



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 10, 2015**

**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'S CELEBRANT:** Today's Celebrant is The Right Reverend Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta. He will be confirming and receiving new members. Please join Bishop Whitmore after the 10:00 a.m. service for his forum in Daniel Hall. Feel free to make a plate and join the bishop for his forum.

### **TODAY AT ST. PETER'S**

8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	Nursery available
11:15	Bishop's Forum
	Reception

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

**LAY MINISTERS:** (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—Tricia Richards. (10:00) 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson—Laura Frederick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson—Janet Byington; Chalice Bearers —Alex Hodges, Bill Byington, Stephen Smith and Bryant Steele.

**THE UNDESIGNATED (LOOSE) OFFERING** today will be designated to the bishop's discretionary fund for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise during the course of the year.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to those celebrating birthdays this week (May 10-16): Elaine Smith, Jim Keaten, Lauren Millican, Emily Thurmond, Mary Louise Lever, Janet Flippen, Janice Holley-Houck, and Jim McCallie.

**CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Andye and the Drew Moss family to glory of God and in memory of Lucille Grubbs, Lois Moss and Sally Hitchcock.

**CHURCH ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mrs. Cissy Rogers to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Rogers.

**CHAPEL FLOWERS AVAILABLE:** If you wish to give the flowers for the chapel during the month of June, please contact Laura Frederick at 706-676-5163.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST:** Harry McConnell, The Rt. Rev. Milton Wood, Daniel Kinnebrew, Charlie Rutledge, Bill Flanigen, Ralph Dodd, Grace Truman, Amy Turner, Cheryl Ranwez, Julie Ouseley, Eloise Childs, Dana Davis, Barbara Clark, Charlie Wright, Tom Early, Lacy Hodges, Brent Culbreth, Richard Bradford, Lillian Bradford, Jan Davis, Karen Novian, Sandra Morris, Bob Watson, Robbie Sullins, Clare Harvey, Sam Tullis, B.J. Cox, Scott Davis, Mark Ades, Carol McCann, Harrell Everett, Madison Sears, Cathy Varidel, Paul Scott, Lance Ingram, Anne Conover, Alice Wright, Jeannie Ehlers, Lisa White, Barbara Cooper, Kim Patterson, Leigh Ann Siegel, Chris Singer, Barbara Compton, David Harvey, Sandy Buffington, Finn Lucas, Kent Roberts, Norma Littlejohn, Wanda Cantrell, John Morris.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lauren and Jason Millican on the birth of their son, Ryan James on May 5, 2015.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following who are being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church and to those reaffirming their baptismal vows today. There will be a reception and Bishop's Forum following the 10:00 a.m. service in Daniel Hall.

**Youth:**

- John Campbell Albertson, son of Brian and Kristin Albertson.
- Andrew Russell Bressette, Jr., son of Andrew and Jennifer Bressette.
- Isabella Celeste Carlton, daughter of David and Dagmar Schmitz Carlton.

**Adults:**

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| • Frances Burt Bagley        | • Cameron Jackson            | • Benjamin Harris  |
| • Charles Aaron<br>Beaucham  | • Eli Jackson                | • McElrath         |
| • Sarah A.W. Beaucham        | • Douglas Patrick<br>Lansing | • Sarah McElrath   |
| • Alexander Ashe<br>Bonnyman | • Annette Morris             | • Janice Routledge |

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following graduates:

- **Thomas Henry Selman IV**, Benedictine College Preparatory in Richmond, VA. He is the grandson of Jody Selman.
- **Katie Lansing**, The University of Georgia. She majored in Exercise Science and will be attending Georgia State University to work on her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She is the daughter of Helen and Doug Lansing.
- **Dr. Melissa Tarrant**, The University of Alabama. She received an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration on May 1, 2015.
- **Jackson Hodges**, The University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Music Education with emphasis in Voice. He is the son of Wanda Cantrell.
- **Kane Chambers**, Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta. He will attend the University of Mississippi. He is the son of Mike and Mary Chambers and grandson of Bob and Linda Kane.

