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Letters to the Romans

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PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

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

“Letters to the Romans” will celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church by publishing concurrent articles on the history of our church throughout the year. Each LTR monthly publication will feature an article covering 18 consecutive years of history. The series will conclude in the December issue. These articles will be based upon information found in Dr. C. J. Wyatt’s book, “Upon this Rock.”

The following article will cover the History of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church from 1861 until 1865 – the War Between the States.

ST. PETER’S CELEBRATES ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 31ST.

THE YEAR 1861 “began with feelings of enmity and apprehension,” wrote an Episcopal Minister on February 1. Texas seceded from the Union, followed by South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. Jefferson Davis was elected President of the Confederate States of America and Andrew Stephens was elected Vice President. Their inauguration took place on Monday, February 18.

On the previous day, Sunday, February 17, **Bishop Elliot** confirmed nine persons at St. Peter’s, three being **George Nobel, Joseph Elijah Veal** and **Alfonso**, a servant. Less than two months later, Confederate forces fired upon Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. Federal forces returned the fire and the War Between the States had begun. On May 20, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina seceded from the Union.

Rome was a concentration point for recruits from Northwest Georgia and adjacent counties in Alabama. Broad Street became a drill and parade ground for new recruits. The Floyd Infantry of 80 men left Rome on Mar 10, the Rome Light Guard followed on May 27 and The Miller Rifles of 98 men left Rome on May 29, 1861

On Sunday, July 21, all three Rome companies fought in the Battle of First Bull Run or Manassa in Virginia. Of the Floyd Infantry, four were killed and one wounded. Rome Light Company had five killed and 10 wounded, with 13 missing. Five were killed from the Rome Light Guard, 28 wounded and five sick. (A full list of casualties was not available.) From 1861 to 1865 some 2,000 men left their homes to protect their families from the advancing Federal army.

Three days after the Battle of Manassa on July 24, 1861, a meeting was called of the Vestry of St. Peter’s. A letter was read which stated that **Rector Wm. H. Clark** requested the Vestry to accept his resignation and to recommend a candidate for the position of Rector – **the Reverend John E. Easter, Ph.D.**, who had charge of the Churches of Brunswick and St. Mary’s. Accepting Reverend Clark’s resignation, he became the Rector of St. Paul’s Church, Augusta. Reverend Easter was offered the Rectorship of St. Peter’s (which he accepted on August 23, 1861).

During **Reverend Clark's** five years of guidance, he performed 70 baptisms, 39 confirmations, eight marriages and 21 burial services. St. Peter's had 60 communicants, eight Sunday School teachers and 40 Sunday School pupils (30 white and 10 black, *in comparison, St. Phillip's in Atlanta reported 70 communicants, nine Sunday School teachers and sixty pupils all white*).



Rev. William H. Clarke

The battles were far away from Georgia in the beginning of 1862. Upon **Bishop Meade's** death on March 14, the mantle of leadership and seniority fell upon **Georgia's Bishop Elliott**, as **Bishop Polk** was on active duty as a Confederate General. A special conference of Southern Episcopalians met at the new Church College at Sewanee to issue a letter inviting each of the Southern Bishops to appoint lay delegates to a convention to be held in Montgomery on July 3. The agenda to consider separating from the national church in light of the secession of the Southern States. At that meeting, the "**Protestant Episcopal Church of the Confederate States of America**" was established (and remained in existence until 1865). A special conference of Southern Episcopalians met at the new Church College at Sewanee to issue a letter inviting each of the Southern Bishops to appoint lay delegates to a convention to be held in Montgomery on July 3. The agenda to consider separating from the national church in light of the secession of the Southern States. At that meeting, the "**Protestant Episcopal Church of the Confederate States of America**" was established (and remained in existence until 1865).

Reverend Dr. Easter led a meeting of the Vestry on April 6, 1862 when it was resolved "that the bell of St. Peter's church be tendered to the Confederate States through **Captain J. G. Yeiser**," a vestryman of St. Peter's (**stained glass window #12*). Presumably, the bell would be melted down to make weaponry. However, at the Annual Easter Monday meeting of the Vestry on April 21, reconsidering the resolution the bell was retained and remains until now. It was also decided to pay Rev. Easter the same salary as the year before. The Vestry consisted of Sr. Warden, **Keating J. Simmons**, and Junior Warden **John W. Noble** (**stained glass window above the altar in the Chapel #31*) and vestrymen **Burwell, Ward, Veal, Anderson, Yeiser, Salvage, John Hume, Jr. and Isaac W. Hume** (the Humes were active communicants of St. Peter's for more than a century. **Stained glass window #6*).



