



# LETTERS TO THE ROMANS

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## Canterbury Sunday, April 15



**Godspeed to the seniors and hurry back  
to St. Peter's to the undergraduates.  
Rachel Childs, president of Canterbury Club  
was the homilist.**

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**From the Interim**The Rev. LaRae Jordan Rutenbar

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As we continue on this journey together I offer this poem that I keep with me. It reminds me that every step in our life we are foolish if we think it is about finishing one task just to get to the other. If we do that, we miss the beauty of the journey and the mystery of the road that we are traveling. 🇺🇸

***Transition***

It is the gap of transition that shakes us.  
Those moments before true movement has been achieved,  
that bring us to a level of uncertainty.  
Let us embrace those moments when change has not yet come.  
To see that this is a necessary moment,  
before a new race has begun.  
In quiet mindful moments the transition shall appear.  
As we open up our hearts to hear the silence, we are now willing to hear.  
To see past all the dancing of the mind,  
as a friend we can lovingly leave behind.  
For we are now ready to embrace a new level of tranquility,  
that is reflected at a deeper level of ourselves.

As we accept change...We may move forward...Embracing all that is meant to be.

Poetry by  
Robin Masiewicz of Robin's Nest

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**Bishop nominees to participate in walkabouts**

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**The six nominees for the 10th Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta** will participate in walkabouts in churches around the Diocese during the week of May 14 - 18, 2012. The walkabouts will be opportunities for *Council delegates and other interested individuals* to meet all of the nominees and participate in Q&A in a small group setting. This will also be a time for the nominees to become more familiar with the diocese as they travel through the area. **The nominees will visit St. Peter's on the evening of Friday, May 18, from 6:00 - 9:30.** All are invited to attend. Please visit the diocesan web site for biographical info on each of the nominees: <http://www.episcopalatlanta.org>. 🇺🇸

## A tribute to Jim Yeary (1942-2012)

George Thomason

*[Editor's note: George Thomason wrote this about 12 years ago as Jim and Frieda left to serve as interim at Grace Church, Clarkesville, Georgia. His words are as meaningful today as they were then.]*

I think that God makes a pattern of our lives, that in His holy and infinite wisdom he sees the finished object that we are to become and moves us toward that end. I sometimes picture Him as the master weaver of a fine tapestry; and, just as His earthly counterpart works toward the realization of a perfect pattern as he painstakingly knots each thread into a tapestry that portrays infinity, so our Father takes each event of our lives – those events that are within our control and our choosing and those that lie beyond us in the matrix, in the periphery of our being, out in the impenetrable substance of eternity – and casts them into the weaving. Only after we are completed ( that is to say, at our deaths) can we discern what wondrous pattern, what ultimate beauty has been ordained for us in this worldly enterprise. Only in our dying and in our rebirth into eternity shall we see where we wove in accord with God and where we erred, tangled, or distorted the master plan.

But once in a while, when we are most blessed, we comprehend the truth...that there is a design, that amid the distracting luster and color of daily life, emerging from the intricate smaller patterns of family culture, strongly marked against the trivial swirls and arabesques of our “busyness,” a plan beyond our grasping governs and rules this world. God has generously and quietly woven threads of His own choosing into this tapestry. And some of those threads are so pleasing that He brings them back into our lives repeatedly with divine generosity. How fortunate are we as what appears to be random choices, mere felicitous circumstance, or accidents of time and place emerge as proof of God’s love. One such echo of the untranslatable language of God must be heard as we examine His purpose for placing Jim and Frieda back into the life of Saint Peter’s Church.

Like comets that appear at selected intervals, or like the ebb and flow of the sea, or perhaps even more like the slowly accreting layers of nacre that eventually become a pearl, some people keep returning, and like the transformation of the ordinary grain of sand into a precious object, I feel that these two have surrounded us and helped in that process of transformation that will have its finish in God’s heavenly kingdom. How wonderful to have had that process occurring all these years that Christie and I saw merely as the progress of a close friendship. Over thirty something years that friendship has deepened and widened, matured and aged. In 1969, Saint Peter’s gained its first assistant rector, and the Thomasons gained two great friends. We met; we played bridge; we encouraged each other through the advent of sons into our lives. We heard the latest cartoon news from

Charlie Brown and Snoopy and watched it become fodder for Jim’s early sermons. Two and a half years later we separated, geographically. Yet we retained the connection, from Rome to LaFayette, Louisiana, to Toccoa, to LaGrange, to Athens, to Atlanta, and now, back to Rome.

