

The Keys

St. Peter's Parish Church

June 2011

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From the Rector's Desk

And now the moment you've all been waiting for. The results of the "service times" survey are in. The result is ... no change. This may be cause for rejoicing for some, or sadness for others, but we want all of you to know that your voices have been heard. This is the first survey I've done, and it's been rather a fun exercise. I've also come to realize how easily one can skew the questions in such a way that the desired results can be obtained, which, considering the reliance some put on polls, is a little frightening.

The reason for the survey was every year when our service times change from summer to winter schedule and then back again, I hear questions about our service times. *Why do we have to meet at ____? Why can't we have services at ____ o'clock?* A survey seemed the best way to handle it. We publicized it in THE KEYS, in The Weekly E-Pistle, and in service leaflet inserts for a few weeks. We really don't know how many people it went to other than who's on the Constant Contact mailing list, that's about 130 e-mail addresses. That's not 130 people, though; some people have multiple addresses, and some households have only one address. Also, any given computer could only be used once. (Tech-speak: responses had to be from different IP addresses.) We received 75 responses, and that's a pretty high number of participants.

Question 1 was about our "school year" Service times. Currently they are 9 and 11 am. Was your preference for those times, or would you prefer 8 and 10 am? About 75% of you said that you'd prefer to remain at the current times, while 25% said you'd prefer the earlier time slots. That was a pretty clear preference, so the Vestry and I recommend no change.

Question 2 was about our "summer schedule" Service time, currently 10 am. Is that good for you, or would you prefer either 9 or 11 am? Note that 8 am was not an option here! These results were much closer. 52% prefer our current 10 am time, 46% prefer the 9 am time, and 1% prefers the 11 am time. The Vestry and I both felt like in the absence of a clear preference for change that we'd continue in our current time slot. We want to reassure those who voted for 9 am that your voices were heard, but again, without a mandate for change, we opted to continue our present scheduling.

Question 3 was a bit trickier. Several people have asked that we begin a "Public Service of Healing." I'd like to do that about once a quarter for now, until we see how much support that Service gets. I've been here long enough to know by now that most of us really don't like going at any time other than Sunday morning! Of the 75 people who took the survey, 52 answered the question in some way; 23 skipped the question entirely. It's difficult to read a reason for non-response, but I don't take it as a negative. I'm taking it that 23 people simply had no opinion as to the time of the Service.

Of the 52 who responded, 39 said "no preference" or "no preference but ... " and then added something. Several said "no preference" but were happy this was going to be an option. Of the remaining dozen or so, no clear trend line emerged. Some representative responses:

- earlier in the month, since many holidays fall at the end of the month
- first Sunday evening of the month

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Wardens' Corner

It seems we have witnessed an unusual number of natural disasters around the world in recent months. From the earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan to the tornados across the south and now the flooding along the Mississippi River and Ohio Valley, it is difficult to imagine the hardships being endured. We send out our heartfelt prayers to all those suffering from these disasters, directly or indirectly.

Despite the blooming flowers and the expectation of warm sunny days that spring brings, I always dread the storms and related tornados that often occur this time of year. I think this is in part due to nightmares about tornados I still remember from childhood, which is a bit odd since we were never really threatened by tornados where I grew up (I actually blame it on watching the *Wizard of Oz* at too impressionable an age). Just recently, the tornados hit close to home. We watched them approach, knowing how many lives they had taken or affected before arriving in Virginia. The following prayer has come to mind often recently as I have watched all these disasters unfold:

The light of God surrounds you;
The love of God enfolds you;
The power of God protects you;
The presence of God watches over you.
Wherever you are, God is!

The presence of God is at work in every area of need for those affected by these disasters and those assisting in the recovery. This is the time for us to focus our blessings on those in need through donations, volunteering time or supplies, and most certainly prayer, so they may rise above these situations with hope and faith.

~ Denise Fazio, Junior Warden



To the St. Peter's Family,

Thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers for Clarissa Powell Kornreich; her husband, Scott; and new daughter, Danica.

It has been a stressful couple of weeks, but things seem to be going well and baby Danica is home now with Mom and Dad.

Sincerely,

Marianne Powell & Kornreich Family




Parish Life

Mark Your Calendars Now . . .

Thanks to the generous hospitality of Anna and Boogie Davis, St. Peter's Annual Parish Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 7, will once again be held on the Pamunkey River!

