



March 2016

Letters to the Romans

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Vestry Members

(Through 2016)

Sue Anderson, Sr. Warden
Peggy Nash Jr. Warden

[Through 2016]

Andy Anderson
Sue Anderson
Stephen Smith
Peggy Nash

[Through 2017]

Jim Keaten
Lee Niedrach
Rebecca Roberts
Bill Schoepski
(Through 2018)
Cynthia Murphy-Burns
Kathy Steinbruegge
Clem Trammell
Tyler Wood

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

March 20 at 8:30 and 10:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24 at 7:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25 at 12:00

(Daughters of the King will lead a Good Friday
Stations of the Cross with sung TRISAGION at 1:15 PM.)

EASTER VIGIL

March 26 at 9:00 PM

(Reception following at 11:00 PM to 12:00 PM)

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27 at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

(Hot Cross Buns and beverages between services)
(EASTER EGG HUNT following 9:00 service)

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Will be held on Monday-Wednesday, March 21-23 at Noon at LOVEJOY BAPTIST CHURCH, 438 Branham Ave. Fr. John will lead the Invocation on Tuesday and Mother Nikki will lead the Invocation on Wednesday. *Lunch will follow.*

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
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PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES AND THE WORLD TO LOVE LIKE JESUS, AS WE SERVE COMPASSIONATELY, WORSHIP JOYFULLY, AND GROW SPIRITUALLY.

LENTEN SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

The Reverend Doctor Don Black will conclude EVENING PRAYER in the chapel on Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Tuesday in LENT at 5:30 PM (through March 22) in the sanctuary. John, Janice or Nikki will lead prayer through each of the stations. Booklets can be found in the back of the church.

Daughters of the King will lead a Good Friday (March 25) Stations of the Cross with sung TRISAGION at 1:15 PM.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICE:

Will be held on Monday – Wednesday, March 21-23 at Noon at Lovejoy Baptist Church, 436 Branham Ave. Father John will lead the invocation on Tuesday, and Mother Nikki will lead the invocation on Wednesday. Lunch will follow.

ADULT FORUM

DR. MARSHALL JENKINS

(FEB. 21 THROUGH MARCH 20)

BLESSED AT THE BROKEN PLACE: RECLAIMING FAITH AND PRUPOSE WITH THE BEATITUDES

When you hurt, what does it mean for your faith? Too often church culture and religious individuals suggest that emotional pain belies lack of faith or sin against a punitive God. How ironic. For Christ suffered loneliness, misunderstanding, persecution, and death to meet us at the lowest place and lift us to hope and life with his resurrection.

When you feel depressed or anxious, unworthy or ashamed, he meets you there as a fellow struggler who offers and embodies life and hope. Reframing apparent defeat as the first step in a life of purpose, participants in this study will explore how his blessings called Beatitudes address the paradox of living through suffering on the way of joy. Based on his upcoming book of the same title, Dr. Marshall Jenkins will lead Adult Forum on the following themes from his research and writing on how the Beatitudes validate and empower faith of people in emotional pain; validate and empower faith of people in emotional pain: validation, gratitude, desire, voice, and peace. Questions for reflections and readings from his Beatitudes Blog at WWW.JMARSHALLJENKINS.COM will supplement the discussion. Dr. Jenkins is an author, spiritual director, psychologist, and most importantly, husband of St. Peter's organist, Wanda Cantrell



Current news stories and the relationship to Scripture.



ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN UPDATE

St. Peter's is known by many people in our community as the "red door church" — mostly by the hundreds of people to whom we served free lunch one week of each month at "St. Peter's Kitchen," for many years until 2014, when we began our church renovation.

During those years we served thousands of meals to people in need. It has been a ministry filled with love and carried out by more than a hundred parishioners over the years.

With the completion of our renovation, we knew it was time to re-open our doors. But we began to wonder whether we should continue this ministry or look for a better way to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. With the opening of the Rome Community Kitchen, our service became redundant. In addition, for quite a while prior to the church renovation we had found we had difficulty raising enough volunteers to staff the kitchen each month.