Over that time, Jim and Frieda came to bless our houses, sometimes as guests and twice, actually, to carry out that peculiarly Episcopal ceremony of Blessing the House that brings a tangible sense of God into our homes. Jim advanced his studies to become a Doctor of Divinity. He changed parishes, and I changed jobs, from teaching to interior design. He seemed always to know what he was to be, as I played at “what shall I do when I grow up.” Our sons grew. Our houses changed. He came to bury my father and too relieve my heartbreak. There were periods of longer silence, but always, at the next meeting, the four of us slipped easily into that comfortable reunion of old and true friends. So we reach the day in Atlanta, at one of our periodic lunches we wedged into our busy schedules, that Frieda tells me they want to retire to Rome and for me to be alert to a nice house in our neighborhood. I hear of one; they inspect and buy it. Don Black tells me he is going to announce his retirement, and I immediately call Jim and our Senior Warden, Ed Hine. You know the story from there.

Then, gradually, the voice settled the images in my mind and in its familiarity I could focus. Focus. Ah, yes, I heard that voice, Jim’s voice. Rich and mellow, reverent and warm. That voice that carried God from His distant heaven into this small earthly space and shaped Him for these people each Sunday. It shaped our words of prayer and praise, belief and hope in its singing and praying and teaching and preaching. It was, and is, the voice of an humble, gentle, caring shepherd. It is a voice that becomes one of the diamonds of my memory. His voice and her voice, his life and her life pull us toward that brightness that is the heart of God. They are God’s chosen, at least as I try to understand that phrase. They have been chosen as a royal priesthood, as two of the threads that flow out of God’s hand to demonstrate the joy of ministry and to show the imprint of the shining Presence.

“And send us out to do the work you have given us to do.” This must be the Yeary’s innermost prayer for it describes their outermost life, as they have, with joyful hearts and enthusiastic hands taken Saint Peter’s people into a space filled with tenderness and concern. They have by their actions shown us what we, too, can offer. How religion can be as simple and daily as a handshake, a shared meal, a sickbed presence, or words of welcome and inclusion. ☩

## Update from your search committee

Your Search Committee has now received the names of our candidates and has entered the discernment period. We are extremely pleased with the number and caliber of our candidates. How real it all became when we became aware that we had already been in touch with our next Rector. The committee will begin online interviews in the next couple of weeks. Each step results in a narrowing down process as we look for the candidates who best fit our profile and the St. Peter's family. The final steps will be the candidates' visit to Rome and the committee's visit to the candidates. The committee has set a very aggressive timeline, and we feel our work will be completed by mid-summer when we turn the final candidates over to the vestry. We ask that you all keep the committee and St. Peter's in your prayers as we work to find the person God has chosen for our church family. ☩

<p>St. Peter's JOY Group</p> <p>Tuesday, May 29, 2012</p>	<p><b>TITANIC</b> THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION</p> <hr/> <p>1912 <b>100<sup>TH</sup></b> 2012 ANNIVERSARY</p>
<p>Become part of the official story of this 100 year journey as Atlantic Station hosts, <i>Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition</i>. It is an unprecedented opportunity to travel back in time and experience the wonder and tragedy of this ill-fated Ship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 212 artifacts recovered from <i>Titanic's</i> wreck site</li> <li>• 100 of which have never been seen before</li> <li>• Discover untold stories of <i>Titanic's</i> passengers and crew-unveiled for the first time anywhere</li> <li>• Learn of Georgia's connections to that fateful night</li> <li>• Experience historically accurate room recreations</li> <li>• View the latest video from the wreck site and understand how <i>Titanic</i> rests today.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart St. Peter's at 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• Return by 4:00 p.m.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">\$50 includes Transportation and Admission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch on your own in Atlantic Station area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Guests &gt; 21 Always Welcome.</p>

## A prayer for the hungry among us

God, confessing our lack of understanding, we pray for hungry people. Fan whatever spark of hope may still be alive within them. Touch their numbness with your love that they may know they matter. Send the sunshine and the rains so that seeds can burst open and life-giving fruits and vegetables can come from the soil, that more people may eat. Strengthen and guide those organizations such as the Community Kitchen, the Rome Evening Food Pantry, Rome Action Ministries, Good Neighbor Ministries, St. Peter's Soup Kitchen and others who work to feed hungry people. Prevent any hungry person from confusing economic conditions with your divine will. Don't let any child living with hunger feel unloved or unwanted by people who follow Christ.

