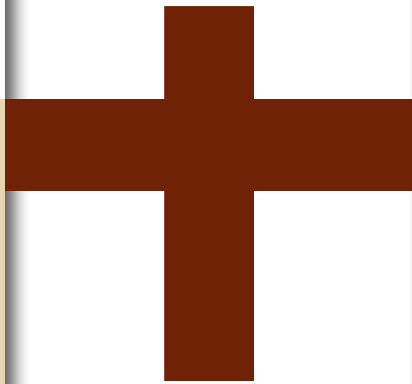


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A Progress Report from the Rector

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am writing to give you an update in regards to our capital campaign, which concluded on June 30th. We had a flurry of activity and gifts in the final two weeks of the campaign and ended up with over \$2.2 million in gifts and pledges, representing 93% of our goal. This is a significant achievement and speaks volumes about the generosity of the people here at St. Peter's. It also highlights the fact that many people at St. Peter's share a vision to make our beloved church a more accessible space, that truly welcomes people of all abilities. Thank you all for your generosity and support! Also, please remember to thank John Burnes and David Hunter, who have worked tirelessly on this campaign to ensure its success.

It is time to move on into the next phase of the project. A building committee has been formed. It is being chaired by Nancy Knight, and includes Beverly Burnes (Senior Warden), Cooper Crawford (Vestry), Laurie Hubbard, Mary Kirkland, and George Thomason. This is a very competent group and I am thrilled they all agreed to serve in this capacity. Right now, the Building Committee is working with the city on variance and permitting processes. In addition, the committee, along with the architects, is finalizing the details of the building plans, based on the amount of money raised. These final plans will be subject to vestry approval. After the plans are finalized the committee will proceed to bid out the project. After the bids come in, we will know the final cost of the project. I can assure everyone that the current plans, as they pertain to the accessibility issues in our buildings, will remain intact. What's more, we will be able to make improvements to our nave, chancel, sanctuary, sacristy, and vesting room, to name a few things.

We still do not have a fixed date, in terms of the beginning of demolition and construction. But, we are hoping to begin in January. That said, we simply do not have enough information to guarantee a start date yet. As soon as the building committee has the proper information, we will be able to inform the parish.

These are exciting times. \$2.2 million is a significant commitment from the people of St. Peter's. It is something of which we can be proud. Soon, we will see the results of years of hard work, as all people will be able to enter our beautiful building with greater ease. I am eagerly anticipating that day when we can say, without reservation, The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

God's Peace Be With You,

John

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BIO FOR THE REV. (THELMA MONIQUE) NIKKI PANTON MATHIS

The Reverend Nikki Mathis has been called to St. Peter's as Associate Rector. She will be responsible for Children and Youth Ministries. Her first Sunday will be October 27. The Rev. Nikki Mathis is currently the Associate Dean for Community Life at The School of Theology, Sewanee, University of the South, where she has served for the past year and a half. Previously, she served as the associate rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she ministered since June of 2008. Before entering the priesthood in 2008, Rev. Mathis worked as a licensed clinical social worker, enjoying a career that spanned nearly 20 years. During that time, her research earned publication in the *Journal of Family Social Work*. She received her bachelor's degree from Emory University, as well as two graduate degrees, a Master of Social Work from the University of Georgia, and a Master of Divinity from The School of Theology, Sewanee, University of the South. She is also a graduate of the inaugural class of Project Rising Sun, a ministerial leadership program sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education. During her time at St. Paul's, she also served as a member of the Executive Board for the Diocese of Atlanta, and she has served on the Title IV Revision Committee. Rev. Mathis also served as faculty for the Episcopal Preaching Foundation's National Preaching Excellence Program.

While at the School of Theology, she became the first African American to serve as president of the student body. During this time, Rev. Mathis was also a recipient of the Woods Leadership Award, and the Urban T. Holmes III Prize for Excellence in Preaching. Since entering the priesthood, Rev. Mathis has authored a number of articles and sermons in publications that include the *Sewanee Theological Review*, The Episcopal Preaching Foundation's *Preaching the Beatitudes*, and *The Alban Weekly*. She is currently a recipient of a grant from the College of Pastoral Leaders from Austin Seminary.

She is married to the wonderful Vincent Mathis, and together they have one incredible and miraculous blessing in the person of a new baby boy, Master Ethan Christopher Mathis, born in November of 2012.

