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Letters to the Romans

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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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!

CONGREGATIONS THAT APPROACH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE DO NOT VIEW THE MONEY CHRISTIANS GIVE TO THEIR CHURCH MERELY AS A WAY TO PAY ITS BILLS. RATHER, SUCH CONGREGATIONS SEE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AS A WAY TO HELP PEOPLE GROW SPIRITUALLY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BY SUPPORTING THEIR CHURCH'S MISSION AND MINISTRY WITH A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR INCOMES.

OUR CONGREGATION'S FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED THE *NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM* AS A WAY TO TEACH THE BIBLICAL AND SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF GENEROUS GIVING IN OUR STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION EMPHASIS THIS YEAR.

NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS BASED ON THE BIBLICAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE NEED OF THE GIVER TO GIVE FOR HIS OR HER OWN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, RATHER THAN ON THE NEED OF THE CHURCH TO RECEIVE. INSTEAD OF TREATING PEOPLE LIKE MEMBERS OF A SOCIAL CLUB WHO SHOULD PAY DUES, WE WILL TREAT PEOPLE LIKE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WANT TO GIVE UNSELFISHLY AS AN ACT OF DISCIPLESHIP. NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TOWARD PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF MY INCOME IS GOD CALLING ME TO GIVE?"

DURING MORNING WORSHIP ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY, WE ARE ASKING OUR ATTENDEES AND MEMBERS TO MAKE THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONARY, BENEVOLENT, AND EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES IN THIS COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

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Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩
 Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis ☩ Parish Administrator: Terri Borchardt ☩ Choirmaster and
 Director of Music: Dr. Fredrick Tarrant ☩ Organist: Wanda Cantrell ☩ Financial Coordinator: Debbi West ☩
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ST. PETER'S PARISH NEWS

Rock Climbing:

EYCers, member that Sunday, Oct. 18, is rock climbing, from noon to p.m. Drop off and pick up is at church. The cost is \$20; please bring a sack lunch. We'll provide water and a few snacks. Please RSVP to Lee (niedrach@uga.edu) with your shoe size, ASAP!! (The RSVP's are mandatory as climbing shoes are required for the grade we'll be climbing. Sneakers, hiking shoes, won't be enough. We'll provide the shoes for those who tell us your size when you RSVP).

Terry Morris:

Terry Morris was one of four longtime Shorter University faculty members recognized for their dedicated service by establishing the Legends of Teaching Excellence Endowed Scholarship Campaign in their honor.

"Many minds have been positively influenced and many hearts have been forever touched by the life and word of these Christian scholars," said Shorter President Don Dowless.

"By creating scholarships in the names of these Shorter legends, we hope to continue the legacy of life and learning provided by these remarkable and dedicated individuals."

Morris, a 1964 graduate who has been a faculty member for more than 50 years, currently serves as professor of history. He received the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award in 1993. He developed the university's honors program in 1985 and led it until 2013.

"When I first went to Shorter, I heard that Dr. Morris was a tough professor," said Mack Parnell, a 2014 graduate. This proved to be correct. He challenged me to be a better student, but more than that, he challenged me to be a better person."

(as reported by the Rome News-Tribune)

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PARISH GO TO:

Carter James Barnes, son of Raleigh Mecklin and James Barnes, was born on August 15, 2015 in Gainesville, Ga. Carter is the grandson of Jeanne Mathews.

SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH IS EXTENDED TO:

Anne Culpepper and family on the death of her daughter, Coley Culpepper Hendrix on September 15, 2015 in Lexington, Kentucky. Coley was baptized, confirmed and married Here at St. Peter's.

Keith and Amy Summerlin and family on the death of his mother Lousie Summerlin on September 20, 2015.

CONSECRATED SUNDAY IS COMING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

EVERY ATTENDEE AND MEMBER WHO COMPLETES AN *ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD* DOES SO VOLUNTARILY BY ATTENDING MORNING WORSHIP ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY. WE URGE PEOPLE TO ATTEND WHO FEEL STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COMPLETING A CARD. THE PROCEDURE IS DONE IN SUCH A WAY THAT NO ONE FEELS PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT IF HE OR SHE CHOOSES NOT TO FILL OUT A CARD.

WE DO NOT HAVE HOME SOLICITATION TO ASK PEOPLE TO COMPLETE CARDS. DURING MORNING WORSHIP OUR GUEST LEADER WILL CONDUCT A BRIEF PERIOD ON INSTRUCTION AND INSPIRATION, CLIMAXED BY MEMBERS MAKING THEIR COMMITMENTS AS A CONFIDENTIAL ACT OF WORSHIP.

WE WILL ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN CONSECRATION SUNDAY EVENTS THROUGH THE CONSECRATION SUNDAY TEAM AND GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS. SINCE WE WILL MAKE NO FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO ASK PEOPLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CARDS, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INFORM, INSPIRE, AND COMMIT EVERYONE TO ATTEND CONSECRATION SUNDAY WORSHIP.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN CONSECRATION SUNDAY EVENTS.

