



October 2017

# Letters to the Romans

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(Through 2019)

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## St. Peter's Youth Pilgrimage to Italy

*Many thanks to all who offered their labored or purchased from The Market last month.*

*Your generosity of time & money will allow youth, who otherwise would not have the opportunity, to participate in this spiritual journey. A journey that will add depth and width to the roots established at St. Peter's through children & youth Formation.*

*In Italy they will experience being part of a focused group in Prayer, Spiritual Journaling & Worship; while following in the footsteps of St. Francis and others.*

*In order to intensive their focus, students will be divorced from electronics, families, and friends from home. They will enjoy some measure of comfort that they are accustomed to, like hot water.*

*They will witness the cost in suffering that intense devotion to God at times requires and the wonders that it produced over centuries.*

*The goal is to grow their spiritual maturity in ways that could not be accomplished at home. The hope & expectation is that their understanding of God in their personal lives is deepened, their questions are more seriously examined and their sense of Christian community & responsibility is expanded and moved to a higher priority both now and for years to come.*

*In Christ Love, Mother Nikki*

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis + Canterbury Club: Rebecca Segrest + 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 Photographer: Curt Yarbrough (chy813@hotmail.com) ☩ Newsletter Layout: Bob Evans (rsmithheavans@aol.com)

# A Letter of Special THANKS!

## *The St. Peter's Antiques and Collectibles Market*

The Market was a huge success in raising money to fund the pilgrimage to Italy for the youth! We anticipated raising \$10,000 but when all was counted we raised over \$16,000. Parishioners of St. Peter's as well as friends in the community who contributed items for the sale made The Market a success. Several very generous donors kept us busy sorting and pricing a lot of great items.



Our special thanks extended to all the wonderful souls that helped organize, advertise, promote and execute The Market. Most of the heavy lifting was accomplished by Nat Massey, Allien McNair, Jimmy Smith, Guy Hunter, Harold Lawrence, John Burnes and Jim Dixon. (That's the Jim Dixon who resides on Cooper Drive).

Many of our young people and their parents committed muscle and time by picking up items from storage and loading purchases into customer's vehicles during the sale. Among the hard-working adults were Allien McNair, Brad Roberts, Meredith & Joey Cole, Andy & Jennifer Bressette and Mark Knauss. Curry Teems, John Knauss, Matthew Knauss, Eugenia Knauss, Josie Cole, Simon Wilson, Lilli Bressette, Jacob Bressette, Grant Sikes, Madeline Herring, and Cami Turner were our hard-working young people.

Then there were all those faithful friends that spent hours and days pricing, arranging (and re-arranging) as well as selling the goods. The warmth and fellowship we strive for at St. Peter's was visible 100% during that long hectic week. There are certain parishioners who never, ever say NO when called upon to help. We hesitate to list all who helped because we may somehow miss someone. If that should be the case...mea culpa!

Cashiers: Christie Thomason and her crew; Trish Richards, Linda Kane, Nancy McCallie, Liz Mozley, Lynette Bonner, Anthea Evans, Nancy Knight and Bess Crawford.

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**Setup:** Anne Kerr, George Thomason, Christie Thomason, Shelia Kinnebrew, Chris Kerr, Mary Sib Banks, Marion Shaw, Stefani Ortman, Patti Brown, Helen Keaten, Laura Davis, Elaine Smith, Sasa Vance, MJ Chisholm, Cynthia Murphy Burnes, Hollye Smith, Michelle Lawrence, Virginia Hunter, Virginia McChesney, Sunny Knauss, Meredith Cole, Marny Busbin, Anthea Evans and Jan Routledge.

Babo Segars, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Bob Kane, Bob Evans, Madge Crawford, Anne McConnell, Jim Keaten, Bill Schoepski, Allien McNair, Beverly Burnes, Jan Routledge, Kathy Steinbruegge, Frances Knight plus many of the setup crew manned the sales floor for the Market.

Mother Nikki, who rallied the troops sending out a plea for help to transport items from storage as well as her smiling presence on Saturday and Sunday, and hovering over her young helpers.

For the adults, these work days side by side with our young people gave us a real sense of who it is we were working so hard to help. For the young people, we pray that we became more than just an adult stranger they see in the pews on Sunday.

