



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 28, 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	Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Epiphany pageant—January 4 during the 10:00 a.m. service.

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 28-January 3): Gin Gunther, Melanie Sumner, Bill Banks, Hannah Knowles, Keri Smith, Jimmy Kelley, and Michelle O'Neill.

LAY MINISTERS: (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—Tricia Richards. (10:00); 1st Lesson—Randy Warley; 2nd Lesson—D'Ann Downey; Prayers—Andye Moss; Chalice Bearers—Cameron O'Riley, Sunny Knauss, Buster Wright, and Bill Byington.

SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH is extended to John and Mary Kirkland and family on the death of his mother, Eula Kirkland on December 22, 2014.

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.

OFFICE: The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31 and will reopen on Friday, January 2, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

CELTIC: There will be no Celtic service this week.

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, 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.

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 automatically go to the discretionary funds of the clergy. Thank you!

Children's Corner: The First Sunday after Christmas

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), Rite 13, and Keeping it Real and Relevant/J2A will meet in the church for a large group Epiphany lesson, and rehearsal and fitting for next Sunday's Epiphany pageant.

Youth Choir **will not meet** this afternoon.

EYC **will not meet** this afternoon.

This coming Wednesday, on New Year's Eve, **EYC** will not meet.

STEWARDSHIP 2015

Thank you,

To each and every one of you who gave to the 2105 Stewardship Campaign, we say "thank you."

Your gifts of time, talent, and treasures means that for another year, St. Peters will continue to be a strong, vibrant voice in this community as we continue to spread God's message of love and faith.

Our campaign this year has been very meaningful. We are truly blessed. We tried some new things and people responded. New people recognized the importance of a signed written pledge, so the Vestry can do their best work in the years ahead and new ways to pledge have brought the campaign to a successful place, but it is not over until it is over. As we come to the close of 2014, we hope you will prayerfully consider a year end gift and if you wish to do so with your credit card, PayPal is up and running. A link is on the website, click on "giving", then "stewardship", please contact Terri in the church office if you have any questions.

We are truly blessed this year at St. Peter's with a beautifully renovated sanctuary, as well as with new people who have come through our doors. We can't wait to see what 2015 has to offer as we live our mission to "welcome all" into this place where we worship.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow and thank you.

**Your Stewardship Committee,
Janet Byington
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Parish Treasurer: John Gilliam	Clerk: Lee Niedrach

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Broadcast live on Radio Station WLAQ 1410 AM and

www.WLAQ1410.com

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Baby & Toddler Nursery

WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:15 p.m. Healing Service

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Celtic Eucharist