Resourceful God, we pray for all who hunger...those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, those who hunger for fellowship, those who hunger for salvation and those who hunger for meaning as well as those who hunger for food. Feed them, God. Feed them through us. As we give thanks for daily bread for ourselves, we pray for the grace to share that there may be bread for all the world; in the name of the Bread of Life. Amen.

## A book review by Robert Moulard

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Sir Thomas More is said to have remarked that the highest duty of a man is to escape. A cynic would suggest that he was thinking of Cromwell and the rack; I think he was referring to the incarceration of the unforgiving heart in the prison of resentment. If I refuse to forgive, there I am: pinned to my own cross by nails of my own forging driven by a hammer wielded by my own hands. Now, when I wish my neighbor in Hell for his sins (real or imagined) against me, it's rather like having hornets living in my head and heart. I want justice but what I need is mercy.

I am told by Jesus that if I do not forgive, I will not be forgiven. But, God deliver me, I love to hold on to my resentments. I need, not to say want, liberation from this spiritual dungeon. How, then, am I to be freed?

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Maynard proposes a seven-step technique for doing just that in his book, *Forgive & Get Your Life Back* (CSN Publishing, \$15, 119p.). He describes these steps as follows. First, one must choose to forgive. This decision, says Maynard, will allow us to move beyond the hurt and to have a life beyond the past.

Step Two involves a trusted spiritual guide, a confidant to whom one can express this pain, and who will help keep us from backsliding into blame and recrimination. Support groups can help here.

Step Three Maynard calls "Do Get Angry". He says the person who has harmed you must be made aware of the extent and nature of your anger and pain, whether in writing or personal confrontation. All this while avoiding blame or revenge, i.e.: "Don't get even, get angry," and by this, safely defuse and discharge anger.

"Bury the Past, Tail and All", is Maynard's Step Four; the "ribbon on the package" he calls it. When memories of the past rear their ugly heads, we resolve to keep these memories in the past where they belong. Under no circumstance, are we to throw past deeds in the face of the one who has harmed us.

Reconciliation is Step Five. This step can go one of two ways, according to Maynard. Before reconciliation can become an option, in his view the party who has wronged us must come fully to terms with the harm they have done and must show genuine contrition. Before reconciling with those who have sinned against us, we need to see concrete evidence of their amended behavior, a willingness on their part to show that life with them in the future will truly be different. Otherwise, says Maynard, we give them tacit permission to keep on harming us.

Sometimes, though, the sinner's intransigence makes it inadvisable, if not impossible to reconcile with him. At this point, Maynard refers us to Hebrews X:30: "Vengeance is mine says the Lord. I will repay." Dante's Ninth Circle awaits them, not us.

Once reconciled with our erstwhile antagonist, Maynard's Step Six is restoration, which means to bring that person back into our lives with all rights and privileges and no reservations. Maynard very strongly recommends professional guidance in this effort, consulting with a trusted and competent spiritual mentor to help assure that the newly restored relationship remains on track. The working axiom here is "Pray together, stay together."

Finally, Step Seven calls for preventive maintenance, "Nurture A Forgiving Heart". Hank Aaron, after he had retired from baseball, was asked why he was in such good physical shape. He replied, "I never let myself get out of condition." Forgiveness of the sins of others is heavy spiritual lifting to be sure. For myself, it involves not so much a desire to forgive as a decision to give up my will not to forgive on the altar of a loving, merciful God.