We also greatly appreciate the frequent mention of The Market by clergy from the chancel, helping to inform the parish of what was about to happen and to encourage them to participate.

We close with the thoughts of St. Paul...that the church and the people of Christ are like the various parts of the body, each with its own special being, yet all one body. Contributions made by individuals became part of one loving gift.

Thank you so much.  
*Peace and God Bless,*

*Anne Kerr & George Thomason*



## 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.**



**READY set SMILE**



**St. Peter's Pictorial Directory photo sessions  
scheduled beginning  
Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Helpful Hints to Prepare for your family's photo session:*

- Decide before your photo session if you want a more traditional look, or choose casual or themed clothing if that fits your family's style.
- Stay away from "busy" patterns, such as striped clothing. Solid colors, such as red, blue, orange, brown, purple or other colors are slenderizing and produce better contrasting photos. Choose a color theme that unifies the look of your family. Long sleeves are better for adults and focus attention on their face.
- Avoid haircuts within 48 hours of your portrait session.
- Apply make-up as you normally would for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes. An extra coat of mascara can help bring out your eyes. Bring lipstick and powder for touch-ups. ChapStick works better for the guys to keep lips from looking dry or cracked. The Portrait Café Digital Services offers retouching to help with any complexion issues (scars, blemishes, facial lines, etc.) and can also whiten teeth.
- Avoid large, distracting accessories. Smaller jewelry items compliment your face.
- If you have any special request, please let the photographer know. Have fun during your portrait session. Let the photographer work with the children to bring out their natural smiles.
- Allow 1 hour for your portrait session and selection of your directory pose.

***PLEASE, be on time!***



October 25, 2017

To entertain the kids . . . .

**BOUNCE HOUSE, FACE PAINTING, AND BALOON TWIST.**

For the older "kids" plenty of German Food, Beverages and Fellowship.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Decorators, servers, bartenders, costume judges & help with games.

Call the Church office to volunteer!



**Thank You, LORD!**



### WEDNESDAY PARISH DINNERS

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|------------|--|
| October 4  | Speak Cheesy gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches |
| October 11 | Beef Stroganoff, green beans, rolls, dessert   |
| October 18 | Baked Potato Bar                               |
| October 25 | OKTOBERFEST                                    |

Reservations required by NOON on Tuesday, Adults \$5, Children \$3

**MAXIMUM Fee per family \$20**

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

### **Altar Guild / October:**

Nancy Hunter, Chair: Laura Frederick, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Nell Warren, Stefani Ortman, Sue Mann, Lynette Bonner, Virginia Hunter and Babo Segars.

### **Altar Guild / November:**

Mary Kirkland, Chair: Cynthia Murphy-Burnes, Lee Hight, Sarah Molnar, Annette Morris, Kimberly Moseley, Hollye Smith, and Becca Wood.

### **Ushers / October:**

Joe Siegler, Capt: Jimmy Smith, Allen Mull and Stephen Mosley.

### **Ushers / November:**

Wright Smith, Capt: John Kirkland, Cooper Crawford and Joe Morgan.

### **Greeters / October:**

Mary Kirkland, Chair: Doug Lansing, Laura Davis, Lloyd Griffin, Beverly Schrum, and Jeanne Sparks.

### **Greeters / November:**

Beverly Burns, Chair: Tom Dasher, Sue Anderson and Len Woodward.

### **Loaves and Fishes / October:**

Amanda Kinder, Chair: Ann Spears, Anne Kerr, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Mollie Avery, Linda Jennings, Leigh Patterson and Nell Hamrick.

### **Loaves and Fishes / November:**

Linda Kane, Chair: Andye Moss, Barbara Briley, Bryant Steele, Patti Barron, Dot Fletcher, Tammy Barron, Jennifer Moss and Lee Hight.

### **Breakfast Crew / October 8:**

John Hine, Capt: Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith and Len Woodward.

### **Breakfast Crew / October 15:**

Doug Lansing, Capt: Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Sam Lucas and Hugh Bonner.

### **Breakfast Crew / October 22:**

Ann Pullen, Capt: Lee Niedrach, Winston Sirmans, Jack McGuffey and Shelley Parris.

## Breakfast Crew / October 29:

Tricia Richards, Capt: Jimmy Kelly, Suzy Gilbert, Peter Gilbert and David Hunter.