To everything there is a season and vestry concluded that the time had come to close our kitchen and support the efforts of the wider community at the Rome Community Kitchen. Therefore, vestry has agreed to donate \$1,500 to them in 2016. Volunteers who previously served in St. Peter's Soup Kitchen ministry have been notified by email and asked if they wish to continue volunteering to serve at the Rome Community Kitchen. Several parishioners have already volunteered to participate. This means that we will join the wider Body of Christ in shared ministry, which is a good outcome. Many in the wider community are thrilled to have us join in this ministry, especially those who run the Community Kitchen.

St. Peter's will be scheduled to serve on Friday of the third full week each month. Our first date for service at the Rome Community Kitchen is scheduled for April 22. We have been requested to send 10-12 volunteers and depending on the total number of volunteers willing to participate, it may not be necessary for everyone to work each month. We will work out a system for notifying each volunteer. We want to express a sincere "thank you" to all of the volunteers for their past service and willingness to support our "new" loving ministry of service to those in need.

We bid a sad farewell to our St. Peter's Kitchen, but we look forward to the new ministries we will now pursue.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

PEGGY NASH, CHAIR
EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Did you know that over 3 million people annually, from Angola to Syria to the United State to Zimbabwe, have received help with disaster relief and / or sustainable development of their local economy? The good news is that you, as an Episcopalian, are there, working with local partners via EPISCOPAL RELIEF and DEVELOPMENT. Please don't forget to contribute regularly to your hope chest / mite box during Lent and return it on Easter Sunday. Check out the bulletin board in Daniel Hall for much more information.



Canterbury Club

An Episcopal/Anglican/ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students
February 2016

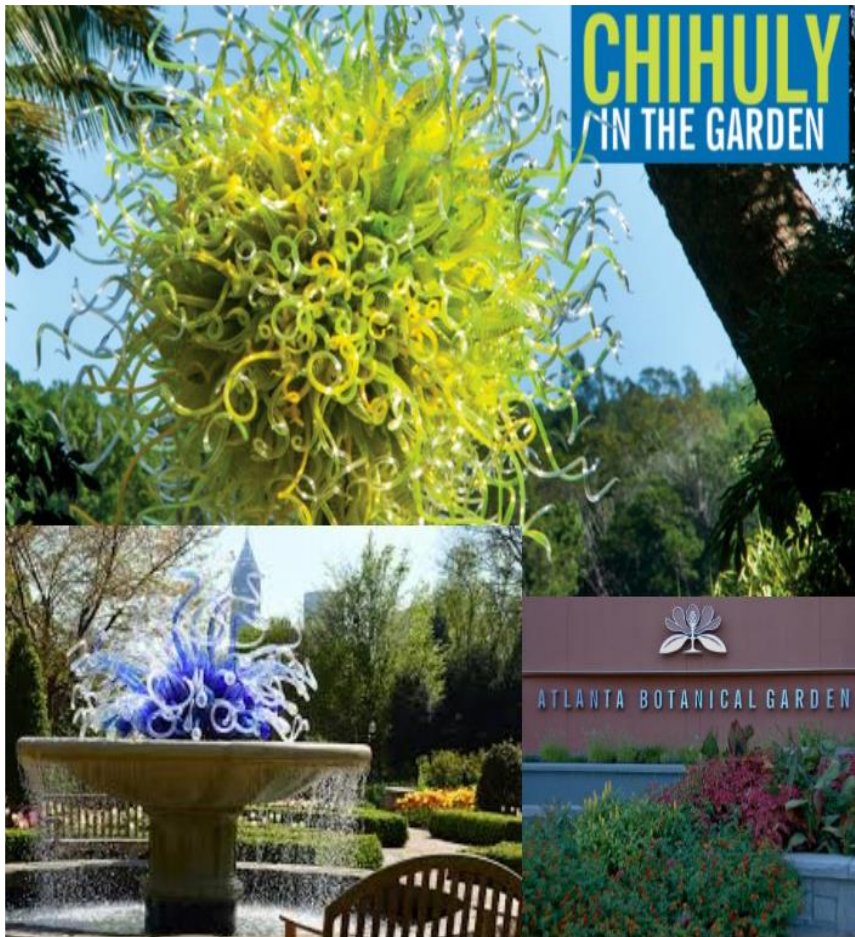
WHEN?

