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Vestry Members

Beverly Burnes [Sr. Warden]

[Through 2013]

Jenna Black

Beverly Burnes

Ed Hine

Jack Niedrach

[Through 2014]

Russ Jennings

Andy Moss

Suzanne Scott

Bob Steinbruegge

Newly Elected -

[Through 2015]

Cooper Crawford

David Hunter

John S. Kirkland, Jr.

Jimmy Smith

From the Rector

Over the years, I have come across many parents who wish to get their children more involved in the life of the Church, who want it to be easier to get their children excited about coming to church, and who want to give their children a sound theological grounding...a base on which to grow into adulthood. One of the key vehicles to realizing these wishes is the children's choir.

The children's choir provides an opportunity for our young ones to participate in the life of the community with their friends and helps them learn how to work together in the community. It gives our young ones the opportunity to participate in worship at an early age, allowing them to become more comfortable being in front of the wider community in a worship setting. Participation in the children's choir allows children to connect with worship through music, and as they grow, they have a greater understanding and appreciation for our liturgy. In addition, the hymns and anthems they get to sing are packed with theology, helping children learn the Christian story. It is this story which gives our children a sound base on which to grow into adulthood.

In each church I have had the privilege of serving, either as a lay or ordained minister, there have been common threads. One of those common threads is the importance of a strong children's choir. Children who grow up singing in the choir often want to come to church and be with their peers. They also continue to participate in the life of the parish, musically and in many other ways, throughout their teenage years and into their adult years.

St. Peter's has a strong musical tradition and we have many teenagers who are active in the church through the music program. That program remains a large part of the spiritual formation of our teens. But before they were members of a youth choir, or the acolyte program, and before they became active in mission trips, or youth Sunday school, or other activities at our church, many of our students were members of a children's choir which contributed to their spiritual formation.

I encourage all parents who hope to provide their children with a strong spiritual upbringing in a vibrant community to consider the children's choir at St. Peter's. Practice is on Wednesday nights (contact Cameron O'Riley for details) and there will be opportunities for the children to sing on Sunday mornings in the future. I look forward to the continued growth and development of the children's choir and witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in our children through the gift of music in the years to come.

God's peace be with you,
John ☩

Rector: The Reverend John F. Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Very Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩
Coordinator of Children's Ministries: Cameron O'Riley ☩ Choirmaster & Director of Music: Fred Tarrant ☩ Organist: Wanda Cantrell ☩
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Stewardship – Living Out Our Faith – 2013

“It is our turn”

Buster Wright

For years, we in the St. Peter’s family have verbalized about our journey together and where we should be and how we should get there. We have gone so many places as a group over those years, and have nurtured each other both inside and outside of our family quite well along the way. This time, our hope is to get closer to where we believe Jesus wants us to be based on his teachings. We all have faith that his directions are valid and true. All we have to do is to live out that faith fully. The problem is that not too many, if any, of us are willing to drop everything to do that as completely as his first disciples did. So, are we stuck doing the same things and going in the same directions? We don’t believe that, but positive change is most often difficult to initiate.

About 7 weeks ago, we began another journey but this time we went on a little different path to a more ambitious destination. Arriving at this new place depends on each of us re-evaluating our involvement and offering our strengths and support to reach that intended place together. It will take time and continuous effort to be successful. We need to continue to inventory our talents, expertise, time, interests and energy. At the same time, we need to fund the “expedition” which can only be accomplished by each of us giving as ambitiously as possible.

The good news is that we have made solid progress toward each of us making commitments of time, energy, expertise, and financial support. As of December 31, we have received 155 indications of interest in various ministries from individuals and family units and 153 indications of financial responsibility.

Starting the first week in January, I will compile the results of the ministry choices and give those results to the leaders of those ministries. Then, they will contact those parishioners and follow through with getting them involved. Exciting stuff!!

Also, as of December 31, we have received financial commitments of almost \$500,000 from those 153 St. Peter’s family members which is a net increase of \$37,600 from their contributions in 2012 which is absolutely fantastic. Even with all of the current list of reasons not to increase our level of giving, over 54% of these 153 responded by not only saying “yes!” but “yes, and furthermore.....”.

The not-so-good news is that 49 individuals or family units who made financial commitments last year have yet to respond in any way. If these family members’ financial commitments were the same with no increases, we would have over \$87,000 more to do the work that we have set out to do. We would also have 49 more indications of commitment to various St. Peter’s ministries.

Even more concerning is the fact that 98 individual or families who are still on our parish role have not responded either last year or this year. This is a relatively easy opportunity for evangelism and growth of strength for us as these people have shown a desire at one time or another to be a member of the St. Peter’s family.