This is always a glorious day of worship, fun, and fellowship. More information will be in the upcoming July/August issue of THE KEYS, but please mark this on your calendars now!

~ Padgette Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative



St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very 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*
Susan E. Cheyne, *verger*
Mark P. Whidden, *register*

The Vestry

Bill Lindsey, *senior warden*
Denise Fazio, *junior warden*

Class of 2012

Stuart Burnett (932.3925)
Denise Fazio (932.9224)
Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132)

Class of 2013

Padgette Evelyn (932.3289)
Nancy Goodman (932.3609)
Rod Molina (932.3990)

Class of 2014

Peter Carlson (966.7251)
Karen Lange (966.2940)
Tony Wood (932.9516)

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Sherri Hardiman & Julie Vaisvil, *Editors*
Kim McLean, *Altar Guild Chair*
Adriane Marshall, *EYC Advisor*
Carol Nelms, *Church School Superintendent*

Christian Education



Children's Choir

Our final opportunity to sing for the Church School year will be at the single service on June 5, Youth Sunday. We all look forward to having you hear our children's sweet voices one more time before summer is upon us!

Have a restful summer. We look forward to working with the children again in the fall!

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



Kate Bradford to Attend Girls State

Kate Bradford will attend Girls State at Longwood University for a week this June. Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Following an essay application and interview, Kate was awarded one of two slots available to rising female seniors from New Kent High School.

Kate will also participate in St. Peter's Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico! Way to go, Kate!

Christian Education

As we wrap up another year of Christian Education, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the men and women who work with our children: Karen Moore, Kim von Hitritz, Brian Gellings, Bobby Nelms, Bill Lindsey, Steve von Hitritz, and Edna Christian have tirelessly worked with our children year after year. Many of these teachers have already had their own children go through Church School, yet they still continue to serve. I applaud their dedication and encourage others of you to do the same!

Thanks to all of you who supported the Lenten Art/Bake Sale this year! We raised \$1,000 which has been split between Haitian Relief and the Puerto Rico Youth Mission Trip. Many thanks to Karen Moore who always supplies our great ideas for the craft items! We could not do it without you!

Finally, I encourage all of you to attend Youth Sunday on June 5 at 10 am. This is a time to celebrate our youth who always do a wonderful job conducting the service. We will recognize the graduating seniors: Caroline Evelyn, Christian Harper, and Erich von Hitritz. Caroline and Erich will deliver the homily for the day and the Children's Choir will offer the special music. A reception will follow the service. 'Hope to see you there!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

Save the Date For VBS!

Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Peter's from 9 am – 12 Noon, August 1 – 5! Stay tuned for more information in THE KEYS and The Weekly E-Pistle.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Swynford by telephone at 804-557-3533 or by e-mail at kswynford@hotmail.com.

~ Kristin Swynford and Chrissy Wagner
VBS Co-Directors

Outreach

Clopton Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Four New Kent High School seniors were awarded one year scholarships of \$1,000 by St. Peter's Parish Church at a reception May 15. Funds for these scholarships come from the Louise Miller Clopton and William Boyd Clopton Memorial Scholarship fund. Awards are made to students who demonstrate strong moral character, religious involvement, community service, motivation, and academic success.

The recipients for 2011 are: Carrie Daniel, who will study foreign services at University of Virginia; Caroline Evelyn, who plans to study fisheries and wildlife at Virginia Tech; Abby Meade, who plans to study nursing at Bon Secours Nursing College; and Eric von Hitritz, who will major in history and minor in German while attending J. Sergeant Reynolds for a year before transferring to VMI/Citadel to pursue a ROTC Army program.

These students were chosen by a committee of the Very Rev'd S. Paul Rowles, Doug Begeal, Denise Fazio, Bill O'Keefe, Janie Philbates, and Sally Smith. Committee members report each recipient demonstrated maturity, strong moral values, and a commitment to their community, while being active in New Kent High School activities. Each recipient reflects well on their families and fully meets the selection criteria of the scholarship fund.

~ *Bill O'Keefe, Committee Chair*



Matthew's Haven

It is with utmost gratitude that I express appreciation for the generous contributions received from parishioners for the Easter Offering. So much can be done with the \$2,463 we received and we truly thank each of you!