The Thanks of the LTR Staff *From Andye and Marny*

Getting the newsletter out every month is a huge effort which could not be done without the many parishioners who write articles, take pictures, and suggest ideas. We are thankful for all of you who have helped during the past year and we look forward to your continued help as we begin 2013-2014 issues of the LTR. We hope we haven't left anyone out, but if we have, let us know!

John Herring, Janice Bracken Wright, Beverly Burnes, Randy Warley, Suzanne Scott, George Thomason, Cameron O'Riley, John Lanier, Buster Wright, Sue Anderson, Billy Byars, Jane Cunningham, Liesl Bold, Jerry Dunwoody, and Bill Schoeski for contributing articles and information. The pictures of Curt Yarbrough, Dagmar Schmitz-Carlton, Cameron O'Riley, Stefanie Thrasher and Al Bonnyman have made the issues more interesting and have provided visually interesting copy. With out the help of Terri Borchart keeping us informed about the many happenings at St. Peter's as well as her computer skills, we could not do this job.

Our issues were made visually interesting and readable because of the graphic design talents of Pat Douglas who has moved away. We will miss her talents and wish her Godspeed in her new parish.

We welcome Spencer Musick to our writing staff and have already enjoyed his expertise in quickly getting information and writing it so well.



SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAMS REIMAGINED, REVAMPED FOR UPCOMING YEAR - BY SPENCER MUSICK

New formation opportunities abound for children, youth, and adults throughout this Sunday School year. St. Peter's will offer a wide variety of programming to engage parishioners of all ages after the 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist. Significant changes have been made to the structure and content of programming for children and youth. In addition, adults will now have a variety of different opportunities for Christian formation from which to choose.

The new curriculum for children, Weaving God's Promises, will replace Godly Play for 3yr-5th graders. According to the curriculum materials, Weaving God's Promises is "a comprehensive program designed to provide children with basic knowledge of Church teachings in Christian education, worship and service, the three elements essential to the practice of our faith." Ages 3yr to Kindergarten will meet in the room next to the nursery; Lea Duncan and Connie Ortmeier will lead this group. Classes for 1st-5th graders will be held in the first room on the left of the third floor of the Hight Building. Lulie Chin will be the lead teacher for this age group, with Hollye Smith and Helen Lansing alternating teaching every other weekend.

Programming for the Jr. and Sr. EYC will also feature a new curriculum: Journey to Adulthood. According to the curriculum outline, Journey to Adulthood "is a comprehensive youth program of spiritual formation for 6th - 12th grades using Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and a variety of activities." It is divided into three two-year segments:

(1) Rite 13, the course for 6th and 7th graders, is a liturgy aimed at guiding its participants on the journey from childhood to adulthood. Loosely based on the Jewish bar/bat Mitzvah, it celebrates "the individuality of each young person and their creative potential, while exploring Biblical stories of God and God's people," according to materials on the course website linked

below. Rite 13 will meet on the 3rd floor of the Hight building, first room on the right. Teachers for this class are Keri Herring, Jackie Trammell and Amanda Law.

(2) Making it Real and Relevant, the course for 8th-10 grades, will enable youth to connect the day's Lectionary readings with the issues, ideas, problems, and questions arising out of contemporary culture. Led by Amy and Keith Summerlin and Andy and Leigh Ann Anderson, this class will meet on the third floor of the Hight building, third room on the right.

(3) Young Adults of the Church, the course for 11th and 12th graders, is a mentor based program aimed at helping participants explore and execute a personal ministry, whether within the Church or outside its walls. Led by Dagmar and David Carlton, this class will not meet weekly. Instead, participants will pursue various leadership roles (such as mentoring students in younger classes) throughout the term. This class will gather together at least once monthly or more as needed. When they meet, they will utilize the yellow choir room on the second floor of the Hight Building.

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Beginning September 8th, Adults will have several options for Christian formation during the former “Adult Forum” hour:

In Daniel Hall, Kerygma, a program featuring three separate courses will be facilitated by Clem Trammell, Brett Kennedy, Jack Niedrach and Buster Wright. The first course, “God Calls Leaders,” is an 8-week program focusing on various God-Chosen leaders from both the Old and New Testaments. The second course is a 5-week series on Advent and its impact on our various faith experiences. Beginning in January, the third course will feature an in-depth look at St. John’s Gospel over 14 weeks. The September 8th session will be an introduction to the program.

