

# St. Peter's Parish Church

*The Keys*

*August - September 2013*

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## *From the Rector's Desk*

August begins with a bang, as always! Vacation Bible School is in progress and ends August 2. We are experiencing a really good turnout! Remember that volunteers are always needed and always appreciated. The first Sunday of August brings us our annual Parish Picnic, and again this year Boogie and Anna Davis have invited us to their farm on the banks of the Pamunkey River. Services will be at eleven o'clock that day, followed by a picnic. You are invited to bring your watercraft, and the Blessing of the Boats will be after lunch. You'll find more information about the Parish Picnic on page 9 in this issue.

September brings us a wide variety of offerings and opportunities. Sunday, September 8, after the ten o'clock Service, there will be both the last installment of Inquirers Class and an informational meeting about the Daughters of the King. The Inquirers Class meeting will be to answer any last questions and firm up intentions – who is being baptized, who is being confirmed, and who is being received from another tradition – and include a quick run-through of the Liturgy. "The Order of the Daughters of the King," to give it its official name, is a lay order for women in the Episcopal Church. Its objective is to bring women and girls (there is a Junior Division) into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through his Church. The emblem of the order is a silver cross inscribed "Magnanimitur Crucem Sustine," and at the base of the cross the initials FHS, which stand for the motto of the order, "For His Sake." There is an article by our own Dorrine Douglass, herself a Daughter, on page 7 in this issue.

There will be two Services on September 15. At the ten o'clock hour there will be a Service of Morning Prayer. Then, at three o'clock that afternoon, we will host The Right Reverend Shannon Sherwood Johnston for his Annual Episcopal Visitation. That will be a fun Service, with several folks to be confirmed, received, and yes, baptized, both child and adult! We're having the ten o'clock Service that day because we don't want anyone to show up and find the doors closed, be they visitors who don't know or long-term folks who don't remember! But if you're only going to one Service that day, please come to the three o'clock Service. It's a first-time afternoon visitation for me, and the details of what will follow are still being worked out. Stay tuned! Although the 15<sup>th</sup> would normally be Restoration Sunday, that has been moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Bishop Johnston's visit. Restoration Sunday will be at the ten o'clock hour, and as always, there will be a picnic on the grounds following.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the month, September 29, we will resume our two-Service schedule. The time is unchanged for the eleven o'clock Service, but the early Service will change back to *nine o'clock* for the rest of the year. We moved the early Service to half past eight o'clock so I could lead Adult Christian Education, but Steve von Hitritz will be leading Adult CE this year and we can move the early service back to nine o'clock. That seems to be meeting with great approval, especially from those who drive a good distance to get here that early!

Finally, the Oyster Roast is back on October 12, from four o'clock until six o'clock. Much has changed this year: ticket prices, the menu, the number of tickets available, and the location, among other things. You'll be hearing more about this one later (see page 8). For now, enjoy the last third of your summer!

Faithfully,

*Paul †*



## Wardens' Corner

Summer is in full swing and life keeps most running at full speed in different directions. Having three sons, being self employed, and serving as your Senior Warden, I am not exempt from this chaos. Many days I am pulled in several directions and the day doesn't end until hours past dark. That being said, I sleep well at night and wake up refreshed every morning.

I hope one day I will be able to look back at these stress-filled days and use them as lessons for my children. I will tell them my secrets to a good night's sleep. First, don't go to sleep angry, if at all possible. Next, don't bring your "work" home with you. Finally, rest assured there are always people that love and support you.

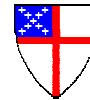
My love and support comes from my family. Family is not exclusively those who are immediately related to you, it includes all of the loved ones in your life. I am supported by a loving biological family. I am supported by friends that are like family. I am supported by an incredible church family. Stress and fatigue are trumped by the love and support of these individuals. We are all family being watched over by the Lord above.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:6-7*

Faithfully yours,

*Tony Wood  
Senior Warden*



### *St. Peter's Parish Church*

The Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*  
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*  
Samuel G. Bruce, *organist and choirmaster*  
Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*  
Mark P. Whidden, *assistant treasurer*  
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Peter Carlson (966-7251)  
Karen Lange (966-2940)  
Tony Wood (932-9516)

#### *Class of 2015*

Patrick Evelyn (932-9844)  
Bill O'Keefe (966-7370)  
Mark Whidden (203-526-0360)

#### *Class of 2016*

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# Christian Education

## Church School Update



I have always considered Youth Sunday to be one of my favorite services. Not only do we learn more about our graduating seniors, but I believe we learn something about ourselves as a parish family. Ashley and Kelly reminded us, once again, that we are fortunate to have dedicated people who work with our young people through Church School, Youth Group, and the parish as a whole. I was struck by how important a simple "hello" means to our young people, as well as our interest in their daily lives! According to our seniors, we do this well! Let us all remember that a kind word to our children means so much. Thanks to all of you for your support of our youth.

