

St. Peter's Parish Church

The Keys

December 2016 - January 2017

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From the Rector's Desk

[Jesus] told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" *Matthew 13:1-9*

Growing up in a Baptist pastor's home, we three boys were in church every time the door opened, especially, as I remember it, during our teenage years, when we lived in the parsonage next to the church. Sunday mornings were Sunday School and worship service, Sunday evenings were Training Union, Youth Group, and evening worship. Wednesday nights were for prayer meetings. When each of us eventually left home, we left the church—we'd had enough to last us a lifetime. Mark, the oldest, was a paid chorister in an Episcopal church in Durham during his Duke University days, but after graduation, that was it for him, too.

I came back to church in 1980. I was in the Army, and a friend (a civilian turret mechanic in my outfit) invited me to go to church with him on Sunday, then come to his home, meet his daughters, enjoy a home-cooked meal, and watch the Steelers play. Yes! Food, football, and the opposite sex! Of course! To my disappointment, the daughters turned out to be elementary-school age, but lunch was great. I also discovered that I missed being in church, and so began the journey that leads to where we are today.

Mark came back to church after October 2002. That was when he came to Emmanuel Church, Brook Hill, Richmond to see me ordained a Deacon. He realized he'd been missing church, and when he returned to Atlanta, found an Episcopal church he liked, began attending faithfully, and was eventually received into the Episcopal Church. He went on to serve on several committees: Properties, Christian Education, and Parish Life (the "ministry of fun," he called it!), as well as the Vestry. He also returned to the choir, who became like a second family to him.

On January 6, 2017, his son Matthew—my nephew—will be baptized at age 45 in The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, where he attended with his father. Matt's wife, Heather, will reaffirm her baptismal vows the same day. It's also the church where I was privileged to baptize their son Afton in 2009. As a footnote, they were married about twenty years ago in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, where her family were members, and I was privileged to assist their Rector, the Rev. John Talbird, in that celebration.

"A sower went out to sow ..."

Faithfully,

Paul †



Wardens' Corner

As your outgoing Senior Warden, I want to express my sincere appreciation to this year's Vestry for their hard work in continuing to focus on our programs and ministries at St. Peters. I am proud to have been able to serve as your Senior Warden.

I especially want to thank Carol Nelms for serving as our Junior Warden. Carol has been a great support system and has assisted me on numerous occasions. The Vestry has experienced many great accomplishments and faced a few stumbling blocks, but ultimately has remained standing strong. I also wish to express my appreciation to all the commissions, committees, guilds, their chairs and members for all you do to keep our ministries working and supporting St. Peter's parishioners.

If you are not actively involved in programs in the life of our church, it is difficult to understand how important our commission system is and how it strengthens St. Peters as an active and viable church. I encourage all of you to consider giving your time and talent to a deserving program of your choice. Get yourself plugged in! Everyone can help somewhere. We need your support and helping hands for our Vestry, committees, guilds, and our Rector to continue our 300+ years of serving a strong parish here at St. Peter's! So my final words to you are:



~ Catherine Pierce, Senior Warden

On Sunday, October 23, the Vestry sponsored a Newcomer's Reception at the New Kent Winery. The Dombroski family graciously offered us the use of their facility. Fifty-three people attended and thirty of those were "newcomers," not counting the many babies that were in attendance! This time together afforded us the opportunity to get to know each other better, and educate new members on St. Peter's Commission System. Paul wrapped up the evening by drawing our attention to the back of the weekly Sunday leaflet. He eloquently reminded us that our vibrant parish has been in continuous use since 1703 because of our rich ministries, and the people who work within them.

What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to ask ourselves how we can get "plugged in" and continue our Christian witness to the greater New Kent community! A handout on St. Peter's Commission System (ministry opportunities) is located in the Parish House foyer.

~ Carol Nelms, Junior Warden

St. Peter's Vestry Nominations

CLOSE

December 4, 2016

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Vestry Class of 2020.

Nomination forms are available in the Parish House foyer and in the back of the church. Forms may be submitted to the Senior Warden or to the church office. Prior to completing a form, be sure and get the person's permission before nominating them!

