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Letters to the Romans

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ST. PETER'S

Christmas Eve Service



Vestry Members

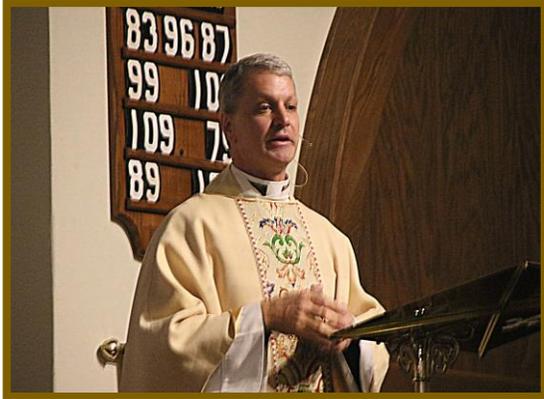
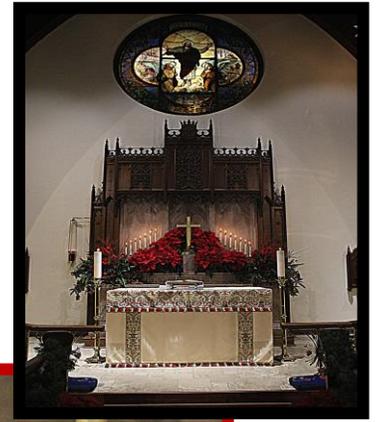
Bill Schoepski, Sr. Warden
Rebecca Roberts Jr. Warden

[Through 2017]

Jim Keaten
Lee Niedrach
Rebecca Roberts
Bill Schoepski
(Through 2018)
Cynthia Murphy-Burns
Kathy Steinbruegge
Clem Trammell
Tyler Wood
(Through 2019)

Lloyd Griffin
Janet Byington
Nancy Smith
Erika Wilson

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩
 Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis ☩ Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Barnes ☩ Choirmaster and
 Director of Music: Dr. Fredrick Tarrant ☩ Organist: Wanda Cantrell ☩ Financial Coordinator: Debbi West ☩
 Sexton: Sheila Kinnebrew ☩ Newsletter Editor: Bryant Steele (steelecomm@netzero.net) ☩ Church
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Christmas Eve Services
5:30 and 11:00



PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES AND THE WORLD TO LOVE LIKE JESUS, AS WE SERVE COMPASSIONATELY, WORSHIP JOYFULLY, AND GROW SPIRITUALLY.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



**St. Peter's Volunteers
for 2016**



**L/R Peggy Nash, Sue Mann,
John Hine, Bob Evans and
Marny Busbin.**

JOY Trip



**Dagmar Schmitz Carlton leading
children singing Christmas songs for
their parents, foster parents, and
friends of the Restoration Rome's
Christmas.**

Sherry Hudgins from Transfiguration Episcopal Church and Virginia Hunter of St. Peter's reading about the collection of the Nativities at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Decatur.

FOR FAITH

A weekly devotional from Bishop Rob Wright



January 6, 2017

Steady

We hold steady in the face of anxiety and the velocity of life. There's a three-part recipe for that. Its 1 part purpose, 1 part differentiation, 1 part spiritual maturity. Jesus' purpose was to bring glory to God. Every day, a little more glory for God. He was differentiated too. He knew who he was. He was inner-directed, not outer-directed. He held boldness and gentleness together. He spoke like he was fastened to something unchangeable. Spiritual maturity comes as we actively close the gaps between what we say are our values and how we actually live. Maturity comes by replicating Jesus, not just venerating Him.





