

# Letters to the Romans

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## *Easter & Holy Week Services, 2014:*



**April 13: Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8.30 & 10.00 a.m.**  
**April 14-16: Community Holy Week Services @ First UMC**  
**April 17-Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m.**  
**April 18-Good Friday Liturgy, Noon.**



**April 19: Easter Eve: The Great Vigil of Easter, 9 p.m.**  
**April-20 Easter Sunday: Festival Holy Eucharist,  
 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

### *Wardens & Vestry:*

John Kirkland  
*Senior Warden*  
 Jimmy Smith  
*Junior Warden*



### *Through 2014:*

Russ Jennings  
 Andye Moss  
 Suzanne Scott



### *Through 2015:*

Cooper Crawford  
 David Hunter



### *Through 2016:*

Andy Anderson  
 Sue Anderson  
 Peggy Nash  
 Stephen Smith

## *The Clergy & Staff of St. Peter's*

### **Rector:**

**The Reverend John Foster Herring**

### **Associate Rectors:**

**The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright † The Reverend Nikki Mathis**



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# A Letter from Cameron O'Riley

March 15, 2014

Dear Father Herring, Senior Warden Kirkland, and Members of the Vestry,

Hints of spring are finally coming forth here on the mountain. The daffodils are in bloom, and there are new leaf buds on the rose bush outside my door. New life is coming to Sewanee, and winter will soon be at bay until next year. The pace and vigor of this my second semester of seminary has been an enjoyable experience. Classes are informative and challenging, and I am amazed by the wealth of knowledge with which I am surrounded. I feel that I have found a work/study schedule that is working well. The balance at times may be tenuous, but it is manageable. I actually look forward to classes, attending guest lectures, and worshiping together. I have found attending the daily office within community to be spiritually fulfilling, the effects of which are evident in my personal communication with God, and interactions with others. On Sundays, I have been visiting churches in the Huntsville and Nashville area with which I will seek to apply for field education in the fall; much like the capacity in which Kemper Anderson is serving with you now. On one such visit, I met the Rev. Andy Anderson and learned he, too, had been a seminarian sponsored by St. Peter's Rome. It was such a joyful surprise to meet him. There is a potential opportunity to engage in a new program entitled "Be the Change Alabama," and I look forward to learning more as its foundation is developed. On Ash Wednesday, we had a Quiet Day here at Sewanee. It was good to have a day to be reflective and in prayer.

If I were to use one word to describe the past year, from gaining postulancy, to conducting seminary visits, and ultimately moving and beginning classes, I would say transition. It has been a journey filled with changes from a former way of being and living. I have learned what it means to be in community, to rely on others, and to be a willing recipient of grace. I have been strengthened by God's presence in my life and in the lives of those with whom I work and study and pray each day. As my familiarity and understanding have increased, I am awed by all that God has done in my life and in the lives of others. I have gained confidence as a new rhythm of life has begun to emerge. Through these experiences I have mentioned, I feel I have been strengthened for ministry and I look forward to growing in faith and knowledge of Christ through the following two years.

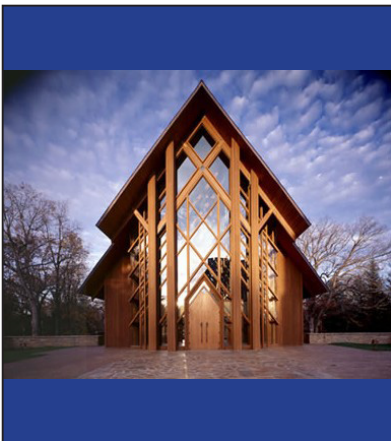
Amazingly, there are only six weeks of classes left between now and the end of the school year. It hardly seems possible. Time has certainly sped up. Shortly after the close of this semester, I will be leaving for Naples, Florida where I will be participating in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) under the supervision of NCH Healthcare June 2- August 8. It is my sincere desire to come and worship with you before my departure. Through your prayers and financial assistance, you have been my support and encouragement. For this, I am grateful.

