maybe adding a little more to it in thanksgiving that Lent is over!), put the check in the box and on Easter Day, we will receive your thank offering and join it with others.

It may seem a little early for the next item, but the time will be here before the next issue of THE KEYS comes out. Youth Sunday will be May 20, with one Service that day at ten o'clock. We want everyone to be a part of that happy day! The following Sunday, May 27, marks the beginning of our "official" summer one-Serviceeach-Sunday schedule, all at ten o'clock. Labor Day, September 2, would normally be our last summer schedule Service. However, our annual Episcopal visitation is scheduled for September 16, which is also Restoration Sunday. It would be confusing to have one Service on the 2nd, two on the 9th, back to one on the 16th, then resume the two-Service fall schedule on the 23rd, so <u>the Vestry has approved continuing with one Service at</u> <u>ten o'clock for the first three Sundays in September</u>. This will be good news on Restoration Sunday since the Bishop's visit is normally a much longer Service. A ten o-clock Service means lunch will be around noon, and not at 1:30! <u>The two-Service fall schedule and Christian Education will resume September 23</u>.

Speaking of the Bishop's visit: that's the time when those who wish to be Confirmed, Received into the Episcopal Church from other traditions, or reaffirm their Baptismal vows receive the laying on of hands from the Bishop and are Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirm their vows. It's also a "propitious" time for Baptisms! But those who wish to be Confirmed or Received have to go through what I've called "Inquirers' Class" prior to being Confirmed or Received. It's about six hours in all. I don't want to have those classes in April or May, because those who come on board during the summer will get left out. I don't want to have those classes in the summer because we're all scattered for those three months. We really can't do anything on Labor Day weekend, so for the moment, I'm thinking we'll offer Inquirers' Class on Saturday mornings, September 8 and 15. I'm also open to suggestions from those who are interested in the classes regarding scheduling, since these classes are for your benefit and I want to maximize the possibility of your being there!

May this season of Lent bring you renewal and refreshment of your walk with Christ.

Faithfully,

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Wardens' Corner

Needless to say, I am humbled at being selected your Senior Warden for 2012. Having observed two former Senior Wardens perform this function, I wondered how I would measure up to the task.

So, guided by my analytical instincts, I decided to look up the official duties of a Senior Warden in the Episcopal Canons. The only official duty mentioned in the Canons is to "notify the Bishop when a parish is without a rector." Since I do not expect that Paul is going anywhere, I don't think I will have to perform this duty.

The Senior Warden is also referred to as the "Rector's Warden," which means that Paul and I will meet on a regular basis to discuss the "pulse of the parish." In addition to being a sounding board for ideas, I hope to provide him feedback from you, our parishioners. You should look to the Senior Warden and Vestry members as enablers and communicators, whose commitment can help make things happen and bring the parish together in support of common goals.

In order to do this, the Vestry needs your input. I hope to talk to as many of you as possible on a regular basis. I want to understand your concerns and ideas on how to make us a better and stronger parish, keeping in mind that our overall goal is to worship as a communion and give praise to Christ, Our Lord.

In the coming months I will discuss changes that we have made in the past year to improve overall parish communications. If you have anything on your mind that you wish to discuss, please reach out to me or any Vestry member. We all value your ideas and need your input in order to efficiently perform our roles as your Vestry representatives.

I look forward to working with our Vestry in this new role and I appreciate your prayers that we will meet and exceed your expectations.

Yours, in Christ,

Rod Molina Senior Warden

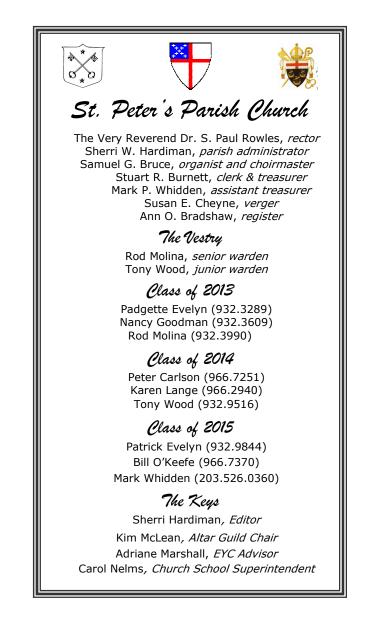
Easter Offering



The 2012 Special Easter Offering has been designated for Matthew's Haven, an outreach activity of St. Peter's. For more information, take a look at their website, which can be found at <u>www.matthewhaven.com</u>.

