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Vestry Members

Beverly Burnes [Sr. Warden]
Russ Jennings [Jr. 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

Cameron O'Riley Admitted as Postulant to Holy Orders in the Diocese of Atlanta

by Spencer Musick

Children's Ministries Coordinator Cameron O'Riley has been admitted to Postulancy for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Atlanta.

When asked what factors led her in this direction, Cameron pointed first to her years at Shorter College where she felt an "early call to ministry" of some form during her junior year. She also cites conversations with Revs. LaRae Rutenbar and Greg Tallant as early influences in encouraging her to consider a call to the priesthood.

Saying that she has been equally encouraged by John Herring and Janice Bracken Wright, Cameron says, "John and Janice have been so supportive through the various stages this year. They rejoiced with me when I learned I was being recommended to the Commission on Ministry, they offered praise upon my acceptance as a postulate, and they have graciously written numerous recommendation letters to seminaries and scholarship committees on my behalf."

Cameron recalls that throughout her life, "church has been home" for her. Having already embarked on a career in social work, she says that "in social work, there are certain criteria that people must meet in order for me to help them," whereas "with ministry, God's love is free for all" and that she will be able to reach out to people without as many barriers between her and those in need.

Most importantly, Cameron cites the big influence of the St. Peter's family as a huge factor in her decision to pursue a call to the priesthood. Even so, she hates the reality and sobering effect of having to leave St. Peter's.

So far, Cameron has visited and been accepted to both the Theology School at Sewanee, University of the South, and the General Theological Seminary in Chelsea, New York. She is scheduled to visit Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia in late April.

St. Peter's family is aware of the wonderful creativity she has brought to the youth and children's ministry during her tenure and though she will be missed, the parish is glad to say to her, "God speed." 🇺🇸



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Canterbury Tales

Janice Bracken Wright

During the months 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.

Meghan Howard was a member of Canterbury Club at Berry College from 2003 – 2007. Here is an update from Meghan in her own words:

I went to an Ash Wednesday service this year and while there, realized it was the first time I had attended that particular service since leaving St. Peter's. It brought back many happy memories. And I will admit to being just a little bit envious every time Janice posts about a Canterbury Club dinner at her house and I'm too far away to get there in time!

After graduating from Berry in 2007, I moved to Greensboro, North Carolina to attend Elon University School of Law. At the time, the law school was just beginning its second year of existence so I was able to be a part of helping to build the school into the fully accredited institution it is now. I helped to found the law school's LGBTQ student organization which we named "OutLaw" and served as its Vice President for two years and President for one. I also served as a student representative for my class to the Student Bar Association for two years.

During the summers, I interned with Legal Aid of North Carolina in the Greensboro office, helping with cases relating to housing and unemployment issues and even being able to represent clients at hearings for unemployment cases. I also did two clinical semesters with Legal Aid during my second year of law school.

I graduated from law school in May of 2010 and then took and passed the Bar Exam in North Carolina that summer. For a brief period of time I was living with my family in Augusta, Georgia, but I am back in North Carolina living in Charlotte now and working for a document review company helping to facilitate civil litigation issues.

I have two cats, Alex and Mackenzie, and have been in a loving relationship with the same wonderful woman for over three years.

While law school was challenging, I feel as though it was one of the best decisions I've made. Spending three years among that many outspoken individuals has helped me to find my own voice and provided an appropriate channel for my tendency to argue about everything. More than one friend has told me that they wish they could introduce me as I am now to the person I was when I started attending Berry or even to the person I was when I graduated from Berry.

I still remember St. Peter's with fondness. It was such a different church from what I was familiar with prior to attending there and the warmth of the people and their willingness to challenge and be challenged on all issues has remained with me. 🇺🇸





Dear St. Peter's Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, words of sympathy, and thoughts following the sudden death of my father. Words cannot express my grief, but please know that my heart was filled with warmth by all the support. I'm very blessed to be a part of your church.