What?

Where?

<i>Mon, March 14</i>	<i>Berry RLAC</i>	<i>Krannert Ball Room, 5:30 PM</i>
<i>Mon, March 14</i>	<i>Palm Sunday CC Food & Fellowship</i>	<i>Berry Admissions Lvg. Rm 5:30 PM</i>
<i>March 20</i>	<i>Lunch after Church</i>	<i>St. Peter's & TBA</i>
<i>Mon, March 28</i>	<i>Barbara Brown Taylor Lumen Lecture</i>	<i>Krannert Ball Rm 7:00 PM</i>
<i>Mon, April 4</i>	<i>Berry RLAC</i>	<i>Krannert Rm 250 5:00 PM</i>
<i>Mon, April 4</i>	<i>CC Food & Fellowship</i>	<i>Berry Admissions Lvg. Rm 5:30 PM</i>

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).



CHIHULY IN THE GARDEN

**JOY visits the
Atlanta Botanical Garden
for Chihuly in the Garden
On Thursday, May 5, 2016**

Internationally acclaimed artist, Dale Chihuly, returns to the Atlanta Botanical Garden for an encore exhibition of his spectacular works of art, presented in a setting that has doubled in size since his blockbuster show there in 2004.

- ◇ Depart St. Peter's: 8:30 a.m.
- ◇ Return: 4:00 p.m.
- ◇ Cost \$50 per person
(transportation & admission)
- ◇ Lunch on your own at Café at Linton's or
Petit Café
- ◇ Guests >21 always welcome

Call 706-291-9111 to reserve your space, then *confirm* with your nonrefundable check payable to St. Peter's *within 3 days*.

MARCH SCHEDULE 2016

ALTAR GUILD

Beth Hughes, Chair: Sunny Knauss, Elaine Smith, Mai Mai Kelly, Lynne Hicks and Melissa Keefe

USHERS

Clem Trammell, Chair: Will Crawford, Sue Anderson, and Bill Byington

GREETERS

Bob Evans, Chair: Mary and Curt Yarborough, Susan Cooper, Stephen Patton, and Bill Fricks.

LOAVES and FISHES

Kathy Steinbruegge, Chair: Peggy Nash, Barbara Potter, Beverly Burnes, Dale Carroll, Sylvia Hine, Erika Wilson, Karen Hellriegel, Mary McGuffey, Susan Morgan and Keri Herring.

Vestry Person of the Month: Clem Trammell

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



CANTERBURY CLUB



Photographs
courtesy of Curt
Yarbrough.



March
Mission and Outreach Project

The Star House
(Steps Toward Alcohol Rehabilitation)

Simple Bedding for 18 twin beds:

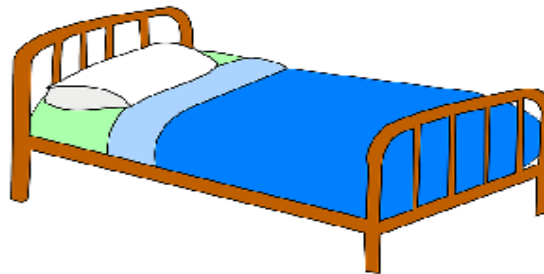
New Mattress pads

New Sheets

New Pillows

All must be new, as they are unable to accept
used items

(Or a donation in an envelope marked "Star House"
in the collection plate.)