Forgiveness becomes easier the more I forgive. By constant spiritual training I keep myself in good spiritual condition and thereby avoid the spiritual charley-horse. Staying in shape is always easier than getting in shape. When I forgive, I will be forgiven; when I show mercy, I will be given mercy. Then, and only then, I see my own face in the mirror of the eyes of those who wrong me; I feel the peace of God which passes all understanding, and Christ, hanging from His cross, looks over at me, hanging from my own, and tells me, "Today, you will be with me in Heaven." So may it be for all of us. 🙏

## May schedules

### Adult Forum

5/6 Eastern Religions – Dr. Terry Morris

5/13 Eastern Religions – Dr. Terry Morris

### Altar Guild Contact: Frieda Yeary/Helen Keaten

Mary Kirkland©, Bambi Berry, Em Dempsey, Annette Morris, Kimberly Moseley, Cynthia Murphy-Burnes, Rebecca Roberts, Hollye Smith, Marsha Welch, Lee Hight

### Breakfast Crew Contact: Anne/George Pullen, 295-0010

5/6 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry

5/13 Sarah/Charlie Hardaker, Ann/George Pullen, Winston Sirmans, Bill Byington

5/20 Tricia Richards, Jimmy Kelley, Mike Alexander, David Hunter, David Powell, Peter Gilbert

5/27 Jack Niedrach, David Harvey, Tracy/John Schroeder, Cary Kilgore, Brian Johnson

### Greeters Contact: Mary Kirkland, 291-0558

Beverly Burnes©, Steve Stutts, Randa/Ronnie Mixon, Tom Dasher, Jenna Black

### Loaves and Fishes Contact: Peggy Nash, 235-4911 or Kathy Steinbruegge, 234-5908

Andye Moss©, Lee Hight, Patti Barron, Em Dempsey, Jane Morgan, Barbara Briley, Tracy Page, Linda Kane, Cathy Mitchell

### Soup Kitchen

Contact: Bill Schoepski, 235-2109 or Sue Anderson, 291-2599

Mon Frances Knight©, Beth Starnes, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Helen Keaton, Anne Kerr, Will Dellis, Anne Kaiser, Bob Evans, Cary Kilgore

Tues Sue Anderson©, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester, Suzy Gilbert, June Dellis, Will Dellis, Janet Morris, Cary Kilgore

Wed Sylvia Hine©, John Hine, Dana/Jack Edgens, Sallie Peebles, David Norman, Elaine Smith, Cary Kilgore

Thurs Barb/Rich Molnar©, Laura Frederick, Betsy/George Awsumb, Em Dempsey, Lilli Tucker, Will Dellis, Cary Kilgore

Friday Andye Moss©, Cissy Rogers, Zibby White, Bill Knight, Ann Laughlin, Will Dellis, Cary Kilgore

Subs Ann Spears, Meg Eberhart, Jean Clark, Larry Osborn, Patti/Henry Brown, Ann/George Pullen, Laura Davis, Jan Flippen, Nancy Hunter, Mai Mai Kelly, Randa Mixon, Marny Busbin, Gin Gunther, Steven Ramos, Leamon Scott, Georgia Hardwick, Nell Warren, Bess Crawford (tally), Sherron Mull, Cary Kilgore, Greg Fricks, Barbara/Jim Dixon, Amy Summerlin

### Ushers

Contact: Leamon Scott, 234-7545

John Burnes, Lisa Bell, David Powell, Al Bonnyman

**Vestry of the Month:** Ed Hine

### Lay readers and chalice bearers Contact: bdunc@ix.netcom.com

Date/Svc	Reader/Prayers	Chalice Bearer	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Prayers
Wed. 5/2 5:30 pm	Lea Duncan	Tricia Richards			
Sun 5/6 8:30 am	Mark Jester	Mark Jester			
10:00 am		Bill Byington Cameron O'Riley	Alexandra Carlton	Janet Byington	Jack Niedrach
Wed. 5/9 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton			
Sun 5/13 9:00 am	Mark Jester	Mark Jester			
11:00 am		Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday	
Wed 5/16 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough			
Sun 5/20 8:30 am	John Duncan	John Duncan			
10:00 am		Buster Wright Andye Moss	Laura Frederick	Delores Nowell	John Lanier
Wed 5/23 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton			
Sun 5/27 8:30 am	John Duncan	John Duncan			
10:00 am		Tom Dasher Tricia Richards	Zibby White	Wade Carpenter	Cameron O'Riley
Wed 5/30 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough			