Meeting in the Rhodes-Wyatt Room, Wired Word is a program that encourages participants to discern the meaning of following Christ within the context of current events. The focal points of discussion for each week will hone in on a challenging news item or event. Course participants will receive pertinent materials via email on the Thursday prior to each session in order to begin reflecting on questions and problems raised by the topic at hand.

Finally, a class featuring a rotating schedule of speakers and topics will meet in the Chapel. The first course, a three week session titled “Women of the Bible,” will be facilitated by Leigh Patterson. A course on CS Lewis and a series titled “Faith and Film” are also on the schedule; these will be taught by Brian Hampton and George Awsumb, respectively.

More information on the Journey to Adulthood program for Jr. and Sr. EYC members can be found at http://leaderresources.org/j2a_youth.

Author’s note: A special thanks to Hollye Smith and Cameron O’Riely, who graciously provided information on the new programs for Children and Youth.

St. Peter’s
JOY Group

HIGH

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART ATLANTA

Join the JOY group as we travel to the High Museum of Art Atlanta for the special exhibit *Girl with a Pearl Earring: Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis*. Experience 35 of the world’s most beautiful paintings from the Dutch Golden Age. Linger in the Museum’s permanent collections as well.

- Thursday, September 26, 2013
- Depart St. Peter’s at 8:30 a.m.
- Return by 4:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$50 covers transportation and admission.
- Several options for lunch on your own.
- Guests >21 always welcome.
- 10% Discount in the Museum Shop.
- Reserve your spot today by calling 706-291-9111.





This coming summer (2014), the 10 – 12 grade students of St. Peter’s will have the opportunity to make a special journey, on what is called pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is not typical tourist travel, nor is it a mission trip. It is spiritual travel....a holy walk. I have chaperoned and led pilgrimages to Spain, Greece, Ecuador, Ireland, Scotland, and England. Each one of them has made a significant impact on my spiritual life. What’s more, I have witnessed pilgrimage make a lasting impact on countless students, and I still hear all the way back to my first pilgrimage in 2001 (those pilgrims are well into their 20’s by now).

The 1st St. Peter’s youth pilgrimage will be on the Camino de Santiago, in northern Spain. This is a traditional pilgrimage route that attracts thousands of pilgrims each year. We will walk the Camino to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and attend the Pilgrims Mass. I am currently pricing the pilgrimage and there will be planning sessions coming up this fall. Therefore, there is more information to come. In the meantime, there will be a fundraiser this fall, with proceeds going to the support of this pilgrimage. The details of this fundraiser are below. I will share more information as it becomes available. Until then.... Buen Camino,

John

PILGRIMAGE – A HOLY JOURNEY

You can help the EYC take its first steps toward something deeply meaningful, a journey with Father John that will deepen our young peoples’ faith and spiritual commitment. To start them on their way, everyone at Saint Peter’s is invited to take a trip...a trip through your houses, through your closet, and cupboards, attics and basements in search of treasures. Each of us has something of value that we no longer use or have stored away because of changes in taste or the way we live and entertain.

A committee has begun work on planning an EYC PILGRIMAGE MARKET...an event featuring antiques, art work, china, linen, crystal, silver, good decorative items that will be offered for sale to the Rome community. From your donated treasures (not white elephant throw- a -ways) we hope to generate funds to help pay for a pilgrimage for our young people. You will be kept informed as the plans progress, and you will be contacted through the church bulletins and through personal calls as to where and when we will collect the items for the market. We think that we will try to hold the MARKET in Daniel Hall for three or four days in mid-November. Dates and times to be announced.

After you take an inventory of things that you might donate, please contact one of the following committee members:

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Anne Kerr 706-506-2447
George Thomason 706-766-6598

Bambi Berry 706-802-8397
Mary Sib Banks 706-767-0460
MJ Chisholm 706-331-0133

Laura Davis 706-766-3178
Helen Keaten 706-232-1121
Christie Thomason 706-291-9610



A Letter From Cameron

“

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place; Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy Grace.” - Dan Besig,

A Closing Prayer Indeed the time has come for me to let go and leave this blessed place that has embraced and nurtured me for over 15 years. I am profoundly thankful for the witness you have been to me and others through the sharing of God's grace. You welcomed me as I was imperfections and all. Thank you for your encouragement and support as I explored my place within the church, for allowing me the honor of teaching and looking after your young ones, and bringing me into the communion of the Episcopal Church.

