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Letters to the Romans

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ST. PETER'S

Community Outreach Programs



**CLAWS FOR PAWS /
Nancy Knight**

**FREE CLINIC OF ROME /
Director Barbara Earl**



**RAM, DIAPERS /
Board Member Andye Moss.**



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Vestry Members

(Through 2015)

Jimmy Smith, Sr. Warden
Sue Anderson, Jr. Warden
John Kirkland
Cooper Crawford
David Hunter

[Through 2016]

Andy Anderson
Sue Anderson
Stephen Smith
Peggy Nash

[Through 2017]

Jim Keaten
Lee Niedrach
Rebecca Roberts
Bill Schoepski

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩
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Mission and Outreach

Peggy Nash, Chairman, Mission and Outreach

Luke 3:10-11 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do? And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

During our program year here at St. Peter's, we have participated in meaningful Mission and Outreach projects. These are "hands on" projects whereby we have brought items to church to be given to non-profits in our community.

Our FALL endeavor was to bring breakfast food items for Rome Action Ministry. Hundreds of boxes and packages were donated. We will participate in the RAM food drive again this fall.

In MARCH, we became "St. Peter's to the Rescue" donating money, as well as doghouses, doggie beds, puppy pee pads, dog food, and dog collars. These items were and are used to enhance the lives of the homeless animals in Floyd County. Thank you, Nancy Knight, for coordinating this for us.

During the month of APRIL, we collected a "trunkload" of items requested by the Free Clinic of Rome. Director Barbara Earle was overwhelmed with the generosity of the people of St. Peter's. Containers of office supplies, cotton balls, bandages, paper towels, bathroom tissue, and disinfectant wipes were delivered.

As we end our program year, we will collect diapers and baby wipes for the babies who are taken with their mother to the Hospitality House of Rome to escape an abusive situation. These will be delivered the last week of JUNE.

Looking ahead to the fall, we will host foster children the first weekend (Friday evening or Saturday morning) of OCTOBER. This is an opportunity for a three-hour childcare time, so that the parents can enjoy some uninterrupted time for themselves. This is under the coordination of Mary Margaret Mauer and Allison Watters and Friends of Floyd Families.

On the first Wednesday in DECEMBER, we will be visited by the "Blood Bus" from Blood Assurance. This will give our parishioners the opportunity to donate blood before our Wednesday night activities. Leah Duncan will be our contact person for this event.

Unfortunately, there is no way to place a dollar amount on our donations. An estimate might be \$2000.00 for RAM, Claws for Paws, and the Free Clinic. The people of St. Peter's are very generous with their donations of items, time, and talents. The ripples in our circle continue to grow - lives are touched daily because of our contributions. We are a blessing to those we see and those we don't see; "the least of these".

***"Not all of us can do great things, But we
can do small things with great love."
Mother Teresa***



AHOY!!! ALL HANDS ON DECK!

WE WILL TRANSFORM ST. PETER'S FOR AN UNDERWATER VBS ADVENTURE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7 STARTING AT 4:00! WE WOULD LOVE THE EXTRA HANDS!! PLEASE MEET IN DANIEL HALL!

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 6th graders. We will kick off the fun with a pool party at the Northside Swim Center on June 14 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 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.

THE REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 4.



**Operation Overboard VBS
Registration Form
St. Peter's Church
June 15-19, 2015 9am –Noon
(Only one sheet needed per family!)**

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade entering Fall 2015 _____

Parent/Guardian Names:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Numbers:

Email Address:

Allergies/Medical Information (List child's name next to information)

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up child(ren) from VBS:

I understand that my child(ren) may be photographed as part of the VBS activities, and these photographs may be included in publications and website. Names will not be included.

_____ Yes, I do permit photographs to be taken. _____, No I do not permit photographs to be taken.

(Signature _____ Date) _____

Please return completed form to church office at 101 E. Fourth Ave, Rome, GA 30161

**St. Peter's
JOY Trip**

OAK HILL
& The Martha Berry Museum



Date: Thursday, June 25

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Meet at the Martha Berry Museum
24 Veterans' Memorial Highway, Rome, GA

Cost: \$20 includes museum admission, tour, and
lunch on the grounds.