The 2013-2014 Church School year will begin Sunday, September 29 at 10 am. The classes will be arranged as follows: Ms. Moore will lead preschool - 1st grade, team Evelyn and Swynford will teach grades 2-5, and team Lindsey and Kim von Hitritz will lead middle through high school students. We hope to see you on September 29!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



**Don't forget that Kingdom Rock extends through Friday, August 2, from 9 am to 12 noon!**

## Reminder ~ Final Inquirers Class

The final Inquirers Class will be offered on Sunday, September 8, at 11 am. We have had a very good attendance with this spring class of participants.

Bishop Shannon Johnston will be here on September 15 for our Annual Episcopal Visitation and will confirm and/or receive at that time. We also have a couple of baptisms on that day!

~ Fr. Paul



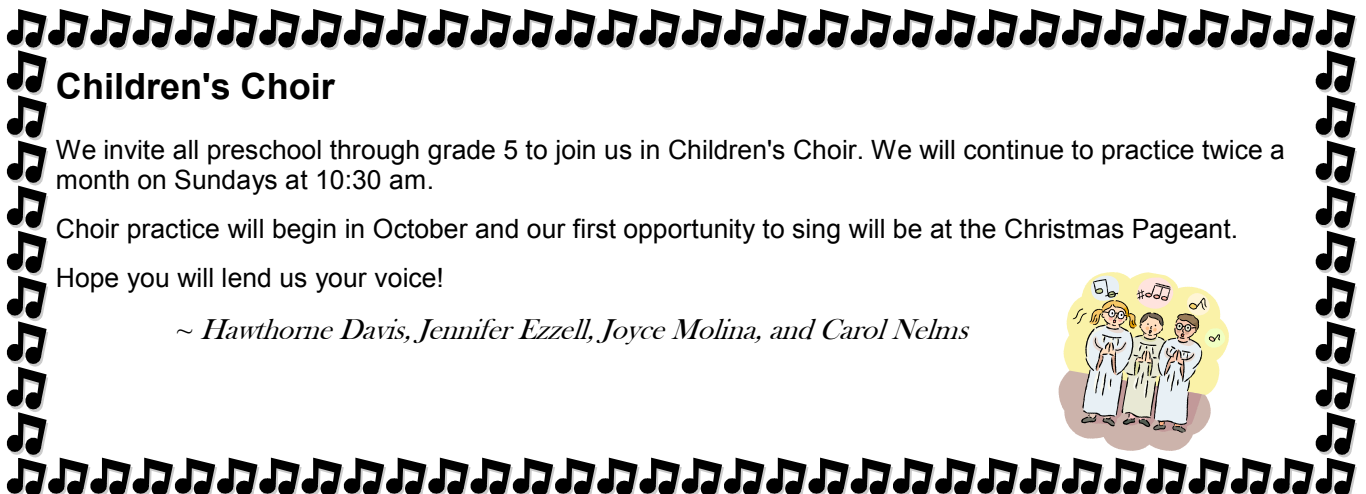
## Christian Education Begins September 29 for all Ages!!

Everyone is welcome to join St. Peter's Adult Education class or any of our Church School classes.

All classes meet in the Parish House between the services, at 10 am.

Please see Fr. Paul or contact the church office for more information.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator



## Children's Choir

We invite all preschool through grade 5 to join us in Children's Choir. We will continue to practice twice a month on Sundays at 10:30 am.

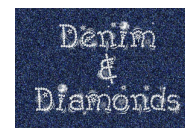
Choir practice will begin in October and our first opportunity to sing will be at the Christmas Pageant.

Hope you will lend us your voice!

