



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 7, 2014

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS! If you are interested in knowing more about St. Peter's, please see an usher or one of the greeters who stand with the clergy after the service.

TODAY AT ST. PETER'S

8:30	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 – 12	Nursery available for up to age 4
10:00	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15	Wired Word (RW Room) Kerygma (Daniel Hall) Forum Series (Church)
12:00	Youth Choir
4:00	Advent Series (Daniel Hall)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: All children, age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to be a part of Children's Chapel which meets during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children meet on the second floor immediately before church for a worship service and continue their worship in the church at The Peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating birthdays this week (December 7-13): Barry Wright, Charles Dean, Alice Enloe, Emily Taylor, Hank Crawford, Andrew McDaniel, Jackie Mooney, Sophie June, Ronnie Mixon, and Anna Nichols.

LAY MINISTERS: (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—Tricia Richards. (10:00); 1st Lesson—Janet Byington; 2nd Lesson—Al Bonnyman; Prayers—Buster Wright; Chalice Bearers—Bill Byington, Sunny Knauss, and Tom Dasher.

DECEMBER CANDLES are given by the Wesley Martin family to the glory of God and in memory of W.C. Owen and Kiki Petropole.

ADVENT CANDLES are given by Carol McCann to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson and Bill Johnson.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES:

- Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS are given by Diann Kothe to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karl Kothe and other deceased family members.

EVENING PRAYER: Father Black will lead evening prayer on Thursdays during Advent at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST: Harry McConnell, Frances Johnson, Bonnie Storey, The Rt. Rev. Milton Wood, Connie Pruett, Daniel Kinnebrew, Charlie Rutledge, Tom Lumpkin, Emily Woodward Macy, Bill Flanigen, Jackie Miller, Lucy Ann Blackwell, Kate Lykins, Brent Culbreth, Eloise Childs, Abbie Ratliff, Ralph Dodd, Lori Burton, Matthew Black, Sam Tullis, Delores Nowell, Wayne Johnson, Louise Summerlin, Connor Yeargan, Elliot Sunblad, Millard Griffin, Jeri Kemp, Grace Truman, Amy Turner, Tyler West, Will Enloe, Nancy Bryan, Barbara Lynch, Terry Warley, Anne Warley, Beverly Warley, Karen Novian, Eddie Giles, Cheryl Ranwez, John Burnes, Beverly Burnes, Mardi Andrews.

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEER REQUEST FROM THE MISSION

COMMITTEE: As Christmas approaches and we prepare for the joyous holiday season with our families and friends, it is important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in our own lives while also being aware that not everyone is as fortunate. There are many children that are in need of a guardian angel. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or family for Christmas please contact Jackie Trammell at jtrammell@floydboe.net. Thank you!



THE JOY GROUP looks forward to a **JOYful Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Tom Dasher, 29 Notasulga Drive. Bring an appetizer to share. Please call the church office at 706-291-9111 by December 9 to accept this invitation.

ADULT EDUCATION immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. **Adult education will conclude for 2014 on December 14.**

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.

ADULT FORUM SERIES: Kemper Anderson will lead a “A two-week, “Advent edition” of last year’s adult education series entitled, “God’s Revelation in Scripture, Story and Song” begins **TODAY in the sanctuary after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

For those who were unable to attend last year’s offering, the series provides participants with the opportunity to experience the word of God through the work of contemporary writers and composers. Before class each week, participants will be invited to study a short passage(s) of Scripture (*homework...* gotta love it!) that will be the focus of further exploration in colloquy. On Sunday, we’ll begin with “story time,” wherein God’s revelation will be experienced contextually through a corresponding reading from Walter Wangerin Jr.’s *The Book of God*. This will be followed by discussion/reflection about what we’ve read and heard, and we’ll conclude with a musical selection from a contemporary Christian singer/songwriter aimed at providing yet another avenue for appreciation of the richness of God’s revelation.

We’ll be looking at the stories of Joseph and Zechariah during week one. I invite those interested in joining the group to brush up on Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-56, if you just can’t resist reading ahead. But you know the story...

THE KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY: Jack Niedrach, Clem Trammell, Buster Wright and Brett Kennedy will lead the study of the **Book of Romans**. Once again, the Kerygma curriculum will be used with its thorough guides and resource materials.

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.”

CANTERBURY CLUB wishes all our college students a happy and healthy Christmas break. We will miss you. Come back to us soon!

ACOLYTE AND CHILD/YOUTH LAY READER TRAINING (includes rehearsal for this year’s Christmas services) will be on Sunday, December 14, immediately following Sunday School (for those in Youth Choir, please attend Youth Choir first, and join us at the training/rehearsal afterward.)

Youth Choir will meet this afternoon.

EYC will meet this afternoon, 4-6pm.

This coming Wednesday, 12/10/14, EYC will gather at the church at 6:30. **It is Schroeder’s Night!!** Wahoo! Please bring \$5.00 to defray costs.

CHILDREN’S CORNER:

Children’s Chapel- After reading today’s gospel, the children learn about John the Baptist. What do you think it would be like to be a messenger bringing good news?

Weaving God’s Promises (classes pre-K through 6th grade) – Today, the children learn about the prophets Isaiah and Malachi, and they will also continue with Advent devotions.

Rite 13- The students will continue to discuss how we speak to God and how we listen to God when we are in prayer, with special emphasis on confession.

Keeping it Real and Relevant/J2A- Today, students will discuss the gospel reading, and will continue to explore how we prepare for Christ's coming in the season of Advent.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL ADVENT SERIES AND SUPPER will continue on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2014. Festivities will be from **4:00-6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per family per week for the activity. Family Dinner cost is \$5 for Adults, \$3 age 10 and under, \$20 family max.** Reservations required by noon on Tuesdays. To RSVP, call the church office at [706-291-9111](tel:706-291-9111). Nursery will be available for the littlest angels. All members are invited to participate. **Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can ensure adequate food and resources are available. Those without reservations will be served after those who have made reservations, as food and materials remain available.**

December 7: **Chrismons and Ornament Making**

December 14: **Gingerbread Houses**

December 21: **Movie Night**

CANTERBURY CLUB wants to put your **extra 2015 calendars** to good use. As part of our service to the community, we are collecting calendars for families served by DFACS. Collection boxes will be located in Daniel Hall and the church office through December 31.

A MESSAGE AND INVITATION FROM KEMPER ANDERSON: My seminary formation is drawing to a close. The days have often been long, but the weeks, months and years have flown by. **I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at St. Philip's Cathedral in Atlanta on Saturday, December 20th at 10 a.m.** The Episcopal Church requires all clergy to serve as transitional deacons for a minimum of six months before ordination to the priesthood. A December deacon's ordination will start that clock running so that I'll be eligible for priestly ordination shortly after I graduate from Sewanee in May. After seminary, who knows? God knows.

In any case, I've attached an invitation to the ceremony. It should be a grand event with plenty of Episcopal pomp and ceremony: splendid hymnody, smells (incense) and yells (chanting). Quite the spectacle. All are welcome, but come early - there will likely be a crowd. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone you think might be interested.