



Letters to the Romans

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[Through 2014]

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Janet Byington, Stewardship Chair

Every Sunday after we place our offering in the collection plate we sing these words of the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow". Do we really think about what that means? First and foremost, our offering is a way to praise God. It is giving our hard earned cash dollars to the Lord so that God's mission and vision for the world can be accomplished by the good works of the people at St. Peter's and the missions St. Peter's supports throughout the world.

Secondly, we are reminded that it is indeed God from whom all our blessings flow--all of them, not some of them, every single one of them. Every dime we make, every breath we take, all of them come from God. God created us and it is God who blesses His creation.

"Praise God from whom all blessing flow" is a weekly reminder of who we really are and to whom we are indebted for all that we are and all that we have. Sometimes the only one who understands what is in our heart is the One who made it and for that we praise God. The Stewardship Committee has selected this phrase as the theme for the 2015 Stewardship Campaign. In preparation for this effort, the Stewardship Committee looked back over many years of drives in this church. In 2008 a wonderful booklet was published where many of the parishioners shared their personal thoughts and stories about Stewardship.

What became evident is that people give for one of two reasons or a combination of both. First, many people give to St. Peters. They love this church, this building, this family and they feel strongly that it is incumbent upon them to maintain this church both physically and spiritually. They know the good works of the program that the church supports within the parish, this community, and the world. These people know the utilities need to be paid, salaries are necessary, insurance and all the operating expenses keep this sacred place alive. They know that if John or Janice or Nikki were to ask the ushers to turn out the lights in the sanctuary on any given Sunday because bills can't be paid, not only would our church go dark, but all the good works and missions of the church would cease to illuminate our community and outreach in the world.

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The second group of people consider their giving as a gift back to God. As the Doxology says, since God gives all, should we not also return all to God. Through God, people and churches spread the message and mission out into the world. The Stewardship Committee asks from you to consider the premise that if giving is merely to a church, a ministry or a needy person, it is only charity. But if it is given to the Lord, it becomes an act of worship.

There is an excellent course called the Crown Ministry Biblical Financial Study. It is not about stewardship or tithing to a church. It is about examining how we spend each and every penny every day in every way. It examines the big picture about how God gives us resources and how God expects us to be good stewards of those resources. It starts with 3 premises:

1. There are more than 2,350 verses in the Bible on how to handle money and possessions. The authors of this course realized that both we and God have a part in the handling of our money. Further, how we handle our money influences our fellowship with the Lord.
2. Possessions compete with God for first place in our lives.
3. Much of life revolves around the use -- or misuse—of money. Thankfully, God has given us a roadmap in the scriptures for living. There are very specific instructions if we pay attention carefully.

Over the course of this Stewardship Campaign we will be sharing with you some of the principles we have learned... both personal stories and scriptural principles. We hope that you will use these in your family discussions as you individually, and as a family, prayerfully consider what your pledge will be this year.

Each week we will also have a grey insert in the church bulletin. We hope you will read it and discuss it as a family. The 2015 Campaign will kick off September 21 and we ask that you return your commitment of time, talent and treasures by October 15. The Vestry has to plan for the upcoming year. We will have a renovated church. Our Capital Campaign slogan was “Welcoming All” and certainly our new facilities will allow for just that. As more people enter these doors, more resources will be needed to care for them. The Capital Campaign got the facilities ready, now the Stewardship Campaign will provide the funding for the people and programs. Our goal this year is \$750,000, which sounds daunting, but we know that “With God, all things are possible.”

Those of us who attend St. Peter’s believe in the good works of this church, but equally important we believe that it is our responsibility to spread out into the world God’s message of faith. We believe God truly does want us to ‘welcome all’ into the Kingdom.

A prayer written by Roman Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero says more than we ever could. Here are a few of his thoughts...

*This is what we are about:
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything
And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that
This enables us to do something,
And to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and do the rest.*

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

2015 Stewardship Committee: Janet Byington, Chairman, Drew Moss, Suzanne Scott

From this summer in pictures



Susan Gilbert Harvey spoke at the Rome Area History Museum on June 10. She presented *Dancing in the Crossroads*, a documentary film that also contains the 25th anniversary edition of *ROLE CALL*, Harvey's autobiography fairytale featuring her performance characters.