~ Hawthorne Davis, Jennifer Ezzell, Joyce Molina, and Carol Nelms



## Outreach

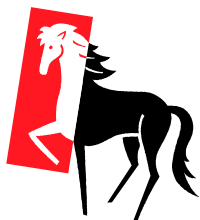


### Matthew's Haven

Our **Denim and Diamonds "Chair"-ity Auction** was a big success and I would like to thank all of the members of the congregation who attended this event and/or made a contribution or donation. We had a wonderful time, heard excellent feedback and after all expenses, netted approximately \$6,000 to support our programs. With the success of this event, we will definitely host another auction in 2014. St. Peter's and the Vestry continue to be Matthew's Haven's number one SUPPORTER and we are so appreciative of all that you do for us. If you were unable to attend the auction, check out our pictures in this newsletter and see what you missed! Again, I would like to thank our volunteers who assisted with the event: Joyce Molina, Joyce Peterson, Ann Bradshaw, Martha Danielson, Sue Sitterson, Carolie Kay, and Mark Whidden.



Matthew's Haven will sponsor our **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Fair** on Friday, August 16, from 9 am to 11 am. It is our intent to prepare the school supply packs on Tuesday, August 13. If you are available to assist with this event, we can always use additional helping hands. It is also a great way for our youth to earn volunteer hours for Beta Club, FCA, or other organizations that require volunteer time.



Another upcoming event is our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steaks & Steeds Benefit Trail Ride** to be held Saturday, September 28, at Millstone Farm on Cosby Mill Road in Quinton. Join us for this event and help to raise additional funding for Matthew's Haven programs. Did you know that you don't have to trail ride to come to the event? You are welcome to hike, fish, or just enjoy the scenic views. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch consisting of, yes, you guessed it .... STEAK!

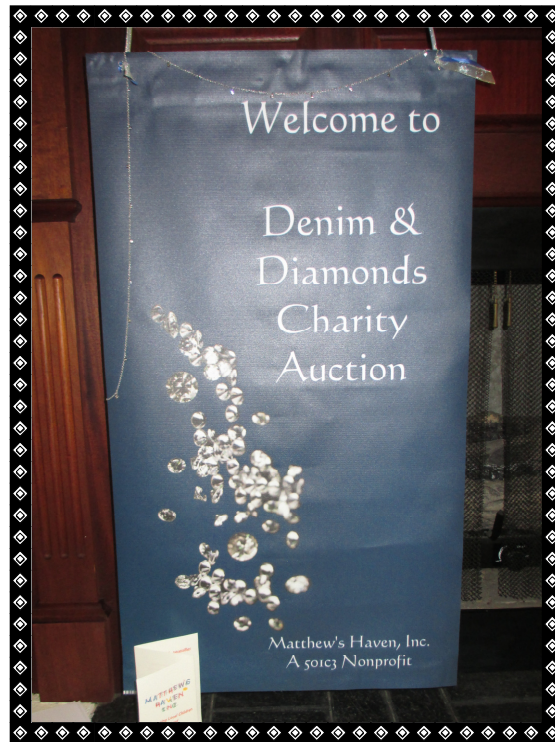
A lunch size portion of steak and other goodies will be served from 12:30—1:30 pm. Doors will open at 9 am, with the option to stay until 4 pm if you like. (BYOH — Bring Your Own Horse!) Please contact me for additional information.

One final note.....will you buy a new coat for your child this coming fall? Save your old one for our Coat Drive in November! We will begin accepting children's coats October 1!

Please feel free to contact any Matthew's Haven committee member for more detailed information about our programs or events.

~ Catherine Pierce

*Outreach continued*



## *Outreach* continued



I am writing to announce our **SECOND ANNUAL Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament** to support a scholarship fund in memory of my dear friend, Sarah Lindsey Gupta, who lost her courageous battle with cancer in 2011 at the age of 31. This year's tournament will be held **September 20** at The Club at Viniterra.

Sarah was born on October 27, 1980, to proud parents Bill and Kathy Lindsey, and grew up in New Kent. I personally met Sarah in kindergarten and we became the best of friends and attended New Kent County public schools, St. Peter's Parish Church, and the College of William and Mary together. Sarah will be remembered by so many as such a loving, caring, and kind person. Her infectious smile and glowing personality will never be forgotten.

From a young age, it was evident that Sarah was a special and gifted person who touched the lives of everyone that knew and loved her. Sarah had an amazing voice and sang in the choir at St. Peter's for a number of years. She also performed in numerous stage productions throughout her high school years and went on to perform at The College of William and Mary, singing with the *Accidentals*, an a cappella group.