**ADULT FORUM SERIES:** Next week, we will continue the last Adult Forum series of the "academic year" with a team-taught program based on Christine Valters Painter's book *The Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom*. Summarized in the phrase "pray and work," The Rule of St. Benedict provides the inspiration for Christine Valters Painter's exploration of the mutually nourishing relationship between contemplative practices and creative expression. You don't have to be an artist to benefit from the practices set forth in this series, so please join us. For more information about Christine Valters Painter, visit her website, Abbey of the Arts at <http://abbeyofthearts.com>.

- May 10 – No Forum
- May 17 -- Elaine Smith-- Exploring Your Inner Monk/Artist
- May 24 -- Jane Cunningham -- Sacred Rhythms
- May 31 -- Beth Hughes -- Creative Community

**JOY TRIP:** The next JOY trip will transport travelers into the flower-filled world of the brand new **Smithgall Woodland Legacy/ Atlanta Botanical Garden in Gainesville, Georgia--opening in May**. An extension of the renowned Atlanta Botanical Garden, the \$21 million initial phase, developed on 168 acres given to the Atlanta garden in 2002 by Gainesville philanthropists Charles and Lessie Smithgall, includes a contemporary visitor center with gift shop, 2000-seat amphitheater, a model train garden, and five acres of display gardens featuring nationally recognized plant collections. The trip date is **May 14**, departing St. Peter's at 8:00 a.m., returning at 4:00 p.m. Cost for transportation and admission is **\$40 per person**. Lunch on your own at **Avocado's** on the downtown Square. Guests over 21 always welcome. Call 706-291-9111 to register.

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The Bishop is here!! Please note that there are special coloring pages available at the back of the church that specifically address a Bishop's visit. They will also be available in Daniel Hall during the reception.**

Today, nursery is available as usual, for our infants through toddlers, on the second floor of the Hight Building, and childcare is available in the room next to the nursery for pre-k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children. Children pre-k and older will be brought back to the service just before the peace is exchanged, so that they will be in time to see the Bishop confirm, reaffirm, and receive church members.

**EYC** will not meet today, but will meet next Wednesday for dinner at Schroeder's. Please meet at Schroeder's at 6:30, bringing \$5.00 to offset costs.

**LET'S GO DEEP, DEEP, DEEP! St. Peter's is going OVERBOARD** for Vacation Bible School this summer! School will be ending soon and summer break will officially be upon us. This fun filled VBS is for everyone between the ages of 3 to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We will kick off the fun with a pool party at the Northside Swim Center on May 31 from 2-5. And the real action begins Monday, June 15, and will continue through Friday, June 19. Each day, we will gather in Daniel Hall at 9:00 and end by 12:00 p.m. Operation Overboard, an underwater themed VBS, has something for everyone! Each day of VBS will focus on a theme for developing deep faith. So, will you dare to go deep with God at VBS??

**Kids:** Make sure that your parents fill out a registration form that can be found at [www.stpetersrome.org](http://www.stpetersrome.org) or at the church office. And invite your friends!

**Adults:** Please consider diving deep with us! We have jobs both big and small for you! This is a great way to get to know the kids of our church better!! Please contact Hollye Smith at [hollyesmith@comcast.net](mailto:hollyesmith@comcast.net) for more information.

## **HONORING YOU THIS MOTHER'S DAY...**

To those who gave birth to a child this year—we celebrate with you

**To** those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you

**To** those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you

**To** those who are working so hard to care for differently-abled children with special needs, walking through surgeries, never-ending appointments, and other challenges—we salute you

**To** those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and any other kind of moms – we thank you

**To** those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you

**To** those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you

**To** those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we offer our prayers you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

**To** those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you

**To** those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we grieve with you

**To** those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you

**To** those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst

**To** those who are single and long to be in a family, mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be

**To** those who are single and mothering - we thank you

**To** those who step-parent – we commend you on these complex paths

**To** those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you

**To** those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you

**To** those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

**This Mother's Day**, we honor and bless and celebrate you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors and heroines in our midst. We thank you and thank God for you.

*Adapted from an article by Amy Young*