Call 706-291-9111 to reserve your seat

Athos Menaboni was born in Italy and spent more than sixty years in Georgia, where he became one of the most beloved and prominent artists of the 20th century. Best known for his naturalistic oil paintings of birds, Menaboni has been referenced as the 20th-century's heir to John James Audubon.

Menaboni's Birds: Georgia's Own Artist as Naturalist is the first exhibition in more than two decades to focus exclusively upon birds. Featuring 37 paintings from 18 lenders, the majority of the works of art in the exhibition have never been shown in public before.

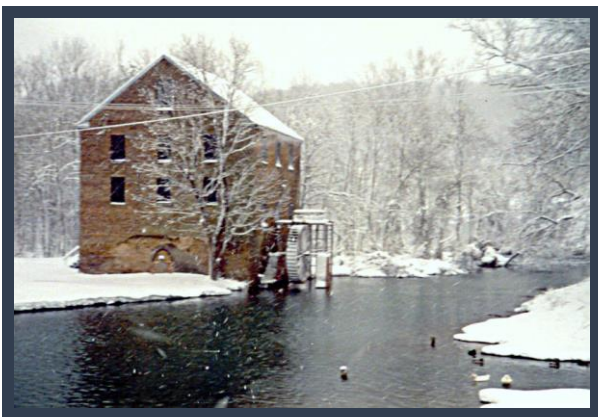
ROME AREA HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

presents

A TOUR OF HISTORIC LINDALE

On June 13, 2015

**TOURS BY SHUTTLE BUS LEAVE
SILVER CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
@ 4:00, 5:00 and 7:00**



DINNER CATERED BY TWO CAN DO @ 6:00

SEND \$25.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO RAHF. TO P.O. BOX 1265, ROME, GA 30161

Summer Schedules 2015

Altar Guild

June: Sunny Knauss©, Frieda Yeary, Frances Knight, Michael Booth, Suzy Gilbert, Sue Anne Kalkus, Patricia Richards, Beth Starnes, Mary Yarbrough, Laura Frederick (flowers)

July: , Laura Davis©, MJ Chisholm, Patti Barron, Lea Duncan, Helen Keaten, Mary Patton, Gin Gunther, Mary Sib Banks, Vickie Gilliam, Jacquelyn Wright

August: Jackie Mooney©, Nancy Smith, Marny Busbin, Dana Edgens, Liz Mozley, Jan Flippen, Janet Byington, Kathy Steinbruegge

Greeters

June: Nancy Hunter©, Peggy Nash, Tricia Richards, Mary Patton, Russ Jennings

July: Andye Moss©, Sarah Kilgore, Sherron Mull, Karen Hellriegel, Bobby Mixon

August: Sylvia Hine©, Mary Yarbrough, Stephen Patton, Jody Selman, Susan Cooper

Loaves and Fishes

June: Elaine Smith©, Christie Thomason, Dana Edgens, Jackie Mooney, Janet Morris, Jean Clark, June Dellis, Tricia Richards

July: Nancy Knight©, Anthea Evans, Dana Edgens, Hollye Smith, Laura Frederick, MaiMai Kelly, Marny Busbin, Mary Kirkland, Meredith Cole, Nancy Hunter

August: Stefani Ortman©, Annette Morris, Bambi Berry, Cissy Rogers, D'Ann Downey, Laura Davis, Mary Yarbrough, Meg Eberhart, Randa Mixon, Melanie Henderson

Ushers

June: Ronnie Mixon, David Carlton, Norman Fletcher, Ben McElrath

July: Brad Roberts, Randy Warley, Tricia Richards, Frank Minor

August: Nat Massey, Andy Anderson, Allien McNair, Stephen Moseley

Vestry of the Month: June: Sue Anderson, July: Jimmy Smith, August: Andy Anderson

DATES TO REMEMBER

- NO COFFEE HOUR FOR JUNE AND JULY.
- POOL PARTY – JUNE 14 @ 2:00
- VBS – JUNE 15- 19
- ST. PETER'S DAY – JUNE 24 @ 6:00
- KEMPER ANDERSON ORDINATION – JUNE 20TH @ 2:00 PM – Cathedral of St. Philip
- VESTRY MEETING – JUNE 16 AND AUGUST 18
- JOY TRIP – JUNE 25
- BAPTISMS – JULY 12

