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Letters to the Romans

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WELCOME MOTHER MELISSA ST. PETER'S NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR



Mother Melissa's first Sunday at St. Peter's will be Pentecost, *JUNE 9*.

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Canterbury Club: Rebecca Segrest ☩ Choirmaster and Director of Music: Dr. Fredrick Tarrant ☩ Organist: Wanda Cantrell ☩ Children's Ministry Coordinator: Hollye Smith ☩ Parish Administrator: Elizabeth Barnes ☩ Financial Coordinator: Debbi West ☩ Sexton: Sheila Kinnebrew ☩ Newsletter Editor: Bryant Steele ☩ Newsletter Layout: Bob Evans (rsmithevans@aol.com) ☩ Church Photographer: Curt Yarbrough

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

MEET MOTHER MELISSA KEAN

St. Peter's new Associate Rector, Mother Melissa Kean, was born and raised in Colorado Springs. Her parents are Bob and Linda Kean (pronounced Kane, as *in Gaelic*.) She has an older brother named Chris and a wonderful sister-in-law, Meggie.

Mother Melissa received her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She received a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Studio Art. According to Mother Melissa, *"I am trained in painting, drawing and photography. On my personal time, I can often be found working with my hands, from art to sewing to crafting to building."* In her personal time, she enjoys biking and rock climbing. "I guess I get that from all the years in Colorado."

She has lived in Italy and South Korea. "I love to travel," said Mother Melissa, "travel is a family trait." She returned to the states and worked at St. Michael's in Colorado Springs as a youth director. She entered seminary at Sewanee in 2016. Mother Melissa was ordained last year as a Deacon. She will be ordained into the priesthood in Colorado on June 22nd.

By her own admission, she is an animal lover. "I am always excited to meet new creatures," she said. "Bring on Saint Francis Day." Mother Melissa will be moving to Rome with *Sakari*, her beautiful long-haired Calico who has been with her for 13 years.

(St. Peter's asked Mother Melissa a some questions to be printed in the May Letter to the Romans. The exercise is an opportunity to present a more in-depth profile of Mother Melissa to the parish family. The questions and her responses are listed below.)

1. What were the influences and experiences that guided you into the ministry?

I was raised in the Episcopal Church all of my life. My mother is a former Southern Baptist. My father, on the other hand, comes from a long line of Episcopalians back to the start of the church in Jamestown. I was raised with the understanding that you make your life around Church and not the other way around. I was an active youth in my parish, but I was needing more. During my high school years, we had a new youth minister come to the church. He showed me a deeper understanding of God. He helped me connect with and feel the presence of God in a way that I had never felt before. It was under his guidance that I began to feel the call toward ordained ministry. I would not be where I am today without his care and love for me. This is one of the reasons that I feel that youth ministry is so important. Our youth need to know that it is not just parents that are here to love and support them, but that all the adults of the church are, too.

With a solid prayer life established and with much encouragement from those around me, my call began to grow. I went to college and served as a youth minister of St. John's Episcopal Church and later joined the Canterbury Group at St. Aiden's Episcopal Church. I led youth pilgrimages, bible studies, preached, and more. By the time I graduated, I could not deny that God was truly calling me to the Priesthood. I spoke to my Bishop and started the process of official discernment. During that time, I worked at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel as their Minister of Formation.

2. What role do you feel the church plays in our fast moving high tech society?

In the changing landscape of the society and the Church, I believe that is important to be open to new ideas while being grounded in the transcendent traditions of the Church. The Church has something that the world needs, it has the good news of the Risen Lord and the hope that this brings. The role of the church is to help ground the people of God in what matters most.

3. What are your expectations from a Parish Ministry as opposed to a Ministry of Teaching or a Ministry of Social Work?

I feel called to parish ministry and the ministry of the priesthood over teaching or social work for a number of reasons. I have been called to bring the sacraments to God's people, sharing with them in the transcendent moments of the Holy Eucharist and welcoming new members into the fold through Holy Baptism. I feel called to walk alongside people during their life long journeys with God. I love to hear the stories of the people that I am serving, knowing that each and every story, emotion, and soul is a gift being shared. I feel called to parish ministry because I am called to love God's people and serve them. I cannot wait to get to know you all!

4. What kind of community do you envision for our youth at St. Peter's?

The kind of community that I envision for the youth of St. Peter's is that of deep-rooted faith and fellowship. I envision a place where our youth can feel safe to ask hard questions and wrestle with their understanding of God, a place where they feel loved and supported, a place where they know that they can go for sustenance that the world cannot offer. I want our youth to learn what is really important in this life and know that the Church and God will support them wherever they go.