For some reason, these family members do not see the advantages of more active participation or “what’s in it for them”. We will continue to reach out to them and to give them an opportunity to express themselves about their connection with us.

I may need your help in that as time goes on. These conversations are sometimes sensitive and personal, and while we cannot and will not force participation, we also cannot and should not ignore these folks.

Our life together has an exciting new beginning with John Herring’s coming to lead us and we have huge opportunity to support each other more, to help our younger members to grow in our faith and traditions, and to minister to others outside of our family more broadly, all of which ends up blessing each of us. There is no downside to that.

All the best to you and yours for 2013, and once again, thank you for the honor of being asked to lead this Stewardship effort.

Canterbury Tales

Janice Bracken Wright

During the year ahead, this column will shine a spotlight on Canterbury Club graduates whose lives our parish has touched through campus ministry at Berry College, Georgia Highlands College and Shorter University. Often you ask me, "Where are they now and what are they doing?" I think you will be surprised and delighted to hear their stories.

Will Faircloth and Ella Bell were active participants in Canterbury Club during their time at Berry College from 1998 – 2002. In Will's words, they considered St. Peter's "their spiritual home." Many St. Peter's parishioners will remember Will's outstanding student homily on Canterbury Sunday 2002.

Will and Ella were married at St. Peter's on May 24, 2003. Ella's home church pastor presided at the Liturgy of the Word and their Canterbury Club chaplain celebrated the Eucharist. Will writes, "Having both a man and woman minister jointly was a priceless element of the service, and we loved starting our marriage with Eucharist among all those present."

The Faircloths went on to pursue graduate studies at Duke University where Ella earned an International ESL (English as a Second Language) Certificate and Will earned a Master of Theological Studies degree.

Called as missionaries by the United Methodist Church, Will and Ella arrived in Costa Rica on September 17, 2004. There they have been instrumental in building a Methodist Children's Home from the ground up.

Now in their ninth year in Costa Rica, Ella is a board member and Assistant Director of the Methodist Children's Home. She also participates actively in the life of the local church. She plans the weekly lessons and activities for the Los Guido children's center. Will is a professor at the Methodist Seminary, working both at the central campus and at several regional centers. He has given classes on the Old and New Testaments, prophetic books, Christian ethics, and liturgy and worship.

Will writes, "I still frequently use the small red prayerbook that you gave to me back in the fall of 1999. Ella got me the Spanish version a few years later, and I use prayers from it often with students and friends here in Costa Rica."

Will and Ella Faircloth invite you to follow their lives and ministry at this web site:
<http://www.fairclothcostarica.com> .



Vocare



Canterbury Club encourages all college students to consider attending **Vocare**, a spiritual retreat weekend for young adults (ages 18-30), which will be held January 25-27 at Mikell Camp & conference Center, Toccoa. To learn more and to register, visit vocareingeorgia.org, or contact Tony Morris, lay rector for the weekend, at rector@vocareingeorgia.org. Registration deadline is January 14. Scholarship assistance is available through Canterbury Club (contact Janice Wright).

January schedules

Adult Forum

Altar Guild **Contact: Frieda Yeary/Helen Keaten**
MJ Chisholm and Laura Davis ©, Patti Barron, Lea Duncan, Vicki Gilliam, Gin Gunther, Helen Keaten, Mary Patton

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

1/13 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry
1/20 Sarah/Charlie Hardaker, Ann/George Pullen, Winston Sirmans
1/27 Tricia Richards, Jimmy Kelley, Mike Alexander, David Hunter, Pete Gilbert

Children's Chapel

Greeters Contact: Mary Kirkland, 291-0558

Sarah Kilgore©, Em Dempsey, Andye Moss, David Carlton, Karen Hellreigel, Sharon Mull

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

Nancy Knight ©, Annette Morris, Anthea Evans, Hollye Smith, Laura Frederick, Marny Busbin, Mary Kirkland, Meredith Cole, Randa Mixon