As a reminder, each Vestry nominee must be a member of St. Peter's Parish Church, a confirmed adult communicant (age 16+) in good standing, and "known to the Treasurer."



St. Peter's Parish Church

The Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*
Joyce H. Molina, *organist and choirmaster*
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*
Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*
Susan G. Sitterson, *assistant treasurer*
David A. Swynford, *verger*
Ann O. Bradshaw, *register*

The Vestry

Catherine Pierce, Senior Warden
Carol Nelms, Junior Warden

Class of 2017

Ben Evelyn (804-615-4558)
Catherine Pierce (966-9057)
Terry Porter (804-314-0284)

Class of 2018

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Carol Nelms (932-4175)
May O'Leary (932-3354)

Class of 2019

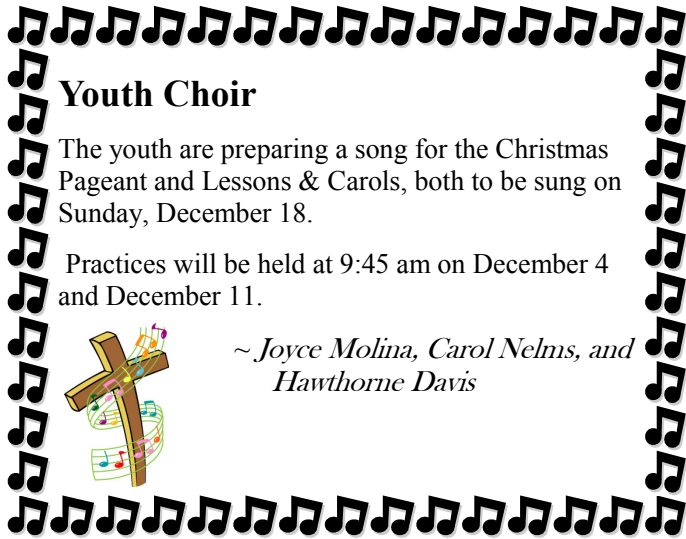
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Christian Education



Youth Choir

The youth are preparing a song for the Christmas Pageant and Lessons & Carols, both to be sung on Sunday, December 18.

Practices will be held at 9:45 am on December 4 and December 11.



~ Joyce Molina, Carol Nelms, and Hawthorne Davis

Adult Forum 2016-2017

We will start our Advent/Christmas break on Sunday November 27, so there will be no class that day. Class will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Have a great Advent season and a very Merry and spiritual Christmas!

~ Steve von Hitritz



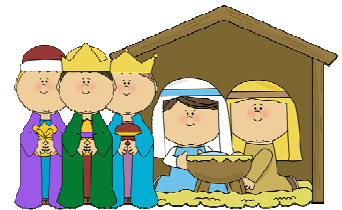
Church School News

December is a busy and exciting time in the life of the Church School. Our first fun event will be Christmas Craft Day scheduled for Sunday, December 4 following the 11 am service. All ages are invited to participate in the making of gingerbread houses. You will need to bring an empty milk carton to serve as the base for the house. A sign-up sheet for the event is in the foyer of the Parish House where you can pick up a set of directions for making the house and a base for it. I encourage this part to be done at home so that you can be ready to decorate with all the provided fixings. The cost of the event is \$15 per family, which includes pizza and a beverage.

Calling all angels, shepherds, and kings! That joyous time—the annual Christmas Pageant—is upon us again. The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 10 am in Richardson Hall. There will be two practices: December 4 and December 11 at 10 am. All children are invited to participate!

There will be no Church School on December 25 and January 1.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



Advent Candle Blessings

Each week of Advent we light a new candle in our Advent wreath. The wreath itself is a circle representing the eternity of God and the unending love for us. Each candle is symbolic of one of the virtues Jesus brings us: Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Each week as we light a new candle we are taken further out of the dark and closer to the light. Finally on Christmas Eve we light the middle candle, which represents the birth of “the Light of the World.”

On the first Sunday of Advent we light the candle of **Love**. We light this candle as a symbol of the expectation of the coming of Christ and his great Love for us.

On the second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of **Hope**. We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

On the third Sunday of Advent we light the candle of **Joy**. We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. The candle of joy is the pink candle.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we light the candle of **Peace**. We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace.