Dr. John D. Easter

The ladies of St. Peter's were also active in the war effort. On August 23, they established a relief room, **The Wayside Home**, for the ill or wounded soldiers passing through Rome. It existed for one year. In the St. Peter's Parish Register on (August 19, 1862) there is a record of a 17 year old soldier, Thomas Ewert of Tennessee at *The Wayside Home being baptized by Reverend Easter*. It is also noted that Thomas Ewert was dangerously ill with smallpox. The military immediately took steps to curtail the spread of the deadly disease. An inoculation program for all citizens of Rome with a four-mile radius was begun. Thomas Ewert died on August 28 and was buried on the same day. *The Wayside Home* was immediately burned to halt the spread of smallpox.

Reverend Easter organized '**The St. Peter's Hospital Association of the Episcopal Church**' to send supplies to the front. The ladies of the church made sheets, pillowcases, blankets and bandages to send to the war effort. Prominent in this work were **Mrs. Joseph E. Veal, Mrs. George R. Ward, Mrs. John W. Noble, Miss Mary W. Noble and Miss Palmer**.

Bishop Elliott arrive in Rome on Saturday, August 2, 1862 to confirm in private a Major William Jack. On the following day, 7th Sunday after Trinity, he confirmed 10 persons at St. Peters. And, **because of the war, there were no more confirmations at St. Peters until 1866**.

In December, the Confederate government sent orders that the city of Rome was to empty all business buildings on Broad Street to prepare for the establishment of army hospitals. The hospitals were named **Quintard**, for Charles Todd Quintard, **Lumpkin**, **Bell** and **Polk 9**, named for **General Leonidas Polk**, Bishop of Louisiana.

The first casualties were brought to Rome in early January, after the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. From January 1863 to late February, 1,173 patients were treated in the four hospitals. Farmers were ordered to stop planting money crops as cotton and tobacco and plant grain and food crops. By February 1863, 1,800 Floyd County men had marched off to war. Manpower for producing and harvesting crops for the population, not to mention the hospitalized soldiers, was severely drained. As the year passed, food shortages increased and inflation caused the available food to be exorbitantly priced.

In the Spring of 1863, **Confederate General Nathan B. Forrest** captured **Federal Colonel Abel D. Streight** and his force of 1,800 men near Rome in brilliant cavalry maneuver. This action saved Rome from Federal occupation for another year.

Dr. Charles Todd Quintard served as Chaplain and physician in the Confederate forces. He also conducted several services at St. Peter's. On May 11, he baptized the daughter of **Samuel and Maltida Noble**.

As Confederate forces began to leave Rome in June, the need for hospital beds began to dwindle. By December, all of the Rome hospitals were closed.

*St. Peter's remained in operation in 1863, despite the hardships of the war. A parish meeting was held on Easter Monday, April 6. **H. M. Anderson** was elected senior warden and **John W. Noble** was again elected as junior warden. Vestrymen chosen were **L.D. Burwell, J.E. Veal, F. H. Eichbaum, B.G. Salvage, George R. Ward, J.G. Yeiser, K.S. Simmons** and **M. I. Palmer**. Receipts of \$594.70 from subscriptions (pew rentals) and \$194.64 from collection were reported, and with the past year's receipt totaled \$789.34. It was resolved that the Rector's salary be increased to \$600.00 for the next year. Of course, the currency was Confederate dollars and consequently, by this time, worth less than U.S. currency.*

St. Peter's was again called upon to make a sacrifice to the war effort. At a called meeting of the Vestry on Sunday, November 29, St. Peter's donated the carpets of the church to the army to be made into blankets.

At Morning Prayer on Christmas Day, the Rector baptized **Clarence Taylor**, an infant slave of **Dr. John Reese**.

By January 1864, all schools had closed. On January 1, a new and fatal disease called meningitis made its first appearance in Rome, killing about twenty persons in a three-week period.

People began to evacuate Rome because of the approaching Federal forces and the shortage of food and other provisions. On February 6, Reverend Easter baptized **Beverly Crenshaw Cook** of Troop County (a surgeon in General Reddy's command.) On February 23, Reverend Easter administered Holy Baptism, his last recorded official act as Rector of St. Peter's.

On May 17, the 14th and 16th corps of the Union forces under the command of **General Joseph McPherson** engaged in an artillery duel with Confederate forces led by **General Stuart**. The Confederate forces retreated, burning the Bridge Street (Fifth Avenue today) and Broad Street bridges behind them and leaving Rome at the mercy of the advancing Union Forces.