### May calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>All weekly schedules are noted on line below – any changes or additions are noted on the actual date.</b>						
<b>Sunday Worship</b> 8:30 Rite I, Chapel 9:00 Breakfast (Daniel Hall) 10:00 Rite II, Church 11:00 Christian Ed 4:00 EfM		<b>Tuesday Worship</b> 12:15 Healing Service	<b>Wed Schedule</b> 5:30 Celtic Eucharist, Chapel 6:00 Choir56 6:30 EYC Choir 7:30 Choir	<b>Thurs Schedule</b> 10:00 Bible Study, Rhodes-Wyatt Room		
		1	2	3	4	5 9-2 Shoe and Shine Car Show, Transfiguration
6 <b>5 Easter</b>	7	8	9	10	11 <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;"> <b>Vestry Reports to Terri (electronic version)</b> </div>	12
13 <b>6 Easter</b> Mother's Day Youth Sunday Last Day of Sunday School	14	15 Rogation Day 5:30 Vestry Mtg, Rhodes/Wyatt Rm	16	17 6:30 pm Hospice Svc, Church	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> </div> 6-9:30 Bishop Candidates Walkabout	19
20 <b>7 Easter</b> Reception for Matt Hoch	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen</b>						
27 <b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29 9:30-4 JOY trip to the Titanic Exhibit – Atlantic Station	30	31		

### EYC Schedule

**MAY 5:** Let's celebrate the talents of St. Peter's members! One opportunity soon is the dance recital at the Rome City Auditorium at 7:00pm on Saturday, May 5. Alex and Bel Carlton and Julia Hodges will be part of the performance. ("I have had the privilege of seeing them perform a few months ago and I was sooooo impressed," said Brian Hampton.) A talent show featuring the many musical talents of our EYC (piano, guitar, flute, trumpet, and saxophone, and the "Barber's Shop Quartet") is going to be discussed for later this summer.

**May Wednesdays:** EYC will meet every Wednesday in May, except May 30, when we will be involved in Summer mission. Wednesday, May 9, is Schroeder's night.

**May 13:** Youth Sunday

**May 28--June 1:** EYC Summer mission May 28 through June 1 at Murphy Harpst Children's Centers, doing recreational activities and work projects and staying at the Polk/ Haralson Baptist Association Christian Life Center (\$12 per night). A basic schedule of day to day activities will be sent by May 15. Please contact Brian Hampton ASAP if you will be taking part in this opportunity to serve and any adults who can help chaperon or with the end-of-week cookout. 🇺🇸

## **A quick note in loving memory of an “Unscripted Clergyman:” Humour and Jim Yeary’s ministry**

*Parnick Spencer Musick*

My thoughts and prayers go out to St. Peter’s folks today, and especially to the friends and family of +Jim. What a wonderful, warm, dedicated and caring guy. Always more than just a priest; he was a great mentor during my earliest years in the church, and also a dear friend. When I came to St. Peter’s at the ripe old age of 15, Jim and Janice both did so much to welcome me into that place. Janice answered my questions seriously, Jim reminded me to never take things \*too\* seriously. He used his uniquely laid back and down-to-earth approach to ministry in order to allay my (at that time constant) nervousness about coming to a new church where I knew few people. Both made me feel welcome in their own way--and it is unlikely that I would have remained a Christian had I not felt that unconditional welcome at that moment, in those ways.

I am sure many fond memories will be shared this weekend, so I want to do my part here. Jim's legacy at St. Peter’s, whatever it becomes, will arise out of the fact that all of us knew Jim as a people person. He interacted with us in different ways depending on our needs, but he connected with his parishioners on a profound and personal level. We in the EYC had a particular fondness for Jim, and that is what I want to explore here. He joined us in the basement of Willingham whenever he needed to 'get away from the grownups' as he put it. But I think he came for reasons other than the Nintendo Wii, even though he never hesitated to play on it so long as the game was a non-violent but competitive one where (as he told Thomas and me) "you two will just lose rather than die." For a man of the cloth, he could throw down a game of Mario Kart with near unholy precision. He seemed to make us forget that he was wearing a white collar (even after he clobbered us, we had to remind ourselves that a priest had beaten us at a video game).

My point is that Jim never seemed to let that plastic collar get in between himself and the people he served. Similarly, he never let the formality of the liturgy sap away his affable, humorous and energetic personality. Even in the thick of the liturgy, I remember Jim as unconventional and often unscripted. He served up theological orthodoxy with a side of spontaneity that was often humorous, always refreshing, uniquely Jim.

Although his ministry had a profound impact on my spiritual journey as it unfolded at St. Peter’s, here I want to honor Jim differently than we will remember him on Saturday. Even though I will miss that rite, here on the other side of the world, I remember Jim in my own way.