Sarah also knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher and went on to obtain her teaching degree from William and Mary and teach in New Kent schools. Throughout her teaching career, she was beloved by her students and would treat each and every one of them as her own. After she was diagnosed with adrenal cancer in April 2010, Sarah remained in great spirits throughout her entire sickness. In the spring of 2011, Sarah married the love of her life, Sumit Gupta, and continued her teaching career in Raleigh, North Carolina until she became too sick to make it through the day.

After we lost Sarah, a number of her dear friends established the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Scholarship Fund at William and Mary in her memory. Once endowed, this scholarship will be given each year to an aspiring teacher or student pursuing a degree in the arts. Organizing the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament is just a small way for me to thank and remember Sarah for our enduring friendship. I know Sarah would be proud that a scholarship given in her name will help someone pursue their dreams as she did hers.

Last year's **FIRST** golf tournament exceeded all expectations and we were able to fund a significant amount of the endowment requirements. We are hopeful that this year's tournament will be as successful and that we will reach our funding goal.

I hope you can come out and join us on **September 20** for a fun day of golf and fellowship. Even if you don't golf, you can support the event in so many other ways.

I invite you to contact me at **804-512-8150**, or at [pevelyn@verizon.net](mailto:pevelyn@verizon.net) to help us celebrate the extraordinary life that Sarah lived and to benefit others through this scholarship opportunity. I hope to hear from you soon!

Faithfully yours,

*Patrick Evelyn*

## Worship

### Annual Bishop's Visitation and Reception

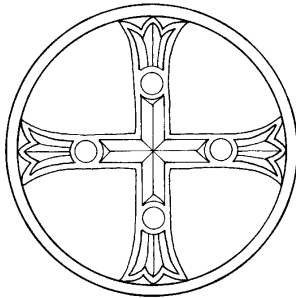
The Right Reverend Shannon S. Johnston, the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Virginia, will be visiting St. Peter's Parish Church on Sunday, September 15 at 3 pm.

The Fellowship Committee will host a very special reception following the service.

Please come out and support Bishop Johnston's visit and bring a favorite fall finger food to share with everyone! Punch and lemonade will be provided.

*Thank you!*

*~ The Fellowship Committee*



### Two Service Schedule Resumes

Following a summer worship schedule of one service only, the regular two service worship schedule resumes September 29.

Join us for services at 9 am and 11 am. Note, this is a **time change** in the early service!

As a reminder, Christian Education for all ages also resumes September 29 at 10 am.

*~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator*



## Parish Life

### Why *The Order of the Daughters of the King*?

The only way I can answer that question is to tell you about my own experience.

First, let me tell you about the *Order's* "Foundation and Purpose."

It is a lifetime commitment to living as the eyes, hands, feet, etc. of our Lord.

The women who join practice daily prayers, service to the church and parish, and living in a way that our Lord will be reflected in everything we do (Evangelism).



These may seem like high standards, but rest assured, the *Order* provides many opportunities for spiritual development. I am a work-in-progress. The biggest changes for me have been in my devotions and prayers, as well as in my spiritual growth. I have recently learned to speak up and not be so bashful!

All women are invited to an informational session at St. Peter's on September 8 after the 10 am service. Meanwhile, if you would like to discuss *The Order of the Daughters of the King* with me, please phone me at 757-868-7501. If I am unavailable to take your call, please leave a message on my answering machine. For your convenience, informational brochures are also available in the Parish House foyer.

As September 8 gets closer, there will be a sign-up sheet for interested women. Please prayerfully consider this life changing opportunity.

In Christ's name and "For His Sake,"

*Dorrine Douglass*



## RESERVE YOUR TICKET FOR THE 2013 OYSTER ROAST

**ReNewed, ReVisioned, and ReEnergized** – those are the three **R's** for the 2013 St. Peter's Oyster Roast and Fish Feast. The date is Saturday, October 12, 2013, from 4 to 6 pm, rain or shine! It has also been **ReLocated** to 11805 Whitehouse Road, and the ticket prices have been **ReDuced** from previous years. The **ReVised** ticket price is \$32 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12.

With this **ReFormatting** of the Oyster Roast, attendance will be **ReDuced** to 250, with St. Peter's members and their families being given first shot at **ReServing** tickets for the Roast. Tickets are **ReQuired** for all attending, including volunteers.