Rome was occupied by Union forces for six months. St. Peter's church and the Baptist church were commandeered for hospitals. The Methodist church was filled with ammunition and the Presbyterian Church was used as a warehouse. **General Sherman** and his staff arrived in Rome on October 17, and seized the house of Charles (Bill) Arp Smith on Elm Street as their command post.



Union soldiers began evacuating Rome on November 10; none were left by 9:00am November 11. Before leaving, the Union soldiers burned all of the mills and factories, as well as many homes. (The Noble Foundry had become a cannon and munitions maker for the Confederacy. In 1854, after a visit to Rome, **James Noble** decided to move his machinery from Pennsylvania via a sailing vessel to Charleston, onto Mobile, Alabama and then by steamboat and ox cart to Rome. The Noble Foundry was established.) The great brick smoke stacks of the Foundry were blown up and the buildings set afire. A Northern newspaper reported that the destruction of the Noble Foundry was "*the heaviest blow the Confederacy has yet received*." The four church structures were not torched. By November 13, not a single soldier of either army could be found in Rome. The streets were deserted and the business section abandoned. Only 40 men and a few women remained in Rome. Of those remaining were Episcopalians: **Judge Lewis Burwell**, **James Nobel Sr.** and **James Nobel Jr.** These 40 men organized a patrol force for the protection of the remaining Rome citizens from the ruffians and deserters (both North and South) that began arriving in Rome, looting and robbing. A **Mr. Quinn** was hanged by the neck, **Mr. Omberg** was shot in the leg and **Judge Burwell** was robbed. The same scoundrels intended to hang **James Noble, Sr.**, but they were frightened off by the determined attitude of the daughters.

It is not surprising that during the year 1864, there only three baptisms recorded – no marriages and one burial service. **Charles L. Graves**, future Vestry member for two terms, (**stained glass window #9*) was assigned to escort a wagon train transporting some of the Confederate treasury and military records from Richmond to a safer location in Georgia. **Mrs. Jefferson Davis** and her children also accompanied the train, as well as Lt. Graves's wife **Margaret Lea** and their three-year old son. When they reached Augusta, they learned that **General Lee** had surrendered his army to **Ulysses S. Grant** on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1865 and all attending guards, including Lt. Graves disbanded and returned home. President Davis had joined the wagon train in Georgia and was later captured by Federal forces near Abbeville.

The Vestry of St. Peter's called a vestry meeting on April 17, Easter morning. **H. W. Anderson** was re-elected as Sr. Warden and **Lewis Burwell** was elected Junior Warden. There were only three vestrymen named: **H. Brown**, **James Noble, Jr.** and **George R. Ward**. The senior warden was instructed to communicate with Reverend Easter about returning to (the charge of) St. Peter's. *There is no record of a response from Reverend Easter. Records state that he was rector in several churches after 1865. He was listed as a chaplain in the Confederate Army from 1861-1865.* The Vestry also made a motion to begin repairing the damaged church which had been used as a Union hospital for six months. The furnishings of St. Peter's (and the Rectory) were either destroyed or stolen.

After the Union Army departed, Rome was left without any real protection from November 1864 until April 1865. Federal authorities arrived on June 20, 1865 and placed Rome under military rule. **Mayor James Noble, Jr.** was forced to vacate his office.

Thus, ends the turbulent war years of St. Peter's Parish. There is no record of any baptisms, marriages, or burials at St. Peter's during 1865. The church had survived the war with little but the shell of a building, its interior furnishings destroyed or pillaged by the occupation army. St. Peter's congregation found themselves without a full-time rector and very little money.

The next issue of LTR April will cover the rebuilding years for St. Peter's (1865-1879).
(* Refer to "Windows to the Glory of God," St. Peter's Episcopal Church.)



Chair YOGA
Weekly on Tuesdays @ 11:00 am
Daniel Hall
NO meeting on April 16, 2019



CENTERING PRAYER

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm
Rhodes Wyatt Room

No meeting: on April 17th & May 15th

*Contact Jane Cunningham for more
information – missjane1@mac.com*

BIBLE STUDY MEETS WEEKLY ON THURSDAY
10:00 AM IN RHODES WYATT ROOM

Studying the Book of ACTS



Do you need pictures taken of your group's event to be used for archiving, newsletter, etc.? Events like Easter egg hunt, Youth Sunday, Ministry Fair. Please contact Curt Yarbrough PRIOR to the event to schedule his time, 706.506.9078 or chy813@hotmail.com.

ADULT FORUM FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

APRIL 7: DR. MARSHALL JENKINS - SERMON ON THE MOUNT:
COMMANDMENT AND GRACE.