Respectfully,

*Cameron O'Riley*

*Postulant for Holy Orders*

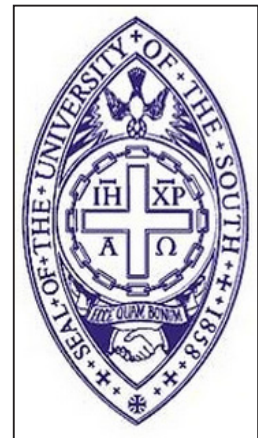
*Seminarian at The School of Theology at Sewanee: University of the South*



Chapel of the Apostles, Sewanee



Can you solve this riddle from the Mountain?



The University Seal

## George E. Home, Jr. A Fisher of Men

By: Marny Busbin

For 22 years, a secret has been kept in the chapel. The “Call of Peter” window was dedicated and given in thanksgiving on June, 28, 1992, but the donor of the window and the person honored by the window were unknown until the death of the Reverend George E. Home Jr. on August 12, 2013. At that time, George’s family revealed that his wife, Jane, had commissioned the Lyn Hovey Studios in Boston to design the window in her husband’s honor. How appropriate it is that the tribute to him comes in the form of St. Peter, the beloved apostle for whom this church is named.

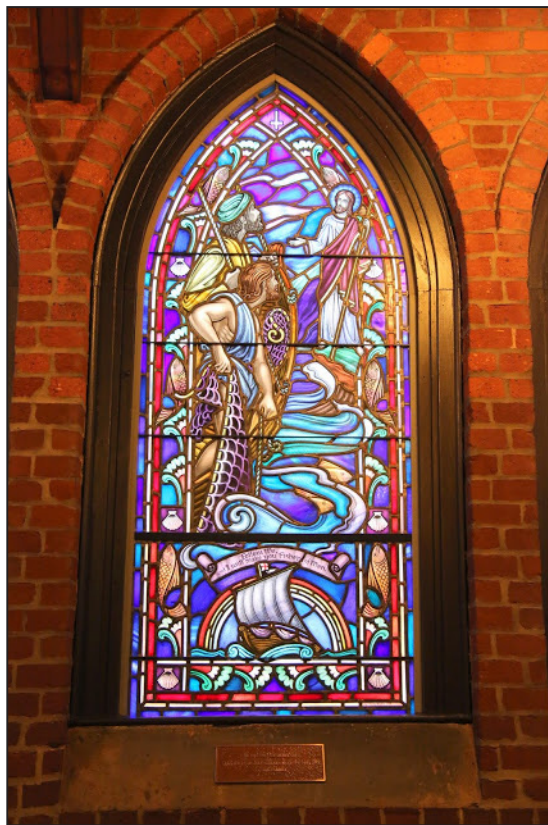
The window is inscribed with the words, “Follow me and I will make you Fishers of Men.” Christ’s hand is outstretched to the two brothers, Peter and Andrew, fishing on the Sea of Galilee. At the top of the window is the inverted cross of St. Peter, and at the base, is a ship that is sailing through a rainbow. Shells, water, and the rainbow are all symbols of rebirth and the journey to Christ through Baptism. The ship, which is traveling through perilous waters, represents the church as the source of strength when we are struggling along the path and are plagued by doubt or temptation. These symbols seem

perfect for George’s belief in the power of faith to change lives and to begin again. This Indiana native’s journey to the priesthood began when he, Jane, and their daughter, Ginger, moved to Rome in 1943 so George could start

the International Harvester dealership. For the next 20 years, he and Jane raised a family, which grew to include George III, Margie, and David. All the family members were active at St. Peter’s, but George’s involve-

ment in the church deepened after the death of their daughter, Margie. He was ordained as a Perpetual Dean in the Episcopal Church in 1960, sold the Home Equipment Company to enter Seminary, and was ordained into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church at St. Peter’s in 1965.

“Fishers of Men” are called to work within the church, but often their ministry extends beyond its boundaries. George had the gift of inspiring people to build communities and had that experience as the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Covington, GA; St. Dunstan’s Church, Atlanta, GA; and the Church of the Transfiguration, Rome, GA. During those years, his energy motivated the move of St. Dunstan’s to its permanent space on Garmon Road, and he was instrumental in building the Church of the Transfiguration in Rome. One of his best gifts, however, was bringing people together and building the Body of Christ in his communities as well as in his parishes.