To the members of St. Peter's you have shown me abundant generosity by which I am sincerely humbled. You have blessed me with many gifts be they financial, in the giving of your time and energies, expressions of praise and faith, or the sharing of your many talents as I begin this new journey. After you take an inventory of things that you might donate, please contact one of the following committee members:

To the children and youth, you bring such joy and energy to life. Thank you for sharing of yourselves with me. It has been a joy to play and worship and praise God with you. Unknowingly you have often been Christ to me and it has been awesome to experience the ways in which you have been a living demonstration of His love and caring to others.

To John and Janice and the St. Peter's Staff, it has been a privilege to serve beside you. You have become the standard by which I will compare all other working relationships. Your passion for God's people and the sincerity with which you endeavor to be His hands is inspirational. St. Peter's you are my family and the time spent with you has been grace filled. It is both an honor and a privilege to be your Seminarian. I am beholden to you and eternally grateful. As I seek to embrace God's calling, I promise to persevere to be a true and faithful witness to all. Until we meet again, peace and love from the Mountain, **Cameron**

Please Save The Date!



An afternoon tea will be held to honor the women of St. Peter's as well as to celebrate the anniversary of Keri Herring's arrival at St. Peter's! The tea will be held at Sue Anderson's home (15 Horseleg Creek Rd.) from 3-4:30 on Saturday 9-7-13. Due to limited parking, please try to carpool! RSVP suerandy@comcast.net or 706.936.3326.



“THANK YOU” FROM SALVATION ARMY CAPTAIN



DOING
THE MOST
GOODSM

The very day we were almost out of supplies for the shelter is the very day that someone from your church contacted us! That is a God thing! A Divine appointment and you fulfilled it!

For the hundreds of men that The Salvation Army serves annually, thank you so much for what you did! The Salvation Army operates on a very limited budget. We have barely enough money to provide the essentials of food and shelter. We truly depend on donations from the public for the additional comfort items, including toiletries. What you have done has truly made difference in the way we serve our neighbors in the shelter! You have help provide items that many of us take for granted. Along with the material goods, you have also given back self-esteem and pride in appearance. You have given a boost of confidence in finding a new job or a place to live! You have given hope! You are “Doing the Most Good!”

Thank you for everything!



Thanks
Whit!

Whit Molnar (second from left), son of Jon and Sarah Molnar, recently raised an amazing \$10,000 for the Open Door Home. The children made “Thank you” posters for him. Well done, Whit!



SEEKING THE PEACE OF THE CITY - BY MARGARET ASHTON

This June, seven members of the EYC and two chaperones embarked on a journey to Houston, TX. We participated in a program called CSM, (Center for Student Missions). Each church group was assigned guides to help navigate the city for the week. Ours were named David and Peyton and they made sure that we felt welcome. Every day we visited different mission sites in need of our help.

As the week progressed, reality sunk in. Helping at a soup kitchen, assisting kids in housing projects and doing other mission work made us realize that poverty is a very real problem. It affects millions of people in just the United States alone. People think that it's a foreign concern, but the city of Houston is proof that poverty knows no borders. It was heartbreaking to see so many bad situations and not be able to fix them all. We only had a week, but we made the most of it.

At first, some of us felt awkward talking to the people we were helping. We just didn't know what to say. Our guides encouraged us to really get to know them, despite how uncomfortable it felt. We sat down with some at a soup kitchen and began talking. After hearing their stories, they were no longer just more mouths to feed. They were people like us. Being homeless was only part of who they were. These people had talents, opinions and intelligence. Most were simply down on their luck or made a few bad decisions. Society shunned them and the government shoved leftovers at them. We learned to treat them like the human beings that they are.

It was an interesting experience to see the inner-city parts of Houston, not just the tourist-friendly areas. Our trip was more authentic because we were there with a purpose, not for a vacation. Not only did we learn more about ourselves, but we also bonded with each other. Team work was essential to accomplishing our work and we learned to function better as a unit.

In that short week, I learned more about goodwill than I have by listening in Church. Sermons are wonderful, but you must practice what you preach. So, after years of being told things like, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," and "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," we got a chance to follow these verses. It is not always easy to help people, but it is important to living a Christian lifestyle.