APRIL 14: CYNTHIA MURPHY – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM).
THIS IS A FOUR-YEAR COURSE PREPARED BY SEWANEE
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY DESIGNED TO HELP LAY PEOPLE
DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR FAITH AND TO
DISCERN HOW GOD IS ACTIVE IN THEIR LIVES.

APRIL 21: EASTER NO ADULT FORUM

APRIL 28: DR. MARSHALL JENKINS – SERMON ON THE MOUNT:
NONVIOLENCE & CIVIL SOCIETY.

MAY 5: DR. MARSHALL JENKINS – SERMON ON THE MOUNT:
THE LIFE OF THE AUTHENTIC WITNESS.

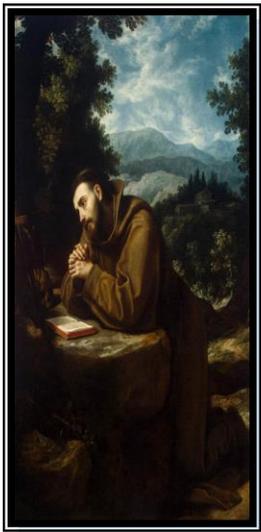
LIVING COMPASS



THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

In this five-week series, we will explore the Prayer of St. Francis and touch on his life and teachings.

Mondays beginning April 22nd through May 20th at 1:00pm at the home of D'Ann Downey, 401 East 4th Avenue.



A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred. . . . let me sew love.

Where there is injury. . . . pardon.

Where there is doubt. . . . faith.

Where there is despair. . . . hope.

Where there is darkness. . . . light.

Where there is sadness. . . . joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled. . . . as to console.

To be understood. . . .as to understand.

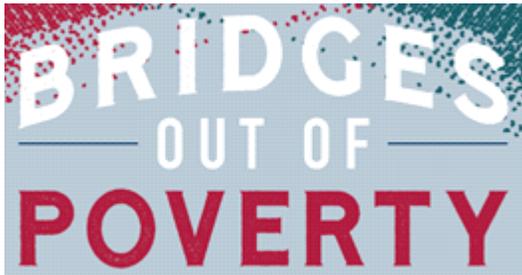
To be loved. as to love.

For

It is in giving. . . .that we receive,

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,

It is in dying. . . . that we are born to Eternal life.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - The Next Step.....

Saturday April 6, 2019

First Baptist Church

8-8:30 Welcome & Coffee, 8:30-3:30 Workshop

Lunch will be provided / Childcare by reservation.

To Register go to

www.tinyurl/BridgesOutOfPoverty (caps are required and no .com at the end).

Who should attend: Faith Community, healthcare professionals, criminal justice/corrections, nonprofit service agency staff & volunteers, educators, business leaders, community leaders, and caring citizens.

Presented by:

1st Baptist Church/ St. Peter's Episcopal Church/ The Community Foundation of Rome.



Sundays at 7pm C3 _ Coffee, Conversation & Compliment at Berry Krannert Center Room 105.

Mondays at 5:30pm Canterbury Dinner followed at 6:30 by Evening Prayer.

Sunday April 21st group lunch following church.

Sunday April 28th CANTERBURY SUNDAY.

Mission NOLA March 9-14, 2019

Mission NOLA was an overwhelming success for so many reasons. We met our goal for doing service; we worked in the Lower Ninth Ward rebuilding and restoring homes left devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. But, we did so much more than that.

Six of us departed Berry around 9:30 on Saturday morning, March 9th. We didn't get far before our first stop for breakfast at the newly opened Lumina Coffee, departing Rome at 10:30 (ish). We had Taylor Mitchell (Loganville, GA), Edwinnae Prime (Byron, GA), Elliot Raphel (New Orleans, LA), Margaret Ashton (Rome, GA), Glenn Segrest and me comprising our group.

Before we hit the Alabama line, conversation was already lively, discussing appearances of property, "house pride," drug use in America, and theological differences between denominations. Meaningful discussion, personal, political, and everything in between, surpassed anything I would have imagined possible before being stuck in a car for six days with such insightful young adults.

We stopped for lunch at a local Italian joint in Tuscaloosa, Mr. G's, though with all the "car snacks" provided by Tracey Bedwell, it was hard to imagine we'd be hungry!

Amazingly, upon arrival at the Raphel's home in New Orleans, we were ready to eat

again. Ms. Colette Raphel had prepared Red Beans and Rice and Gumbo, traditional NOLA fare for us to enjoy. Elliot's family graciously shared their home with us during our stay. The oldest house on the Tulane campus, it made a great and historic home base for our New Orleans adventures.