With much love and blessings,

Terri Borchardt

Thank you, Canterbury Club

Janice Bracken Wright

SPECIAL THANKS to all **Canterbury Club** members, alums, and advisors who made **Canterbury Sunday** such a meaningful experience for all of us and to those who support Canterbury Club throughout the year: homilist, Maggie Paul; readers, Mary Cate Miller and Marc Deguzis; intercessor, John Evans; banner bearers, Bethany Evans, Sunny Knauss (alum) and Brinkley Edge; chalice bearer, Spencer Musick; ushers, Lindsay Wilson (alum) and Tom Dasher (advisor); additional advisors, Amanda Law, Brett Kennedy, Becky Sims and Terry Morris. 🇺🇸

From the Editors: We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Janice Bracken Wright who has imagined, organized, and implemented all things Canterbury in her usual perfectly beautiful form.



Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop

When: Saturday, June 8, 2013
Where: Daniel Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Presenters: Liesl Bold and Jane Cunningham
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

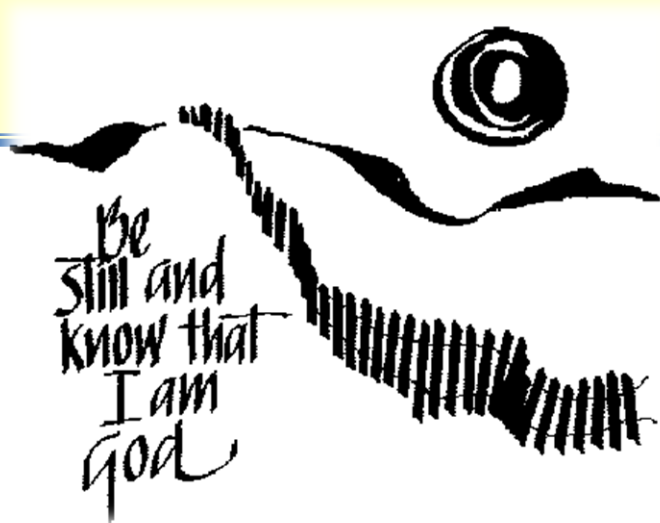
Bring a sack lunch!

RSVP: Liesl Bold, lieslbold@gmail.com, 706 936 0719
Jane Cunningham, missjane1@mac.com

Centering Prayer is a method of Christian meditation that comes out of the early Christian monastic tradition. It is designed to facilitate a more contemplative prayer life where we learn to open our hearts and minds-our whole being-to God the Ultimate Mystery. John of the Cross said "Silence is God's first language."

Contemplative prayer is a wordless, trusting openness of self to the divine presence.

Join us for a day of learning, sharing, prayer, and silence.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Peter's is going OVERBOARD for Vacation Bible School this summer! School will be ending soon and summer break will officially be upon us. This fun filled VBS is for everyone between the ages of 3 to rising 6th graders. We will begin Monday June 10, 2012 and will continue through Friday June 14, 2013. Each day we will gather in Daniel Hall to begin at 9:00am and conclude by 12:00pm and "Dare to go deep with God!" Operation Overboard, an underwater themed VBS, has something for everyone! Each day of VBS we will focus on a theme for developing Deep Faith: Depending on God, Daring to Care, Claiming Jesus, Choosing to Following, and Changing the World.

There will be nursery available all five days from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for babies and toddlers of volunteers.

Hollye Smith and I have been meeting and praying about VBS for some time now and we would like to ask you to participate. We are currently recruiting Dive Masters and Dive Guides. Dive Masters would be willing to commit to and oversee diving stations. Dive Guides will assist our "divers" as they navigate the waters of VBS. Diving Stations include:

- Bible Storytelling
- Crafts
- Recreation
- Music
- Discovery Center
- Snack
- Missions
- Preschool
- Assembly
- Decorations

Please be considering where you feel led to serve the children of St. Peter's this summer. I hope that you will join us on this journey into the waters of Christ. Hollye and I will be in touch soon to discuss your interests and arrange for a planning meeting.

In Peace,
Cameron O'Riley
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Margaret and Virginia Olivera, Amelia and Madeline Herring show off the Easter gardens they made in Sunday School.