Matthew's Haven will sponsor several events during the summer. One event, the Power Pals Summer Camp, is offered by Project Hope, for children involved in domestic violence or sexual assault. Power Pals will be held in the Parish House the last two weeks of June. Another event, Matthew's Haven Annual Back to School Fair, will be held August 19.

In April, Matthew's Haven hosted a collaborative breakfast meeting with community organizations and agencies. This meeting allowed us to get to know the representatives who work to support needy children in our communities and for them to become more familiar with the work Matthew's Haven does. It was a huge success with a total of 30 attendees. A special thank you to those who helped prepare food and set up for the event, including Miriam Ackley, Carolie Kay, Shirley Meyer, Joyce Molina, and Marianne Powell.

~ *Catherine Pierce*



10th Annual A Success!!



We had a fabulous day for the **10th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament!** Thanks to the generosity of all of you and our church community. Proceeds were close to \$10,5000 to support the Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico and other outreach projects of St. Peter's! We were all thinking of Leo Vaisvil as the youth and adults worked together at the event supporting a cause so important to him.

The 10th Annual Committee wishes to thank all the hole sponsors, prize donors, main sponsors, dessert makers, volunteers, and golfers who made the tournament a BIG SUCCESS! A more detailed write-up will be in the next issue of THE KEYS.

~ *The Committee: Traci Carlson, Nancy Goodman, May O'Leary, Patty Peterson, & Kristin Swynford*

Mission Team Heading to Arecibo

This year's Youth Mission Trip is to the YouthWorks! site of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, a town on the north coast of the island. The poverty level in Puerto Rico is nearly twice as large as in the continental U.S.A. The youth are looking forward to experiencing a culture so different from their own, while still being in the United States! They are also looking forward to singing songs in Spanish with the children that we work with in Arecibo. The Mission Team will depart Thursday, July 21 and return Friday, July 29.



The 2011 trip will be in memory of Leo Vaisvil. Leo was a chaperone for the last six mission trips (Daytona Beach, Cairo, Charleston, Savannah, Newport, and Monessen), but he was more than just a chaperone. Leo was also a friend and mentor to the youth. He was the infamous driver of the "party van." He was slow to anger, but when he did get mad, watch out for Lt. Col. Vaisvil! Leo loved the youth, and he will be greatly missed on this year's trip.

The youth have been working hard to raise funds to put towards the trip. We have had several successful fund raisers: a flower bulb sale and our very fun Flamingo Flockings! We would like to thank everyone who has participated in these fund raisers.

The Mission Team will be selling 2011 Mission Trip t-shirts featuring the acorn logo for \$12 each.

There will also be a sponsorship program with three different levels of sponsorship:

- The base level will be a \$25 Sponsor Level. At the Sponsor Level, you will be invited to attend a breakfast presentation by the youth mission team one Sunday morning this fall.
- At the \$50 Silver Sponsor Level, you will be invited to the presentation, as well as receive a postcard from a youth participant on the trip.
- As a \$75 Gold Sponsor, you will receive the same items as the Silver Sponsor, with the addition of a t-shirt in your choice of color.

Forms to order the t-shirts and participate in the sponsorship program are available in the Parish House or you may contact Adriane Marshall at 932-9734.

Thank you everyone for all of your support for this year's trip. We are looking forward to the opportunity to serve in Puerto Rico.

~ *Adriane Marshall, Mission Team Advisor*



College

Mary Margaret Nelms earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Longwood University. She hopes to have a teaching position soon!

Courtney Noctor earned a Bachelor of Arts in history at James Madison University. She plans to be employed in museum archives.

Allison Reus earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at Marshall University. Her future plans are not yet decided.

*We are proud of you
and wish you the very best!*

Congratulations, Graduates!

High School

Caroline Evelyn is a graduate of New Kent High School. She plans to study fisheries and wildlife at Virginia Tech.

Christian Harper is a graduate of New Kent High School. He plans to study business management and marketing at Ferrum College.

Erich von Hitritz, also a graduate of New Kent High School, plans to major in history and minor in German while attending J. Sargeant Reynolds next year. In 2012, he plans to transfer to VMI/Citadel to pursue a ROTC Army program.



Pastoral Care

From the Pastoral Care Commission

- If you have young adult children, who are members of St. Peter's and living away from home, please let us know their address. We want to continue to remain in contact and send occasional greetings, especially for birthdays.
- We are still in the process of updating the service members list. Please provide current information to Sherri Hardiman in the church office or Nancy Goodman at 932-3609, if you have not already done so.