*The George E. Home, Jr. Window, Chapel*

His daughter, Ginger Home Cubellis, noted that her father’s “call to the ministry turned out to be a call to counseling.” He acted as a liaison between the black and white communities in Covington during integration, started the first AA group there, continued his counseling with the AA groups in Atlanta and Rome, helped stroke patients find their best selves, and also did individual and family counseling to everyone who wanted his help. With the laying on of the hands of Bishop Randolph Claiborne in 1965 and his prayer asking God’s help for George E. Home Jr. to “be a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor” (BCP 534), the Reverend George E. Home followed the tradition of Peter—as a fisher of men.

*Editors’ Note: George and Jane Home’s memorial service was held at St. Peter’s on Friday, March 28, 2014.*

## Parish Updates: Service, Fellowship Beyond and Within our Walls

**Thanks for your support of Hunger Walk 2014!!**

Due to the great generosity of Ethan's sponsors, \$105.00 was raised for the Atlanta Food Bank. Ethan was raring to go and had a ball riding in his stroller (and stroll is what Mommy did as you can see by the time stamp on the finish line). He also had the pleasure of conversing with Bishop Wright's youngest son, Moses. Mommies Nikki and Beth Wright had the pleasure of doing a little catch up as well. A fun time was had by all and money was raised for a good cause. Thank you again!!

**-Mother Nikki**



"I Think they were considering the merits of Gatorade," says Mo. Nikki.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Draws Record Crowd to Feast before the Fast



The largest Shrove Tuesday crowd on record fills a decked-out Daniel Hall

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all the volunteers who made our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a great success. Each year, Canterbury Club members staff this Mardi Gras themed supper as a way of saying thank you to St. Peter's for the parish's year round support of campus ministry. These Canterbury Club members came out to help during Berry/Shorter Spring Break: Mary Cate Miller, John Evans, Elizabeth Clark, Kevin Scott, Julia Elkins, Spencer Musick, and Patrick Hunter. Canterbury Club alum Lindsay Wilson and advisor Brett Kennedy were also hard at work in the kitchen. All are grateful for the incomparable guidance of Ann Pullen and David Harvey. We served a record number of guests—113. Thank you!

**-Janice**



Catherine Varidel and Madaline Herring pose with Mardi Gras king Gryphon.

## Parish Updates: An Open Concert and a Closed Sidewalk

### Parishioners Treated to a Special Musical Offering at Jackson Hodges' Sr. Recital



Two Generations of Talent: Organist Wanda Cantrell congratulates her son Jackson at the Recital. Jackson has frequently contributed to St. Peter's musical program in the course of his studies as a choir-member, soloist, and cantor.



Jackson showcased not only his vocal talents but also his artistic versatility. Above, he treats the audience to one of his own compositions, "Paper Skies." Jackson graduates from UGA in May.

### Safety Concerns lead to Sidewalk Closure at Corner of 1st Street and 4th Avenue

It would be very hard to miss the yellow tape and saw horses at the corner of East First Street and Fourth Avenue nor the open side door to St. Peter's sanctuary. The crumbling shape of the top of the bell tower is of some concern as pieces of rock and mortar are falling to the side walk quite frequently. As a precaution for the public as well as parishioners, a decision was made to block off that section of the sidewalk.

Stephen Smith, vestry property chair, met with Kirk Milam, public works director for the city of Rome, who helped block off the affected areas. He has also communicated with Chris Dawkins of Beech Consulting about the problem. Beech Consulting was recommended by St. Peter's insurance carrier, Church Insurance Company of Vermont. Mr. Dawkins viewed photographs of the tower and sent a report recommending this action.

The vestry and building committee are actively searching for solution to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. In the meantime, parishioners are asked to use the chapel entrance and the entrance to Daniel Hall to get to the nave and avoid coming around the corner to the front steps.




Above: Orange barriers surround the main entrance to the nave in order to ensure the safety of both parishioners and passers-by.