On Christmas Eve we light the **Christ** candle, the candle in the middle of our Advent wreath. This candle represents purity and reminds us that Jesus is “the Light of the World.”

Worship

A Music Note



“God is the Composer; I am the song.”

It’s Advent. Happy New Year! Holiday music is playing everywhere you go. Don’t let that distract you. Attend services during Advent to help keep you centered on the reason for this season. Each week we will light a new candle as we wait and prepare for the nativity of Jesus. Each week we will have readings and songs that take us closer and closer to that blessed event. We have some very special music planned.

On December 18 at 11 am, we will prepare for His coming through our Lessons & Carols service. The service will be beautifully filled with scripture and song. Camille Foster returns as our flautist to accompany the choir. You will not want to miss Lessons & Carols!

On Christmas Eve we will have services at 5 and 11 pm, when we’ll sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns. Both services will be truly glorious. It may be difficult to choose which one to attend. If in doubt, come to both! The 5 pm service will be preceded with music selections by members of our choirs and some of our talented parishioners. During the service you will hear the lovely sounds of Brianna Girimont playing the violin, so plan to arrive early. A special treat is also planned for the 11 pm service. Stephanie Burcham will perform on the harp. She is an outstanding harpist and this service which will ring in Christmas Day will be celebrated gloriously.

Christmas morning will not be without music. How often do we get to celebrate Christmas Day on a Sunday? Make a special memory and attend services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

As we move from Advent to Christmas and on to Epiphany, the service music and postcommunion refrain will change. *On Eagles Wings* is a favorite to many; it will return next Pentecost. We will continue to rotate refrains throughout the liturgical year. Keep singing!

Finally, a reminder of activities of some of our choir members:

- Justin will perform in the romantic comedy *Almost Maine* at New Kent High School December 1 – 3. Tickets will be available at the door.
- Joyce and Chrissy will perform in the Henrico Concert Band’s Holiday Concert at The Henrico Theater on December 12 at 7:30 pm. The event is free; call 804-652-1460 to reserve a seat.
- Steve will sing in the choir for the Richmond Community Nativity Pageant held at the Carillon in Byrd Park on December 22. The pageant starts at 7 pm and it is free. Rain date is December 23. A Carillon bell concert will precede the pageant.

~ *Joyce Molina, Organist and Choirmaster*

Christmas Decorating

This year we will be decorating St. Peter’s with an assortment of beautiful and aromatic fruits and greenery during the Christmas season. As you may recall, your contribution is made in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. The sign-up sheets are located in the church and in the Parish House foyer. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 5, so sign up early!

A donation of \$10 is requested, which goes towards the purchase of the fruits. Please make your check payable to St. Peter’s Parish Church and note **Christmas Decorations** on the memo line. Thank you!

~ *Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair*



Worship continued

Hanging of the Greens

Please join us Saturday, December 17 at 9 am to decorate St. Peter's for the annual "Hanging of the Greens." It doesn't take long with many hands helping for this annual event, so come out and discover your inner decorating talents!

If any of you can provide some garden greenery, please bring it to the church and leave it under the tower by Friday, December 16, or Saturday, December 17 by 9 am.

We are looking for nandina, holly, cedar, and pine. Hope to see you then!

~ *Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair*



Outreach



The 5th Annual *Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament* was held at The Club at Viniterra golf course on September 30 and it was an overwhelming success! The program exceeded all expectations by depositing over \$25,000 into its endowment fund that will continue to support a scholarship with the College of William and Mary Foundation in the memory of Sarah Lindsey Gupta. Additionally, scholarships will be available for graduating seniors in New Kent County.

Sarah passed away in November 2011 with a rare form of adrenal cancer. She was a former teacher at New Kent Middle School for a number of years, an alumna of the College of William & Mary, and a faithful member of St. Peter's. The initial goal of the endowment was to offer scholarships to students pursuing a degree in education or the arts at William & Mary. According to Patrick Evelyn, who initiated and continues to lead the tournament, "After we met this enormous goal at William & Mary in the first two years, we looked closer to home by expanding our scholarships to graduating seniors in New Kent County. Because of this, we awarded our first of three scholarships to New Kent Seniors in the spring of 2016. Inasmuch, we have now awarded a total of seven scholarships from this fund in a very short period!" Also, the Foundation was officially incorporated as a charitable organization last year and also received its tax exempt status from the IRS as a non-profit charitable entity.