Her first Sunday at St. Peter's will be Pentecost, June 9.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S MOTHER MELISSA

ADULT FORUM

MAY 5: DR. MARSHALL JENKINS – FORMING AUTHENTIC WITNESSES: THOUGHTS ON THE PURPOSE & PRACTICE OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

Adult Forum Report by Janet Byington

I want to thank all of our fabulous speakers this year in Adult Forum who taught us, inspired us and challenged us. Former Rectors Roger Ard and Don Black delighted us with their sage wisdom and their knowledge. They also get the prize for “Most Attendees at Adult Forum.” No one wanted to miss a word of what they had to say.

Dr. Terry Morris amazed us with his depth of historical knowledge and all of us left his lectures feeling just a tad bit smarter. Dr. Marshall Jenkins inspired and challenged us with his studies of Discernment and Discipleship. Cissy Rogers, Barbara Briley and Anne Culpepper delighted us with their stories of St. Peter’s past.

Of course, Susan Harvey is always brilliant as she inspires us to look at the world around us with new eyes. Brian Hampton never disappoints us with his wit and wisdom and his study on Judgment was right on point. Peggy Nash brought us another fabulous Mission Fair highlighting all of the good works of St. Peter’s parishioners.

Nat Massey taught us how not to worry. Tom Dasher and Jim Noon enlightened us on the need to revise the 1979 Prayer Book for a more in-depth study of same sex marriage.

Hugh Bonner reminded us about preparation for the Holy Eucharist. Bob Evans taught us about forgiveness and Cynthia Murphy explained that EFM (Education for Ministry) is for everyone to strengthen their spiritual life and personal ministries.

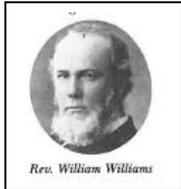
It’s been a great year and I am ever aware of the talent that we have at St. Peter’s and their willingness to share their extensive knowledge of faith with us. Each brought us a new perspective to consider as we continue this journey together at St. Peter’s.

Next Fall Jeanne Sparks will bring us even more wonderful programs and I can’t wait to see what she has planned. If you are interested in presenting a program next year, you may contact Jeanne at . . . sparks_jeanne_williams@lilly.com

“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 1865 – 1887, The Rebuilding Years.***

St. Peter’s approximately 40 communicants survived the hardships of the war years (1861-1865). *The church had no Rector and the union forces had left a gutted wooden structure of a church building and rectory.* The Confederate Episcopal Church was disbanded, but the southern parishes were quickly united with the national church. By August 1865, businesses were operating again under military rule. Former Rome citizens were slowly returning to their homes.



In October of 1865, Bishop Elliott recommended that the Reverend Charles A. Grant serve as a missionary to St Peter’s for two Sundays each month. Reverend Grant actually served only a few months before the Vestry of St. Peter’s called the Reverend William Chauncey Williams on March 13, 1866. Reverend Williams did not actually begin his official duties until the Fall and then his dominant theme was rebuilding a church decimated by war.

A committee in charge of repairs to the church was organized a month after Reverend Williams arrived. Pews were built, painted and installed in the church. The Rector was often the last to receive payment on his salary. At the Parish Meeting, two men and two ladies were appointed to collect subscriptions to make up the deficit in the rector’s salary *due for the previous year.*

Bishop Elliott died suddenly on December 21. The Vestry of St. Peter’s issued a statement, “to give proper expression of our deep sorrow felt in communion with the rest of the Diocese for the death of our beloved Bishop.” *Eight persons were confirmed by the Bishop of Alabama, 11 baptisms, four marriages and six burials. On April 5, 1867, he confirmed 23 at St. Peter’s and another two in private.*

At the 45th Annual Diocesan Convention, the Reverend John W. Beckwith was elected as the second Bishop of Georgia. He guided the growth of the Diocese for 22 years. (“The Good Shepherd” window, #2, located over the front door was given by St. Peter’s congregation in his memory.)