Parish Calendar: April 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>Locations:</b> <b>Rite I- Chapel</b> <b>Breakfast- Daniel Hall</b> <b>Rite II- Church</b>		<b>1</b> Healing Service, 12: 15 p.m. (Chapel)β Stations of the Cross-5:30 p.m. (Church)	<b>2</b> Celtic Eucharist- 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>3</b> Bible Study, 10 a.m. (Rhodes Wyatt) Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build- 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Shannon.
<b>6</b> 5 Lent 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Christian Formation, 11 <i>Spring Picnic, Clocktower Hill, after 10 a.m. service</i>	<b>7</b> JOY Trip to the Breman Museum, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	<b>8</b> Healing Service, 12: 15 p.m. (Chapel) Stations of the Cross-5:30 p.m. (Church)	<b>9</b> Celtic Eucharist- 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>10</b> Bible Study, 10 a.m. (Rhodes Wyatt) Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Christian Formation, 11 a.m.	<b>14</b> Monday in Holy Week  12 noon: Community Service, First UMC	<b>15</b> Tuesday in Holy Week  12 noon: Community Service, First UMC	<b>16</b> Spy Wednesday  12 noon: Community Service, First UMC	<b>17</b> Maundy Thursday No Bible Study Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar- 7 p.m. (Church)	<b>18</b> Good Friday  Good Friday Office & Solemn Collects, 12 noon (Church)	<b>19</b> Easter Even: 9 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter: Church (Reception to Follow, Daniel Hall)
<b>20</b> Easter Day 9- a.m. Solemn Holy Eucharist, Church. (Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast following 9 am service) 11.15 a.m. Solemn Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b> Parish Offices Closed	<b>22</b>  Healing Service, 12: 15 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>23</b> Celtic Eucharist- 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)  <i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	<b>24</b> Vestry Easter Party  No Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 2 Easter 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Christian Formation: 11 Clericus- 1 p.m. Cedartown	<b>28</b> Soup Kitchen through May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>29</b> Healing Service, 12: 15 p.m. (Chapel)	<b>30</b> Celtic Eucharist- 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)	<i>Additional Notes:</i> +No Regularly Scheduled Weekday Services during Holy Week. These services resume during the first week of Easter. +Easter Egg Hunt is normally held on the Willingham Lawn. In case of rain, it is moved inside to the third floor of the Hight Building. +The Vestry WILL meet on Tuesday of Holy Week, 5:30 p.m., Rhodes-Wyatt Room.		



