



Letters to the Romans

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Vestry Members
John S. Kirkland, Jr. [Sr. Warden]
Jimmy Smith [Jr. Warden]

Through 2014
Russ Jennings
Andye Moss
Suzanne Scott
Bob Steinbruegge

Through 2015
Cooper Crawford
David Hunter

Through 2016
Andy Anderson
Sue Anderson
Peggy Nash
Stephen Smith

Bishop Robert Wright visited St. Peter's in December



Bishop Robert Wright and new confirmands



St. Peter's acolytes prepare for the Bishop's visit



St. Peter's clergy and Bishop Wright in a candid moment

Rector: The Reverend John F. Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis ☩
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Kemper Anderson Bio

I first felt the “nudge” toward ordained ministry in 1982 when I was 23 years old and in college. I grew up at St. Anne’s in Atlanta where I was involved in a variety of Church ministries over the years: as an acolyte and EYC-er early on, and later in adult Foyer groups and various outreach activities. Frank Allan was Rector at the time, and Bennett Sims was Bishop of Atlanta. Both were very good preachers and I was terrifically impressed by the depth and breadth of their theology. So impressed, in fact, that I began to think about the possibility of my becoming a priest. During a Church retreat at Camp Mikell, I happened across Father Allan and the Bishop one afternoon, sitting on the porch of one of the cottages. I told them of my thoughts about the priesthood and asked their advice. We spoke of vocation, talents and timing and the two related some of their own experiences. Both were supportive, but also united, in advising me to wait. “Spend some time experiencing life,” they said. “Try out different career paths . . . finish school . . . maybe even start a family . . . see where the call leads.”

Taking the two at their word, I waited, finished college, raised a family and spent thirty years policing and in the Coast Guard Reserve. In 1984, Kennesaw College enrolled around 6,000 students and I was one of six sworn officers policing the campus. When I retired in 2012, Kennesaw State University had grown to the third largest institution in the University System of Georgia, enrolling nearly 26,000 students, 5,000 of whom lived on campus. As Deputy Chief of Police I led a full-time staff of sixty-two (including 35 sworn police officers) and managed a four million dollar budget. In 2003, the Department became the first nationally accredited Campus Law Enforcement Agency in the State of Georgia. I am a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 224) in Quantico, Virginia, and was a member of 19th Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) delegation to Israel in 2011. As member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve from 1989 to 2012, I served in a variety of units throughout the southeastern United States, and was recalled to active duty on multiple occasions in support of responses to natural/man-made disasters and military contingencies. My background in maritime search & rescue, homeland security contingency ops and emergency management resulted in my assignment to the Coast Guard’s Atlantic Area Incident Management Assistance Team and NASA’s Space Shuttle Launch and Recovery Team. I wrapped up my 23-year career as the Reserve Chief of Contingency Preparedness for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL and as the District Liaison to FEMA Region IV in Atlanta.

Philippa, and I met at Christ Church in Kennesaw and have been married for 21 years. Together, we have raised a blended family of five children, all of whom are now out on their own and doing well: two earned the rank of Eagle Scout and two have chosen to serve in the military. Yet, with all of the job/school commitments, after-school events, family excursions and other activities that enriched my life over three decades, the call to ordained ministry continued to tug at me, gently but insistently. As I approached retirement, the tug became less gentle – more of a *yank*, really. Looking back over my life from a more “macro” perspective, I have grown to understand that all those intervening years of learning and practice constituted a rare gift, providing me with skills and experience that will contribute enormously to my priestly ministry. As I stand on the threshold of my *second* journey, I feel a strong call to put these gifts to work, full-time, in God’s Church.

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What is a Seminarian?

Part of every priest’s journey is to spend time at seminary. It is an academic process where one wrestles with theological concepts, such as the Doctrine of the Trinity. However, formation for a priest cannot be merely academic. There has to be a practical training ground too. For this reason, seminarians also spend 1 academic year in “field education”, in addition to their academic workload. Each seminarian is assigned to a parish and gets a feel for what it is like to function in the role of as a priest. The seminarian will have opportunities to preach, teach, and participate in administrative tasks related to the vocation.

