



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 21, 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	Reception for Kemper (Daniel Hall) Daughters of the King
12:00	Youth Choir
4:00	Advent Series (Daniel Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.**
- Epiphany pageant rehearsal: December 28 at 11:15 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 21-27): Lisa Horton, Jim Williams, Larry Head, Gabe Van Meter, Chandler Sumner, Linda Kane, John Taylor, Bob Dellenback, Magi Griffin, Ed Hine, and Julia Hodges.

LAY MINISTERS: (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—John Duncan. (10:00); 1st Lesson—Cameron O'Riley; 2nd Lesson—Heidi Cole; Prayers—Bob Berry; Chalice Bearers—Bryant Steele, David Hicks, and Cameron O'Riley.

CHURCH ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS are given by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Patton to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Patton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Patton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Osborne.

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 Johnston, Louise Summerlin, Connor Yeargan, Elliot Sunblad, Millard Griffin, Jeri Kemp, Grace Truman, Amy Turner, Tyler West, Will Enloe, Barbara Lynch, Karen Novian, Eddie Giles, Cheryl Ranwez, John Burnes, Beverly Burnes, Mardi Andrews, Betty Penson, Terry Knight, Cathy Varidel, Tom Holley, Jen Nicholson.

SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH is extended to Mark Knauss and family upon the death of his father, Earnest Knauss on December 19, 2014 in Pennsylvania.

CONGRATULATIONS to

- **The Reverend Kemper Anderson** on his ordination to the transitional Diaconate, December 20, 2014.
- **Margaret Patton** on her graduation from Shorter University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Margaret is the daughter of Mary and Stephen Patton.
- **Sue Anderson** who was elected Junior Warden at the December vestry meeting.
- **Lee Niedrach** who was appointed Vestry Clerk at the December vestry meeting.

RECEPTION: Today, following the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a reception for Kemper Anderson in celebration of his ordination to the transitional diaconate and his last Sunday with us. Come congratulate him and wish him luck. Kemper is a seminarian student who has been with us for the past year for his parish placement.

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.

PayPal is up and running. A link is on the church website site, www.stpetersrome.org. Select the "giving" tab, then "stewardship."

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 Adult education will resume on **January 4, 2015**.

DANIEL HALL ACCESS UPDATE: Construction has moved to the side of Daniel Hall. The stairs to Daniel Hall from East First Street are being torn out, as well as the handicap ramp to the chapel. Daniel Hall is still accessible through the chapel and through the back door via the memory garden. You can still enter the chapel from East First Street using the chapel stairs. You can also access the sanctuary through the chapel. Daniel Hall (for now) can be accessed via the inside chapel stairs.

We will continue to keep you updated on the access changes. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 706-291-9111.

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!

CHILDREN'S CORNER: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Today in:

Children's Chapel- After reading today's gospel, the children learn about ways to understand the good news of the birth of Jesus. How do we share good news with each other today?

Weaving God's Promises (classes pre-K through 6th grade) – Today, the children learn about the birth of Jesus, 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 gospel reading, and explore the concept that the first step to preparation is believing and accepting that a change is coming.

Youth Choir **will meet** this afternoon.

EYC **will meet** this afternoon, participating in the Advent series. Please bring \$5.00 for food.

For the next two Wednesdays (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve), EYC will not meet.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL ADVENT SERIES AND SUPPER will continue on Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2014- Dinner and a Christmas Movie! Festivities will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Family Dinner cost is \$5 for Adults, \$3 age 10 and under, \$20 family max. 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.

TONIGHT'S MOVIES-

- Shrek the Halls! (about 20 minutes, contemporary Christmas animation);
- Miracle on 34th St. (1947 Christmas Classic, colorized, 96 minutes)