(Photo L to R: back row- Colette Raphel, David Raphel, Elliot Raphel, Edwinnae Prime. Front row- Rebecca Segrest, Margaret Ashton, Taylor Mitchell. Not pictured, Glenn Segrest)

Sunday morning, March 10th, we were up and out of the house

early, to serve breakfast at [St. George's Episcopal Church](#). The Dragon Café opened and began serving the community just after Katrina. Since then thousands of meals have been provided by the parish at St. George's; on this particular Sunday, we assisted with food prep, served approx. 50 meals, cleaned up, and helped with dishes. We also attended the service with Fr. Richard Easterling. After a light lunch at the church, we returned to home base to regroup for the afternoon.





We left the Raphael's home and ventured uptown on the NORTA trolley. A delicious meal was enjoyed at [Boiucherie](#) and then we got back on the trolley towards the French Quarter.

In the middle of the afternoon on a Sunday, Bourbon Street was fairly subdued, though for students who had never experienced New Orleans previously, it was still Bourbon Street. We walked from Canal St. to Jackson Square, taking

in the art, music, and culture of the city. We appreciated the talent of several street performers. Several snacks and souvenirs later, we headed home to enjoy fresh cooked crawfish, showers, and an early bedtime.

We cleaned and primed the upper half of an exterior wall on the back of the house. After a slow start in the morning, the afternoon was full and hot. So much that after our work was completed, we visited Plum Street Snow Balls to refresh. They were a great way to cool off after a productive day's work!

China Orchid was on the menu Monday evening and early bedtimes were welcomed.





Tuesday morning was surprisingly cool and windy. We had a temporary reassignment, moving concrete from a recent road construction project that was dumped on an empty lot. Unfortunately, the lot owner didn't have the means to move the concrete and was surprised with a fine from the city. Our task was to help clear the lot and get the concrete off to the recycling facility. "Rocks are heavy!" became one of the days mottos. After a well-deserved lunch break, it was back to priming.

That night we enjoyed the rest of our Red Beans and Rice and polished off the crawfish. Elliot taught us how to play [Mexican Train](#), a game played with dominos, and we still managed to get to bed fairly early.





Wednesday morning was warmer, and we were excited to start putting a finish coat of paint on our project house! We managed to get two coats on and even primed and painted the windows. Looking at a finished painting project truly gives one a sense of accomplishment; we are so glad to be able to make such a difference. After showers, we were welcomed to the home of the director of the lowernine.org, Laura, for a cookout. Members of the Lower Nine community, donors to the organization, and all the volunteers joined together to enjoy fellowship and good food. Other volunteers working that week included a group from Ohio State, New Hampshire College, and individuals who were long term volunteers from as far away as Austria. Knowing it was our last night, we opted to stay up a bit longer and see more of the city. A Haunted History tour seemed like the perfect thing. We journeyed back to Jackson Square to take in a

Vampire Tour. While, yes, they did tell some creepy stories about persons rumored to be vampires, we also heard lots of the city's history and were able to see some of the historic homes and side streets in the French Quarter. We even stopped into [Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar](#) to experience a New Orleans' hurricane! (Without the rum, of course!)

But wait, there's more. What would a trip to New Orleans be without beignets? We couldn't leave without spending time at the [Café Du Monde](#) and having beignets and a café au lait. The minute we found a table, a jazz band set up just outside of the café's railing. We couldn't have asked for more. It was an incredible experience and a great way to round out our adventures in New Orleans! It was a long drive home on Pie Day, March 14th, (3.14) and we had pizza for lunch at [Nick and Al's](#) in Meridian, MS. Taking a small detour to drop of Edwiniae south of Atlanta, we returned to Rome just as the storms were finishing up that Thursday. It was a wholly fulfilling, super exhausting, couldn't have enjoyed it more kind of adventure.

=) Rebecca



Addendum:



I cannot possibly express how grateful I am to our parish for so generously supporting Mission NOLA. All of our expenses were covered, and we even have a small seed for a mission trip next year. I am blessed beyond measure to have the opportunity to work with our students and can't wait to see what is next to come!