~ Nancy Goodman, Pastoral Care Vestry Representative



Worship

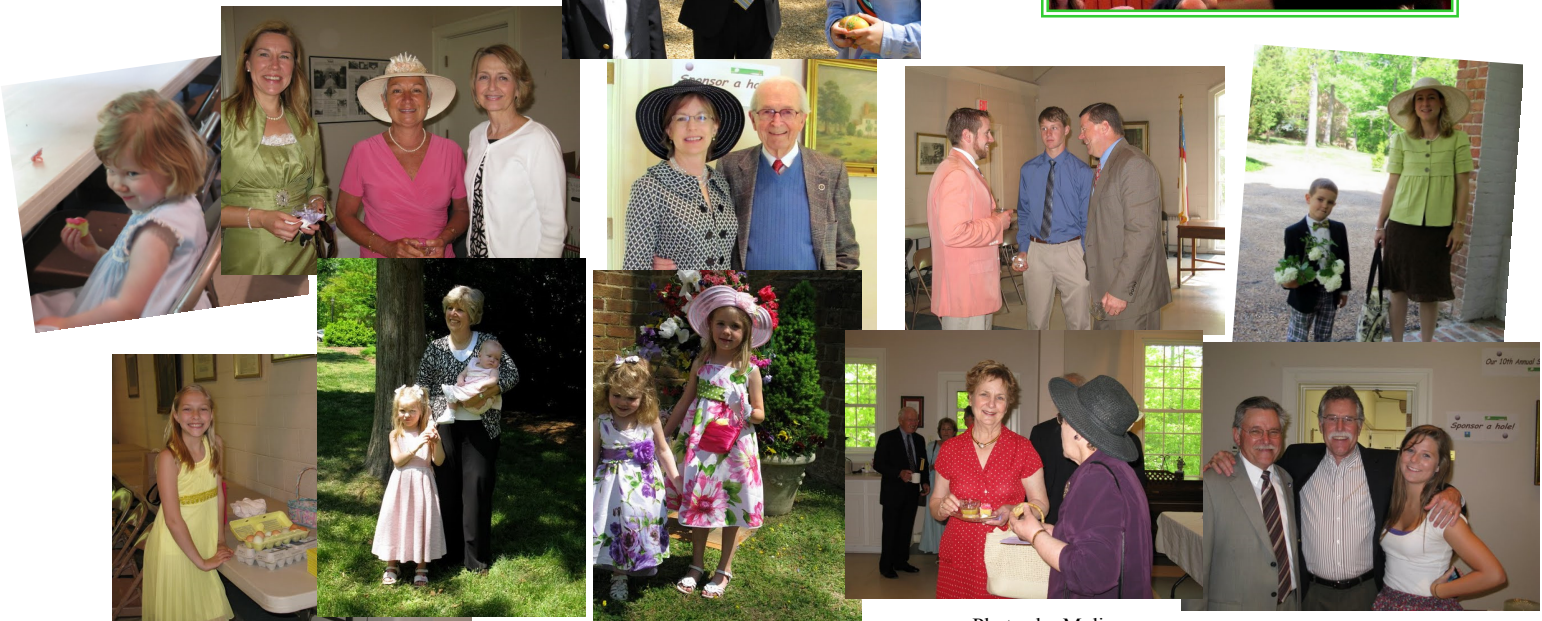
Altar Guild

There are three ladies at St. Peter's who make sure the Altar Guild has beautifully laundered, crisp, white linens each week. These linens are expensive and must be treated with care. It isn't a matter of just throwing them in a load of laundry, but rather a time consuming process of soaking, rinsing, washing, and ironing. Then, each piece has to be hand folded the correct way -- never pressed. The Altar Guild would like to thank Margie Harrison, Jayne Thomas, and Miriam Ackley for their commitment to making sure we have beautiful linens as part of our Eucharistic services each week.