May schedules

Adult Forum

5/5 John Herring
5/12 TBD

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

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

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

5/5 Rob Page, Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Al Bonnyman, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington
5/12 John Hine, Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith, Bill Fricks
5/19 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry
5/26 Sarah/Charlie Hardaker, Ann/George Pullen, Winston Sirmans

Children's Chapel

5/5 MJ Chisholm and Nancy Hunter
5/12 Beth Hughes and Cameron O'Riley
5/19 Lulie Chin and Sara Harbin
5/26 Amy Massey and Cameron O'Riley

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

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

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

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

Soup Kitchen

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

Mon: Frances Knight©, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Helen Keaten, Ann Kaiser, 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: Andy Moss©, Ann Laughlin, Zibby White, Bill Knight, Cissy Rogers, Larry Osborn, Cary Kilgore, Randy Muller, Llesl Bold
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, Spencer Musick

Ushers

Contact: Leamon Scott, 234-7545

John Burnes, Lisa Bell, Jerry Norman, Al Bonnyman

Vestry of the Month: Beverly Burnes

Wednesday Night Children's Supper (5:40-6:00pm; \$2 per person)

4/3 Tacos
4/10 Hot dogs and chips
4/17 Spaghetti and Salad
4/24 Meatloaf and potatoes

Soup kitchen news for April

Sue Anderson and Bill Schoepski

The soup kitchen volunteers at St. Peter's served almost 550 means, take outs included in April. There were thirty-seven volunteers who prepped, cooked, served, and cleaned Daniel Hall during the last week of the month. Six of those volunteers worked more than one day. One volunteer is a new communicant at St. Peter's. The meals were hearty, flavorful, and much appreciated by the guests. St. Peter's lunch guests sometimes come as early as 8:30 a.m. and enjoy coffee, conversation, and snacks (when available) until lunch is served at 11:30. The meals served are supplemented by several local restaurants. The *Letters to the Romans* plans to feature each of these in future publications. 🇺🇸

| Day of week | Adult | Child | Male | Female | White | Black | Hispanic | To-Go | TOTAL SERVED |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| April 22-26 | | | | | | | | | |
| Monday | 75 | 1 | 58 | 18 | 38 | 37 | 1 | 20 | 96 |
| Tuesday | 76 | 1 | 51 | 26 | 41 | 35 | 1 | 22 | 99 |
| Wednesday | 70 | 2 | 51 | 21 | 41 | 30 | 1 | 43 | 115 |
| Thursday | 94 | 5 | 60 | 39 | 55 | 38 | 6 | 21 | 120 |
| Friday | 85 | 9 | 57 | 37 | 40 | 51 | 3 | 25 | 119 |
| TOTALS | 400 | 18 | 277 | 141 | 215 | 191 | 12 | 131 | 549 |