Rebecca Segrest

ReCharge & Rejoice Wednesdays

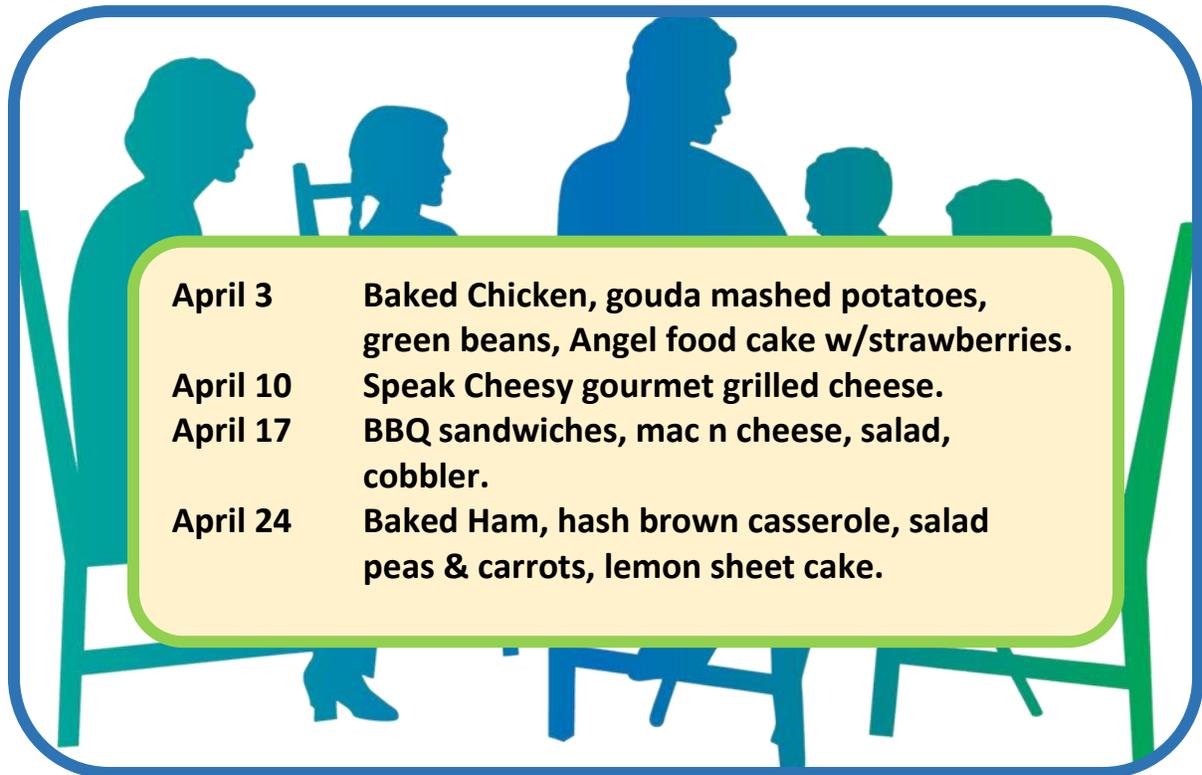
- * Celtic Service 5:30 pm
- * Dinner begins at 5:30 pm
- Jr. Choir 6:15-7 pm

EYC Activities 6:30-8 pm

- April 3rd - Stations of the Cross
- April 10th - Schroeder's
- April 17th - Explore Myrtle Hill
- April 24th - Fun For All Ages

Don't Forget FUN FOR ALL AGES on April 24th following dinner.

Dinner Schedule for March



LENTEN PRETZEL EVENT

MARCH 31ST AT 4 PM

Come learn the significance of PRETZELS and LENT
with *John and Tracey Schroeder.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The Hands and "Footsies" of Christ

February 24 marked our first PJs for PJs event at St. Peter's. Children were invited to trade out their Sunday best for a little more cozy attire...all in exchange for a new set of pajamas. Peggy Nash and I delivered over 70 sets of new pajamas to Restoration Rome that following week! St. Peter's is such a generous parish! While all the kids in pjs were super cute, the real treasure of the day is the fact that kids were taking an active part in the mission and outreach of the church. What a lasting lesson to understand that the church does not just operate within these walls but rather extends out in all areas of our lives. We are spreading the good news of God's love in the world. February 24 also marked our Youth Sunday celebration where 25 children and youth participated in our 10 am worship service. Thank you for demonstrating that children and youth are welcome in all aspects of church today....not just in the future! I ask you to continue encouraging our young people to share their gifts as we use our hands for Christ.

Hollye Smith



Pictures by Jenny Cromer

MISSION AND OUTREACH

On Sunday, March 24th, during Adult Forum, we had our fourth

MINI MINISTRY FAIR.



Barbara Monday, Executive Director of DIGS.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank those individuals for their dedication and informative talks to these nonprofits. We look forward to next year's Mini Ministry Fairs.