Also, St. Peter's looked lovely again for our Easter Sunday celebrations, thanks to the help from Lee and Lindy Brammer, Brett Marshall, May O'Leary, and Cynthia Rowles.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

Easter Day



Photos by Molina

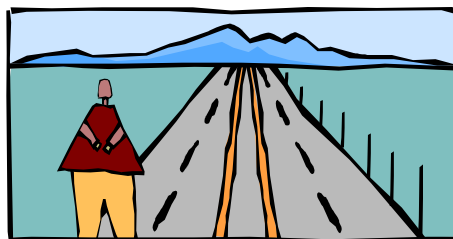


June 2011 Rota



Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

Date	June 5, 2011	June 12, 2011	June 19, 2011	June 26, 2011	July 3, 2011
Service Type	HE II @ 10 am	HE II @ 10 am	HE II @ 10 am	HE II @ 10 am	HE I @ 10 am
Propers	7 Easter Ascension of the Lord Youth Sunday (One Svc. Begins)	Pentecost Whitsunday	1 Pentecost Trinity Sunday Father's Day	2 Pentecost Proper 8	3 Pentecost Proper 9
Vestry Greeters	10 Tony Wood	Tony Wood	Tony Wood	Tony Wood	Volunteer
Acolytes	10 Ashley Pierce Austin Pierce Catherine Peterson Cameron Fazio	Wil Miles Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Zach Quimby	Chris McKinney Phil von Hitritz Clayton Evelyn Christine Best	Ashley Pierce Austin Pierce Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson	Jon Gellings Kelly Gellings Catherine Peterson Christine Best
Peter's Heralds	10 Grant Stanley	Jack Swynford	Trevor Evelyn	Ella Ezzell	Lydia Danielson
Chalicers	10 Adriane Marshall	Bruce Lange	Larry Gallaher	Stuart Burnett	Norm Valor
Lectors	10 Chris McKinney	Jane Bahr	Adriane Marshall	Linwood Gregory	Norm Valor
Intercessors	10 Jon Gellings	Patty Peterson	Larry Gallaher	Stuart Burnett	Barb McKinney
Sidesmen	10 Phil von Hitritz Wil Miles (Steve Miles to supervise)	Rod Molina Neil Quimby	Thomas Evelyn Tom Evelyn	Chuck Evelyn Ralph Ashton	Brian Gellings Doug Begeal
Oblationers	10 Madie Miles Caroline Nelms	Susan Cheyne & Lee Tyson	Jim & Peg Noctor	Peter & Traci Carlson	Joyce & Steve Peterson
Nursery	10 Stacey Wood	Kristin & David Swynford	Karen Moore	Emily Anne Evelyn Caroline Evelyn	Cristi Lawton
Altar Guild Group	II, Jay Francisco	III, Cyndi Burnett	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian
Hangings	White	Red	White	Green	Green
Garden Guild Group	2, Carol Nelms	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Carol Nelms
Altar Flowers			Jayne Pinelli		
Lemonade		Denise & Jeff Fazio	Sally Smith		Cynthia Rowles



Fr. Paul likes to receive service leaflets from services that parishioners attend during their travels!



Palm Sunday at St. Peter's

Photos by Loretta Davis



From the Rector's Desk (Continued from page 1)

- last Saturday of the month – or 5th Saturdays – or any Saturday
- midweek, Wednesday or Thursday, 6:30 pm
- 5th Sundays, maybe combined with a simple supper

So, for the remainder of the year, we'll have them on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday, since each quarter has at least one month with five Sundays. In 2011, that will be July 30 and October 29 at 7 pm in Richardson Hall. I'll be discussing the ramifications of this with Altar Guild Chair Kim McLean, so stay tuned for news from there if you're a member of the Altar Guild.

Finally, if you haven't visited www.stpetersnewkent.org, our website, recently, please do! Webmaster Rod Molina really should be called a web-wizard! It's one of the best-designed, professionally, appearing sites I've seen, and the content changes often. It's a great source for information, upcoming events, introduction to our various programs, and genealogical research. We have also recently added a "Donate Now" button allowing you to make a donation through our webpage. There are a lot of options there: A one-time or recurring donation? To the 2011 general fund, the Book of Remembrance, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, or Endowment (St. Peter's Foundation)? On behalf of, in honor of, or in memory of? And so on. One important thing to remember is that those donations are managed by Network for Good, which grants 97% to us and keeps a 3% fee. At the bottom of that page you can choose to make a \$100 donation, for example, of which \$97 would go to St. Peter's and \$3 to Network for Good (NfG) OR you can opt to "donate for charity" and add 3% to your donation, in which case your donation would be \$103 and St. Peter's would receive \$100, and NfG would receive \$3. NfG is a 501(c)(3) charitable entity, so the entire \$103 is tax-deductible for the donor. This will make more sense once you see it. Check it out!