May calendar

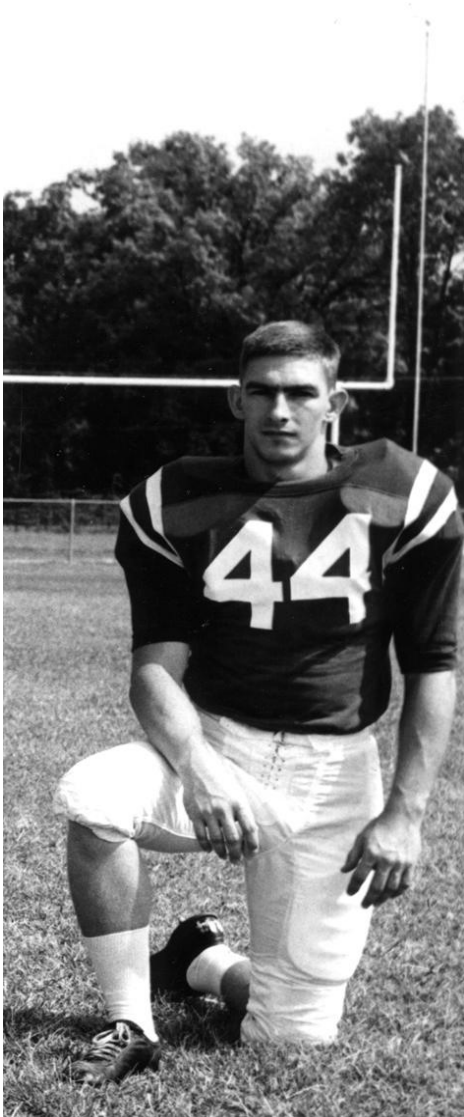
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---|---|---|--|----------|
| All weekly schedules are noted on line below – any changes or additions are noted on the actual date. | | | | | | |
| Sunday Worship 8:30 Rite I, Chapel 9:00 Breakfast (Daniel Hall) 10:00 Rite II, Church 11:00 Christian Ed 4:00 EfM | | Tuesday Worship 12:15 Healing Service | Wed Schedule 5:30 Celtic Eucharist, Chapel 5:40 Children's supper 6:00 Children's choirs & caregiver coffee 7:30 Choir 9:00 Compline & Conversation, Berry, Adm Living Room | Thur Schedule 10:00 Bible Study | 3 | 4 |
| 5 6 Easter Youth Recognition Sunday EYC Bake Sale | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 7 Easter Mother's Day Last Day of Sunday School | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday Adult Forum Ends | 20 | 21 5:30 pm Vestry Mtg | 22 | 23 | 24 Newsletter Deadline | 25 |
| 26 Trinity Sunday | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Bible Study Ends | 8:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. SOUP KITCHEN | |



Congratulations to all our graduates!

Divinely inspired gift boosts athletic programs

Editors' note: Thought you would like to know. Reprinted from "Sewanee Tomorrow."



The Rev. Canon James Knox Yeary was one of Sewanee's double alumni, having graduated from the College in 1964 with a major in classical languages and from the School of Theology in 1969 with the Master of Divinity. In 1989, Yeary also earned the D. Min. Except for a two-year stint in Lafayette, Louisiana, Yeary spent his professional life in the Diocese of Atlanta, serving parishes in LaGrange, Rome, and Atlanta. He also served in many capacities as a volunteer for his alma mater--as a Regent and Trustee as well as on various boards and advisory groups--and in 2007 was recognized with the John R. Crawford, C'28, Alumni Service Award.

Yeary was a determined priest, scholar, volunteer, and friend, with personal habits formed early in the classroom and on the athletic field. In a *Sewanee Purple* article written in 1963, the writer highlights Yeary's determination:

Jim Yeary's tenacity helps to overcome adversity. And now Jim is helping Sewanee in its bid for the fourth undefeated history in her history. A senior fullback at the University of the South, Jim' major is the classics. And a classic player he is... Patience and determination to play again [after injury] this season, his last, paid off last Saturday when Jim saw action again in Sewanee's 35-6 win over Washington and Lee.

The Yearys met in the spring of Jimmy's senior year, so Frieda Yeary missed seeing him play, but confirms much of the Purple story. Prior to that season, Dr. Kirby-Smith operated on him at Emerald Hodgson, to repair damage to a shoulder. Yeary learned a new position and came back from injury to inspire teammates. "When he felt strongly about something, he really could be tenacious," says Mrs. Yeary. "He wanted to be a priest, and he prepared himself for his ministry, and was wonderful in that role."

The Yearys have provided financial support for a number of causes at Sewanee, including scholarship funds, the annual fund, as well as a very generous medical emergency fund that provides assistance to students, faculty and staff of the School of Theology. "We thought long and hard about what to name that fund," says Yeary. "When Jim was in school, the little St. Luke's Chapel was the home of the seminary, so we wanted to honor that part of the institution's history. And also, St. Luke himself was a physician, so we thought that was a doubly appropriate name for the medical emergency fund." It seems fitting, now, that Mrs. Yeary has honored Jim's love and passion for Sewanee athletics with a gift to the turf field project. As a member of the 1963 undefeated football team, Father Yeary--or Jimmy, as he was known by teammates--would have approved.