(Right) Whit Molnar's lemonade stand raised \$1600.00 for the Open Door Home.



EYC Pilgrimage getting ready to walk the way of St. Jameson the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain.



Father Herring celebrating his 2nd Anniversary at St. Peter's.



The Rome Heritage Foundation created a scholarship in the name of Dr. George Pullen, who was at Floyd and Georgia Highlands for 27 years, with an annual scholarship that will be presented to a history student.

Community Engagement Fellowship Reflection . . . Remy Jennings

The word “community” has been on my mind a lot recently. It’s in our program title and it was the subject our second week of readings, but many argue that communities are dying because of globalization and an overreliance on government to solve our problems. However, I see community every day at MSK (Mooresville Soup Kitchen). Community is demonstrated both in a physical sense as people in the local area come together to serve their neighbors and in a figurative sense as I learn about the relationships people have formed during their time spent at MSK.

I see the local community coming together when I organize the donation records and find receipts from about thirty churches in the area who support MSK each year. Although different in denomination or religious doctrine, the churches seek to work tighter to feed MSK’s guests.

I see the local community coming together when I watch daily as Judith answers the phone and records name of people who want to give their time and energy as volunteers. I observe high school students volunteering alongside retired persons; I watch mentally handicapped people volunteering alongside their caretakers; I see soup kitchen guests who are also volunteers. MSK’s volunteer base brings people from many different backgrounds together because of their common commitment to service.

I see the local community coming together when I see pig farmers and a couple from The Church of God come in the afternoons to pick up leftover food. This collaboration of different sectors of the community ensure that we are being good stewards of our resources.

I saw the local community coming together when I attended the Sunday service at St. Alban’s church last week and heard the deacon make an announcement that she needed six people to fill St. Alban’s monthly cook team spots at MSK. The cook teams are a way that church communities are engaged in the larger Lake Norman community.

In addition to seeing people come together from the local community to support MSK, from my work as a Community Engagement Fellow thus far, I have seen the importance of involvement in local organizations because I see community being built within MSK’s walls each day

I see community being built among among the guests, who come in the mornings to socialize with each other and have Bible study twice a week. In my past experiences with soup kitchens, guests have kept to themselves and even been embarrassed to be at a soup kitchen, but the guest at MSK enjoy one another’s company and greet me every morning when I come to work.

I see community being built among the volunteers, who ask about each other’s jobs or kids. I was struck on my first day of work how everyone knew everyone, and as people passed through the middle room, the volunteers with whom I was working that day stopped to hug others or chat with them before resuming work, describing MSK to be as “one big family.” Although most of these people did not know each other before they began volunteering at MSK, they are now friends.

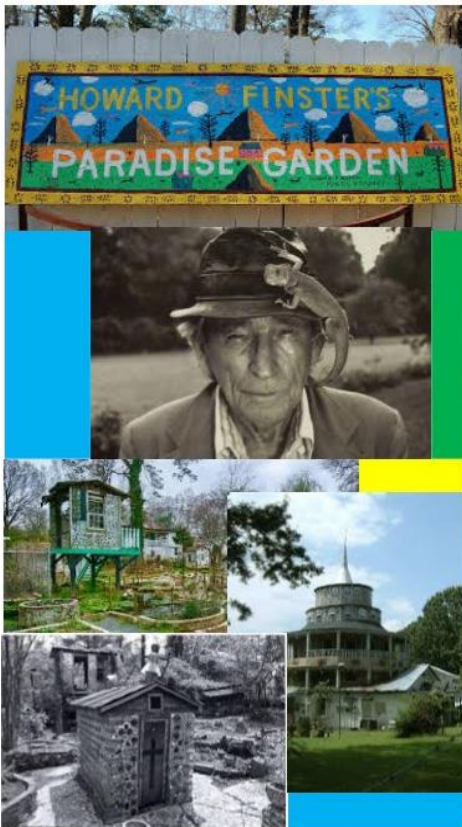
I see community being built when Vickie asks each day before lunch if anyone has a birthday or other celebration that day, and the entire room then proceeds to sing “Happy Birthday” to someone that they just met. And, finally, I even see community being built when two teens who are new to the area and homeless walked into MSK late one afternoon, wondering what services we provided and when the best time to come by was if they wanted to meet other homeless people. MSK provides a place for these people to network with each other.