Summer 2015 Parish News

The congratulations of the parish is extended to

- Sara Bass Harbin and Walter Charles Pickett on their marriage, March 30, 2015, in Antigua;
- Edward Bonnyman who was graduated from Bridgewater College with a degree in biology. He is the son of Jean and Al Bonnyman;
- Vann Morris who was graduated with a Ph.D. in Communications from Georgia State University and is the daughter of Annette Morris;
- Julia Hodges who received the Outstanding Junior Women's Chorus Award at Rome High. Julia is the daughter of Wanda Hodges;
- Isabella Carlton who received the Outstanding Freshman Woman's Chorus Award at Rome High; Isabella is the daughter of Dagmar Schmitz and David Carlton;
- Virginia McChesney who won **two** service awards. The first was the Community Service Award from the Georgia Retired Educators Association for exceptional service to her community, and the second was the Psi State Achievement Award for outstanding service to the Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International;
- Father John Flanigen who celebrated 57 years as an ordained priest on Pentecost Sunday;
- Lauren and Jason Millican on the birth of their son, Ryan James Millican, on May 5, 2015;
- Thomas Henry Selman IV who was graduated from Benedictine College Preparatory in Richmond, VA. He is the grandson of Jody Selman;
- Katie Lansing who was graduated from The University of Georgia and will attend Georgia State University to work on a doctorate in Physical Therapy. Katie is the daughter of Helen and Doug Lansing;
- Melissa Tarrant who received her Ed. D. in Higher Education Administration from The University of Alabama;
- Jackson Hodges who was graduated from The University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Music Education. Jackson is the son of Wanda Cantrell;

- Kane Chambers who graduated high school from Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta and will attend The University of Mississippi. Kane is the son of Mary and Mike Chambers and the grandson of Linda and Bob Kane;
- Our Berry Canterbury Club graduates: JC Albritton, Ethan Garreau, Ben Riggs, and Kevin Scott
- Michael Blair who was graduated from the United States Air Force Pararescue Program, an Air Command Special Forces operative charged with the recovery and medical treatment of people in humanitarian and combat environments, at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. He will be stationed at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas. Michael is the grandson of Mary and Curt Yarbrough.
- Charlotte Burns who was graduated from Auburn University. She is the daughter of Eva Marie Burns, the granddaughter of Eva Kelley, and the niece of Rosa and Jimmy Kelley;
- Ben Avery who was selected as the most outstanding freshman in the Pepperell High School Band;
- Norman Fletcher for receiving the Southern Center for Human Rights' Gideon's Promise Award for his work on developing the state public defender system;

The following who were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed their baptismal vows on May 10, 2015:

John Campbell Albertson	Cameron Jackson
Andrew Russell Bressette, Jr.	Eli Jackson
Isabella Celeste Carlton	Douglas Patrick Lansing
Frances Burt Bagley	Annette Morris
Charles Aaron Beaucham	Benjamin Harris McElrath
Sarah A.W. Beaucham	Sarah McElrath
Alexander Ashe Bonnyman	Janice Routledge
Jennifer Ola-Ann Bressette	

St. Peter's is so proud of all our talented youth and adults. How lucky we are to have such an active parish!

The sympathy of the parish is extended to

**Catherine and Joe Seigler on the death of his father, Joseph Seigler Sr., on May 7, 2015, in Rome, GA;
Allien McNair and family on the death of his mother, Ramona McNair, on May 9, 2015, in Tifton, GA
*May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

Special blessings of the parish on

- Sarah Kilgore who was baptized on All Saints' Day at St. Peter's and has been a member here for 85 years, making her the longest standing member of St. Peter's.



NORMAN FLETCHER'S REMARKS
AT THE
SOUTHERN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Parishioner Norman Fletcher recently spoke out on his opposition to the death penalty. Following is an excerpt from an article by Bill Rankin that appeared May 13 in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Norman Fletcher, former chief justice of Georgia's highest court on Tuesday strongly renounced the death penalty and called for its abolition.