Soup Kitchen

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

Mon Frances Knight©, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Helen Keaten, Anne Kasiser, Bob Evans, Beth Starnes, Cary Kilgore
Tues Ann Laughlin©, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester, Suzy Gilbert, June Dellis, Janet Morris, Cary Kilgore, Anne Kerr, Marny Busbin
Wed Cary Kilgore©, Sylvia Hine, John Hine, Dana Edgens, Elaine Smith, David Norman, Larry Osborn, Randy Muller
Thurs Rich Molnar©, Barb Molnar, Laura Frederick, Betsy Awsumb, Lilli Tucker, Tracy Page, Cary Kilgore, Kathy Steinbruegge, Em Dempsey
Friday Andye Moss©, Ann Laughlin, Zibby White, Bill Knight, Cissy Rogers, Larry Osborn, Cary Kilgore, Will Dellis, Randy Muller
Subs Laurie Hubbard, Barbara Dixon, Meg Eberhart, Nancy Hunter, Sherron Mull, Nell Warren, Ann Spears, Ann Pullen, Laura Davis, Gin Gunther, Patti Brown, Randa Mixon, Mai Mai Kelly, Jan Flippen, Bess Crawford (tally), Beth Hughes, Al Bonnyman, Jim Dixon, Larry Osborn, Will Dellis, George Pullen, Leamon Scott, Henry Brown, Spenser Musick

Ushers

Contact: Leamon Scott, 234-7545

John Hine, David Williams, Mike Alexander, Bruce Hunter

Vestry of the Month: Jenna Black

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

Date/Svc	Reader/Prayers	Chalice Bearer	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Prayers
Wed 1/2 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough			
Sun 1/6 8:30 am	John Duncan	John Duncan			
10:00 am		Steve Stutts Buster Wright Andye Moss	Jack Niedrach	Lea Duncan	Janet Byington
Wed 1/9 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton			
Sun 1/13 8:30 am	Spenser Musick	Spenser Musick			
10:00 am		Stephen Patton Tom Dasher Bill Byington	Delores Nowell	Zibby White	Wade Carpenter
Wed 1/16 5:30 pm	Tricia Richards	Frieda Yeary			
Sun 1/20 8:30 am	Mark Jester	Mark Jester			
10:00 am		Curt Yarbrough Cameron O'Riley Bryant Steele	David Harvey	Bob Berry	Alexandra Carlton
Wed 1/23 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough			
Sun 1/27 8:30 am	Spenser Musick	Spenser Musick			
10:00 am		Frieda Yeary Steve Stutts Sunny Knauss	D'Ann Downey	Bob Steinbruegge	Randa Mixon
Wed 1/30 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton			

January calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All weekly schedules are noted on line below – any changes or additions are noted on the actual date.						
Sunday Worship 8:30 Rite I, Chapel 9:00 Breakfast (Daniel Hall) 10:00 Rite II, Church 11:00 Christian Ed 4:00 EfM		Tuesday Worship 12:15 Healing Service	Wed Schedule 5:30 Celtic Eucharist, Chapel 6:15 Children & Youth Choir (except 2 nd Wed) 6:45 EYC 7:30 Choir	Thur Schedule 10:00 Bible Study		
		1	2	3 No Bible Study	4	5
6 Epiphany The Epiphany Pageant, Church	7	8	9	10 Bible Study Resumes – The Revelation to John	11	12
13 1 Epiphany Adult Forum and Daughters of the King begin	14	15 5 pm Vestry Mtg, Chapel	16	17	18	19
20 2 Epiphany	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Ofc Closed)	22	23	24	25 25-27 Vocare Weekend for College Students/Young Adults, Camp Mikell	26
27 3 Epiphany	28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 3px double #4b0082; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 9 A.M. – 1 P.M. SOUP KITCHEN </div>	

Oh, the places we've been! JOY trips over the years (2001-2012)

Janice Bracken Wright

To paraphrase Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the places we've been" since our JOY group was formed twelve years ago. Inspired by Margie Harbin and designed for those over 50 years of age, the JOY group provides fellowship and travel opportunities for parishioners, Episcopalians in our Northwest Georgia Convocation, and their friends throughout the community. JOY stands for "Just Older Youth" which is as much an attitude as an acronym.

Take a trip down memory lane with this list of all the JOY trips we have made together. Then send your ideas and suggestions for future JOY adventures. "Oh, the places we'll go!"