Vestry Person for October is  
Vestry Person for November is

Bill Schoepski  
Cynthia Burnes

## PARISH NEWS

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to :

Richard Ingram and family on the death of Margaret Ingram, on September 26, 2017.

The family of Martha Anne Dunson who died at home on September 17, 2017.

Jefferson and Jennifer Herring, brother and sister in law of John Herring, on the death of Jennifer's father, Gene Braddock on September 24, 2017

**BAPTISM – November 5, 2017, All Saints Sunday will be the next opportunity for Baptism at St. Peter's. Please contact one of the clergy or the church office if you, or a family member, are planning to be baptized. Rehearsal scheduled on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## RESTORATION ROME CLOTHES CLOSET

Volunteers are needed to work on Friday mornings from 9-12. Call ***Jeanne Mathews at 796-676-1039*** to volunteer or if you have questions. The Closet also accepts gently used children's and teen clothing, new socks and underwear, toys and shoes.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR MINISTRIES

This position is a part-time, salaried position and candidates with some secondary education are preferred. Persons applying will be expected to have the following skills:

- Create a loving environment that truly reaches out to those who come to Good Neighbor Ministries in need.
- Understand all duties and willing to step in as a volunteer at Good Neighbor Ministries to fill any role.
- Keep all instructions and forms current and readily available.
- Supervise volunteers and manage their schedule.
- Manage the financial obligations of the organization. Quicken software skills are preferred.
- Computer literate.
- Maintain the interior space of the building.
- Fundraise and possibly grant writing will be expected to help offset salary expense.

All resumes are due no later than [Oct 27](#) and may be mailed to:

ATTN: Jill Fisher  
Good Neighbor Ministries  
208 East 2nd Street  
Rome, GA 30161

All inquiries may be sent to [goodneighborsrome@gmail.com](mailto:goodneighborsrome@gmail.com).



## Worried about that holiday eating?

Join a LIVING COMPASS *“Mindful Eating”* group starting October 16<sup>th</sup>. *“Mindful Eating”* study groups will meet for 4 weeks with a culminating Pot Luck for the congregation on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

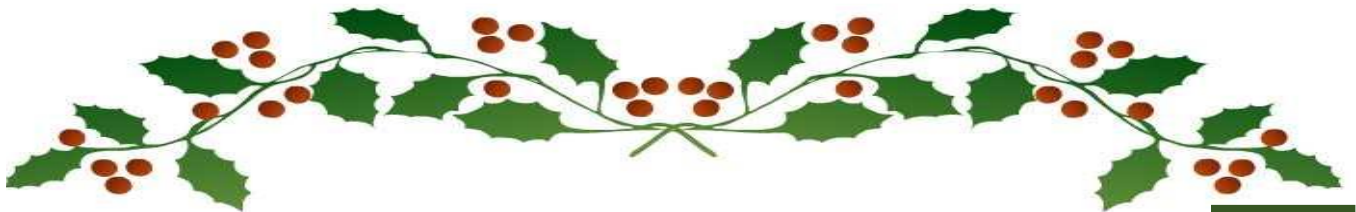


### Three Meeting Times to fit your schedule:

- Monday at 1pm at 401 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Tuesday at 9:30am in Rhodes Wyatt
- Wednesday at 6pm in Rhodes Wyatt

Call Beth Hughes (706.506.9636) or D’Ann Downey (706.266.3444) to hold your spot!

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## ADVENT PREVIEW . . . . .



“Practicing Wonder with all your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind”  
will be offered by Living Compass beginning week of November 27<sup>th</sup>.