Over 120 golfers participated in this year's tournament along with 55 hole sponsors and 11 tournament sponsors. We also received numerous donations and prize offerings. The weather was another challenge this year, but the rain held off until the evening and everyone enjoyed a great day at Viniterra. The food, the fun, the friendly competition, and the prizes were truly the order of the day and so many supporters joined together for this admirable achievement.

Due to these wonderful successes, the committee is already brainstorming for next year's tournament to further enhance the scholarship opportunities. According to Patrick, "We could have never had this spectacular accomplishment without the support and generous donations from so many people, businesses, and surely our church family. We sincerely thank everyone for their participation and look forward to seeing everyone again next year."

~ *Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament Committee*

Outreach *continued*

Matthew's Haven



We are gearing up for our annual *Give a Child a Christmas* (GACAC)! This year we will be sponsoring approximately 75 local children in need. The children's names and ages have been posted in the Parish House foyer.

St. Peter's parishioners have always been so generous and kind and we want to thank each of you in advance who will be sponsoring a child this year. Your gifts mean so much to a child on Christmas morning. Thank you! When you sponsor a child through GACAC, "you" are their Christmas. You'll receive a personalized sheet with each child's hobbies—favorite colors and/or "characters," activities they enjoy, their clothing and shoe sizes, and their "wish list." The experience you'll have while shopping will not only be a blessing to "your" child but may also serve as one for you too. The old adage "it is better to give than to receive" is priceless.

The **ONLY** thing we ask is that your gifts be delivered to St. Peter's **no later than Sunday, December 11** and please have your gifts **wrapped and labeled with the child's name and their "wish list" attached.**

In addition to your family sponsoring a child, please consider sponsoring a child through your groups or clubs, your workplace, your neighborhood, or your child's classroom. Please ask your friends and neighbors if they'd like to sponsor a child.

Current Need: We need some infant layette items for our Baby Bundle program. We're looking for new or gently used crib sheets, towels and wash cloths, receiving blankets, and onesies (size 0-9 months). These gender specific bundles are given to new mothers. Items can be dropped off in the Matthew's Haven room. **THANK YOU** for opening your hearts to those in need!

~ Catherine Pierce



Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas Offering will benefit the Clopton Scholarship Fund, which will support the Louise Miller Clopton and William Boyd Clopton Memorial Scholarship.

William B. Clopton established a scholarship fund at St. Peter's Parish Church as a memorial to his wife, Louise Miller Clopton, and his son, William Boyd Clopton. Grants from the fund are made to graduating seniors from New Kent High School or graduating seniors who are active members of St. Peter's.

Each year, up to \$4,000 in scholarships are administered by St. Peter's and awarded to students who demonstrate strong moral character, religious involvement, community service, motivation, academic success, and financial need. The scholarship award is for one year only.

The Christmas letters and offering envelopes will be mailed soon. Please be generous!

~ The Vestry



Congregational Care

Prayer Chain Ministry

E.M. Bounds, a well-known prayer author and intercessor, states:

Prayer is power and strength, a power and strength that influences God, and is most salutary, widespread, and marvelous in its gracious benefits to man. Prayer influences God. The ability of God to do for man is the measure of the possibility of prayer.

Likewise, Debbie Przybski from Intercessors Arise International provided insight in "The Strength of Power and Prayer" on www.crosswalk.com.

We need God's revelation of our spiritual authority. We rarely grasp the full potential of the strength and power of prayer that is available to us. We often go about our daily activities and forget that we are united with Christ. We are connected with Him as our head, and we are His Church designed to express the fullness of His power on earth. Carefully meditate on the Apostle Paul's prayer in *Ephesians 1:18-23* to get the full picture. God has incomparably great power, Christ is seated at God's right hand, Jesus defeated Satan at the cross, and we are called to enforce Jesus' authority on earth through prayer.

Prayer is my opportunity to lift up the needs of others to the Father, especially those for whom life is so complex that prayer is difficult. You are invited to join our Prayer Chain Ministry! Simply contact any of our members listed below to join.