Fletcher, who served 15 years on the Georgia Supreme Court, said the death penalty is *"morally indefensible, makes no business sense and is not applied fairly and consistently."*

"Capital punishment must be permanently halted, without exception," Fletcher said.

Fletcher made his remarks after receiving the *Southern Center for Human Rights Gideon's Promise Award* for his role in helping create a statewide public defender system.

In his acceptance speech, Fletcher said he was about to *"shock"* those attending the ceremony. Lawyers who once criticized his decisions upholding death sentences were justified, he said.

"With wisdom gained over the past 10 years, I am now convinced there is absolutely no justification for continuing to impose the sentence of death in this country," Fletcher said.

Since a nationwide moratorium on capital punishment was lifted in 1976, more than 150 people on death row have been exonerated, Fletcher added, *"There can be no doubt that actually innocent persons have been executed in this country."*

Too often, Fletcher contended, budgetary issues, race and politics factor into the decision-making of whether to seek the death penalty.

Fletcher called the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, who once said he could *"no longer tinker with the machinery of death."* Blackmun made this declaration before he retired from the high court in 1994.

"It is time for us to quit tinkering and totally abolish this barbaric system," Fletcher said.

Editor's Note: This article concerning a speech parishioner Norman Fletcher made recently seems a fitting finish for the *Letters to the Romans*. The original article appeared in the AJC recently and has been edited by Bryan Steele, LTR's new editor for the remaining of 2015.

BISHOP WHITMORE VISITS ST. PETER'S



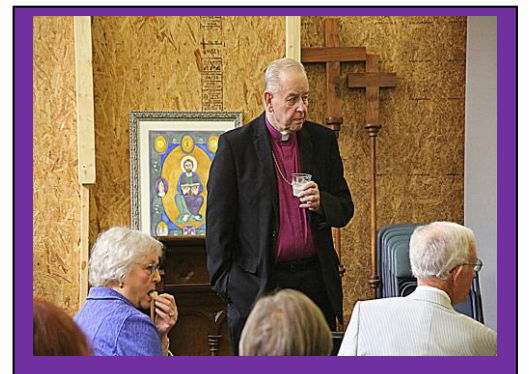
The Right Reverend Keith and Mrs. Whitmore share a hymnal.



Junior Choir



The newly confirmed and received



The Bishop speaks to St. Peter's group.



Choir

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS.

With many conflicting feelings, we have decided it's time for a change with the newsletter. For almost 30 years through 4 Rectors and 3 Interim Rectors, we have put out *The Good News* and later *The Letters to the Romans*, and what a wonderful time it has been and what a privilege! Being the newsletter editors, we were deeply involved in parish activities, so we have celebrated many happy days with people we loved, and we will miss being so connected.

Our first issues were completed by cutting, pasting, copying, and mailing out individual copies. Now, most of the issues are read online. Lots of changes have occurred, and we have had many talented layout editors who always made us look good: Judy Epsy, Pat Douglas, Dean Morgan, Spencer Musick, and Bob Evans. Their work was and is valued beyond measure. We are also grateful for the help we have had along the way from the members of the parish as we could never have done it without you.

But the best news is that Bryant Steele will be the new editor. He is so qualified as a wonderful writer and editor with experience as a writer for many newspapers and is currently doing feature articles for *Veni Vede Vici*. We are sure that you will enjoy his literary touch.

Signing off, Andye and Marny



Well done. Ladies!

Diaper Drive for the Hospitality House

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee



The Hospitality House for Women is a safe place for women and children to escape abusive situations. When the women and children are escorted to the home, there is little time to collect their belongings when they leave.

The greatest need is for diapers. In order to ensure we have collected all sizes, the parish has been split up in to seven groups by the initial of your last name. Please see below for your assigned size. If you have coupons for diapers, please put them in the envelope next to the bin. The bin is located in Daniel Hall.

- A-B=Size 1
- C-E=Size 2
- F-H=Size 3
- I-K=Size 4
- L-N=Size 5
- O-R=Size 6
- S-Z=Baby Wipes