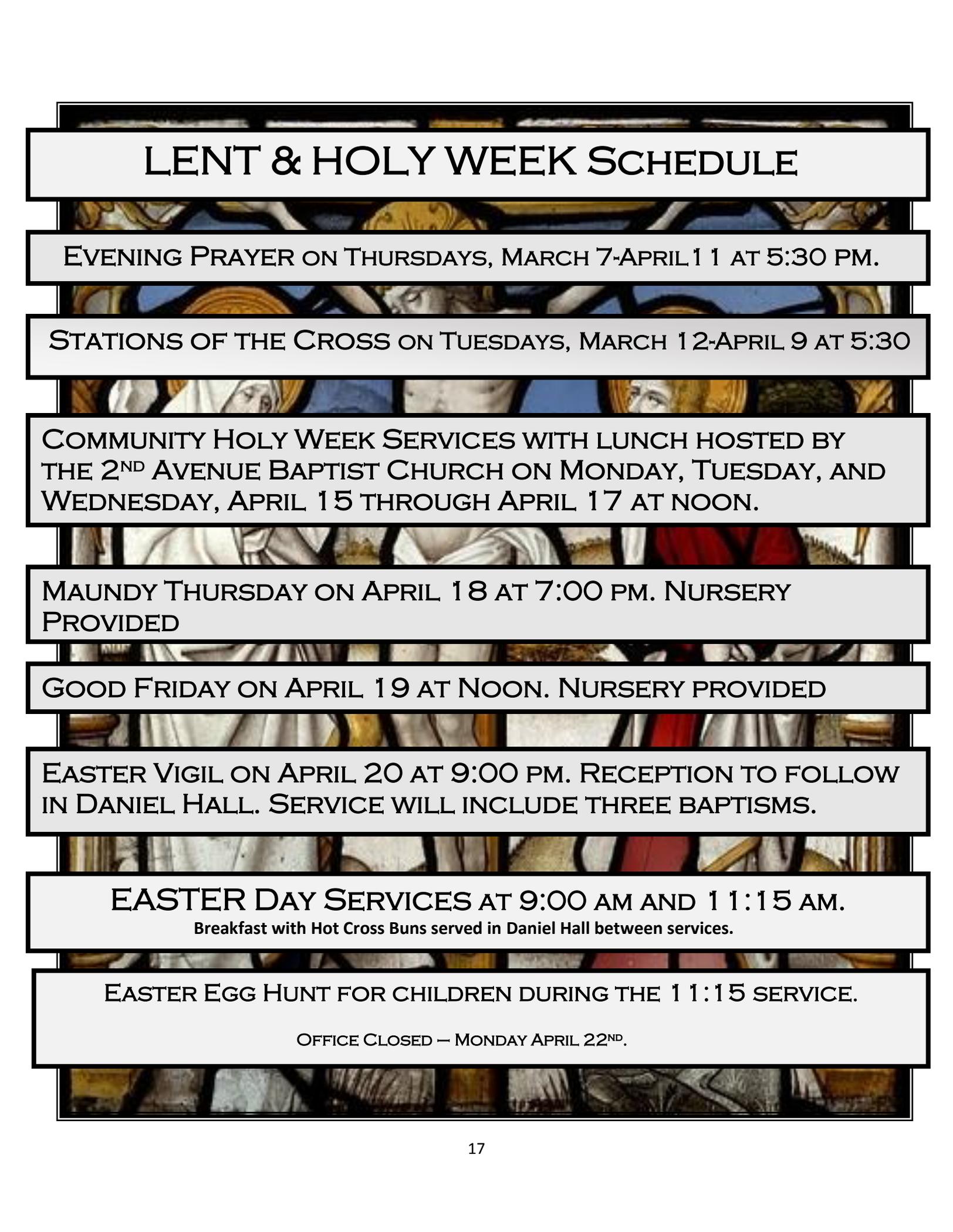


We were privileged to hear from Janet Byington who spoke about the Children's Academy. Bob Steinbruegge shared information about Habitat for Humanity.



Mary Yarbrough had a table with information and items that represent her work with the Commission on Children and Youth.

Please continue to support Episcopal Relief and Development during Lent. Sign up to go to the Church of the Common Ground on August 25, 2019.



LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

EVENING PRAYER ON THURSDAYS, MARCH 7-APRIL 11 AT 5:30 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON TUESDAYS, MARCH 12-APRIL 9 AT 5:30

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES WITH LUNCH HOSTED BY THE 2ND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 17 AT NOON.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ON APRIL 18 AT 7:00 PM. NURSERY PROVIDED

GOOD FRIDAY ON APRIL 19 AT NOON. NURSERY PROVIDED

EASTER VIGIL ON APRIL 20 AT 9:00 PM. RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN DANIEL HALL. SERVICE WILL INCLUDE THREE BAPTISMS.

EASTER DAY SERVICES AT 9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM.

Breakfast with Hot Cross Buns served in Daniel Hall between services.

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN DURING THE 11:15 SERVICE.