An Episcopal / Anglican/ ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students

| <i>When?</i> | <i>What?</i> | <i>Where?</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>Mon, January 9</i> | <i>Berry RLAC</i> | <i>Krannert Rm 250 5:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, January</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship</i> | <i>Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, January 16</i> | <i>MLK Holiday (no meeting)</i> | |
| <i>Mon, January 23</i> | <i>Serving in Community Kitchen</i> | <i>8:30-10:30 am or 10:45 am-noon</i> |
| <i>Thurs, January 26</i> | <i>Serving in Community Kitchen</i> | <i>8:30-10:30 am or 10:45 am-noon</i> |
| <i>Sun, January 29</i> | <i>Lunch after church</i> | <i>St. Peter's & Jerusalem Grill</i> |
| <i>Mon, January 30</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship Berry Admissions</i> | <i>Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, February 6</i> | <i>Berry RLAC</i> | |
| <i>Mon, February 6</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship Berry Admissions</i> | <i>Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, February 13</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship Berry Admissions</i> | <i>Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Fri-Sun, Feb 17-19</i> | <i>Diocesan Campus Ministry Retreat</i> | <i>Camp Mikell</i> |
| <i>Mon, February 20</i> | <i>Food & Fellowship Berry Admissions</i> | <i>Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Tues, February 28</i> | <i>host Shrove Tue Pancake Supper</i> | <i>St. Peter's 5:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Wed, March 1</i> | <i>Ash Wednesday Service & Ashes to Go!</i> | <i>Barnwell Chapel 12:00 noon</i> |
| <i>Sun, March 5</i> | <i>STOP HUNGER NOW event</i> | <i>Krannert Ball Room 2:00pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, March 6</i> | <i>Berry RLAC</i> | <i>Krannert Rm 250 5:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, March 6</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship Berry Admissions</i> | <i>Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, March 13</i> | <i>Spring Break (no meeting)</i> | |
| <i>Mon, March 20</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship</i> | <i>Berry Admissions Lg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Sun, March 26</i> | <i>Lunch after Church w/EYC</i> | <i>St. Peter's & Mellow Mushroom</i> |
| | <i>"Ask a College Student" program</i> | |
| <i>Mon, March 27</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship</i> | <i>Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Mon, April 3</i> | <i>CC Food & Fellowship</i> | <i>Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>* Worship midweek at St. Peter's Chapel</i> | | |
| <i>Tuesdays</i> | <i>12:15 pm</i> | <i>Healing Service & Holy Eucharist</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>5:30 pm</i> | <i>Celtic Eucharist</i> |
| <i>Questions? Call CC President Lydia Schlitt (865-323-3660) or Janice Wright, Canterbury Club Campus Missioner (706-506-0508).</i> | | |

EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Director

Dear Members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network,

As 2016 comes to a close, I wanted to write a message of thanks for all you have done over the past twelve months. Together, we are able to speak up for the values of the Episcopal Church, and your actions - on issues such as eradicating gender-based violence, promoting food security, and caring for God's creation - have made a difference. Your engagement reaches the far corners of the globe and builds stronger communities right where you live.

The Episcopal Public Policy Network is made up of committed advocates such as yourselves, who reach out and engage the U.S. government in support of the resolutions of the General Convention, the governing body of the Episcopal Church. Over the past year, Episcopal Public Policy Network members signed petitions, made phone calls to U.S. government officials, and wrote 5,000 messages to Congress. You raised up the voices of Episcopalians and Anglicans and helped the Church to be heard, and we have some notable achievements to look back on.

Over the past year, you asked Senators to vote against "The American Security against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act," a bill that would have halted the resettlement of refugees from Syria and Iraq. This bill did not pass, and refugees from Syria and Iraq, all of whom have gone through the rigorous refugee resettlement screening process, can make new homes in the U.S.

You voiced support for the bipartisan Global Food Security Act of 2016, which was signed into law in July. This bill promotes food security and provides a significant investment in agriculture to reduce hunger among the most economically vulnerable populations.

You joined with diverse secular and faith-based groups supporting the Standing Rock Sioux in their efforts to prevent the Dakota Access Pipeline from threatening their sacred land and water source. Your unity in this cause ultimately led to the Army Corps of Engineers denying the easement for the pipeline to pass under Lake Oahe.

You helped us promote voter participation and voting rights in this year's election, using the tools of our Election Engagement Toolkit in your parishes, dioceses, and communities.

As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, our Christian values are at the heart of all of our work. We believe one way to live out love of neighbor is through working to transform unjust structures to help the least among us. Thank you for all of your efforts to make change.