JIMMY SMITH,
VESTRY, SENIOR WARDEN

JANET BYINGTON,
CONSECRATION SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON

CONSECRATION SUNDAY COMMITTEE

LLOYD GRIFFIN
DREW MOSS

BRYAN JOHNSON
REBECCA ROBERTS

AMANDA KINDER
JOHN KIRKLAND, VESTRY

SARAH MOLNAR

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR CONSECRATION SUNDAY LUNCH HELD ON OCTOBER 25 AT FORREST PLACE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS MEAL. EMAIL THE NUMBER OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO WILL BE ATTENDING TO AMANDA KINDER 2KINDER4@GMAIL.COM BY OCTOBER 11TH. *THANK YOU.*

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Altar Guild:

Sylvia Hine and Nancy Hunter, Co- Chair: Laura Frederick, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Nell Warren, Stefani Ortman, Nia Rose and Sue Mann.

Greeters:

Mary Kirkland, Chair: Doug Lansing, Laura Davis, Lloyd Griffin and Beverly Schrum.

Loaves and Fishes:

Leigh Patterson, Chair: Amanda Kinder, Ann Spears, Anne Kerr, Diane Nance, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Mollie Avery and Linda Jennings

Ushers:

Joe Seigler, Captain: Jimmy Smith, Allen Mull and Stephen Mosley

Vestry Person of the Month: Dr. John Kirkland.



Pictured is Ann Pullen. She is standing in front of the plaque that was unveiled at Georgia Highlands College to honor her husband, George. St. Peter's was well represented at the event along with the Pullen family, faculty, government officials, and his contemporaries.

MISSION AND OUTREACH / *LOOKING AHEAD*

October: Coat collection for YMCA
November: RAM Food Drive
December: Scarves, toboggans, mittens, gloves, socks

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 11:15 a.m.** in Daniel Hall. Four new vestry members will be elected at this time to replace the four retiring members. Please remember that the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta DO NOT permit absentee ballots.

Parish bylaws require that there be at least two nominees for each vacant position. Once the Committee has a complete list of names, and are assured that each potential nominee meets the qualifications, the Committee then prayerfully selects a slate of candidates that tries to continue a balance of gender, skills, age and length of time at St. Peter's.

Bylaws also require that people at the Annual Meeting have an opportunity to make additional nominations from the floor. If you intend to do this, please consult the Rector or the Parish Administrator no later than the Wednesday before the Annual Meeting so that canonical qualifications can be checked in the Parish records.

If you have potential nominees to suggest, please contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: **The members of the Nominating Committee are: Jimmy Smith, David Hunter, Cooper Crawford, and John Kirkland.**

"...Those qualified for election to the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows: Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age, a regular attendant at the services of the Church in the year preceding election, and known by the Treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support ***in the year preceding election....***

...Those qualified to continue to hold the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows: Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is a regular attendant at the services of the church during such term and known by the Treasurer to have timely made and faithfully fulfilled, in accordance with its tenure, a stated financial commitment for church support at all times during such term."

The vestry has drafted and proposed new by-laws that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Please see the church website for a copy of the proposed by-laws, www.stpetersrome.org, click on Parish News.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting about the proposed changes, contact Sue Anderson, Lee Niedrach, Jim Keaten or John Herring. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Welcome!



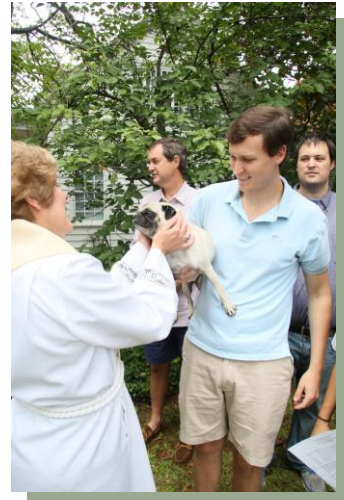
“ And this is how we do it”



John & friend



Patty & friend



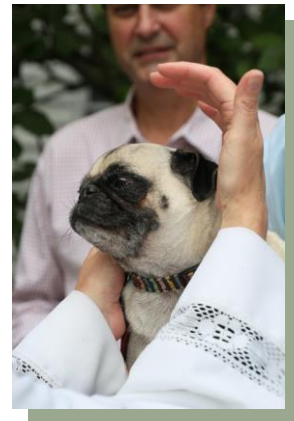
Lee & friend



Jane, Bryant & Maisy



Waiting!



Jack & friend



Fall 2015

Canterbury Club of Northwest Georgia

An Episcopal/Anglican/ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students
Berry College, Shorter University & Georgia Highlands College

Rides to activities are available from all 3 campuses—just call club officer or chaplain

Canterbury Club members are encouraged to worship together at **St. Peter's Church**, downtown Rome, each Sunday morning at 10 am. Questions? Call CC Co-President John Evans (706-594-2406); CC Co-President Lydia Schlitt (865-323-3660); or Janice Wright, Canterbury Club Campus Missioner (706-506-0508).