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00
RHODES-WYATT ROOM

NANCY AND NELL OFFER THEOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TO THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP WHILE FR. JOHN LISTENS.

VESTRY RETREAT

*The Vestry Retreat was held on March 11-12 at the
Dubose Center in Monteagle, Tennessee*

Attending Clergy: Father John Herring, Mother Nikki and Janice.



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Tyler Wood.*

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:30 Rite 2 Children's Chapel 11:15 Sunday School 11:15 Adult Forum	Monday Schedule	1 Tuesday Schedule 11:00 Chair Yoga 12:15 Healing Service	2 Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Celtic 6:15 – 7:00 Children's Choir EYC Parish Supper 5:45	3 Thursday Schedule Bible Study 10:00AM	4 Friday Schedule	5 Saturday Schedule
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	7	8 Stations of the Cross 5:30	9	19 Evening Prayer 5:30 Chapel	11	12
13 Fifth Sunday in Lent	14	15 Stations of the Cross 5:30	16	17 Evening Prayer 5:30 Chapel	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21 Community Holy Week Service 12:00 Lovejoy Baptist	22 Stations of the Cross 5:30 No Healing Svc. No Yoga Community Holy Week Service 12:00 Lovejoy Baptist Fr. John	23 Community Holy Week Service 12:00 Lovejoy Baptist 12:00 Mother Nikki	24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM No Bible Study	25 GOOD FRIDAY Noon Stations of the Cross Sung TRISAGION 1:15 Daughters of the King	26 Easter Vigil 9:00PM
27 EASTER 9:00 AM 11:15 AM Both in Church	28 Office Closed	29 NO Healing Service No Yoga OfficeClosed	30	31 No Bible Study		



Greater Rome Toys for Tots
4 Professional Court, Rome, GA 30165
The 2013 National Toys for Tots Campaign of the Year

14 February 2016

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter's,

The participation of your fellow parishioners in the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign truly made it the most successful campaign ever. The assistance that Bob Evans and John Hine gave throughout the year was timely and of great help.

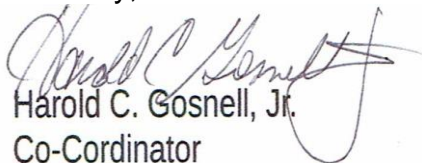
During the "Crunch Week", a group of ladies worked tirelessly to sort, select, and bag toys for the 5 and 6 year old boy group, which is the one area with the most toys. These helpful ladies were Peggy Nash, Marny Busbin, Jan Routledge, Kathy Steinbrugge, and Andye Moss.

This year we provided toys to 2,305 children in Floyd, Polk, and Chattooga counties, ranging in age from newborn through 12 years. The families were screened by social service agencies and we did our best to ensure that the families receive toys from only one charity.

We packaged batteries with all toys that needed them and inflated all sport balls to their proper pressure before they were given out. We also purchased helmets and coupled them with the bicycles, scooters, and skateboards that we received. This enabled the children to enjoy their toys as soon as they received them.

All toys and monetary donations remain in the three-county area. Everyone who does something for the campaign, from collecting, counting and sorting toys to distributing and collection the boxes, is a volunteer, so that no monetary donations go to personnel costs. We rely upon donations of time such as yours to help our volunteers. Your participation truly made a difference. **THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,


Harold C. Gosnell, Jr.
Co-Cordinator

Episcopal Bishops Issue A Word to the Church

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

[March 15, 2016] The House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church, meeting in retreat, unanimously approved the following Word to the Church.

**A Word to the Church
Holy Week 2016**

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.

The Episcopal Church House of Bishops met in retreat March 11 – 15 at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, TX.

LUMEN LECTURE

GUEST SPEAKER: BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR



Monday, March 28

7:00 PM

Krannert Spruill Ballroom

C.E.
credit

free
refreshments

Learning to _____
Walk in the Dark

spirituality for the night times

Sponsored by the Chaplain's Office

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