Despite their circumstances, many of the people we helped were very strong in faith. They were fascinated to hear about St. Peter's and our Church traditions. It gave them hope to know that someone cares. When it was time to go, I had a mixture of emotions. Though I was proud of all that we had accomplished, I knew that there was still so much to be done. The next CSM group would carry on with what we had started and we would return to Rome. However, out of sight does not mean out of mind. Now that we are aware of these people in need, we cannot ignore them. I think about Houston every day. The next time you pass by a homeless man, remember that he too has a story.



CANTERBURY TALES - BY JANICE BRACKEN WRIGHT

This column shines 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.



Kim Sorrells was a member of Canterbury Club from 2005-2007. She graduated from Berry College in 2007 with a B.A. in Religion & Philosophy. Here is an update from Kim in her own words:

My time at Berry was a crucial time in my spiritual journey. Having come from a Southern Baptist background, I found my faith in crisis when I began to come to terms with my sexuality. My classes at Berry really helped me to begin to reconcile my faith. For most of my time there, I thought I would pursue a PhD and become a professor. However, late in college I began to feel called into the ministry. It wasn't just the classes after all that brought me through that time, but the people around me, like those at St. Peter's, that helped me to find peace. I found myself in a strange time of discernment as I left Berry.

Since leaving Berry in 2007, I moved to Atlanta to join AmeriCorps, serving at the Midtown Assistance Center and the Metro Atlanta Taskforce for the Homeless. My primary role was providing homeless prevention services such as Emergency rent and utility payments. I spent a great deal of time in the shelter, working on the hotline to make shelter placements or providing other services to homeless individuals. While there I also spent time in spiritual direction, further discerning my sense of calling into ministry.

After a year, I began seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. While in seminary, I had the opportunity to do ministry in a variety of settings including hospital chaplaincy and work in the local church with children and youth ministry. After graduation, I began my current position as Minister to Children and Youth at Saint Mark UMC in Atlanta.

I guess I should confess that I did join the United Church of Christ instead of the Episcopal Church, and began the ordination process shortly after beginning seminary. My experiences in the Episcopal Church and St. Peter's in particular have left a lasting influence on me and instilled in me a deep love of liturgy and ritual. I recently completed the requirements for ordination within the United Church of Christ and have been approved for ordination pending a call. I am discerning where God is leading me now and would greatly appreciate your prayers.



17 Pentecost

16 Pentecost
Adult Forum, Children's Formation, Youth Formation, and Youth Choirs

3-4:30pm Afternoon tea in honor of Keri Herring at Sue Anderson's (15 Horseleg Creek Road)

2013 September

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Bible Study 10:00am

18 Pentecost

19 Pentecost

Vestry Meeting @5:30pm in Rhodes/Wyatt Room

8:30-4pm JOY trip to High Museum for " Girl with a Pearl Earring: Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis"

15 Pentecost Ecclesiastical Year begins

Adult Formation for Confirmation begins

Newsletter Deadline

Labor Day, Office Closed

Family Dinners, Junior Choir, Cherub Choir, Junior EYC, Senior EYC, Adult Choir begin



SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

Adult Forum Contact: Jimmy Smith 706-512-9193/Buster Wright 706-291-2157

Beginning September 8, 2013, After 10am service

Wired Word: Current Events, Rhodes/Wyatt Rm.

Rotating Option: Women of the Bible, Chapel

Kerygma: "God Calls Leaders, " Daniel Hall

Altar Guild Contact: Frieda Yeary 706-706-234-7757/Helen Keaten 706-232-1121

Sunny Knauss©, Elaine Smith, Beth Hughes, MaiMai Kelly, Tracy Schroeder, Jacquelyn Wright

Breakfast Crew: Contact: Anne/George Pullen 706-295-0010

9/1 Jack Niedrach, David Harvey, Tracy/John Schroeder, Cary Kilgore, Bryan Johnson

9/8 Rob Page, Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Al Bonnyman, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington

9/15 John Hine, Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith, Bill Fricks

9/22 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry

9/29 Sarah/Charlie Hardaker, Ann/George Pullen, Winston Sirmans

Greeters: Contact: Mary Kirkland 706-291-0558

Bob Evans©, Mary Yarbrough, Stephen Patton, Jody Selman, Susan Cooper

Loaves and Fishes Contact: Peggy Nash 706-235-4911/ Kathy Steinbruegge 706-34-5908

