May 2015

Letters to the Romans

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[Through 2016]
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Sue Anderson
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[Through 2017]
Jim Keaten
Lee Niedrach
Rebecca Roberts
Bill Schoepski

From the Rector. . .

Each year during Eastertide, I am asked two questions…"Why are we not kneeling on Sundays?" and "What happened to the confession?" The answer to those questions can be traced to Nicaea.

The Council of Nicaea, which met in 324 AD, tackled many issues within the church catholic. Most famously, the Council dealt with a teaching called Arianism, deemed a heresy by all Bishops in attendance with the exception of two. It is from this Council we received the first version of the Nicene Creed. Though the Nicene Creed was revised several times over many years until its final form, it was the first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea which started the process.

Another lesser known fact about the Council at Nicaea is that it dealt with the topic of kneeling during Eastertide, a period which lasts from Easter through Pentecost. The universal posture for prayer in the Church at this time was standing. However, in order to ensure uniformity throughout the church, the Council at Nicaea forbade kneeling for prayer on Sundays, or during the season of Easter, days when the Eucharist would be celebrated.

Kneeling is often associated with penitential prayer. Yet, Eastertide is not a penitential season. Rather, it is a festive time during which we celebrate the resurrection and appearances of our Lord Jesus Christ, a time to stand and rejoice, rather than kneel in sorrow. During the season of Easter, we continue to honor the tradition of the Church, and the celebration of Easter, by standing during our prayers rather than kneeling.

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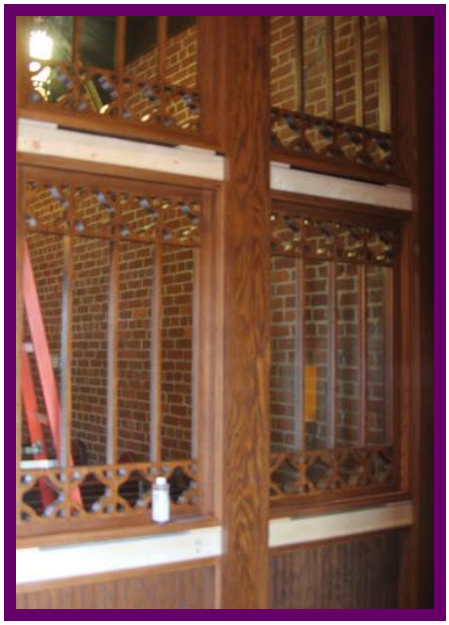


ALMOST 125 YEARS OLD AND STILL SPLENDID AFTER RECEIVING A NEW ROOD SCREEN.

AND THE HINE ROSE WINDOW REFLECTED IN THE NEW ROOD SCREEN.

Bishop Whitmore will be at St. Peter's on Sunday, May 10 to confirm, receive and reaffirm members. He will preach at both services. A reception will follow the 10:00 a.m. service in Daniel Hall, as well as a Bishop's Forum. The loose offering for that Sunday will be designated for his discretionary fund.

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. The fun filled VBS is for everyone between the ages of 3 to rising 6th graders. We will kick off the 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 pm. 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 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 for more information.

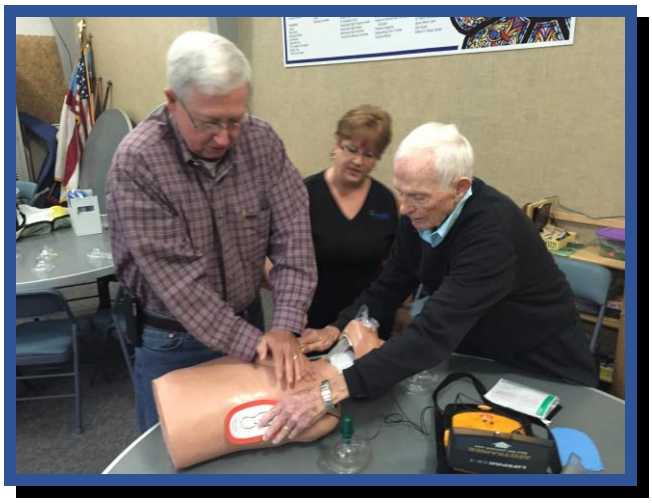
St. Peter's JOY Trip

Transport yourself into the flower-filled world of the brand new
Smithgall Woodland Legacy/ Atlanta Botanical Garden in Gainesville, Georgia

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, 2000-seat amphitheater, a model train garden, and five acres of display gardens featuring nationally recognized plant collections.