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Catherine Pierce, vendsoda1@aol.com

Kristin Swynford, kswynford@hotmail.com

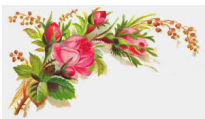
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Bill O'Keefe, billo38@icloud.com



~ *Kim Filipowicz, Congregational Care Commission Facilitator*



In Appreciation for Our Home Parishioners

Home parishioners, previously recognized as our church's shut-ins, have tremendously impacted us over the years! Without their abundant gifts of time and talents, St. Peter's would not have the solid foundation it has today.

In appreciation, our home parishioners will be receiving a care package from St. Peter's during the holiday season.

If you want to add someone to our home parishioners list, please contact Fr. Paul at 804-932-4846 or at stpeters.rector@gmail.com.

~ *Kim Filipowicz, Congregational Care Commission Facilitator*



Parish Life



From the Treasurer

~ 2016 Contributions Due in Church Office or Postmarked by December 31 ~

All St. Peter's contributions received in the CHURCH OFFICE or postmarked by December 31, 2016 will be applied toward 2016 pledges and included as 2016 contributions on your end-of-year statements for tax purposes.

Contributions received or postmarked AFTER December 31, 2016 can still be applied to complete 2016 pledges, but they will be recorded as 2017 contributions for tax purposes and will not be included on the 2016 end-of-year statements.

Likewise, pre-payments on 2017 pledges received prior to December 31, 2016 can be applied to 2017 pledges, but will be shown on your 2016 statement as a contribution for the 2016 tax year. Statements will be mailed to you by the end of January 2017. As a reminder, 2017 pledges are still being accepted!

If you have any questions about the current status of your 2016 pledge, please send an e-mail to the St. Peter's Treasurer at stpeters.treasurer1@gmail.com and I will be happy to run a contributions report and e-mail it back to you. This will show all your contributions and the status of your pledge.

~ *Stuart Burnett, Treasurer*

CAT ~ Working Together for Seniors

The Chickahominy Area Triad (CAT), a new endeavor between New Kent and Charles City Counties, is a partnership consisting of the local sheriff and/or police chief, seniors, and senior service providers in a community who agree to work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly.

To assist with program planning, a questionnaire has been developed. You don't have to be Triad members to complete the questionnaire, although the CAT would definitely welcome new members. The questionnaire may be mailed to the P O Box noted on the form or returned to Pat Armbrust or me.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Chickahominy Area Triad chapter which meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 2 pm at the New Kent Sheriff's Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pat Armbrust at parmbrust@youraaa.org or Nancy Goodman at nancy.goodman@dss.virginia.gov.

~ *Nancy Goodman*

Congratulations Ann Bradshaw!

Our very own Ann Bradshaw received the Chris Peace Community Star Award for her assistance to Project Hope on a number of events where Matthew's Haven supported their programs.

This award was presented at the recent *Light Up the Night Celebration*. Please join us in congratulating Ann!!



From the Parish Register



Baptisms

Karter Grace Douglas, infant daughter of Randy and Millie Douglas, September 11, 2016
Emma Lockhart Adams, infant daughter of Scott and Sarah Adams, September 11, 2016
Jacob Coleman Dombroski, infant son of Jake and Lindsay Dombroski, November 6, 2016
Talley Grace Dombroski, infant daughter of Jake and Lindsay Dombroski, November 6, 2016
Evelyn Rose Gresko, infant daughter of Derek and Jessica Gresko, November 20, 2016
Boyce Stone Evelyn, infant son of Ben and Aimee Evelyn, November 20, 2016

Baptized at Annual Bishop's Visitation, October 9, 2016

Graham Wilson Ware, infant son of Andrew and Lisa Ware
Jennifer Navis Carmean

Burial Offices

Jefferson Davis Smith, Jr., August 16, 2016
Caroline Melissa Mason Hoffman, September 17, 2016
Shirley Kathleen Meyer, October 22, 2016