You will soon receive a letter with more detail and an Easter offering envelope. Please be generous in support of this local outreach program.

~ The Vestry



Christian Education

Church School News

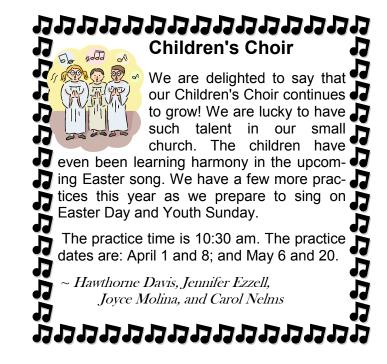
The children have been busy creating wonderful items in preparation for the Palm Sunday Art/ Bake Sale. Many thanks to those of you who filled a "Nifty Knapsack" with school supplies. The children of the Marshall Island, Tobal, Aur, will be so grateful to receive this unexpected surprise! The money we raise will help with the cost of mailing the 40 plus knapsacks. Come prepared on April 1 to purchase great art and wonderful baked goods! The sale will be held in the foyer of Richardson Hall at 10 am.



We would like to encourage all of you to come celebrate the accomplishments of our youth on Youth Sunday, May 20, at 10 am. At this time we will recognize the graduating seniors, church school teachers, and children. We will also enjoy mu-

sic by the Children's Choir. Don't forget to bring your tissues to this service!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent







Join in the fun at St. Peter's on Saturday, April 7, at 2 pm!

Vacation Bible School 2012 Sky—Everything is Possible with God

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School. It will be held July 30 through August 1, from 9 am to 12 noon. This year's theme is, *Sky—Everything is Possible With God.* VBS Registration will begin in May for this exciting week of learning about God.

If you are interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to contact me at 932-5078. Vacation Bible School is only as good as its volunteers. Look for more information to come soon!

~ Carrie Evelyn, VBS Director

Outreach



Golf Tournament Dinner

The 11th Annual St. Peter's Parish Golf Tournament will be May 11 this year. In addition to good golf, prizes and awards, dinner will be served. Dinner will consist of barbecue, fried chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, beverages, and dessert.

As in past years, volunteers are needed for desserts. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish House foyer closer to the tournament time. If you are interested in helping with the dinner in any other way, please don't hesitate to call Nancy Goodman at 932-3609 for more information.

~ Nancy Goodman, Golf Tournament Committee

Outreach continued



Matthew's Haven had a busy 2011 and we are looking to a very busy 2012. Some of the highlights from last year include: \$7,800 in energy assistance; over \$3,000 in emergency food assistance; and over \$5,000 in miscellaneous expenses, including diapers, formula, baby items, emergency shelter, and school supplies. Every year we seem to have needs that require extra funding and every year we are able to meet the needs of our clients. Many children have been assisted during our annual events: 74 children were gifted for Give a Child a Christmas and 304 were assisted during our Back to School Fair. In addition to the annual events, Matthew's Haven continues to assist children and their families on a weekly basis, as calls for assistance are received.

Matthew's Haven also held its first annual Steaks & Steeds "Chair"-ity Auction. This event was held on October 8 at Millstone Farm in Quinton. We hosted 28 horseback riders in the morning, and then had a total of 45 folks participate in the dinner and auction. Also, we had fantastic "Chair"-ity items donated to the auction. Thanks to all who helped and supported this event in 2011. We felt this event was successful enough to host a second dinner and auction for 2012. We hope you will plan to attend this year on October 13, at Millstone again, rain or shine!

Some upcoming event dates this year are as follows:

Summer Power Pals Camp – June 18-21 and June 25-28 Back to School Fair – August 17; set up Richardson Hall August 12; packing supplies August 15 Steaks & Steeds at Millstone Farm – October 13 Give a Child a Christmas – names posted by November 18 (Harvest Feast); gifts due December 12.

We continue to be blessed with contributions from St. Peter's as well as the New Kent community. Catherine Peterson has graciously decided to donate her "egg money" to Matthew's Haven for 2012. Be sure to purchase your fresh eggs from her. And by doing so, you will be supporting us as well!