OFFICE CLOSED — MONDAY APRIL 22ND.



SUMMA Student Theological Debate Society is accepting applications for the 2019 session of SUMMA Debate Camp.

SUMMA Student Theological Debate Society is inviting high school students entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2019 to apply for SUMMA Debate Camp, held July 16-24 at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. SUMMA Camp is a unique opportunity for students to explore their faith through intellectual channels, meet lifelong friends, and have a lot of fun on one of the most beautiful college campuses in



At SUMMA Camp, students of all faiths learn valuable skills for debate, public speaking, and theological reflection. No previous debate experience or formal theological study is necessary. Campers have a true collegiate experience, but camp is not all work! There is plenty of time left over to swim, play sports, watch movies, go bowling, and have lots of great, summer fun!



At the beginning of camp, a resolution is introduced, and each student argues both sides of the issue. Past resolutions include:

- "Churches should be gun free zones,"
- "In Christ there is hope for Cruella de Vil"
- "Christians, Muslims, and Jews all worship the same God"
- "Euthanasia is morally justified,"
- "Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God,"

At the end of camp, the SUMMA prize is awarded to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of SUMMA camp: speaking the truth in love. The SUMMA prize includes a \$1,000 scholarship.





For all students, the cost of SUMMA is partially defrayed through donations, grants, and an endowment. The cost to parents is \$750, which includes room, all meals, and all materials.

A limited number of scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need.

For more information and to apply,

visit summa.sewanee.edu

or contact recruitment specialist Walker Adams
at hwadams@sewanee.edu.

PARISH NEWS

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to friends and family on the death of Robert “Bobbie” Henson Mixon, Sr. on 3/14/2019.

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to family and friends on the death of Bill Davis on 3/14/2019

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to Lynette Bonner on the death of her sister, Kathryn Anderson on 3/22/2019.

Congratulations of the Parish extended to Laura & Ken Davis on the birth of their grandson, Brooks Franklin Davis on 3/14/2019

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

ALTAR GUILD:

April: Nancy Hunter, Laura Frederick, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Nell Warren, Sue Mann, Lynnette Bonner, Virginia Hunter and Babo Segars.

May: Mary Kirkland, Bambi Berry, Cynthia Burnes, Lee Hight, Sarah Molnar, Annette Morris, Kimberly Moseley, Hollye Smith, Becca Wood and Molly Kelly Steeves.

BREAKFAST CREW:

April 7: Bryan Johnson, David Harvey, John Schroeder, Tracy Schroeder, Meredith Cole and Harold Lawrence.

April 14: Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington, Craig Wilson and Bob Kane.

April 21: Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Sam Lucas and Guy Hunter.

April 28: Ann Pullen, Jeanne Cahill, Chris Edgeworth, Sammy Edgeworth, Susan Geddes and Pam Troxel.

GREETER:

April: Mary Kirkland, Doug Lansing, Laura Davis, Lloyd Griffin, Beverly Schrum and Jeanne Sparks.

May: Beverly Burnes, Tom Dasher, Sue Anderson and Len Woodward.

LOAVES AND FISHES:

April: Amanda Kinder, Leigh Patterson, Virginia Hunter, Anne Kerr, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Mollie Avery, Linda Jennings and Nell Hamrick.

May: Amanda Kinder, Leigh Patterson, Virginia Hunter, Anne Kerr, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Mollie Avery, Linda Jennings and Nell Hamrick.

USHERS:

April: Nat Massey, Jim Noon, Tom Dasher and Stephen Smith.

May: John Burnes, Lisa Bell

Vestry Person of the Month for APRIL: Charlie Hardaker 706 237-6062

The deadline for submissions to the MAY Issue is by APRIL 19th, 2019.

Editor's Note Submissions to *Letters to the Romans* are welcome from any St. Peter's parishioner and should be dropped off or sent to the church office. Please keep items brief and to the point. News and photos of parishioners participating in community events are also welcome.

April Calendar 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 9am Kids SS 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Children's Chapel 11:20 Adult SS 1:00 Eucharist in Spanish	1	2 12:15 Healing Service	3 9:00 Staff Mtg 3:30 Centering Prayer 5:30 Celtic Service 5:30 Recharge & Rejoice Activities	4 Bible Study 10:00	5 Church Office Closes at noon	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 PALM Sunday	15 Community Holy Week 2 nd Ave Baptist, noon	16 Community Holy Week 2 nd Ave Baptist, noon	17 Community Holy Week 2 nd Ave Baptist, noon	18 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm	19 Good Friday 12 noon	20 Easter Vigil 9pm
21 EASTER 9am & 11:15 am Breakfast 9:45-10:45	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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