# April 2014 Ministry Schedules, Rosters, and Rotations

<p><b>Altar Guild</b></p> <p>~</p> <p><i>Contacts: Frieda Yeary 706-234-7757 &amp; Helen Keaten 706-232-1121</i>                  Sylvia Hine &amp; Nancy Hunter ©,                  Dot Fletcher, Laura Frederick,                  Kitty Johnston, Sue Mann, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Stefani Ortman, Nell Warren, Becky Sims</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Crews</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>Contact: Ann Pullen 706-295-0010                  4/6 Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Al Bonnyman, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington, Bill Banks                  4/13 John Hine, Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith, Bill Fricks                  4/20 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry                  4/27 Charlie Hardaker, Ann Pullen, Winston Sirmans, Mary Osner, Jack McGuffey</p>	<p><b>Canterbury Club</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>Contact: Janice Wright 706-291-2157                  4/1 Compline &amp; Conversation, Berry Admissions Living Room, 8pm                  4/7 Berry RiLAC, Krannert 5pm                  4/8 Compline &amp; Conversation, Berry Admissions Living Room, 8pm                  4/15 Compline &amp; Conversation, Berry Admissions Living Room, 8pm                  4/22 Dinner @ Janice's house, 7 Creekside Way  <i>Be sure to check your email regularly for updates &amp; further opportunities for fellowship.</i></p>
<p><b>EYC</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>Contact: Mother Nikki 706-291-9111                  April 2, 16, 23, 30: Jr &amp; Sr. EYC, 6-7:30                  4/3 11th/12th Grade Sunrise Gathering at Swift and Finch                  4/9 Schroeder's Night, 6 p.m.                  4/26 Sr. Adventure: Climbing -Youth Choir now meets on Sundays at 12 noon. No rehearsal on Easter Sunday.</p>	<p><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>Contact: Mary Kirkland 706-291-0558                  Mary Kirkland©, Bill Banks, Doug Lansing, Laura Davis</p>	<p><b>Loaves and Fishes</b></p> <p>~</p> <p><i>Contacts: Peggy Nash 706-235-4911 &amp; Kathy Steinbruegge 706-234-5908</i>                  Leigh Patterson©, Amanda Kinder, Ann Spears, Anne Kerr, Betty Andrews, Diane Nance, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Nancy Starr, Mollie Avery</p>
<p><b>Soup Kitchen</b></p> <p><i>Contacts: Bill Schoepski 706-235-2075 &amp; Sue Anderson 706-936-3326</i></p> <p>Monday: Frances Knight©, Bob Evans, Amy Summerlin, Beth Starnes, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Shelley Parris, Anne Kaiser                  Tuesday: Marny Busbin ©, Anne Kerr, Janet Morris, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester, Suzy Gilbert                  Wednesday: Ann Laughlin©, John Hine, Randy Muller, Elaine Smith, Susan Cooper, Sylvia Hine, Laura Frederick                  Thursday: Rich Molnar©, Will Dellis, Barb Molnar, Betsy Awsumb, Kathy Steinbruegge, Lilli Tucker, Cheryl Ranwez                  Friday: Andye Moss©, Randy Muller, Ann Laughlin, Cissy Rogers, Liesl Bold, Helen Keaten, Jill Horst</p>		<p><b>Vestry Member of the Month</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>Andye Moss</p>
<p>Lay Reader &amp; Chalice Bearer Schedule for Feast Days in April</p> <p>Palm Sunday:  <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Reader &amp; Prayers: Mark Jester  <b>10 a.m.</b> First Lesson: B. Steinbruggee                  Second Lesson: W. Carpenter.                  Prayers: B. Wright                  Chalice Bearers:                  D. Hicks                  B. Hampton                  J. Evans                  K. Anderson  <i>(Passion Gospel roles are listed on the complete roster sent from the office.)</i></p>	<p>The High Altar and Tabernacle Adorned with Palms in Preperation for Holy Week.</p> <p>Maundy Thursday:                  First Lesson: D. Downey                  Second Lesson: Randy Warley                  Prayers: A. Bonnyman                  Chalice Bearers:                  B. Hampton                  J. Evans                  D. Hicks                  B. Steele</p> <p>Good Friday:                  First Lesson: A. Moss                  Second Lesson: J. Duncan</p>	<p>The Great Vigil of Easter:                  Old Testament Lessons:                  See Full Roster                  Epistle: A. Bonnyman                  Chalice Bearers:                  S. Musick                  T. Dasher                  T. Richards                  B. Hampton</p> <p>Easter Day:  <b>9 a.m.</b>                  Readings and Prayers: Youth                  Chalice Bearers:                  S. Knauss,                  S. Musick,                  A. Moss.  <b>11:15 a.m.</b>                  First Lesson: B. Wright                  Second Lesson: B. Berry                  Prayers: T. Dasher                  Chalice Bearers:                  J. Duncan,                  B. Steele,                  K. Anderson,                  F. Yeary.</p>



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Return service requested.

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### April 2014 Parish News

The congratulations of the parish is extended to:

† Emma Bartlett, granddaughter of Marsha Welch, and Trinity Pyle, granddaughter of Betty Andrews, who were selected as Terrific Kids by their schools and honored by the Optimist Club;

† Lucy Lansing, daughter of Helen and Doug Lansing, on her selection as Rome High School's STAR student. Lucy scored the highest SAT score at Rome High and is in the top 10% of her senior class;

† Virginia McChesney who received the Golden Gift from Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional society for women educators, at the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX;

† Emily and Bryan Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Natalee Catherine Johnson, on March 14, 2014. Natalee is the granddaughter of Janet and Bill Byington and the late George Griffin, Jr;

† John Knauss for winning the District I Spelling Bee for the second year in a row and advances to the state competition at Georgia State University.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to:

† The family of Kathleen Bracken on the death of her brother, Gordon Davis Fitzgerald, on February 27, 2014, in Virginia Beach, VA;

† The family of Ladre Combee Floyd on the death of her husband, Cecil Floyd Jr., on March 10, 2014 in Rome;

† Bill Schoepski on the death of his mother, Pauline E. Schoepski, on March 28, 2014, in Belvidere, Illinois.