



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 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 Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning
11:15	Wired Word (RW Room) Kerygma (Daniel Hall) Forum Series (Church)
12:00	Youth Choir Acolyte Training
4:00	Advent Series (Daniel Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Kemper Anderson's Ordination: December 20 (Cathedral of St. Philip)
- Reception for Kemper Anderson: December 21
- **Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.**
- Epiphany pageant rehearsal: December 28 at 11:00 a.m.

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 14-20): Roger Smith, Meredith Cole, Bob Swanson, Mary Dixon, Melissa Van Meter, Michelle Wood, Sammy Peirson, Brian Kinder, Megan Massey, Beth Starnes, Sharon Norman, Drew Moss, Dale Carroll, Diann Kothe, Lilli Tucker, and Travis Black.

LAY MINISTERS: (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—Tricia Richards. (10:00); 1st Lesson—Mark Jester; 2nd Lesson—Jack Niedrach; Prayers—Wade Carpenter; Chalice Bearers—Bryan Johnson, Andye Moss, and Steve Stutts.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY has concluded for the year and will resume in January.

CHURCH ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS are given by Nancy Starr and her family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Harlan Starr.

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

COMMISSIONING: Today during the 10:00 a.m. service, the Eucharistic Visitors will be commissioned by Father Herring. The Eucharistic Visitors are: Tom Dasher, Bob Evans, Bill Fricks, Beth Hughes, Elizabeth McDaniel, Andye Moss, Rebecca Roberts, Curt Yarbrough and Mary Yarbrough.

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, Betty Penson, Terry Knight, Cathy Varidel.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne Kerr on the birth of her grandson, Oliver Emory McGinnis on December 4, 2014, in Melrose, Massachusetts. He is the son of Rebekah and Spencer McGinnis.

KEMPER ANDERSON'S ORDINATION: You are invited to Kemper's ordination to the Transitional Diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta on Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m.

RECEPTION for Kemper on his last Sunday with us, December 21. The reception will immediately follow the 10:00 a.m. service. Please come and wish him luck and congratulate him on his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: As the end of the year approaches, parishioners are asked to complete their 2014 pledges as soon as possible. Please be aware that gifts must be received at St. Peter's **before noon** on December 31 to be included in 2014 year-end pledge statements. This is an accounting/tax practice with which St. Peter's must comply. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

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.

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

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 an Advent edition of last year’s adult education series entitled, “God’s Revelation in Scripture, Story and Song” **TODAY in the sanctuary after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

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.”

WHAT IS A DISCRETIONARY CHRISTMAS? Well, the answer is pretty simple. It is a rare day at the Willingham House when someone does not climb the drive and steps to ask the clergy for financial assistance of one kind or another. St. Peter’s and most Episcopal Churches budget discretionary funds for the clergy for just such emergencies. With today’s economy and other circumstances, many more people are finding themselves in need of immediate help. Sometimes it’s a meal, or maybe gas money to get to a job interview, or there’s no food in the house. Clergy people have big hearts and saying “no” to these requests is something that “sticks in their craw.” *What to do?*

Each clergy at St. Peter’s has a small monthly allowance designated for these purposes. In this day and time, it is rarely enough to get through the month. “Why not buy a gift card from Kroger’s, Walmart, Aldi’s and give it to the clergy for their discretionary funds?” asked one concerned parishioner. And that is one great idea! So, while you are shopping at your favorite grocery store, gas station, or drug store, pick up a gift card for any amount of money you feel you can spare. Put the card in the collection plate on Sunday or drop it by the office one day before Christmas. *This is a gift that will really “keep on giving.”*

Envelopes are located in the front and back of the church. Please use one of these envelopes for cash or checks, with a note that it’s for the “discretionary fund.” The envelopes and gift cards can be placed in the alms basin will be automatically go to the discretionary of the clergy. Thank you!

Youth Choir **will meet** this afternoon.

Acolyte and children and youth lay reader training/Christmas service rehearsal **will be held immediately after Sunday School.** Pizza will be served.

EYC **will NOT meet** this afternoon.

This coming **Wednesday, December 10**, the EYC will gather at the church at 6:30. Pizza will be served; please bring \$3.00 to defray costs.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Today in:

Children's Chapel- After reading today's gospel, the children learn about ways to understand the coming of Jesus and welcome him.

Weaving God's Promises (classes pre-K through 6th grade) – Today, the children learn about the prophet John and the story of his birth, and they will also continue with Advent devotions.

Rite 13- The students will be focusing on a mission project about helping a family in need during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Keeping it Real and Relevant/J2A- Today, students will discuss the epistle reading, and what Paul is saying about accountability.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL ADVENT SERIES AND SUPPER will continue this



afternoon, December 14, 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 14: Gingerbread Houses

December 21: Movie Night