When complete, new turf at the football and soccer/lacrosse fields will enhance Sewanee's ability to use these fields for a variety of events and provide a safer playing surface for athletes. Several parents and other friends have already responded to the goals of the turf field project. About 20% of the goal of \$500,000 has been received but time is getting close for raising the funds in order to undertake and complete the work for the fall season. For more information about this project, visit <http://give.sewanee.edu/initiatives/capital/athletic/turf-fields> or contact Robert Black at 800-367-1179.



Parish news

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- ✠ Mary and Matt Sawhill on the birth of their son, Matthew Townsend Sawhill, Jr. who was born on April 4, 2013. Townsend is the grandson of Lee and Charles Hight and Carol and Murray McCann
- ✠ Mary Patterson "Molly" Kelly and Charles Harrison Steeves on their marriage at St. Peter's on April 13, 2013. Molly is the daughter of MaiMai and Bill Kelly and the granddaughter of Jodi Selman
- ✠ Casey Kornek and Allen Pruett on their marriage April 13, 2013
- ✠ Emily Thurmond who will compete in the state tennis championships as a member of the Darlington girls' team. Emily is the daughter of Beverly and Mike Thurmond
- ✠ Catherine Varidel on the birth of 5 boys and 2 girls from her guide dog, Gryphon, and Phoenix on April 15, 2013

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- ✠ The family of Jacqueline R. Hight on her death April 16, 2013, in Enterprise, AL
- ✠ Nancy Starr and Gin and Steve Gunther on the death of her husband and her father, Dr. Harlan McKinney Starr , on April 28, 2012, in Rome 🇺🇸

Family picnic at Clocktower Hill





St. Peter's children's and youth's schedules

Cameron O'Riley

Programming for children will be wrapping up for the summer and will return in the fall. Choir for Children and Youth as well as Wednesday night supper will end on May 8. EYC will meet for one more week on May 15. Please take note of the last item on the list

Wednesday Night Schedule for Children and Youth

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| 5:40-6:00p | Children's Supper May 1- Chicken Noodle Soup and Sandwiches May 8- Hamburgers and IceCream Sandwiches |
| 6:00- 6:30p | Beginner Choir (Pre-K and Kindergarten) in the Godly Play Room on the 2nd floor Junior Choir (1st-5th grade) in the yellow choir room on the 3rd floor. Caregiver Coffee and Conversation in Daniel Hall |
| 6:15p | Youth Choir in the Adult Choir Room |
| 6:45-8p | EYC Wednesday Night activities |

Children's Chapel Schedule

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| May 5 | MJ Chisholm and Nancy Hunter |
| May 12 | Beth Hughes and Cameron O'Riley |
| May 19 | Lulie Chin and Sara Harbin |
| May 26 | Amy Massey and Cameron O'Riley |

(Seeking Volunteers for Children's Chapel for the Summer and next school year. Contact Cameron if interested.)

Save the Date: Children and Youth Events

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|------------|---|
| May 5 | Youth Recognition Sunday |
| May 12 | Last day of Sunday School classes |
| May 19 | Summer Celebration |
| June 1 | EYC Paddling down the Etowah |
| June 10-14 | Operation Overboard: Vacation Bible School |
| June 12 | EYC Schroeder's Night |
| June 15-23 | EYC Summer Mission to Houston |
| July 8 | EYC Action Ministries: Smart Lunch, Smart Kid |



EYC Bake Sale- May 5

St Peter's Youth are preparing for the summer heat by heating up the kitchen to raise money for this year's Summer Mission Trip to Houston, Texas. Stop by Daniel Hall on Sunday morning May 5 and show your support!



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Return service requested.

Puppies!!

Catherine Varidel's guide dog, Gryphon, is a familiar sight around St. Peter's. Congratulations to proud papa Gryphon, along with mom Phoenix, and human mom Catherine on the April 15th birth of 5 boys and 2 girls (pictured below with the tired mom).



2 days old