Confirmed by Bishop Johnston, October 9, 2016

Jennifer Navis Carmean
Thomas Clayton Evelyn

Marriage

Ashley Dyan Brammer and Taylor Jason Esteves-Pearce, August 20, 2016

Received by Bishop Johnston, October 9, 2016

David Ross Carmean
Adam Vaughan Gillette
Lori Ann Bunn Janke
Tobias Janke
Matthew Michael Settle mire

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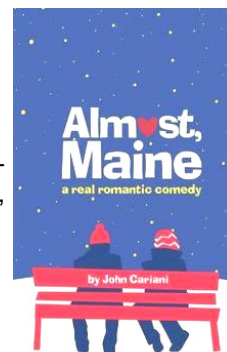
Andrew McLaren Ware, from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia
Lisa Ann Strongin Ware, from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

Justin Mitchell Featured in Local Production

New Kent Trojan Theatre will be producing *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani.

Shows will be performed at 7 pm on December 1, 2 and 3 at the New Kent High School Auditorium. *Almost, Maine* is comprised of nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called *Almost, Maine*.

Hope you can come see *Justin Mitchell* cast as *Phil*!



Remembering Those Serving Our Country ~ Near and Far ~



Edward Allen
Chris Atkins
Brandon Belcher
Dylan Carter
Zachary Crawford
David Douglas
James Ethington, Jr.
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.
Joseph Gruber
Michael Hogge
Chase Leftwich
T.J. Lowe
Christopher Minter
Ashton McEacharn
Christopher Quarles
Andrew Schalk
Richard Schalk
Nolan Schultz
Tristan Trivette
Carson Tyson
Brent Wolfe, II



Cemetery Flowers Reminder

We Episcopalians believe in "real" things, like real bread and real wine for the Eucharist. We use real flowers and real greenery to decorate the church. That part extends to the cemetery, so please remember as Advent and Christmas approach, that only real arrangements are permitted in the cemetery. Thank you.



We Ask Your Prayers for those in our parish family who are sick: and all others known and unknown.

Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sue Caldwell, Helen Talman, Jean Mansfield, Donna Wright, Bob Kay...
and all others known and unknown.
Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;
Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;
Mary Wilcox, friend of Miriam Ackley;
Shirley Stone, grandmother of Millie Douglas;
Minnie Brammer, mother of Lee Brammer;
Aaron Platek, cousin of Adriane Marshall;
Carolyn and Klara Globig, friends of Ann Bradshaw;
Harmony Glenn, friend of Kathy Lindsey;
Linda Hodgson, cousin of Amy O'Keefe;
Abbie Schaub, friend of St. Peter's;
Eileen Williams, friend of Sally Smith;
James Rose, brother-in-law of Jeff Fazio;
Ruth Ann Troxell, friend of Paul & Cynthia Rowles;
Kyle White, friend of Hawthorne & Loretta Davis;
Jane Stanley Moser, cousin of Emily Clay Evelyn;
Rodney Ross, friend of Joyce & Steve Peterson;
Paul & Lucille Cowins, parents of Kathy Lindsey;
Rita Schalk, friend of Cynthia Rowles;
Stella Zaja, friend of Lori Lindsey White;
Boice Schultz, mother of Catherine Pierce;
Jane Ritchie, friend of Catherine Pierce;
Pat Haislip, aunt of Jessica Evelyn;
Chris Smith, friend of Terry Porter;
Sherry Rebman, sister of Keith Wagner;
Mary Calabrese, friend of Jeff & Denise Fazio;
Gayle Ramsey, mother of Wanda Porter;
Frank Sulloway, friend of Jeff Fazio;
Paul Frey, friend of Boogie Davis;
Constance Louise Finnerty, sister of Vicki Reus;
Garrett White, cousin of Lori White's husband, David;
Charlie Edmonson, friend of Julie Vaisvil;
Jim Hurst, friend of Julie Vaisvil;
Madison Oats, grand niece of Loretta & Hawthorne Davis;
Greg Lloyd, friend of Ann Bradshaw;
Jenna White, friend of Hawthorne & Loretta Davis;
Beth Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith;
Brooke Soderholdm, niece of Susan Cheyne;
Ben Marshall, brother-in-law of Susan Cheyne;
Harold Crisp, friend of Lee Tyson & Susan Cheyne;
Judy Robertson, former parishioner;
E. Allen Coffey, former priest of St. Peter's.