We at St. Peter’s have been given the opportunity to serve as a Field Education Site for Sewanee, and Kemper Anderson the first seminarian to be assigned to us. This is not a paid position for Kemper, nor do we receive any financial benefits from Sewanee. However, we do get to participate in Kemper’s formation for the priesthood, which is a gift in itself. Kemper will have opportunities to preach and teach at St. Peter’s. But part of the vocation of the priesthood is to learn how to function in community with members of the parish. Therefore, I encourage you to take time to get to know our seminarian, share your stories, and help him in your own way, as he prepares for the priesthood.

Peace,
John

'In Quietness and Confidence Shall be our Strength':

When saying the best about St. Peter's means saying as little as possible

Spencer Musick

Over the years, I have had the privilege of attending Episcopal/Anglican churches across the country and around the world during my studies and travels. In terms of churchmanship, these have ranged from the "highest" churches in the Anglo-Catholic tradition to the "snake belly low" churches of the reformed Protestant tradition—and every imaginable combination thereof.

Along with (of course) the Book of Common Prayer, I noticed one common denominator that ran throughout my Sunday experience both of these places: Before each service, silence was kept in the Nave so that all had the opportunity to pray, meditate, and reflect in preparation for our communal worship. Be it Morning Prayer or Solemn High Mass, the quiet atmosphere afforded me and other worshipers the opportunity to silence our often all-too-frantic, worrisome thoughts and to focus on God.

When I entered our doors over a decade ago, this atmosphere was among the most profound and positive differences between Anglicanism and my former faith tradition that I observed; indeed, it is one of the things that drew me into the Episcopal Church. Okay, in all honesty, at first it gave me a chance to find everything in the prayer book and hymnal before the service to make juggling these a bit easier. But once I became comfortable in our tradition, the period of silence helped draw me closer to God in prayer by eliminating distractions.

At our principal Sunday service, it seems that we all (myself included) have forgotten the importance of maintaining a pre-worship atmosphere conducive to prayer, meditation, and reflection. Let me be stress that I do not write this to patronize or to correct anyone. Rather, I would like to offer an observation about the significance of this environment of quiet contemplation. It matters both for those already within our walls, this much should be obvious, but I think that it is of even greater importance if we wish to open our doors and arms to those outside them.

Keep in mind that the first worship experience of each newcomer constitutes their 'first impression' of both our parish and the Episcopal Church as a whole. When they see us talking among ourselves, it can make us seem insular and make them feel excluded. I think we all can agree that this is not the impression we wish to convey as a parish. *It is not who we are as a parish.* We have always been, and continue to be, welcoming to every person who walks through our doors.

Imagine you are a newcomer to an unfamiliar church. You sit down, and the people next to you are loudly conversing, or perhaps they don't even notice you at all. Would you feel like a welcomed guest or an unwelcomed stranger? For most of us, it would be the latter. But imagine that walk into a space where the people sitting next to you have a chance to notice your presence. They ask if you are visiting and quietly offer a brief welcome, neither singling you out as a newcomer nor ignoring your presence. The anxieties that unfailingly accompany a new and unfamiliar experience would be greatly alleviated in this case. Then, after the service, the people (who might not have even noticed you had they been talking among themselves) would have the opportunity to welcome you personally and start a conversation that could mean the difference between your joining that community or your never returning again. I think we at St. Peter's would want our newcomers to experience the latter, not the former, scenario. As we all know, first impressions count.

Of course, some communication is necessary before services and there is absolutely nothing wrong greeting one another before the start of the Eucharist, but we can and should do so quietly and save our extended conversations for after the dismissal. We have ample opportunities for fellowship at our Parish where lively conversation is not only possible but is almost infectious. I, for one, have never had a quiet or subdued conversation at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper or St. Peter's day and would be hard pressed to find anyone among us who has.

So, as we *'go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,'* we can and should proclaim our love for Christ and one another with loud voices and smiling faces. I firmly believe that by doing this at the appropriate time, the number of voices in our midst will increase as newcomers experience St. Peter's as the welcoming and affirming place that it really is.

2014 Ministry Summit



Come and talk it up!

The Diocese of Atlanta Ministry Summit is like the traditional diocesan ministry fair but with a new name, a new format and a new purpose. You are invited to come and talk it up!

The theme for this special day at the Cathedral of St. Philip – Saturday, March 8 – is *Faith in Transition*. Here's hoping it will stimulate your creative juices and stretch your imaginations!

The day starts at 8:30 a.m. with check-in, coffee, displays and special bookstore hours, followed by the Great Gathering with a special guest speaker at 9:30 a.m. We'll conclude by 3 p.m.