As always, we continue to be in need of "helping hands." If you would like to volunteer regularly with Matthew's Haven, we certainly can use your assistance. You can volunteer to help with our call rotation, clothing closet, and annual events. The call rotation involves picking calls up from the voice mail system and working directly with our clients. No special skills are required, except a desire to help those in need. Call rotations are shared with three additional folks and the time to "work" is approximately two-four hours per week, every fourth week. Also, we need help with the clothing closet. This requires checking the Matthew's Haven room for new donations; sorting; washing, if need be; and putting the clothing away in the appropriate bins. This is also done on rotation monthly, with three other volunteers. The amount of time needed to work is based on the amount of donations received for the month. And, of course, we always welcome additional helping hands when we host our events. So if you have a desire to do some volunteering, please contact me and I will gladly put you to work!

~ Catherine Pierce

Thank You for Your Support!

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was a huge success! Also thanks to all the parents and youth who worked. All the funds raised from this event will go directly into our Youth Mission Trip fund.



Also, many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to Souper Bowl Sunday! This annual event helps to supply the New Kent Food Bank with much needed non-perishable items. Thanks, everyone!



~ Adriane Marshall, EYC Advisor



Photos by Rod Molina

Youth Mission Trip

Our Youth Mission Trip for 2012 is well underway with planning and fund raising in the works. This year we will be at Topsail Island, North Carolina, with 16 youth and four chaperones. We will be working with the residents of this area to build handicap ramps and do other special projects through TEAMeffort.

~ Adriane Marshall, Mission Team Advisor

Youth Group Fund-Raiser

Look for St. Peter's very own specialty cheese straws in the near future. Youth participating in the 2012 Youth Mission trip to Topsail, North Carolina will be selling cheese straws as a fund-raiser soon.

Cheese straw packages with St. Peter's Parish Church's logo and name, will be available by order in three varieties: Traditional; Hot and Spicy; and Chesapeake Bay. Prices are \$7 per container or three for \$20. These delicious snacks are made locally in West Point. They are sure to be a hit for everyday nibbling or as a snack to take to your next event!

~ St. Peter's Youth Group & YMT Committee



Fellowship

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Festive Easter Coffee Hour

Easter Sunday, April 8, is the second Sunday in April, our regular Coffee Hour Sunday. So, join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate Easter at this Festive Easter Coffee Hour between the services. Please stay after the 8:30 service or come early for the 11:00 service for this ONE Festive Coffee Hour.

Please bring a finger food to share. This will a great time for the worshippers from both services to greet each other and join in a time of fellowship on this glorious Easter Day!

~ The Fellowship Committee

Fellowship Committee Successes

The Fellowship Committee, led by Jeff Fazio, has been very busy lately. They have undertaken a project of improvements in Richardson Hall and the kitchen. The kitchen and serving area of Richardson Hall have been cleaned up with a fresh coat of paint. The next project will be the kitchen cabinets and perhaps a few other surprises in the near future. The progress looks wonderful! Thanks to everyone who has offered their help so far! You know who you are!

Thanks also to the Fellowship Committee for a wonderful Sweetheart Breakfast on February 12 in Richardson Hall. The men of the parish, under the leadership of Jeff Fazio, prepared and served a wonderful breakfast in Richardson Hall. Not to mention, the roses were a very nice touch!

Then on February 17, this group sponsored a Chili Cook-Off and Game Night, a fun time of food, fun, and fellowship. Congratulations to Joyce Peterson—the top Chili Chef at St. Peter's! The chili meal was followed by an evening of games, including bridge tables.

This is a very active and fun committee of which to be a member. Anyone interested in joining or just interested in helping out with an individual project, please contact Jeff Fazio at 932-9224.

~Padgette Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

Cook-

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- ¹/₂ cup chopped onion
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cumin
- ¹/₂ lb. ground turkey
- 1 lb boneless, skinless turkey breast, cut into small cubes
- 1/3 cup pearl barley
- 1 (15oz) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed

- te Chili 1 ½ tsp minced jalapeno pepper 3 cups chicken broth ½ tsp marjoram ¼ tsp summer savory 2 tsp arrowroot or corn starch ½ lb pepper jack cheese, shredded ¼ cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1. Heat oil in large, heavy skillet or Dutch-oven over low heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté, stirring, for 5 minutes. Stir in cumin and cook the mixture, stirring, for 5 minutes.
- 2. Add ground turkey and cubed turkey. Increase heat to medium and cook, stirring, until turkey is no longer pink.