- Our 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. Guests over 21 always welcome.
- Call 706-291-9111 to register.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CLASS AT ST. PETERS



Thanks to Dr. John Kirkland for arranging a Basic Life Support Training session for our Ushers. The class was taught by RN Jill Isabel who is the Employee Health Services Coordinator for the Harbin Clinic. As part of the training, the group also learned how to use the defibrillator which is located in the Robing Room. Participating in the training were, AL Bonnyman, John Burnes, Tom Dasher, John Duncan, Bill Fricks, John Hine, David Hunter, Allien McNair, Ronnie Mixon, Leamon Scott, Winston Sirmans and Bryant Steele.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOU

As you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember that the Habitat for Humanity Restore needs your donations. Call 706 378-0030 to schedule pickup or drop off at the Restore between 10am – 5pm.

From the Rector . . . . . . **(Continued from page 1)**

In regards to the General Confession, it was not forbidden by the Council at Nicaea. . . for good reason. There was no General Confession at that time. The General Confession did not find its way into services until the Reformation era. However, in keeping with the spirit of the Council at Nicaea, and the celebratory nature of Easter, it is the norm for Episcopal Churches to drop the General Confession for the Great 50 Days of Easter. We also honor that norm at St. Peter's.

John Herring +

May 2015 Parish News

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- **Katie Johnson, a Shorter University junior and a member of St. Peter's choir, placed second overall in her category at the Southeastern Regional National Association of Teachers of Singers held in Auburn, AL, on 3/27-28. This talented young lady now advances to the National Competition;**
- **William Vickers Sims who will graduate in May with a B.A. in History from Valdosta State University. Vick is the son of Becky Sims;**
- **Cameron and Eli Jackson on the birth of their twins, Collins Smith Jackson and Eli "Davis" Jackson, Jr., on April 3, 2015;**
- **Fred Tarrant, our Choirmaster, on receiving the 2015 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship at Shorter University;**
- **Stacy Patton Davidson and Stuart Davidson on the adoption of their daughter, Frances Haywood, who was born April 13, 2015. Frances is the granddaughter of Haywood Patton;**
- **Terry Morris who was honored for fifty years of distinguished service to Shorter University as a Professor of History and Chair of Shorter's Honors Program; Terry is also a member of our choir;**
- **Kevin Scott, Canterbury Club member, who will graduate from Berry College on May 9, 2015;**
- **Kemper Anderson, who did his field work at St. Peter's and has accepted the call to serve as priest-in-charge of St. James, Cedartown. He will be ordained at 2pm June 20, 2015, at the Cathedral of St. Phillip and will begin his duties in Cedartown July 1, 2015. For congratulations, email Kemper and Philippa at pkaiii@me.com**
- **Our two parishioners who made recent holes in one at Coosa Country Club. Bob Kane's fourth hole-in-one came on #6, and Sue Mann's first came on #10.**
- **Sarah Beth and Rob Lucas on the birth of their son, Finnegan Joseph Lucas, on April 24, 2015, in Eads, TN. Joseph is the first great grandchild of Anne Culpepper.**
- **Bill Fricks who received a proclamation from the Rome City Council for his 25 years of service to the City Council and in recognition of his 90th birthday of May 8.**

The thanks of the parish is extended to

- **The members of the Canterbury Club who led St. Peter's service on April 12, 2015, and John Christian Evans for his stunning homily;**
- **The supporters of Canterbury Club: Tom Dasher, Brett Kennedy, Lindsay Wilson Wyatt, and Stephen Wyatt at Berry College; Terry Morris at Shorter University; and Becky Sims at Georgia Highlands College;**
- **The members of the Rite 13 class who led St. Peter's service on Youth Sunday, and to Adam Tarrant for his thought-provoking homily.**

St. Peter's is so proud of these wonderful young people for their loving service to this parish, and we are so grateful for Janice, Nikki, and the advisers who support the Canterbury Club and Rite 13 students. How lucky we are to have them such an active part of our parish life.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

- Jeanne Mathews and her family on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Mathews, on March 3, 2015, in Carrollton, GA;
- Tom Dasher and his family on the death of his mother, Cornelia Watson Pruett, on April 2, 2015, in Rome;
- Sara and Wade Carpenter and family on the death of her mother, Doris Jacqueline "Jackie" Miller on April 13, 2015, in Rome.

MAY 2015 SCHEDULES :

Altar Guild: ***Mary Kirkland ©, Cynthia Murphy-Burnes, Lee Hight, Sarah Molnar, Annette Morris, Kimberly Murphy, Hollye Smith, Marsha Welch, Rebecca Roberts and Becca Wood.***

Greeters: ***Beverly Burnes ©, Ronnie/Randa Mixon, Tom Dasher, Jenna Black and Sue Anderson.***

Loaves and Fishes: ***Andye Moss ©, Barbara Briley, Bryant Steele, Cathy Mitchell, Jane Morgan, Lee Hight, Linda Kane and Patti Barron.***

Ushers: ***John Burnes, Lisa Bell, Jerry Norman and Al Bonnyman.***

Vestry Person of the Month: Bill Schoepski

A 150 year old tradition. . . . . .