<i>When?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>Where?</i>
October 11-14	Fall Break (no meeting)	TBASOUP Off for SOUP
Sunday, October 18	Lunch after St. P. 10 am service	Krannert Ballrooms 5-7 pm St. Peter's & Harvest Moon
Tuesday, October 20 5:30 pm	CC Food & Fellowship	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm
Tuesday, October 27 5:30 pm	CC Food & Fellowship	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm
Wednesday, November 4	Bishop Wright Dinner & Death Penalty Panel	Krannert 6 pm & 7 pm
Monday, November 9	Berry RLAC meeting	Krannert Rm 250 5 pm
TBA times TBA	STOP HUNGER NOW food bagging	Ford Dining Hall
Tuesday, November 10 5:30 pm	CC Food & Fellowship	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm
Sunday, November 15	Lunch after St. P. 10 am service	St. Peter's & TBA
Tuesday, November 17	CC Food & Fellowship	Berry Admissions Lvg Rm 5:30 pm
TBA	Hunger Week Can Drive	Krannert & St. Peter's
November 26-28	Thanksgiving break (no meeting)	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EYC (6TH - 12TH GRADERS)

October 7: EYC will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm in the EYC room. Come early (5:30 or 6:00) to eat dinner at church (\$5.00, Chili Night), and then we'll gather for prayer at 6:30 in the chapel. The activity of the night is Yelling Bee (Whoo Hoo!!). Bring \$3.00 for our stop at Kaleido Sno. Parent pick-up is 8:30pm at the church.

October 11: TODAY, EYC is Hiking to the House of Dreams, from 3:00-6:00! Yippee!! Pick-up and drop-off @ Berry Elementary. We'll have drinks, snacks, and a light picnic.

October 14: EYC will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm, to head to Schroeder's. Please bring \$5.00 to offset costs. Parent pick-up is 8:30pm at the church.



October 18: Rock climbing, from 12 noon to 6pm. Drop off and pick up is at church. The cost is \$20.00; please bring a sack lunch. We'll provide water and a few snacks. **Please RSVP to Lee (niedrach@uga.edu) with your shoe size, ASAP!!! (The RSVPing is mandatory as climbing shoes are required for the grade we'll be climbing...sneaks and hiking shoes won't be enough).**

October 21: EYC will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm in the EYC room. Come early (5:30 or 6:00) to eat dinner at church (\$5.00, Lasagna), and then we'll gather for prayer at 6:30 in the chapel. The activity of the night is Haunted House prep for Octoberfest. Parent pick-up is 8:30pm at the church.

October 25: This Sunday, EYC will meet in the EYC room for Haunted House prep, from 4-6pm.



October 28: EYC will be working the Haunted House (6:45-8:00pm) at Octoberfest. Come early (6pm), so y'all can eat Octoberfest Dinner.



November 4: This Wednesday is Haunted House clean up, followed by going to Berry to hear +Bishop Rob C. Wright speak. Awesome!! Come early for dinner (5:30, breakfast food for dinner, yum. \$5.00), and a quick clean up session before we all head out.

November 8: This Sunday, we are heading for the Civil Rights Museum in Atlanta. Bring 20.00- \$15.00 to offset the cost of the museum, and \$5.00 for lunch. 10-6. Drop off and pick up at church.

November 11: EYC will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm in the EYC room. Come early (5:30 or 6:00) to eat dinner at church (\$5.00, Baked chicken and veggies), and then we'll gather for prayer at 6:30 in the chapel. The activity of the night is Jackie Green, Civil Rights worker from the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. Parent pick-up is 8:30pm at the church.



November 18: EYC will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm, to head to Schroeder's. Please bring \$5.00 to offset costs. Parent pick-up is 8:30pm at the church.

ONGOING WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



Cherub and Junior Choir Rehearsals! Yay!



5:30 : Dinner in Daniel Hall

6:15 -6:55 pm: We will sing and grow together as we learn about our faith through songs, stories, crafts and games!

Cherub Choir (3 years old through kindergarten) will meet with Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Hollye on the 2nd floor next to the nursery.

Junior Choir (1st-6th grades) will meet with Ms. Wanda and Ms. Dagmar on the 3rd floor in the bright yellow choir room. (6th graders are welcome to leave rehearsal a little early so that they may join in EYC activities happening later in the evening).



November 25: All Wednesday evening Children and Youth events cancelled for the Wednesday in Thanksgiving Week.



It's Time for Oktoberfest!!

Join us for Oktoberfest, at 5:30 p.m. (dinner served at 6:30 pm) on Wednesday, October 28. This is our Fall Celebration of food and fun for the whole family. Games for children of all ages, including a costume contest and a haunted house for older children (3rd grade and up). German themed dinner and beverages are available for adults and a kid-friendly meal is available for the children. Nursery is also provided. Everyone is encouraged to dress up! Can't wait to see your costume! How much does all this fun cost? \$6 per adult; \$4 per child; \$20.00 family maximum. *See you there!*

**The Outlet
Shoppes at Atlanta**

Join the St. Peter's JOY group for a day of shopping, fellowship and fun as we travel to The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta in Woodstock, Georgia.

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Depart St. Peter's at 9:00 a.m.
Return by 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 for transportation
Lunch on your own.

Each traveler will receive a special coupon book.
 Guests >21 always welcome.
 Call 706-291-9111 to reserve your space.