In August, St. Peter’s received a beautiful Caen stone baptismal font from Trinity Church in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in honor of Mrs. John Noble and her daughter Miss Kate Noble. The font was later replaced and sent to a struggling mission church in Atlanta, The Church of Our Savior. Mrs. Elizabeth Noble gave a new white baptismal font as a memorial to Dr. John Gwinn – *which is the present font used at St. Peter’s.*

The primary business at vestry meetings during 1867 was the financial condition of the parish. The vestry did consider the possibility of becoming financially independent of missionary funds and self-supporting, but the idea was not pursued. A building committee was appointed to consider enlarging the church’s seating capacity, but the project was also not pursued due to the financial status of St. Peter’s; however, they did see fit to establish a Church Building Fund with \$20,000 being the minimum amount to be raised. When \$10,000 cash was secured, a suitable lot would be purchased. The committee appointed to oversee the project was John Noble, Jude Underwood and Joseph E. Veal. *(A new lot was purchased in March 1889, but construction did not begin until 1892.)*

Bishop Beckwith confirmed 14 at St. Peter's on April 28, 1868 and another 14 on December 13, 1868.

In April 1869, the congregation recommended that the Vestry make St. Peter's self-supporting. The Vestry agreed and so voted. There were no public schools in Rome until 1883 and the church considered a Parish School: However, *no action was taken.*

The 1870, the Vestry voted to assess all male communicants \$1.50 and all female communicants \$0.50 annually to be used toward the Rector's salary. Costs of improvements to St. Peter's were born by the parish. Mr. Veal was appointed to sell the church's old wood burning stove and a committee was appointed to purchase coal burning stoves that would adequately warm the church. In December, the Vestry approved the installation of a new stove under the church and the rector was requested to obtain an estimate of "introducing gas into the church." By the end of the following year, gas lighting was installed at a cost of \$60.00. In December, St. Peter's purchased a new organ which was installed and used at the 49th Diocesan Convention held at St. Peter's in May 1871. *The Parish Registry records 36 baptisms, four marriages and 16 burials during the year.*

(The city of Rome approved a bond issue of \$100,000 for the improvement of city services such as water and fire protection. A reservoir was erected as a vertical tank and surrounded by a red brick decagonal tower with a clock on each of the four sides. The system was designed by John Noble and still stands today – *The City Clock Tower.*)

The year 1872 continued to be a slow recovery from the hardships of reconstruction. The parish offered family silver and jewelry to be made into a solid silver communion service. The congregation felt "unspeakable pleasure" in offering to God mementoes to "the most sacred use and the holiest of purposes." Bishop Beckwith confirmed parishioners in July and 24 in November. Robert C. Foute and W. P. Kramer were recommended for the Holy Order of Deacons – first from St. Peter's to become Episcopal priests.

Declaring the church to be financially independent proved to be easy: it was maintaining independence that proved to be difficult. However, the vestry proposed and completed an enlargement of the old wooden structure. The Vestry struggled to find a method of collecting funds. During a Vestry meeting in 1873, the Vestry recommended that pew rental be abandoned for an "envelope system." The new system failed, ^{the} new pews in the addition would rent for \$50.00 each for twelve months; the pews in the body of the church would be assessed at \$25.00 per year, except for ten pews reserved for visitors – free.



In the right foreground, you can see St. Peter's original wooden church building (built in 1849) as it looked during the flood of 1873 from the city clock tower. Across the street from the church is the old brick courthouse (1835-1893).

Note should be made of the communicant of vestry member Mr. B. Gilbert Salvage. He was on the vestry for 17 years, serving as secretary for most of that time. Upon his death, the vestry, to honor his services, "that a blank page be left in the book of vestry minutes as a dedication to his memory." (*Vestry Minutes, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1844-1882*).

On November 2, 1873, the Bishop of Georgia confirmed 17 persons at St. Peter's. One marriage during the year and 13 burial services. He also confirmed John Perkins on December 6.

In 1874, Bishop Beckwith confirmed 13 persons and on September 13, Bishop Quintard confirmed 2 persons. There were 15 baptisms, no marriages and ten burial services. St. Peter's had 191 communicants and 120 Sunday school students with 25 teachers.

1875: The Vestry, on April 7, recommended that the delegates to the May Convention should try to influence the convention to change the regulation prohibiting female communicants from voting in Parish Meetings. The church struggled financially. Parishioner Judge Underwood was appointed to make a statement to the congregation on Easter of the church's financial condition. St. Peter's owed the rector \$215.46 in unpaid salary.

The warden's gave the rector a note bearing seven percent interest until the entire amount of salary was paid. Reverend Williams *generously* donated the balance due on his salary back to the parish at the Easter morning Vestry meeting on March 29.