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



December Birthdays



- 5 Christine Best
- 6 Jon Ackley
- 6 Emily Woodall
- 7 Padgette Evelyn
- 11 Catherine Pierce
- 12 Jason Best
- 12 Lauren Ashby (Libby) Wallace
- 14 Ken Rubert
- 15 Wayne Greer
- 15 Caroline Nelms
- 16 Lori Janke
- 17 Torun Carlson
- 17 Destiny Lumpkin
- 19 Susan Sitterson
- 19 Sarah Morrow Dunn
- 20 Graham Wilson Ware
- 21 Caroline Swynford
- 23 Layla Southall Eagle
- 28 Miranda Decker
- 28 Helena Harris
- 29 Donna Wright
- 30 Avery Kate Douglas
- 31 Alexis Frank





Anniversary Blessings

December	
1	Bob & Carolie Kay
3	Stephen & Kimberly von Hitritz
6	Jeff & Denise Fazio
January	
2	Brett & Adriane Marshall
16	Edward & Katherine Allen



January Birthdays

- 1 Caroline Evelyn Belcher
- 1 Carol Johnson
- 2 Major Mansfield
- 2 Jack Swynford
- 3 David Carmean
- 4 Elizabeth Smith Remorenko
- 5 Kathy Boschen
- 7 Miriam Ackley
- 7 Jim Harris
- 9 Emalynn Alacoque Settlemire
- 10 Norma Lewis
- 10 Ashley Pierce
- 10 Wil Miles
- 11 Bob Kay
- 12 Cathy Kelly
- 13 Willie Evelyn
- 14 Jeff Fazio
- 14 Sloane Kathryn Moore
- 15 Joseph Hartley Remorenko
- 18 Vicki Reus
- 22 Fred Bahr
- 23 Tony Lewis
- 25 Linda Holub
- 27 Nancy Kulig
- 29 Landon Matthew Gillette
- 30 Joseph Holland
- 31 Karen Carraway

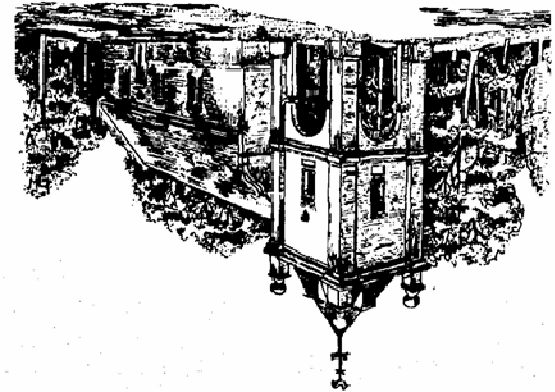


**Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**



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Parish Founded 1679
Church Erected 1701



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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

December 2016

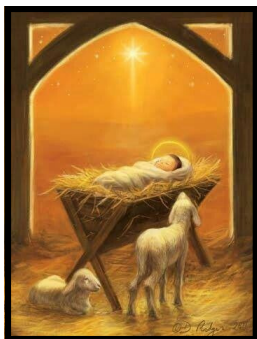
- 4 Christmas Craft Day
- 4 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 5 Christmas Decorations Sign-up Deadline
- 11 Gifts Due for *Give a Child a Christmas*
- 17 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 18 HE I at 9 am
Children's Pageant at 10 am, No Christian Education
Advent Lessons & Carols at 11 am, Reception Follows
- 19 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 20 Richardson Hall Reserved, 12 Noon—9 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE II, One Service at 10 am
No Christian Education
- 27 Richardson Hall Reserved, 10 am—3 pm
Choir Meets Wednesdays, except 12/28, at 7 pm

January 2017

- 1 New Year's Day, HE II, One Service at 10 am
No Christian Education
- 6 Last Day for Submissions to February/March
THE KEYS
- 15 Annual Meeting at 10 am, No Adult Forum
Services at 9 and 11 am
- 22 Vestry Installation
- 23 Vestry, 6:30 pm

February 2017

- 5 Souper Bowl of Caring at Both Services
- 20 Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day
Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 pm



"... Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10b—12