# Living Compass Assessment for Congregations

## "How Healthy is your Church?"

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO ST. PETER'S**

**By mail 101 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Rome GA 30161 OR**  
**email [elizabeth@stpetersrome.org](mailto:elizabeth@stpetersrome.org) OR drop in basket in Daniel Hall.**

<b>Spirituality Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
I have a strong sense of God's presence in my church.	
I am satisfied with the spiritual life of my church.	
I feel well connected to my faith community and feel supported by that community.	
I feel my church encourages Bible reading or other spiritual reading.	
I feel my church supports living a life that is consistent with my faith and values.	
I feel grateful for the presence of my church in my life.	
I feel my church encourages compassion.	
I feel my church encourages me to talk about my faith and spirituality with others.	
I feel my church offers spiritual practices and activities that support my life.	
I feel people who know my church would describe it as a spiritual place to worship.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Rest and Play Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
My church is a place for recreation and renewal.	
My church is a fun place to be.	
My church has opportunities to participate in hobbies and recreational activities.	
My church often has new opportunities for me to try and new ways to have fun as a church together.	
My church has opportunities for rest and renewal.	
My church encourages laughter and joy.	
My church encourages relationship building amongst its members.	
I am satisfied with my churches use of electronic media, social media, and presentations.	
I believe my church supports its clergy taking vacation and rest.	
My church is a place I enjoy having fun with its members.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Emotions Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
I believe my church is free of feelings of despair and frustration.	
I believe my church listens or has people I would be willing to talk to in an emotional crisis.	
I believe my church would come help me if I need it.	
I believe my church supports those with addictive behaviors and offers opportunities to deal with heavy emotions in a healthy way.	

My church does not hurt people.	
My church encourages people to reach out to God when they are emotionally upset.	
My church helps me when I feel anxious or filled with worry.	
My church encourages people to express their emotions.	
My church offers activities that help me to re-center myself on God.	
I believe my church is emotionally healthy.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Relationships Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
I am satisfied with the quality of the relationships I have with my fellow church members.	
My church encourages Christian teachings that help me relate to others in my life.	
My church encourages me to forgive family and friends for past or present hurts.	
My church is a place I would want to bring my family and friends.	
I feel that the members of my church give and take equally in the life of the church.	
I have deep (close, intimate, strong) relationships or friendships with members of the church.	
My friends and family would say that spending time with the members of my church is important to me.	
I have several long term friendships in my church that have lasted many years.	
My church is able to resolve conflict amongst its members.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Care for the Body Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
My church encourages physical activity (yoga, walking groups, running teams, etc).	
1 Corinthians 6:19 says that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." My church encourages its members to live a life that takes care of the body.	
My church has networks that can help me get to health appointments or refer me to health care professionals if I need them.	
I feel comfortable with my church's stance on sexuality.	
My church encourages us to think about our decisions on what we eat and drink and how we care for ourselves.	
My church offers opportunities for me to address my weight, activity, and/or nutritional issues.	
My church offers opportunities for people to address addictions (tobacco use, drinking, and/or drug abuse).	
My church encourages me to be healthy and love the body God gave me.	
My church has a Parrish Nurse or other healthcare professional I can call.	
My church offers health assessments, flu shot clinics, blood pressure testing, or other health assessment opportunities.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Stress Resiliency:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with agree</b>
My church has been free of any major changes, planned or unplanned, over the last two years.	

When my church is struggling, we turn to God for strength and resiliency.	
My church comes together instead of falling apart during times of stress or transition.	
People who know my church would describe it as being free from stress, frustrations or conflict.	
My church has the tools to handle major challenges.	
My church bounces back from difficult challenges.	
If there is stress in my church, we talk about it together as a church.	
My church does not appear to be a stressed church.	
My church has a healthy and active membership.	
My church balances its missions with the ability of the membership to support it.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Vocation Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
I have a clear sense of my church's mission in our community and world.	
My church does a good job of using its talents in our community.	
I am satisfied with the opportunities that my church offers in being involved with my community, the world and its mission.	
My church offers me opportunities to be involved.	
I enjoy being with the people that I volunteer with at church.	
My church provides new opportunities to get involved, it's not always the "same old, same old."	
My church is involved in activities and volunteer opportunities and missions that are consistent with our faith, beliefs, and values.	
I am happy with the recognition my church provides people who are involved in the church's outreach activities	
Everyone in my church is involved in the mission of the church.	
I am proud of my church and the work it does. I feel confident my church is making a difference.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	
<b>Organizational Assessment:</b>	<b>Check any of the statements you agree with</b>
If an unexpected visitor attends my church, I do not worry about how they would see my church.	
My church regularly takes care of its physical structure and grounds.	
My church sticks to its budget.	
My church is not struggling financially.	
All church members share equally in the work of the church.	
My church is organized.	
My church sends out an appropriate amount of materials to communicate the activities and schedule of the church.	
My church is not over or under scheduled.	
I feel that my church accomplishes what it sets out to do.	
<b>total number of checks for this section</b>	

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

In the spirit of St. Francis, our October Mission and Outreach collection will benefit our furry friends at the PAWS Shelter. Please bring Cat toys, clumping cat litter dishwasher safe toys (such as Kong Toys), leashes, and treats For our canine companions.