It is anticipated that tickets will go on sale to St. Peter's members in the next couple of weeks and may be obtained from any Vestry member or by contacting the church office at 804-932-4846. After this initial offering to members, tickets will go on sale to the public and will surely sell out quickly. **RaPidly ReAct** and please **ReServe** your space at the 2013 St. Peter's Oyster Roast and Fish Feast!

~ *The Oyster Roast Committee*

## College Addresses Requested

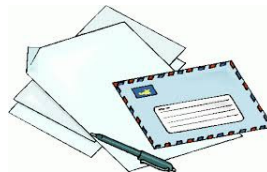


If your child is going away to college, please make sure St. Peter's has his or her college address. We want to keep in touch with our young adults with birthday cards, good wishes, and other correspondence.

Please contact us by phone at 932-4846 or by e-mail at [stpeters.admin1@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.admin1@gmail.com).

Thank you for your help!

~ *Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator*





## Annual Parish Picnic – August 4

Anna and Boogie Davis, along with their families, have once again invited St. Peter's to their beautiful Pamunkey River home for the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 4.

The service of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 am, with a shared lunch and afternoon of fun fellowship to follow. Everyone is asked to bring one or two dishes to share, and blankets or chairs. Plates and utensils, tea and lemonade, ice, and fried chicken will be provided.

Please bring swimsuits, sun screen, towels, and water toys. Boats and kayaks are welcome as well. Life preservers are recommended. You may want to bring coolers with ice for food left over from lunch—in case you want to stay long enough to eat again!

As a reminder, **EVERYONE'S** help is needed to take down tables, to clear trash, and other clean-up details following the day's activities. **Helping with clean-up is a great way to say thank you to the Davis family for their very generous hospitality.**

Directions to the Davis Farm are available in the Parish House foyer. Please call the church office or Kristin Swynford (557-3533) if you have any questions. In the event of inclement weather, there will be a message on the church voice mail.

Travel by car or boat and enjoy worship and a wonderful day on the beautiful Pamunkey!

~ *Kristin Swynford*  
*Parish Life Vestry Representative*



### **From the Parish Register**

#### **Baptisms**

Laney Ross Evelyn, infant daughter of Patrick and Jessica Evelyn, April 7, 2013

Layla Southall Eagle, infant daughter of Rutsen and Tyler Eagle, June 16, 2013

Avery Kate Douglas, infant daughter of Randy and Millie Douglas, June 16, 2013

Catherine Carrington Remorenko, infant daughter of John Paul and Elizabeth Remorenko, July 21, 2013

#### **Transfer In**

Susan Kay Brubaker, from St. Paul's Episcopal, Mishawaka, Indiana

Remembering Those Serving Our Country  
~ Near and Far ~

Edward Allen  
Charles Bowery  
Zachary Crawford  
David Douglas  
Justin Gallaher  
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.  
Joseph Gruber  
Michael Hogge  
John Mark Holland  
Christopher Kopf  
Chase Leftwich  
T. J. Lowe  
Christopher Minter  
Ashton McEacharn  
Matthew McNeil  
Christopher Quarles  
Tristan Trivette  
Carson Tyson  
Erich von Hitritz  
Andrew Walker  
Brent Wolfe, II



*Enjoy the rest of summer!*



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

***We Ask Your Prayers For  
Those in our parish family  
who are sick:***

Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sue Caldwell,  
Will Townsend, and Barb McKinney

***...and all others known and un-  
known.***

Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;  
Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;  
Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;  
Willie Callis, father 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;  
Wilma Pye, sister-in-law of Sally Smith;  
Mary Wilcox, friend of Miriam Ackley;  
Derek Neal, friend of Julie Vaisvil;  
Patty Kothe, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Art Wiese, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Jackie Lafoon, friend of Kim McLean;  
Joanne Hackworth, cousin of Cynthia  
Rowles;  
Paula Tiller, mother of Stacey Wood;  
Jim King, friend of the Evelyn family;  
Pat Groves, grandmother of Randy Douglas;  
Shirley Stone, grandmother of Millie  
Douglas;  
Susan Snowden, aunt of Amy Patterson;  
Sam Mattison, friend of Nancy Goodman;  
Billy Douglas, friend of Emily Clay and  
Tom Evelyn;  
David Kunz, nephew of Amy Patterson.