<p>2001</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) Lunch & Learn with Emily Saltino (Horseleg Plantation, Rome, Georgia) Musical Summer Lunch at Shorter College (Rome, Georgia) Atlanta History Center & Swan House (Atlanta) Southern Belle Riverboat cruise (Chattanooga, Tennessee) Oak Hill & Martha Berry Museum (Rome, Georgia) <p>2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham Museum of Art (Birmingham, Alabama) Cathedral of St. Philip Behind the Scenes Tour (Atlanta) Fernbank Museum of Natural History with IMAX movie (Atlanta) Lunch & Learn with Mohamad Shorbagi: The Faith of Islam (Coosa Country Club, Rome, Georgia) Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) <i>Mamma Mia</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) Holiday Shopping Shuttle to North Georgia Premium Outlets (Dawsonville, Georgia) <p>2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Disney's The Lion King</i> (Atlanta Civic Center, Atlanta) Barnsley Gardens with lunch at the historic Rice House (Kingston, Georgia) Bluff View Art District (Chattanooga, Tennessee) Carter Center & lunch at Manuel's Tavern (Atlanta) <i>Riverdance</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) Holiday Shopping Shuttle to Discover Mills (Atlanta) <p>2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennessee Aquarium & 3D IMAX Theater (Chattanooga, Tennessee) <i>Chihuly in the Garden</i> at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) <i>The Producers</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) Atlanta Greek Festival (Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Atlanta) <p>2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNN Center & lunch at The Varsity (Atlanta) <i>Movin' Out</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) National Cornbread Festival (South Pittsburg, Tennessee) Cathedral of St. Philip Behind the Scenes tour & lunch with Bishop Alexander (Atlanta) Atlanta Greek Festival (Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Atlanta) Holiday Shopping Shuttle to the North Georgia Premium Outlets (Dawsonville, Georgia) <p>2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>First Ladies</i> at The Carter Center & lunch at Manuel's Tavern (Atlanta) Georgia Aquarium (Atlanta) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Niki in the Garden</i> exhibit at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) Behind the scenes at St. Luke's Church and All Saints Church with lunch at The Varsity (Atlanta) Southern Belle Riverboat cruise (Chattanooga, Tennessee) <p>2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southeastern Flower Show (Atlanta) <i>Orchid Daze</i> at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) World of Coca-Cola & lunch at Manuel's Tavern (Atlanta) Zoo Atlanta (Atlanta) <i>Pompeii: Tales from an Eruption</i> exhibit (Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama) <p>2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Menopause the Musical</i> (Fourteenth Street Playhouse, Atlanta) Michael Carlos Museum (Emory University, Atlanta) <i>The Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins</i> and the IMAX movie <i>Antarctica</i> (Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta) <i>Wicked</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) <p>2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Tutankhamun & the Golden Age of Pharaohs</i> exhibit (Atlanta Civic Center) & lunch at Manuel's Tavern (Atlanta) <i>The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army</i> exhibit (High Museum of Art, Atlanta) Georgia Shakespeare Festival production of <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> (Atlanta) <p>2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Diana: a Celebration</i> exhibit (Atlanta Civic Center) & lunch at Manuel's Tavern (Atlanta) <i>On the Threshold of Something New: a Lenten Retreat for Women of a Certain Age</i> (St. Peter's, Rome, Georgia) <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i> (Fox Theatre, Atlanta) Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta) <p>2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Celebrating the Ladies</i> with Susan Harvey (St. Peter's, Rome, Georgia) Southeastern Flower Show (Atlanta) <i>Into the Woods</i> (Alliance Theatre, Atlanta) Holiday Shopping Shuttle to North Georgia Premium Outlets (Dawsonville, Georgia) <p>2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathedral Antiques Show & Sale (Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta) Gibbs Gardens (Ballground, Georgia) <i>Autumn Leaves & Lunch: Roman Holiday</i> river cruise (Rome, Georgia) Norman Rockwell's <i>America</i> exhibit (Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama) 
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St. Peter's Epiphany Pageant 2013

Cameron O'Riley

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts – 58 children, teens and a dog to be precise! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped with the pageant on Sunday, January 6! Kids for practicing your lines and being just overall precious. Parents for getting your children to rehearsals and encouraging them. And others: row monitors, food servers, costume fitters, musicians, and many more. It was all possible because of you. You are the bearers of the light of Christ. Happy Epiphany everybody! 🇫🇷



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Parish news

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- † Carolyn and David Brearley on the birth of their son, Joseph Walker Brearley, on November 28, 2012. Walker is the grandson of Catherine and Joe Seigler
- † Suzanne and Leamon Scott on the birth of their granddaughter, Adeline Louise Scott, on December 9, 2012, in Portland, Oregon. Adeline is the daughter of Chelsea Terris and Jonathan Scott
- † Margaret Ingram and Bryant Steele for publishing prose and poetry in the newly released *Lavender Mountain Anthology*. Margaret's story, "The Lesson," was also published in the Southeastern Writers Newsletter
- † Virginia Dailey Hunter and Robert Franklin Dewling III on their marriage December 15, 2012, at St. Peter's. Dailey is the daughter of Patty and Bruce Hunter

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- † The family of Wanda Taylor on the death of her father, James Lee Marcus, on November 21, 2012, in South Carolina
- † Anna Erickson Baumann on the death of her grandfather, Thomas Erickson, on December 15, 2012
- † Linda and Ed Hine on the death of her mother, Mary Dean Towers Harris, on December 16, 2012