I can't express how hard it is to miss the chance to give Jim a proper goodbye with my St. Peter’s family. I would hope that those of you who participate in the service would be sure to honor him with a laugh or two in addition to tears. I can't recall one sermon or one conversation in which Jim did not put me and others around me at ease with his disarming and sense of humor. I for one will remember Jim as a terrifically funny guy who happened to wear a collar. His humor was part and parcel of what made his ministry so special. We should pay our respects to Jim with laughs in addition to understandable human grief.

I only got one material gift from Jim during the years I knew him. It’s a "Jesus Action Figure" with poseable arms and gliding action. I still have this now, and it has even more meaning today despite being so silly. He also had a John the Baptist one complete with insects and sets of changeable furs, and a Moses figure complete with break-away tablets that we gave away in VBS. He was funny enough when he tried to be, but I think Jim's best moments, Jim at his most original and most endearing, were unscripted.

Jim had a way of going off the BCP. He never used scripts for his sermons, preaching was natural to him. Jokes were his end stops, they punctuated his thoughts-- and I wonder sometimes if he organized his sermons around them, perhaps even without knowing it. He could make the most profound and insightful point, unsettling and challenging enough to upset you for a moment like all good spiritual meditations should--pause to let it sink in--and then break the tension with a joke.

Did anyone else ever notice that Jim seemed to retain the energy and spunk of a youth-minister well into his retirement? So remarkable. For such an accomplished and complex guy spiritually and intellectually--he never let being seasoned keep him separated from people; but most especially, Jim connected with the EYC whenever he came around. Even as his visits got more infrequent, when he was in the Willingham house, he never failed to stop by for at least a hello before Sunday school. And his doing so always brightened the day. In the absence of an EYC leader, Jim would lead our Bible study. Aside from the occasional wise crack, he let us do the talking. He wanted to hear from us, "I have read the book, and you will listen to me ramble on later." Sometimes I caught him taking notes as we spoke and using our insights somehow in his sermon.

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### **Thank you's** - We've received a number of thank you notes, including:

From the School Social Workers and Homeless Children and Youth of Floyd County for St. Peter's participation in "Sock-It-To-Homelessness" and "Undie Sunday" drive. "This drive was a huge success in our eyes as local churches, businesses and school groups collected over 8,000 pairs of socks and underwear for Homeless Children and Youth in the Floyd County Schools.

From Three Rivers Singers, a note of appreciation to St. Peter's for the use of our Church and participation of our choirs, as well as the help of staff members, for the Ralph Vaughan Williams concert.

From Covenant Community, Inc. a thank you for our gift in honor of The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare, who was one of our Lenten guest speakers. 🇺🇸

## **A quick note in loving memory of an "Unscripted Clergyman:" Humour and Jim Yeary's ministry [continued]**

*Parnick Spencer Musick*

I think Jim is a testament to the fact that no greater measure of vulnerability exists than how long one can sit and talk to teenagers about God. Those EYC alums can attest to the fact that talking about God played second fiddle to "Ferris Bueller" in those days.

Jim made the idea of God accessible by never taking himself too seriously, which I think allowed us to open up more comfortably. When myself, Alicia Wright, and Ellory Bishop decided to put lyrics from a "Doors" song on our nametags in the order that we came to the rail before Communion--Jim got the joke and said "and no communion for Jim Morrison." Touché.

All of us will recall that even when illness kept him below 100%, his presence still had a way of putting you at ease.

Even the last time I saw Jim in church, his greeting radiated the very same warmth and sincerity that welcomed me that first day in the Chapel of St. Peter's.

I will never forget him sitting me down and answering my questions about the Episcopal Church after my first weekday service. He said "ask anything you want." I responded, "Can I smoke cigarettes?" He bopped 15 year-old Spencer on the head and replied, "You can, but you better not young man!" That was my first 'Jim moment.' But it is dwarfed in comparison to one that I am sure more of you remember.

Whenever I think of Jim's humor, one moment stands out above all others. One Sunday in Easter season when saying Eucharistic prayer C on autopilot, Jim added a Susan into the list of OT prophets. I thought, "Rebecca, Rachel...wait, did Iasi have a sister-in-law or hairstylist that I missed?" I figured, 'if a Sewanee grad said it, it must be right!' Then I saw everyone on the altar fighting back tears of laughter. Janice, it even broke your unbreakable liturgical poker face (if you remember)! It can weather any acolyte mistake in the book, but not Susan the mystery prophet! It is these unscripted moments that I think encapsulate the significance of a ministry which both touched us deeply and made us laugh frequently.