On a personal note, I want to thank you as well for your warm welcome. In my three months as Director, I have been moved by the commitment, passion, and engagement of Episcopalians who are part of the Episcopal Public Policy Network. We encourage you to share the resources you learn about here and to help us spread the word about the work we are called to do. I invite you to be in touch with us anytime and to share your questions and concerns.

As we look to the year ahead, your voices will be needed more than ever. We will continue to speak up for our values and be the Church's witness in Washington as we maintain our commitment to uphold the dignity of all people.

In faith, Rebecca Linder Blachly Director, Office of Government Relations



Ladies of St. Peter's Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 11 @ 11:30 AM

DANIEL HALL

With Guest Speaker: Susan Harvey



Bring a favorite brunch dish to share. Suggestions: Quiche, fruit, salad, dessert, sandwiches, a recipe from Our Best to You, St. Peter's Cookbook.

SUSAN HARVEY TO SPEAK AT SAINT PETER'S LUNCHEON

Susan Harvey will speak at the Saint Peter's (Ladies) Luncheon on February 11, 2017. Her talk is titled, Dancing in the Crossroads, a spiritual journey. Harvey will discuss her life pilgrimage since being baptized at St. Peter's in 1951 at age 14. An artist since the 1970s, Harvey has exhibited her assemblage sculpture in galleries from Berry College to Atlanta to Washington and New York City. She has told her story to women's groups in California, Minnesota, Virginia, England and Scotland.

At Saint Peter's, Harvey was one of the first women to serve on the Vestry. Her daughters were the first female acolytes and the first females allowed to cook Sunday breakfast with the men. Susan was part of the Faith Alive movement at Saint Peter's in 1971, which led to small prayer groups throughout the parish and the beginning of the healing service. A Sunday school class on dreams as spiritual experiences led by Dr. Steve Davis inspired Susan to adventures in Jungian psychology at Camp Mikell and Kanuga.

In 1994, Harvey journeyed with a group of women to England to study Neolithic stone circles, long barrows, and sacred healing wells. In 1997, she and her sister visited sites in Glastonbury like the Chalice Well, Glastonbury Tor, and the Holy Thorn tree, whose legend dates to Joseph of Arimathea. With dowsing rods, they tracked turf mazes and energy lines. They entered a fresh crop circle near Avebury and celebrated the summer solstice at Castlebury Rigg. Harvey came home to create labyrinths for art groups and churches. In 2002, Harvey spent a week at Chartres Cathedral with The Rev. Lauren Artress as part of a summer solstice labyrinth pilgrimage.

In addition to poetry, essays, and performance pieces, Harvey has written two books about her great-aunt and her grandmother, the Lester sisters. She spoke at Saint Peter's in 2013 about her second book, which included anecdotes about eccentric Saint Peter's women.

In 2013, filmmaker Brian Armstrong produced a documentary about Harvey and her work. The film, Dancing in the Crossroads: the life and art of Susan Gilbert Harvey, was shown at the Y'allwood Film Festival in Atlanta and at the Rome International Film Festival. Also

*on the DVD is **ROLE CALL**, Susan's autobiographical romp through her sculpture and performance career.*

More information is available at www.susanharvey.com.

Harvey's talk should last about 30 minutes with additional time for questions and discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST: Rafael Carballo, Beth Hughes, Kathleen Bracken, Bill Fricks, Linda Cummings, Nancy Phillips, Carolyn Yongue, Barbara Wyatt, Jane Swanson, Charlie Rutledge, Mike Alexander, Neil Sanders, Delores Nowell, Wayne Johnston, Bonnie Reeder, Ron Schmidt, Malou Noth, Brandi Edgeworth, Sammy Edgeworth, Deseri Wooten, Sarah Wilbur, Jane Stegall Mosley, Ira Cole, Michael Foster, Pat York, Bill Segars, Len Woodward, Joel Jones, Jr. And Cary Kilgore.

To add a name to the PRAYER LIST, call or email the church office.

Bible study meets weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Rhodes-Wyatt room. All are welcome. Bring your favorite Bible.