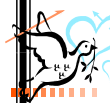
***Give them courage and hope  
in their troubles and bring them  
the joy of your salvation.***



August

## Birthdays

- 1 Kim von Hitritz
- 1 Cayden Davis
- 2 Tracy Rae
- 3 Cyndi Burnett
- 4 Morgan Harris
- 7 Kendall Lipscomb
- 9 Jim Noctor
- 11 Emily Clay Evelyn
- 11 Ron Eagle
- 12 Robert Carraway
- 12 Jackie Christian
- 14 Miranda Porter
- 16 Amy Patterson
- 16 Terry Porter
- 16 Chase Kelly
- 17 Carter Hatley
- 17 Erich von Hitritz
- 18 Marvin Smith
- 20 Alex Stanley
- 21 Lindsey McLean Simakahov
- 24 Laura Smith
- 25 Christine Taylor
- 26 Patty Townsend
- 27 Betty Curling
- 28 Sue Caldwell
- 28 Sally Smith
- 29 Steve von Hitritz
- 29 Jeff Smith



## Anniversary Blessings

### August

- 8 Paul & Cynthia Rowles
- 8 John Paul & Elizabeth Remorenko
- 11 Nancy & Scott Goodman
- 15 Brian & Sandra Gellings
- 18 Adam & Mary Margaret Gillette
- 27 Peter & Traci Carlson

### September

- 7 Steve & Jill Bradford
- 29 Carter & Christina Hatley



## Birthdays

- 3 Zach Quimby
- 3 Debbie Smith
- 4 Anna Stuart Burnett
- 5 Margie Harrison
- 6 Sarah Harris Detruit
- 7 Lindy Brammer
- 8 Marianne Powell
- 8 Waverly Marshall
- 8 Forrest Taylor Morrow
- 9 Nancy Goodman
- 9 Janie Philbates
- 9 Jonathon Gellings
- 9 Craig Pierce
- 11 Jeff Cimbalo
- 14 Christopher McKinney
- 14 Camden Evelyn
- 14 Carley Goodnow
- 15 Corinne Dorsey
- 15 Martha Danielson
- 17 Sherry Gregory
- 17 Denise Fazio
- 19 Matt Lambert
- 22 John Townsend
- 22 Holly Finch
- 23 Gunnar Carlson
- 24 Jay Francisco
- 24 Steven Peterson
- 25 Evelyn Waring
- 25 Cynthia Rowles
- 26 James McCaul
- 28 Kathy Harris
- 30 Kristin Hayden



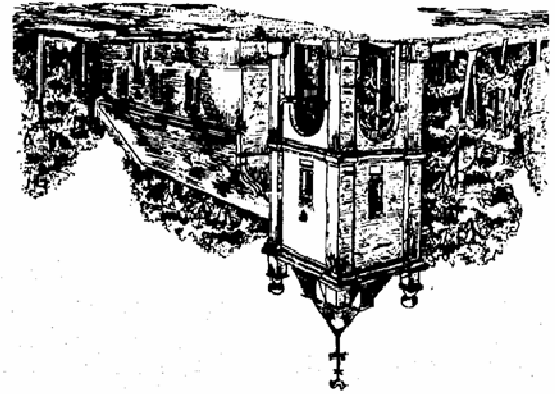
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Happy Anniversary to You!



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Church Erected 1701



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## Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

### August 2013

- 1-2 VBS Continued
- 4 Parish Picnic at the Davis Farm, 11 am, HE
- 12 Set up Richardson Hall for Back to School Fair
- 16 Matthew's Haven Back to School Fair  
9 -11 am, Richardson Hall  
No Vestry Meeting Planned for August
- 24 Church Tour at 10 am



Whatever you do, work at it with  
all your heart as working for the  
Lord, not for men.

*Colossians 3:23*

### September 2013

- 2 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Final Inquirers Class at 11 am
- 8 Daughters of the King Info Session at 11 am
- 12 Last Day for Submissions to the October/November  
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- 15 Regular Worship at 10 am; Bishop's Visitation at 3 pm,
- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 17 Church Tour at 11:30 am
- 20 2nd Annual Sarah L. Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament at  
Viniterra, 11:30 am Registration and Boxed Lunch,  
1 pm Start Time
- 22 Restoration Sunday at 10 am  
Followed by Meal for All
- 29 Two Service Schedule Resumes with Time Change of  
9 and 11 am  
Christian Education Begins at 10 am

### October 2013

- 4 Burnett/Lambert Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 5 Burnett/Lambert Wedding, 4:30 pm
- 6 Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm
- 12 Oyster Roast, 4-6 pm
- 13 Fall Hayride
- 21 Vestry, 6:30 pm