Guest speaker will be the Rev. Thomas Brackett, officer for church planting and ministry redevelopment for The Episcopal Church. He will talk about how to take advantage of new directions in diocesan, parish and individual ministries.

This is your opportunity to participate in charting the future for the Episcopal Church in Middle and North Georgia. You also will be given time to reflect on your parish ministry and how it may be impacted by the conversations. We hope you will come prepared to listen and learn, share your hopes and fears, and dream and envision!

To benefit from this opportunity

You may sign up for two 90-minute Conversations, one before lunch and one after. People knowledgeable and experienced on each topic will lead, share and listen. Cost for the day (with lunch and morning snack) is \$20. (Bring materials for note-taking.)

Conversation topics and facilitators are listed here for [morning sessions](#) and for [afternoon sessions](#).

Curt Yarbrough's new address

Our official newsletter photographer, Curt Yarbrough, has a new web address where you can see old and new pictures of our parish life. Discard your old contact address and use CHYARBRO.COM to see his fabulous pictures. You can also go to St. Peter's website and click on "Who We Are," click on "staff," and scroll to Curt Yarbrough to access his web albums.



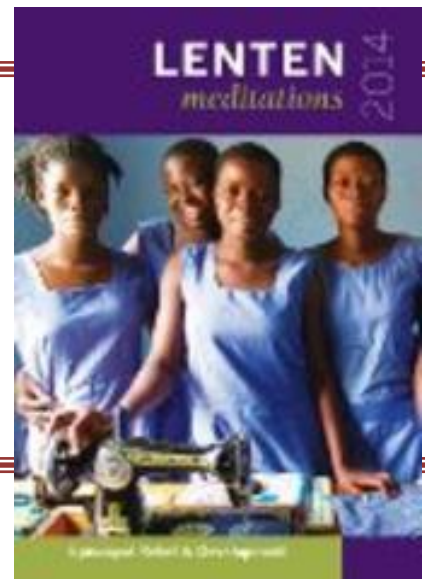
Folk Art School scheduled at Camp Mikell

The Diocese of Atlanta's, Mikell Camp & Conference Center, offers the only folk school in Georgia, and it is scheduled for Feb. 28- March 2. The wide variety of art and craft classes includes woodturning, pottery, felting, copper enameling, knitting, quilting, Zentangle, open-hearth cooking, photography and creative writing. Please share this information with your parishioners in your newsletter and any other way that you see fit. The registration link is on our website, www.campmikell.com and is attached to this email for your convenience.

2014 Lenten Devotional booklets

This year's devotional focuses on creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities with a particular concentration on empowering women. It is co-authored by an array of Episcopal Relief & Development friends and partners. Many of these contributors are leading voices throughout the Anglican Communion, and come from a variety of backgrounds and theological perspectives.

Lenten Devotional booklets will be available at the back of the Chapel and in the church office beginning Sunday, March 2.



February schedules

Altar Guild **Contact: Frieda Yeary, 706 234-7757/
Helen Keaten, 706 232-1211**

June Nancy Smith©, Jackie Mooney, Marny Busbin, Janet Byington, Dana Edgens, Liz Mozley, Jan Flippen, Kathy Steinbruegge

Breakfast Crew **Contact: Anne Pullen, 706 295-0010**

2/2 Charlie Hardaker, Anne Pullen, Winston Sirmans, mary Osner, Jack McGuffey

2/9 Tricia Richards, Jimmy Kelley, Mike Alexander, David Hunter, Peter Gilbert

2/16 Jack Niedrach, David Harvey, Tracy/John Schroeder, Cary Kilgore, Bryan Johnson

2/23 Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Al Bonnyman, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington, Bill Banks

EYC

2/6 11th/12th grade Sunrise Gathering at Swift and Finch

2/8 New Beginnings Training, Sr. EYC Caving

2/12 Schroeder's

2/14-16 New Beginnings

2/21-23 Happenings

Greeters Contact: Mary Kirkland, 706 291-0558

Sylvia Hine©, Michael Ann Booth, Mary Sib Banks, MJ Chisolm

Loaves and Fishes **Contact: Peggy Nash, 706 235-4911 or
Kathy Steinbruegge, 234-5908**

Stefani Ortman©, Bambi Berry, Beverly Burnes, Cissy Rogers, D'Ann Downey, Laura Davis, Mary Dixon, Mary Yarbrough, Meg Eberhart