Wired Word meets Sundays in the Rhodes-Wyatt room immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

Join us in Daniel Hall following the 10 a.m. service for our continuing study of *THE STORY*.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PARISH GO TO:

Joseph Castleman (Jody) McDaniel on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on Dec. 13.

SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH IS EXTENDED TO:

Jack Niedrach on the death of his mother, Fern Niedrach, and Lee Niedrach on the death of his grandmother, on Jan. 9.

Helen and Jim Keaten on the death of Heather Keaten, who died on Dec. 18.

George Thomason on the death of his brother, Donald Carey Thomason, Jr. on Dec. 12.

Clem and Jackie Trammell on the death of his father Gene Trammell on Jan. 1217.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel (pre-K through 3rd grade) . In class, they will learn about how, in the Divided Kingdom, King Hezekiah got help from God and also got the promise that a Messiah would come.



Children's Sunday School (pre-K through 5th grade) We are on Chapter 16 of THE STORY, in which children will learn about how, in the Divided Kingdom, King Hezekiah got help from God and so got the promise that a Messiah will come.

Rite 13 (6th & 7th grades) This is a two-year class focusing on recognizing the gifts God has given us, celebrating our creative potential, and learning to interact as a community of faith. Students study scripture, engage in prayer, and enter discussion on a variety of topics which offer them tools for faithful living in our community and in the world.

J2A (Journey to Adulthood) 8th & 9th grades minimum, older students are welcome). Students study scripture, engage in prayer, and enter discussions in which they learn and practice six basic skills of adulthood: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research & information management, partnership and leadership. There will be discussions about the upcoming J@A pilgrimage planned for the early summer of 2018.

YAC (Young Adults in Church) YAC aged students (10th grade and above) meet monthly with their mentor to discuss topics relevant to Christian living as young adults.



PASTORAL CARE

AT ST. PETER'S

(The following is a report submitted to the Vestry of the 2016 pastoral care program at St. Peter's by the Pastoral Care Representative, Jim Keaten).

Home Communion served on 70 occasions.

Meals served to over 29 Parishioners.

17 Home Visits per month.

Over 24 visits to hospitalized/confined parishioners.

The Pastoral Care Committee is composed of representatives of the Eucharistic Visitors group, Loaves and Fishes, the Home Visitation group and Daughters of the King. The Committee is chaired by Bob Evans and includes the group leaders, Father John and Jim Keaten as vestry representative. All groups remained active during 2016.

Members of Eucharistic Visitors, under the leadership of Father John, continue to meet the needs of those who wish to receive Holy Communion at home. The members of the group are Tom Dasher, Bob Evans, Andye Moss, Rebecca Roberts and Curt and Mary Yarbrough. Eucharistic Visitors minister on a regular basis to parishioners and to non-member Episcopalians in a local care facility. Visits are scheduled by Elizabeth in a manner to ensure that they do not coincide or conflict with visits by the Home Visitation group. During the year 2016, members of the group served Holy Communion on over 70 occasions. During 2016, members of the group regularly provided care for the communion kits by laundering linens, polishing service pieces and properly preserving or disposing of blessed elements. Members meet twice a year to receive training and discuss questions and concerns.

The Loaves and Fishes group, under the leadership of Kathy Steinbruegge and Peggy Nash, ministers to fellow parishioners who need temporary assistance because the parishioner or the parishioner's family member has been in the hospital, has had a baby, needs short term care or has lost a loved one. The group consists of six teams, each of which has ten members and each of which is responsible for two months of the calendar year. The team captains are Nancy Knight, Stefi Ortman, Kathy Steinbruegge, Leigh Patterson, Elaine Smith, Peggy Nash and Linda Kane and Andye Moss (who share a team captain responsibility). During the year 2016, Loaves and Fishes provided memorial receptions for the family and friends of seven of our parishioners, served meals to two families on the occasion of the birth of a child, served meals or contacted members for various reasons on 29 occasions and sent cards to many of our parishioners.