We're looking forward to Youth Sunday on June 5, the first Sunday of our summer schedule. We'll see you at 10 am that day.

It's Eastertide, so I can say it: Alleluia! Christ is risen! *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Faithfully,

Paul †



June Birthdays

- 1 Linwood Gregory
- 1 William Holloway
- 2 Lindsey Lewis
- 2 Trevor Evelyn
- 2 Lydia Woodall
- 3 Brian Gellings
- 5 Adriane Marshall
- 5 Ella Ezzell
- 6 Patty Peterson
- 6 Stephen Honeycutt
- 9 Scott Goodman
- 9 Lee Tyson
- 15 William Townsend
- 16 Chuck Evelyn
- 16 Lydia Danielson
- 18 Maggie Noctor
- 18 Brian Ashford
- 19 David White
- 19 Kent Bradshaw
- 21 Kim Holloway
- 22 Ray O'Leary
- 22 Louis Keith Miles
- 23 Trey Gregory
- 24 Barbara Ballard
- 24 Ann Bradshaw
- 27 Alex Noctor
- 27 Edward McCaul, Jr.
- 29 Bernie Geisner



Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

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



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

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser,
Sarah Lindsey Gupta, Jim Douglass, Kent Bradshaw,
and Sue Caldwell,

...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;
Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey;
Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;
Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of
Scott Goodman;
Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;
Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews;
Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles;
Louise Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith;
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;
Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and
Jessica Evelyn;
Diane Spearman, friend of Kendall Hatley;
Pauline Thomas, friend of Emily Clay Evelyn;
Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;
Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and
Adriane Marshall;
Kenneth Kemp, father of Kim von Hitritz;
Bryan Raybon, friend of Adriane Marshall;
Marie Chumney, friend of Chap Harrison;
Emma Bowery, friend of Bernie Geisner;
Charles Burlage, in-law of Lisa Guthrie;
The Kornreich Family, Marianne Powell's daughter's family;
Jim Davis, brother-in-law of Sherri Hardiman;
Darcas Molden, friend of Janie Philbates;
Jack Ferguson, friend of St. Peter's;
Holli Falat, friend of St. Peter's;
Maude Cox, mother-in-law of Paul Rowles' brother;
Susan Ilch, friend of Catherine Pierce.

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

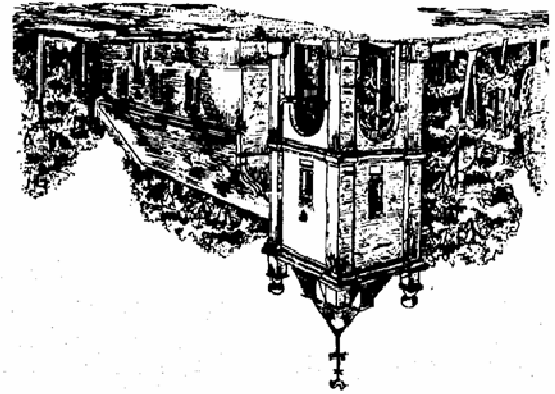
June Anniversary Blessings



- 2 Marvin & Cindy Smith
- 5 Jimmy & Ann Thomas Forrest
- 8 Bill & Kathy Lindsey
- 16 Matthew and Tabitha Harris
- 24 Rod & Joyce Molina
- 25 Jayne & George Pinelli
- 26 Tom & Emily Clay Evelyn
- 26 Morgan & Kathy Harris

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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

June 2011

- 4 Youth Retreat, Gwynn's Island
- 5 Youth Sunday, Reception to Follow
Summer Schedule Begins, One Service at 10 am
- 13 Meals on Wheels Dinner, Richardson Hall,
4 – 7:30 pm
- 15 Last Day for Submissions to July/Aug THE KEYS
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 20 – 30 Power Pals Camp, Richardson Hall

July 2011

- 4 Church Office Closed for Independence Day
- 17 Commissioning of Missioners, 10 am
Parents' Meeting Following the Service
- 18 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 21 – 29 Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

August 2011

- 1-5 VBS, 9 am – 12 noon
 - 7 Parish Picnic at the Davis Farm, 11 am, HE
 - 15 Last Day for Submissions to September THE KEYS
 - 19 Matthew's Haven Back to School Fair
9 am – 12 noon, Richardson Hall
- No Vestry Meeting in August



Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. *Ephesians 6:4*