Soup Kitchen **Contact: Bill Schoepski, 706 235-2109 or
Sue Anderson, 706 291-2599**

Mon: Frances Knight©, Bob Evans, Amy Summerlin, Beth Starnes, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Shelley Parris, Anne Kaiser, Larry Osborn

Tues: Cary Kilgore©, Anne Kerr, Janet Morris, June Dellis, Marny Busbin, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester

Wed: Ann Laughlin©, John Hine, Sylvia Hine, Randy Muller, Dana Edgens, Elaine Smith, Susan Coole, Larry Osborn

Thurs: Rich Molnar©, Barb Molnar, Will Dellis, Betsy Awsumb, Kathy Steinbruegge, Laura Frederick, Lilli Tucker

Friday: Andye Moss©, Randy Muller, Amy Summerlin, Ann Laughlin, Cissy Rogers, Llesl Bold, Britney Weeks, Helen Keaten

Ushers **Contact: Leamon Scott, 706 234-7545**

Jimmy Kelley, Charles Rutledge, Bob Kane

Vestry of the Month: Stephen Smith

Date/Svc	Reader/Prayers	Chalice Bearer	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Prayers	Acolytes
Sun 2/2 8:30 am	Tricia Richards	Tricia Richards				
10:00 am		Brian Hampton Buster Wright Andye Moss	Bob Steinbrugge	David Harvey	Bob Berry	
Wed 2/5 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton				
Sun 2/9 8:30 am	Mark Jester	Mark Jester				
10:00 am		Steve Stutts Tom Dasher Sunny Knauss	Zibby White	Delores Nowell	Al Bonnyman	
Wed 2/12 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough				
Sun 2/16 8:30 am	Spencer Musick	Spencer Musick				
10:00 am		David Hicks Frieda Yeary Brian Johnson	Randy Warley	D'Ann Downey	Bryant Steele	
Wed 2/19 5:30 pm	Stephen Patton	Stephen Patton				
Sun 2/23 8:30 am	Mark Jester	Mark Jester				
10:00 am		John Evans Bill Byington Buster Wright	Kemper Anderson	Janet Byington	Andye Moss	
Wed 2/26 5:30 pm	Curt Yarbrough	Curt Yarbrough				

February calendar

February 2	The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ	
	1/30 -2/2	Vocare
	2/8	Acolyte Festival, 8:15am – 4:45pm, St. Phillips
February 9	5 Epiphany	
	2/13	Roy Mann Memorial Dinner, 6pm
February 16	6 Epiphany	
	2/18	5:30pm, Vestry Meeting
	2/19	10:00am, Staff and Liturgical planning meeting
	2/21	Newsletter deadline
February 23	7 Epiphany	
	2/24-28	8:30am – 1:00pm, Soup Kitchen week
	2/28	EYC lock-in
+All regular services		
Sunday	8:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00am	Breakfast
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00am	Wired World, Kerygma and Rotation Series, Children and Youth Formation
Tuesday	12:15pm	Healing Service, Chapel
Wednesday	5:30pm	Celtic Service, Chapel
	6:00pm	Dinner and EYC
Thursday	10:00am	Bible Study, Rhodes/Wyatt Room

Canterbury Club

An Episcopal/Anglican/ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students

Spring 2014

When	What	Where
Friday – Sunday, Jan 31 – Feb 2	VOCARE weekend	Honey Creek Camp
Monday, February 3	Berry RiLAC	Krannert, 5:00pm
Tuesday, February 4	Compline and Conversation	Berry Admissions Living Rm, 8:00pm
Tuesday, February 11	Compline and Conversation	Berry Admissions Living Rm, 8:00pm
Sunday, February 16	Lunch after church	St. Peter's & TBA
Tuesday, February 18	Compline and Conversation	Berry Admissions Living Rm, 8:00pm
Tuesday, February 25	Compline and Conversation	Berry Admissions Living Rm, 8:00pm
March 3 – 9	<i>Spring Break – no meetings</i>	

Epiphany Pageant 2014

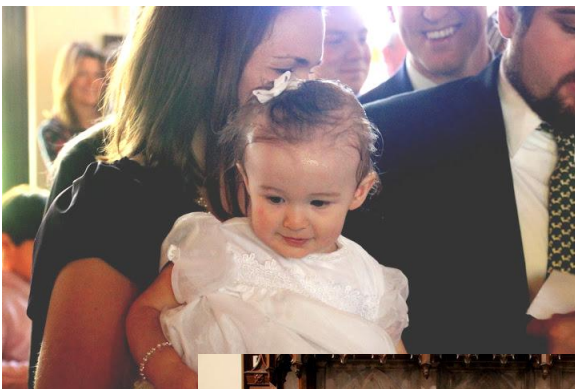




Father John welcomes Kemper Anderson to St. Peter's.