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Every day I am inspired by the ways in which the community contributes to MSK's mission and the ways in which people's lives are enriched by the community that forms among MSK's constituents. Community's not dead. It's alive and well at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen.

(Remy Jennings, daughter of Linda and Russ Jennings was a very active member of St. Peter's EYC and was actively involved with youth activities in the Diocese of Atlanta. Remy sent the following to Janice regarding her college activities at MSK (Mooresville Soup Kitchen).

JOY TRIP



The St. Peter's JOY group will visit
Paradise Garden
in Summerville, Georgia, on
Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Enjoy a special tour of Paradise Garden hosted by our own Janet Byington, Paradise Garden Foundation Board member. Lunch in the Garden will be catered by **Armstrong's Barbecue**. A stop at the **Folk America** gallery will round out the day.

- Depart: St. Peter's at 10:15 a.m.
- Return: by 2:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$35 (includes transportation, admission *and* lunch)

Paradise Garden is a handicap accessible venue. Call the church office to make your reservation (706-291-9111), then confirm your space with a nonrefundable check payable to St. Peter's JOY.

**PARADISE
GARDEN**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The **blessing of the animals** will take place in the grassy area next to the Church Office building on Fourth Avenue on **Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m.** Refreshments for pets and owners will be provided. Don't forget to leash your four legged friends. If you lost a beloved animal companion during the year and would like for him/her to be remembered in the St. Francis Day prayers, please call the church office 706-291-9111 by **September 25.**

September 2014 Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE	MONDAY SCHEDULE	TUESDAY SCHEDULE	WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	THURSDAY SCHEDULE		
8:30 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 Children's Chapel 11:15 Sunday School 11:15 Adult Education		12:15 Healing Svc	5:30 Celtic Svc 6:15-7:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir 8:00 Compline (Berry) 6:30 EYC	10:00 Bible Study (Resumes 9/18)		
	1 Office Closed	2	3	4 Worship Fair 11-12:30 Berry College	5 Student Involvement Fair 5 pm. Berry College	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT ED. RESUME <i>13 Pentecost</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 / 11:00 Sunday School <i>14 Pentecost</i>	15	16 5:30 Vestry Meeting	17	18 Bible Study Resumes	19	20
21 <i>15 Pentecost</i>	22	23	24 (Newsletter Deadline)	25	26	27
28 <i>16 Pentecost</i>	29	30				

September 2014 Schedules

ALTAR GUILD: Beth Hughes ©, Elaine Smith, Mai Mai Kelly, Sunny Knauss, Ann Laughlin, Lulie Chin, Lynn Hicks, Frieda Yeary, Laura Frederick.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ROTATION:

9/7 Sarah Harbin and Laura Davis

9/14 Emily Taylor and Carlye June

9/21 Kimberly Moseley and Cynthia Murphy-Burnes

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

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

USHERS: Buster Wright ©, Bruce Hunter, Bryant Steele, Roger Smith

VESTRY OF THE MONTH: Jimmy Smith

ADULT FORUM Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The Kerygma Bible Study class will return this year as an Adult Formation offering.

Once again, Jack Niedrach, Clem Trammell, Buster Wright and Brett Kennedy will lead the class with a new 14 week study this time on the Book of Romans. Once again, the Kerygma curriculum will be used with its thorough guides and resource materials.

Last year's class asked that this type of Bible study be continued and that their collective choice was to study Paul's works.

The Kerygma description of this course is "Faith comes to life in this real letter to real people. In what is called the most inspirational letter ever written, these words to the church in ancient Rome echo still with energy and power. Encounter theology in the making as Paul wrestles with enduring issues: justification and grace, sin and salvation, a vision of unity, and the faithfulness of God."