Peggy Nash©, Kathy Steinbruegge, Barbara Potter, Beverly Burnes, Dale Carroll, Janice Holley-Houck, Jody Selman, Karen Hellriegel, Mary McGuffey, Nancy Hunter, Sylvia Hine

Soup Kitchen: Contact: Bill Schoepski 706-235-2109/Sue Anderson 706-291-2599

Monday: Frances Knight©, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Helen Keaten Ann Kaiser, Bob Evans, Beth Starnes, Amy Summerlin, Shelley Parris

Tuesday: Ann Laughlin©, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester, Suzy Gilbert, June Dellis, Janet Morris, Anne Kerr, Marny Busbin

Wednesday: Cary Kilgore©, Sylvia Hine, John Hine, Dana Edgens, Elaine Smith, Larry Osborn, Randy Muller, Amy Summerlin, Susan Cooper

Thursday: Rich Molnar©, Barb Molnar, Laura Frederick, Betsy Awsumb, Lilli Tucker, Tracy Page, Kathy Steinbruegge, Will Dellis, Jeri Kampe, Beth Hughes

Friday: Andye Moss©, Ann Laughlin, Cissy Rogers, Larry Osborn, Randy Muller, Liesl Bold, Amy Summerlin, Britney Weeks

Ushers Contact: Leamon Scott 706-234-7545

Buster Wright, Jack Niedrach, Bryant Steele, John Lanier

Vestry of the Month:

Wednesday Night Contact: Jimmy Smith 706-512-9193

Beginning September 4

5: 30pm Celtic Service

5:30-6pm Family Dinner—RSVP by Tuesday noon

6-7pm Junior Choir (1st-5th), Cherub Choir (0-K)

6-7pm Junior EYC (6th-8th), Senior EYC (9th-12th)

6-7pm Episcopal 101 (Beginning Sept. 18)

7-8:30pm Adult Choir



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PARISH NEWS

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- Clara Ellen Smith and Graham Richard Hurtt on their marriage, June 22, 2013. Clara is the daughter of Ellen and Roger Smith and the granddaughter of Cissy Rogers
- Linda and Ed Hine on the birth of their grandson, William Keegan Hine, on July 14, 2013. Keegan is the son of Taylor and Brie Hine and the great grandson of Barbara Briley
- Audrey and Devin Parsons on the birth of their daughter, Remy Anne, on July 17, 2013. Remy is the granddaughter of Charlotte Parsons
- Zan Banks who won the Men's Club Golf Championship at the Capitol City Club. Zan is the son of Mary Sib Banks and Bill Banks
- Kelly (Bearden) and Eric Thurber on the birth of their son, Alexander Maxwell Thurber, on August 3, 2013, in San Diego, California
- Beth and Terry Hughes on the birth of their granddaughter, Clara Elizabeth Thrasher, on August 13, 2013. Clara is the daughter of Stephanie and Jacob Thrasher
- Matthew Hoch on the upcoming publication of his second book, Welcome to Church Music and the Hymnal of 1982, which is expected out in the Spring of 2015 from Morehouse, a division of Church Publishing
- Christie and George Thomason on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- The family of W.C. Owen on his death, June 28, 2013
- Jacquelyn and Barry Wright on the death of his brother, Frederick Cooper Wright, on July 26, 2013, in Birmingham, AL
- Billie and Bob Watson on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Kinlaw, on August 3, 2013, in Gastonia, NC
- The family of Jane Home and Ginger Home Cubellis on the death of her husband and her father, The Rev. George E. Home, who died August 12, 2013
- The family of Laura Frederick on the death of her husband, Donald B. Frederick, who died August 15, 2013
- The family of Becky, Lee, and Abby Jones on the death of Becky's father, William "Bill" Marion Byars Sr. on August 19, 2013

The parish welcomes into the household of God

- Slade Catherine Smith, daughter of Keri and Stephen Smith and granddaughter of Nancy and David Smith
- Hugh Dean Morgan V, son of Susan and Dean Morgan and grandson of Jane and Joe Morgan
- Elizabeth Teague Williams, daughter of Eads and Michael Williams and granddaughter of Jane and Joe Morgan