Continues as Frieda Yeary displays Jim Yeary's Sewanee gown that was also worn by Rebecca Roberts and will now be worn by Elizabeth Oxley, granddaughter of Sharon and Bob Jenkins, "friends of the Yearys." Gowns are passed from student to student and faculty member to faculty member.

Nancy Hunter shows George Thomason the last of the needlepoint kneelers she has finished. Ready for blocking, this kneeler is the third one that Nancy has completed.

MAY 2015 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Schedule **8:30 Rite 1** **10:00 Rite 2** **Children's Chapel 11:15**	**Schedule**	**Schedule** **12:15 Healing Service**	**Schedule** **5:30 Celtic** **7:00 Adult Choir** **6:30 EYC**	**Schedule** **10:00 Bible Study**	**1**	**2**
3 **5 Easter**	**4**	**5**	**6** **5:30 Last Wednesday Dinner** **6:15 -7:00 Last Children's Choir**	**7**	**8**	**9**
10 **Bishop Whitmore's visit for Confirmation** **6 Easter**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**
17 **7 Easter**	**18**	**19** **5:30 Vestry Meeting Rhodes/ Wyatt Room**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**
24 **Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**
31 **Trinity Sunday** **2-5pm VBS Pool Party Northside Swim Center**						

Something to Think About . . . . . .

In the Fall I will offer a class on writing as a way of healing. It will start in September and go through mid-November. It will be a different kind of class in that I would like for you to sign up for it ahead of time and the number will be limited to 12. It will be a closed group in that we will not add new group members once the group starts and what occurs in the group will be confidential. The reason for doing this is to build trust among each other and provide a safe environment for self-exposure! IF new members are added along the way, it disrupts the emotional safety and trust of the group. Those that sign up are making a commitment to the group to be at each meeting unless something comes up that absolutely prohibits you from attending; if you are absent, it disrupts group cohesion and dynamics.

At each meeting we will do doing "a write." You can share as much or little as you want. I have found at St. Peters there is not much opportunity to get to know each other at greater depth other than through Education for Ministry (EFM). When we are in class settings, we often talk about ideas rather than getting to know each other on a personal level. Since we don't have Sunday School classes where groups form, it is difficult to get to know each other beyond the surface. For one, this is what I do for a living. Over the next few years, I hope to work less in my office and to offer some of my skills to members of St. Peters in varying ways.

The group will meet at my home, 401 East 4th Avenue, on Thursday afternoons at 2-3:30 p.m. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. My email address is ddowneywarley@comcst.net or 706 266-3444. D'Ann Downey

EASTER SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

CANTERBURY CLUB SUNDAY

Ben Riggs reads 1st Lesson

John C. Evans / Homily

Katelyn Johnson sings Anthem

John and Father John

Mary Katherine Iverson
Reads the Prayers

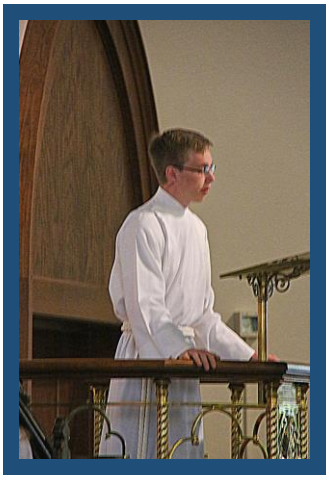
J. C. Albrittion reads
2nd Lesson

Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

CANTERBURY CLUB

Rev. Janice Wright

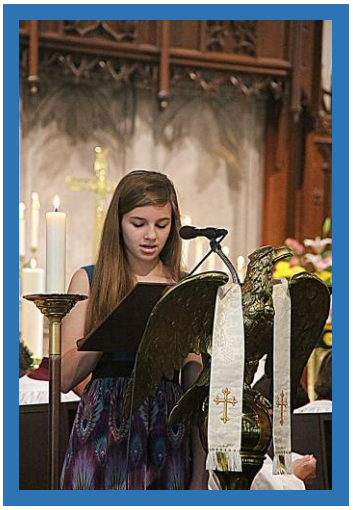
YOUTH SUNDAY



Adam Tarrant
Homily

EYC and Mother Nikki

Alex Hodges
1st Lesson



Josie Cole
2nd Lesson

Jody McDaniel
Prayers

Heidi Cole
Officiant

Processional

"Come and get it."

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