The Home Visitation group, under the leadership of Anne Kerr, visits and takes flowers to members of our Church who are no longer able to attend church services and to parents of parishioners who have moved away from their church. The goal of the group is to assure these people that they are remembered, appreciated and loved by their St. Peter's family. Anne has observed, "Try to imagine that attending Sunday morning worship services has been a vital part of your life, but now that you have had to move away from your community and out of your home because of health issues and you can no longer drive, you are not able to worship with your church family. As one of the ladies we visit said, 'You'll never know how much I miss being at St. Peter's on Sunday mornings, but when you arrive with beautiful flowers and catch me up on what's going on there, I still feel like I'm a part of it and the Body of Christ.'

(PASTORAL CARE cont.)

Several parishioners listen to the radio broadcasts of our services, and for these parishioners, Elizabeth mails the church programs in advance to enhance their worship

The members of the Home Visitation group, in addition to Anne, are Dot Fletcher, Marny Busbin, Bob Evans, Jim and Barbara Dixon, Nell Hamrick and Sherron Mull. Group members are currently making 17 monthly visits to our parishioners and non-member Episcopalians in their homes or in local care facilities, and, on the fifth Sunday of a month, taking flowers to the lobbies of two local care facilities. Anne notes that "As we continue to see an increase in the number of people who could benefit from this ministry, there is a great need for more people willing to serve on this committee."

As part of the Pastoral Care Committee, members of Daughters of the King, under the leadership of Dagmar Carlton, visit and take flowers, when available, to parishioners who are hospitalized or confined to their homes for short periods of time. These visits are made at the request of a member of our Clergy. Members of the group made approximately two dozen such visits during the year 2016.

Bob Evans, as chair of the Pastoral Care Committee, together with the group leaders, Father John and Jim Keaten, vestry representative, hold meetings as necessary for the purpose of receiving current reports from the groups' leaders, ensuring that the groups are providing all of the services and ministries that we need to provide, confirming that the groups are not performing overlapping or competing functions, having general discussions of our missions and arranging, when appropriate, training sessions for some or all of the members of our groups.

There is a great need for more people willing to serve on this committee. Please Contact Elizabeth at the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

JANUARY SCHEDULE 2017

ALTAR GUILD:

Laura Davis, Chair: M. J. Chisholm, Patti Barron, Helen Keaten, Mary Patton, Gin Gunther, Mary Sib Banks, Vickie Gilliam, Jacquelyn Wright and Fran Bagley.

USHERS:

David Hunter, Chair: Lloyd Griffin, Brian Hampton and John Hine.

GREETERS:

Andye Moss, Chair: David Carlton and Karen Hellriegel.

LOAVES AND FISHES:

Nancy Knight, Chair: Annette Morris, Anthea Evans, Hollye Smith, Laura Frederick, Mai Mai Kelly, Marny Busbin, Mary Kirkland, Meredith Cole, Randa Mixon and Jeanne Sparks.

BREAKFAST CREW

John Hine, Chair: Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith.

Vestry Person of the Month: Janet Byington

BAPTISM

GEORGE LEO JOHNSON

COURTNEY ROSE WALLEY



January Calendar 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

| Sunday 1 Schedule | Monday 2 Schedule | Tuesday 3 Schedule | Wednesday 4 Schedule | Thursday 5 Schedule | Friday 6 Schedule | Saturday 7 Schedule |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Sunday School | | 11:00 Chair Yoga 12:15 Healing Prayer | 9:00 Staff MEETING 5:30 Celtic 5:45 Supper | 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Center Prayer | Church Office Closed @ 12:00 | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| The First Sunday after the Epiphany. The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. | | | | 10:00 Bible Study | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| The Second Sunday after the Epiphany | | | | 10:00 Bible Study | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| The Third Sunday after the Epiphany | | | | 10:00 Bible Study | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | | | | | | |

EDITOR'S Note:

Submissions to *Letters to the Romans* are welcome from any St. Peter's parishioner and should be sent to steelecomm@netzero.net or dropped off at the church office. Please keep items brief and to the point.

News and photos of parishioners participating in community events are also welcome.

The deadline for submissions to the February issue is Feb. 3.

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