St. Peter's 2012 Chili Cook-off

1st Place Chili Recipe ~ White Chili

- 3. Add barley, garbanzo beans, jalapeno, chicken broth, marjoram, and savory and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove cover and continue cooking another 15 minutes.
- 4. Mix arrowroot or cornstarch in ¹/₄ cup water and stir into chili. Simmer, uncovered, stirring, for 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.
- 5. Serve topped with shredded pepper jack cheese and scallions.

A couple of standard alterations are that I sauté an additional Tbsp of garlic with more cumin, almost to the point of being toasted, and add that at the end. It gives it a nice toasty/smoky flavor. I also serve it with chopped fresh cilantro in addition to the cheese and scallions. \sim Joyce Peterson 7

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Parish Life



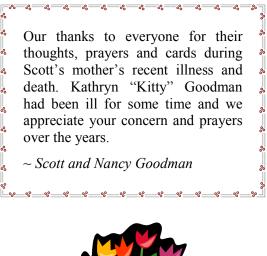
Register for Chanco on the James Today!

Chanco on the James is our diocesan camp and conference center and is situated on the James River in Surry, Virginia. Chanco is a fully accredited camp operating continuously for over 40 years providing youth opportunities for individual challenges, personal growth and lifetime friendships in God's great outdoors. Space is still available for youth ages 8-18 in all camp sessions. Residential camp activities include swimming in our pool and the river, canoeing, kayaking, archery, arts and crafts, chaplain time, the ropes course, zip lines, bonfires, silly songs, games, and skits all supervised by the fantastic Chanco counseling staff.

If your camper craves more adventure, then the Out Trip sessions might be just the right fit! These sessions will leave Chanco grounds and include activities ranging from caving, climbing and rappelling to jet boat trips, surfing lessons, and flat water eco-tours...just to name a few. New this year is the Explorers Adventure (ages 12-15) for the younger camper who craves more adventure. This trip will be based at Chanco for skills training and then will venture out of Chanco's grounds for day trips and/or overnight adventures. The Jr./ Sr. High Conference (ages 13-18) is led by volunteer Christian educators and clergy from around the diocese and is a bargain at \$300. This event combines all the elements of traditional residential camp along with a spiritual themed retreat program.

Visit us at one of our open house dates (April 15 and April 29 from 11 am – 5 pm) and take a tour of the property, meet the camp director and some camp staff, and fly along a zip line. One visit and your child will be counting the days until his/her camp session!

If your child is ready for an experience full of laughter, fun, new friends, personal growth, and increased independence and self-confidence this summer, then Chanco is for him/her! Don't wait! For more information or for easy on line registration, visit <u>www.chanco.org</u> today or call 1-888-7CHANCO and sign your child up for the summer experience of a lifetime! Note of Gratitude





SAVE THE DATE ~ A Taste of St. Peter's

Did you know...that on January 29, 1958, House Bill 12, calling for the designation of June 2 of each succeeding year as *First Lady's Day*, was passed by the House of Delegates to honor Virginia First Ladies, including our own Martha Dandridge Custis Washington and Letitia Christian Tyler?



Mark your calendars as the Resource and Fellowship Committees combine their talents and present *A Taste of St. Peter's* to honor our First Ladies. You will sample some of

the fine fares from our cookbooks prepared by our committee members. More details will be announced later, but for now, SAVE SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 2!!

> ~ The Resource Committee and The Fellowship Committee

~ Lee Tyson and Susan Cheyne St Peter's Representatives for Camp Chanko

Worship



Decorating for Easter Day

Helpers are needed to arrange the Easter flowers Saturday morning, April 7.

Come at 9 am and join the fellowship and fun while preparing the church for Easter Day worship.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

St. Peter's Nursery ~ Easter Day

Nursery time on Easter Sunday, April 8, will begin AFTER the Flowering of the Cross inside the church. All children will participate in the flowering, meet under the tower after the flowering, and be escorted to the Parish House by nursery volunteers for the remainder of the worship service time.

~ Carrie Evelyn, Nursery Coordinator



Summer Acolyte Schedule

Attention all acolytes and parents!

If you know your vacation schedule and that your children will not be available on certain Sundays, I would like to take those dates into consideration when developing the acolyte schedules for the summer rotas. That will hopefully minimize trading between acolytes and finding last minute substitutions.

Please e-mail me at <u>s.miles@suntrust.com</u> by May 1. Also, please check weekly the rota posted online at <u>stpetersnewkent.org</u>. Thank you for your assistance with this important worship role.