Wired Word – Wired Word meets in the **Rhodes-Wyatt room**. Each week takes an item from the news or current events and provides an opportunity to reflect on how our faith responds to or interacts with the concern. Through a mixture of scriptures, big questions, and discussion, "Wired Word" encourages participants to consider how following Jesus puts them in touch with the wider world.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REQUEST:

During the month of September, the Capital Campaign Committee will gather information from all donors to the campaign so that we may recognize donors on a plaque in Daniel Hall. If you are a donor, please watch for the written request in your mailbox and return the form promptly, indicating how you would like your name(s) to be listed. If you are not yet a donor, *there is still time to make a pledge to this campaign* and have your name listed along with all those in your parish family who have made the renovations and improvements to our building possible.

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Letter from Mother Nikki

Hi All,

I hope your summer has been wonderful and I also hope that the tail end of it holds peace, joy, and blessings as parents, children and teachers gear up for the weekday school activities (along with all the extra-curricular and student support activities) to begin.

It's also time for Sunday School (a.k.a. SS) activities to 'begin' to begin, so I wanted to touch base and let you know about those things that are upcoming.

Sunday School proper, as well as Children's Chapel, begin on **September 7**. Basic supplies have been replenished, snacks are currently being re-stocked. Curriculum notebooks (for those SS classes that usually have curriculum notebooks) are available in the SS classrooms. Information for online access to curriculum for SS classes (with the exception of Children's Chapel as there is an online source for those sessions) will be e-mailed to you guys relevant to the age range you teach. Children's Church folks, do not despair. At the very least, we can do a monthly e-mail blast of lessons, and other options may be available in the future.

2014-2015 SS Calendar

- 9/7--1st day of Sunday School
- 10/29--Oktoberfest (Wednesday night)
- 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21--Advent Series
- 1/4--Epiphany Pageant
- 4/5--Easter--no Sunday School
- 4/25 (tentative date)--Youth Sunday, Spring Picnic, Teacher Appreciation
- 5/10--Mother's Day--last day of Sunday School
- 6/22-6/26 (tentative date)--VBS

*If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me at the church office (706-291-9111). **Welcome back!!!** Thank you for your ministry to our children and youth. Through you they see the love of Jesus and learn the beauty of our faith.*

Capital Pledge Reminder

As construction continues and years of planning come to fruition in our buildings, the parish is making construction payments on a steady schedule. If you have made a **pledge to the Capital Campaign** but have not yet begun making payments on your pledge, please help in this process by making pledge payments as soon as possible. Thank you!

Renovation Pictures:



St. Peter's Archivists Are Busy, Too

Many St. Peter's parishioners may not be aware that the church has its own archives and active archivists. If you have been in the Rhodes-Wyatt room and noticed the attractive red bound notebooks, then you have seen the work of Mary and Curt Yarbrough. The late Dr. C. J. Wyatt wrote a history of the church that was published in 1994 entitled "Upon This Rock" which covered the first 150 years of St. Peter's life. Since then, the Yarbrough's have been active in continuing his work by saving any and all information about the church in the large notebooks displayed in the bookshelves of that room.

St. Peter's Archivists Are Busy, Too. Continued from page 9

The installation of the elevator in the Hight Building has made removal of the history bearing tomes from those shelves and presented a problem of where to house them. In the process of moving these materials, Mary found a plethora of unfiled materials pertaining to the church's history, everything from building materials to old directories to specifics of termite protection applications. At the moment, these papers are being arranged into proper files and stored in vertical file cabinets in the newly refurbished closet on the second floor of the Willingham House. This small space will be filled with the material collected over the years by the Yarbroughs and other parishioners. Some renovations to this closet area have made it a dry, safe place for these priceless papers. Mary is presently being assisted in this important job by two of St. Peter's own, Rebecca Rogers and Amy Summerlin, both professional archivists.

If you are interested in looking at any of these materials or in assisting in the job of saving them, please contact the church office about this important project.