We welcome the newly baptized

- ☞ Grace Elizabeth Millican, daughter of Lauren and Jason Millican
- ☞ Samuel Stephen Patton III, son of Christina and Pat Patton and grandson of Mary and Stephen Patton
- ☞ Thomas Jasper Lemming, son of Juli and Jason Lemming, and grandson of Sherron and Allen Mull



Parish news

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- ✠ Austin Musselwhite who earned acceptance into Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization at Georgia Tech. Austin is the son of Laura and Harry Musselwhite
- ✠ Those who were confirmed or reaffirmed their baptismal vows on December 22, 2013
 - James Alexander Hodges
 - Joseph Castleman McDaniel
 - Emma Katherine Page
 - Christina Leigh Kinder
 - Heidi Virginia Cole
 - Parnick Spencer Musick
 - Britney Weeks
 - Billie Abney
 - Jason Lawrence Millican
 - Lauren Davey Millican
 - Sarah Hardaker
 - John Christian Evans
 - Diann H. Kothe
 - William Fricks
- ✠ Brooke and Aaron Sumner on the birth of their son, Chandler Hopkins Sumner, on December 23, 2013

Welcomed into the household of God through baptism on January 12, 2014

- ✠ Grace Elizabeth Millican, daughter of Lauren and Jason Millican
- ✠ Samuel Stephen Patton III, son of Christina and Pat Patton and grandson of Mary and Stephen Patton
- ✠ Thomas Jasper Lemming, son of Juli and Jason Lemming, and grandson of Sherron and Allen Mull

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- ✠ The family of Bambi and Bob Berry on the death of her mother, Jane Elzey Tayloe, on November 28, 2013, in Roswell, Georgia
- ✠ The family of Jane Home on her death, December 2, 2013, in Indianapolis, Indiana
- ✠ The family of Charlotte Atkins on the death of her father, Eugene Atkins, on December 13, 2013
- ✠ The family of Dana and Jack Edgens on the death of his mother, Annie Beth Reece Edgens, on December 20, 2013, in Rome
- ✠ The family of Jane Elizabeth Reavis Cooper on her death, January 18, 2014, in Rome
- ✠ The family of Sue Anderson on the death of her mother, Ruth Marcella Glass Stuebling, on January 21, 2014
- ✠ The family of Ann Pullen on the death of her husband, William George Pullen, on January 31, 2014, in Rome
- ✠ The family of Kathleen Bracken and Janice and Buster Wright on the death of Kathleen's son and Janice's brother, Lawrence Wade Bracken, Jr., on February 6, 2014, in Richmond, Virginia

Kemper Anderson Bio *[continued from page 2]*

I'm now halfway through seminary and Philippa and I are looking forward to spending the next year with the good people of St. Peter's. We have felt *exceedingly* welcome from the outset. During coffee hour on the first day we visited, a member of the vestry approached us and asked if we had been greeted. We told him "Yes – *by about thirty people!*" There is a sweet spirit in this church and I cannot imagine a better place to complete the field education portion of my formation. While we're here, I hope to gain some additional experience serving at the altar and participating in various parish initiatives. It is also likely that I will be doing some occasional preaching and teaching. And I expect Fr. John may have some additional "surprises" for me up his sleeve. I have a lot to learn, and it's going to be a busy year. Philippa and I appreciate your open arms and your willingness to companion us as we walk this road.



The
THREE RIVERS SINGERS
Rome's Community Chorus

Len Willingham, Director
Joan Hill, Accompanist

Present

Valentunes for Valentines

Monday, February 10, 2014
7:00 pm

Ford Auditorium at Berry College
Rome, Georgia

No admission charge but donations greatly appreciated!

Please place these future date on your calendar:

Sunday, May 11, 4:00 pm
Rutter Requiem (dedicated to WC Owen)
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm
with Northwest Georgia Winds
Rome City Auditorium



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Rome, Georgia 30161

Return service requested.