~ Steve Miles

Remembering Those Serving Our Country ~ Near and Far ~



Edward Allen Charles Bowery Zachary Crawford Justin Gallaher Julio Gonzalez, Jr. Sam Guinn Phillip Harrell Christopher Kopf T. J. Lowe Christopher Minter Christopher Quarles Carson Tyson Andrew Walker Brent Wolfe, II



Happy Mother's Day to All Women!

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother ... and in your mother ... and ... now lives in you also." 2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Looking for the Rota?

Beginning with this issue of THE KEYS, the Rotas will NOT be included in the newsletter. However, they will be included each month on our website at <u>www.stpetersnewkent.org</u>.

Also, extra printed copies will be available in the Parish House foyer. ~ *Sherri Hardiman*



We Ask Your Prayers For Those in our parish family who are sick: Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Jim Douglass, Sue Caldwell, and Jean Breck, ...and all others known and unknown. Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce; Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor; Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell; Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal; Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner; Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews; Kathryn & Willie Callis, parents of Mava Miles; Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr; Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick & Jessica Evelyn; Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield; Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and Adriane Marshall; Dante Plange, friend of Major Mansfield; Susie Tillie, friend of the Vaisvil family; Shirley Francisco, mother of Jay Francisco; Wilma Pye, sister-in-law of Sally Smith; Candace Barefoot, friend of Kim McLean; George Lawter, friend of Kendall, Jaynie, Jayne, Margie, and Cindy; Peggy Woodall, sister-in-law of Jim & Charlotte Woodall; Kenneth Harris, brother-in-law of Jim & Charlotte Woodall; Willie & Cindy Wise, friends of Karen Lange; Bill Sweeney, former husband of Karen Lange; Christa Couivoisier-Mahon, friend of Traci Carlson; Mikey Morse, friend of Matthew's Haven. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.



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- 16 Ben Evelyn
- Larry Gallaher 16
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- 22 Ainsley Allen
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- 25 Danica Kornreich
- Margie Goodall 26
- 26 Mava Miles
- 27 Charlotte Woodall
- 27 Ella Fay Danielson
- 29 Lilly Tyson
- 30 Neil Quimby



Happy Birthday to You! Happy Anniversary to You!

Anniversary Blessings

- April 13 Craig & Catherine Pierce
 - 29 Bill & Kim McLean
- May 2 Stuart & Cyndi Burnett
 - 15 Keith & Chrissy Wagner
 - 19 Wayne Hayden & Evelyn Waring
 - 19 John & Vicki Reus
 - 21 Steve & Mava Miles
 - 24 Lee & Lindy Brammer
 - 24 Larry & Janet Gallaher
 - 26 Steven & Joyce Peterson



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- 9 Lisa Guthrie
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- Robert (Bobby) Best 10
- 12 Ann Townsend Little
 - 13 Lee Brammer
 - 13 Wilson Gregory
 - 14 Jayne Thomas Pinelli
- 17 Kendall Hatley
- 18 Elizabeth Shannon
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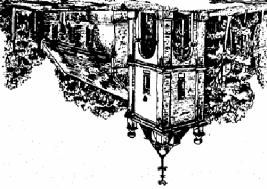
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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

April 2012

- Clopton Scholarship Deadline Craft/Bake Sale at 10am No Adult Education 1
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- No Adult Education Maundy Thursday, Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm Good Friday Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm Easter Day Easter Day Easter Day
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- Festive Coffee Hour Between the Services No Christian Education Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday
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- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm



May 2012

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- Clopton Reception Following the 11 am Service Last Day for Submissions to June/July THE KEYS Golf Tournament at Brookwoods, 1 pm 11
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- Mother's Day Youth Sunday, Reception to Follow Summer Schedule Begins, One Service at 10 am Vestry, 6:30 pm Noctor/Settlemire Rehearsal, 5 pm Noctor/Settlemire Wedding, 3:30 pm 20
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- $\overline{27}$ No Christian Education
- 28 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 29Church Office Summer Hours Begin

June 2012

- A Taste of St. Peter's
- $\frac{2}{17}$ Father's Day

- Father's Day
 Vestry, 6:30 pm
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 —21 Power Pals Camp, Richardson Hall
 Clopton Reunion Tour Contact: Larry Gallaher
 Richardson Hall Reserved, Noon—5 pm Contact: Edna Christian
 —28 Power Pals Camp, Richardson Hall
 A Public Service of Healing, 7 pm