Canterbury Club of Northwest Georgia

**An Episcopal/Anglican/ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students
Berry College, Shorter University & Georgia Highlands College**

<i>When?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>Where?</i>
Monday, September 9	RiLAC meeting	Krannert Rm 324 5 pm
Thursday, September 5	Worship Opportunity Fair	Berry College Krannert 11 am
Friday, September 6	Student Involvement Fair	Berry College 5-7 pm
Tuesday, September 10	Compline & Conversation	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 15	Welcome to CC Lunch after St. P. 10 o'clock service	St. Peter's & Mellow Mushroom
Tuesday, September 17	Compline & Conversation	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 8:00 pm
Tuesday, September 24	Compline & Conversation	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 1	Compline & Conversation	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 8:00 pm

September 2014 Parish News

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- Elizabeth Martin Richards and James Elliott Coble on their marriage, July 5, 2014. Elizabeth is the daughter of Tricia Richards;
- The Reverend Doctor George Donald Black on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests in Norfolk, VA on June 11, 1964
- Cameron O'Riley on her selection as the recipient of the Holy Trinity Centennial Scholarship Award. Cameron was chosen from several dozen candidates as the only recipient and will receive \$5000.00. Our former Children's Ministries Coordinator is now a seminarian at Sewanee: The University of the South;
- Linda and Ed Hine on the birth of their granddaughter, Kathleen Anne McElrath, on August 14, 2014, in Birmingham, AL. Kathleen is the daughter of John and Stacey McElrath;
- Anna (Erickson) and Bryce Baumann on the birth of their daughter, Molly Ruth, on August 19, 2014, in Berea, KY;
- Meg and Byron Eberhart on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, August 22, 2014;
- Natalie and Ryan Murphy on the birth of their son, Collier Groze, on August 23, 2013. Collier Groze is the grandson of Cynthia Murphy-Burnes and Mike Burnes and Bambi and Bob Berry.
- Spencer Musick who begins a new job as Multimedia Editor and News Presenter for English and Russian language services of China Radio International in Beijing, China on September 5, 2014. Spencer wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all of St. Peter's parishioners for their prayers and support over the years. CRI can be heard nightly from 8-10pm at 9570 KHz using any shortwave radio receiver or online at <http://english.dri.cn/>
- Laura Musselwhite who has been named chief Academic Officer and Dean of Instructions at The University of New Mexico – Valencia Campus. Laura begins on September 15, 2014 and completes a 23 year career at George Washington College.

St. Peter's Welcomes New Parishioners

Though displaced from St. Peter's beloved sanctuary this summer, the church has enjoyed an active attendance with many new faces nearly each Sunday. Some of those visitors have become members of St. Peter's as well. They are Brian and Melissa Keefe and children from Albany, GA, Brent and Andrea Bell and Charlie, Jack, and Brent from Huntsville, AL, Ben and Sarah McElrath and Mary-Jo Woolcott. Welcome to St. Peter's!

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- Sherron and Allen Mull and Juli Lemming on the death of Allen's mother and Jul's grandmother, Dorothy Logan, on May 23, 2014.
- Rana, Trinity, and Maddox Pyle on the death of Rana's mother and Trinity and Maddox's grandmother, Betty Sue Rainey Andrews, who died July 10, 2014, in Rome.
- Cynthia Murphy-Burnes and Mike Burns, Kimberly and Stephen Moseley, and Natalie and Ryan Murphy on the death of Cynthia's mother's and Kimberly and Ryan's grandmother, Wynell Stanton, on August 21, 2014, in Rome.

Children's Choir....Time to Sing!



It's Time to Sing!!

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.

5:30 pm: Simple dinners are provided for the kids.

(We will eat on the 3rd floor. Cost for dinner is \$2.00 per child)

6:15 -7:00 pm: We will sing and grow together as we learn about our faith through songs, stories, crafts and games!

Cherub Choir (3 years old through kindergarten) will meet with Ms. Katie on the 2nd floor next to the nursery.

Junior Choir (1st-5th grades) will meet with Ms. Wanda on the 3rd floor in the bright yellow choir room.

See you there!!!!

Ms. Wanda Cantrell and Ms. Katie Johnson

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Return service requested.