No time for shopping? Donations to Claws for Paws (tax deductible) will be greatly accepted. Drop your check in the collection plate and write PAWS on the memo line.



## NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2017

Make plans now to attend morning worship and enjoy a catered luncheon following the 10:00 service.

Watch the mail and bulletin inserts for reservation cards and more details!



## COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

October 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
November 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

**Two shifts available from 8:30 am to 10:15 am OR**  
**10:15 am to 12 pm**

**Contact ANDYE MOSS to volunteer or with questions.**

## Ivey's Octopals

Hiding your talents under a bushel basket? If you knit or crochet, your talents are needed to create small brightly colored Ivey's Octopals. Each Ivey's Octopal is designed to help children with exceptional needs. Ivey's Octopals are fun and encourage tactile interaction with children with developmental, emotional and physical delays, fine and gross motor delays, vision and hearing losses, and deafness/blindness.

Ivey's Octopals, which honors our own Ivey Sirmans, are allocate to:

Rome - Floyd County commission on Children and Youth (a nonprofit agency)  
Babies Can't Wait / Georgia Department of Public Health  
Georgia Sensory Assistance Project / College of Education, University of Georgia

The Rome Knitterati & others enjoy sharing their talents with the children.  
Thank you for our interest in this most worthwhile program! For more information as well as Yarn, Patterns, Fiberfil contact Mary Yarbrough #706 506-6766 ( Please leave a message) [m7mybro@gmail.com](mailto:m7mybro@gmail.com)

**The Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth.**



Adult Forum meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 am in Daniel Hall. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> a new series will focus on the lessons from . . . . .



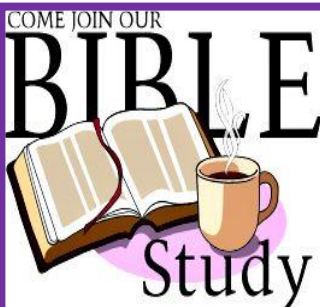
A bible study series has been developed to study episodes of the show that portray a specific moral value. For more information go to [www.barneyfife.com](http://www.barneyfife.com)

**JOIN THE GROUP EACH SUNDAY**



## CALENDAR COLLECTION

The Canterbury Club wants to put your extra 2018 calendars to good use. As part of our service to the community, we are collecting calendars for families served by DFACS. Collection boxes are located in Daniel Hall and the church office through December 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Meets Thursday Mornings at  
10:00 am in the  
Rhodes-Wyatt Room.**

**Father John is leading a discussion on the book of  
LUKE. Bring your bible and join the discussion.**



**IF YOU ARE A NEW OR RENEWED FACE AT ST. PETER'S...**  
**YOU are cordially invited to a "get better acquainted" gathering!**

**Sunday October 22, 2017 Host: Lynnette & Hugh Bonner and Cece & David Gandy**

**4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gandy Home at 575 North River Road, Rome GA 30161**

**Bring your favorite appetizer! Drinks will be provided / Children and Adults are invited**

**Please RSVP to the church office by 10/18/2017 - 706.291.9111 or [elizabeth@stpetersrome.org](mailto:elizabeth@stpetersrome.org)**

## October Calendar 2017

Sunday Schedule	Monday Schedule	Tuesday Schedule	Wednesday Schedule	Thursday Schedule	Friday Schedule	Saturday Schedule
1 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Sunday School 5:00 Spanish Eucharist	2 1:00 Living Compass	3 11:00 Chair Yoga 12:15 Healing Prayer	4 9:00 Staff Mtg. 5:30 Celtic 5:45 Supper 6:00 Living Compass	5 6:30 Center Prayer Bible Study 10:00	6 Church Office Closed @ 12:00	7
8 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Newcomers gathering	23	24	25 Oktoberfest	26	27	28
29 New Consecration Sunday	30	31				

### 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](mailto: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 November issue is October 27, 2017**

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