If someone at home would please pass my love on to Frieda and let her know that she is in my thoughts and prayers. 🇺🇸

Peace,

Spencer

**EYC news**

Brian Hampton

***Summer mission program 2012***

This year our objectives are to engage in mission and to do so at a low cost (and have a good learning and fun experience).

**WHAT:** To these ends we will be working at the Murphy Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown Ga. Murphy Harpst is a residential treatment services program for behavior disordered and emotionally disturbed children( mostly ages 11-17), nearly all of whom have experienced serious abuse. We will spend part of our time in recreational activities with the children (all activities will be supervised by Murphy Harpst staff) and part of our time on work projects (clean-up, building horse trails etc). We will be under the direction of the recreation therapies coordinator. We will also spend part of our time enjoying ourselves in our own activities as a youth group.

**WHEN:** Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>. (Memorial Day) through Friday June 1.

**WHERE:** We will be working at the Murphy Harpst campus at the end of Fletcher St. in Cedartown. We will be staying overnight at the Polk/Haralson Baptist Association Christian Life Center across from Antioch Church on Antioch Church Rd. about 7 miles south of Cedartown. The facility provides a similar accommodation experience to Camp Mikel (bunk bed/dorm arrangement) but all under one roof. The facility has several separated sleeping and bathroom/shower areas, a chapel, a large kitchen/dining area, and a gym (no shortage of space to carry on multiple four square games).

**HELP NEEDED.** Volunteers needed to provide adult supervision evenings/nights. I will be present but ideally one additional male and two females as chaperones will make this work well. Being less than an hour from Rome, doing one or two nights rather than the whole week should be possible if we can build a workable schedule.

The loan of a large MPV to transport our youth would be a blessing, if you have one and are willing. If not, we rent.

On Friday June 1<sup>ST</sup>. we will be doing a lunchtime cookout for the children at Murphy Harpst. Adult volunteer cooks are welcome!

**DEADLINE:** I need to know who will be attending Summer Mission 2012 by Sunday May 13. 🇺🇸

**Vacation Bible School*****ReNew: The Parable of the Sower*****June 18- 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12 noon**

*ReNew* is an environmentally focused VBS curriculum that guides children to practice good stewardship through caring for the earth and God's creation while growing in their own faith and having fun with others. Daily themes will include: Planting seeds and Taking Root, Growing and Facing Challenges, and Living Together. *ReNew* finds its basis in the Gospel of Mark 4:1-9. "Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Registration forms will be available by mid-May in Daniel Hall. Forms will also be mailed to parents. 🇺🇸

## Is camp in your summer plans?

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**Information:** Camp options for Episcopal Youth. Information provided is from the Camp Mikell website.

### Summer Camps

#### Kids4Peace – Atlanta

Summer Camp for 12-13 year olds

July 2 – July 16

Spaces still available

For applications, see [www.k4p.org/atlanta](http://www.k4p.org/atlanta), or contact

Rev. Sharon Hiers at 404-634-3336 ext 222 or [sharon@stbartsatlanta.org](mailto:sharon@stbartsatlanta.org)

#### Camp Mikell-

##### Mini Camp

Who has more fun – the kids or the parents? This camp is a chance for younger kids to sample summer camp. They live and play and worship just like the big kids, but for a shorter time and with Mom or Dad (or Grandma, or any other responsible adult) by their sides.

May 25-27 for Rising 1st- 2nd graders

##### Traditional Camps

These camps, structured for each individual age group, follow the 67-year-old Mikell tradition where fun, friendship, and God come together to create a joyous, one-of-a kind experience called Camp Mikell. Mornings are dedicated to Christian education and inner reflection while afternoons are spent swimming, hiking, crafting or playing. Older campers get a chance to sign up for the ropes course, climbing tower, creek hike, and other adventures.

Kid Camp 1 May 30- June 4 for Rising 3rd-5th graders

Youth Camp June 7-13 for Rising 10th-12 graders

Intermediate Camp June 16-22 for Rising 8th-9th graders

Junior Camp July 3-9 for Rising 6th-7th graders

Kid Camp 2 July 12-17 for Rising 3-5th graders

##### Performing Arts

During this week, campers bring their talents and interests to the stage to create an unforgettable performance and learn a little about themselves all at once. Afternoons and evenings are spent enjoying regular Mikell activities.

Family and friends are invited to the show, and then, to a picnic lunch at the end of the week. (Note: there is no bus going back to Atlanta at this camp.)

June 24-30 for Rising 4th-9th graders

##### Work Camp

Here is your chance to give back to a place that has given so much to so many. Come work alongside your brothers and sisters for a week of sweat, fun, and ministry. Mornings are spent working on work projects with afternoons and evenings filled with regular Mikell favorites. This session ends after lunch. The bus going back to Atlanta will arrive at approximately 3:00pm.

July 20-25 for Rising 10th graders- just graduated

##### Outdoor Camps

These popular camps are a different way to experience a camp community. Campers live in tents on both Mikell property and nearby trails. They get a chance to try some adventure activities and hike to some beautiful places. A chaplain accompanies each group for an even more meaningful experience.

Outdoor Camp Jr. May 30-June 4 for Rising 6th-7th graders

Outdoor Youth June 16-June 22 for Rising 10th graders- Just graduated

Outdoor Intermediate July 3-9 for Rising 8th-9th graders

##### Guest Camp

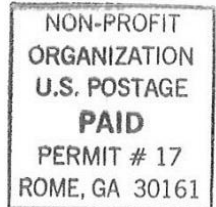
August 31- September 3 for Children, Adults and Families of all ages.

**Additional information including fees and registration can be found at [www.campmikell.com](http://www.campmikell.com)** 



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*Return service requested.*



## Parish news

### The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- ✠ Norman Fletcher on receiving the Distinguished Citizens Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Northwest Georgia District for continued support of the organization throughout his life
- ✠ Rachel Childs, Canterbury president, on winning the American Academy of Poets Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Gordon Barber Memorial Poetry Award, and the Eleanor B. North Creative Writing Award at Berry College Honors Convocation
- ✠ Andye Moss who was named the Good Samaritan Volunteer of the Year at Floyd Medical Center after 13 years of service to the Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary. Andye also volunteers at Good Neighbor Ministries, Hospitality House, William Davies Homeless Shelter, Chieftains Museum, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
- ✠ Emily Thurmond for her T-shirt sales service project to help the students at McHenry Primary buy instruments for their music program. Emily has raised \$900.00 so far. T-shirts can be bought by checking the Music for McHenry Facebook page.
- ✠ Our new confirmands and those who were received on Easter Sunday
 

Janice Holley Houck	Rachel Ann Dunn Jones	Mark Keith Jones
Emily Griffin Johnson	Bryan Thomas Johnson	Kelly Sutherland Mills
Shelley Parris	Catherine Cecilia Varidel	David Williams
- ✠ Kathleen Bracken, mother of Janice Bracken Wright, on the celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### The parish welcomes into the household of God those who were baptized on April 8, 2012

- ✠ Glenn Ray Segrest, Jr.
- ✠ Jasmine Breeze XiaoJing Holley, daughter of Janice Elizabeth Holley Houck
- ✠ JadaJoy Lien Holley, daughter of Janice Elizabeth Holley Houck
- ✠ Caroline Elizabeth Hudgins, daughter of Lucy and Nathaniel Hudgens and granddaughter of Anthea and Bob Evans
- ✠ Abigail Greer Harris, daughter of Norman Harris, Jr. and Mary Jacquelyn Harris. Abigail is also the granddaughter of Jackie Mooney

### The thanks of the parish is extended to the advisor and members of Canterbury Club for their celebration of campus ministry on Canterbury Sunday

- ✠ Rachel Childs—homilist, chalice bearer & Berry College Banner
- ✠ Robert Jimison—organist
- ✠ Jeremy Johnson—1<sup>st</sup> lesson & Chalice Bearer
- ✠ Mary Cate Miller—2<sup>nd</sup> lesson
- ✠ Bethany Evans—Prayers & Georgia Highlands Banner
- ✠ Maggie Paul--Chalice Bearer
- ✠ Tom Dasher (advisor), Lindsay Wilson, Stephen Wyatt--Ushers

### The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- ✠ Frieda and Knox Yeary and family on the death of her husband and his father, James Knox Yeary, on April 18, 2012