1876: St. Peter's experienced 13 years of growth under the guidance of The Reverend Williams. *The next seven years would prove to be a period of instability in the rector's position.* On April 11, Mrs. Matilda Burwell, widow of Judge Burwell, died and left St. Peter's a bequest for the education of worthy young men who would promise to devote themselves to the Episcopal ministry. During the year, 22 were baptized, six marriages and nine burials (five being children.)

1877: Bishop Beckwith confirmed 9 persons. There were 31 baptisms, 3 marriages and 12 burials (three being children.) At the August Vestry meeting, Senior Warden Noble announced that Reverend Williams needed a year of recovery for health reasons. Reverend C. P. Dorset accepted a call for temporary Rector.

1878: A Parish School was opened under the direction of Reverend Dorset. However, Rev. Dorset accepted a call elsewhere, so the school closed. A Mr. E.E.G. Roberts was appointed as the headmaster. Reverend Williams returned temporarily in October, but was forced to retire because of poor health. Reverend Williams served as rector of St. Peter's for 13 years. "The Resurrection Window" (# 5) was presented by a grateful congregation.

1879: The Rectorship of C. J. Wingate. The Parish Registry reveals *were 193 communicants, 65 Sunday School students and 14 teachers, 16 baptisms, one marriage, nine burial services and a new Parish School with 14 scholars.*

1880 / 1881: Reverend Wingate resigned after seven months. The last service at St. Peter's was on Easter Sunday. Because the church was without a rector, The Baptist offered seats in their church to St. Peter's. The Methodist also extended an invitation to worship with them. Mr. Walton was appointed by the Vestry as Lay Leader.

On May 26, the vestry called a special meeting to confirm the call of the Reverend George Wilson "Our beloved Yankee" as rector of St. Peter's. *(Reverend Wilson had served as an officer in the Union Army, but resigned as he was so grieved by the horrors of the war and the destruction in the South that he pledged in some way to help in the South's Reconstruction. He became a candidate for Holy Orders and was ordained as a Deacon.)*



1882: After Reverend Wilson's arrival, the vestry turned its attention to the Parish School. Noble, Walton and Palmer to supervise the building of a suitable facility to house the school. A Mr. H. D. Capers was contracted to act as the teacher. However, a disagreement led to his departure and Professor A. H. Austin was offered the teacher position, as well as organist and precentor.) Mr. Austin was replaced by Mr. E.E.G. Roberts. St. Peter's struggled to provide financial support for the school. After one stressful year of operation, the Parish School was closed and never reopened.

1883: St. Peter's lost its Senior Warden of 15 years, Mr. John W. Nobles. Alfred Cummings was elected to replace him as Senior Warden and A.W.Walton was asked to serve as Junior Warden. Reverend Wilson became ill and died on November 16. He was buried in the Episcopal Church Lot in Myrtle Hill in an unmarked grave. Reverend Wilson confirmed 46 persons during his rectorate and a total of 83 were baptized. *Among them was Martha McChesney Berry, the found of the Berry Schools.* A diamond-shaped plaque of polished marble which is mounted on a brass cross located in the south transept of the new church was given "In loving memory by the children of the Sunday School.

1884: The Reverend John Kershaw became the new rector of St. Peter's on March 2, 1884. His primary contribution was in the music program. A music committee was appointed – Mr. R. A. Denny and W.S. Crane were appointed by the Vestry to serve as the first Music Committee.

1885 / 1886: Reverend Kershaw resigned on January 24. It took several months to find a new rector. Offers were made to the Reverend Henry Thomas and to George Dane. Both declined the call. On June 2, the Reverend William Dudley Powers assumed the rectorship of St. Peter's on August 16. His term was one of financial focus. The Vestry voted to require quarterly reports from the treasurer and an attempt was made to use envelopes for weekly contributions. The envelope exercise was a dismal failure. The Vestry then made a list of non-paying members and the names were given to vestry members for collection. The Bishop confirmed 13 and Reverend Powers baptized 26. St. Peter's had a total of 201 communicants. The Vestry also recommended that the parish build a new church. A committee of Messrs. Walton, Crane, Denny, Graham and Cummings were appointed. The year 1886 will long be remembered as a year of extremes in weather. Flood water rose to a height of 40.3 inches in downtown Rome from March 31 to April 4 and a record snow of 24" covered Rome during the Christmas season.

1887: On January 7, Reverend Powers resigned and accepted a call to St. Paul's in Macon. The past four rectors had served St. Peter's for a total of seven years. Little did the vestry know when they called the Reverend Charles Buckner Hudgins as the new rector that he would remain at St. Peter's for twenty-seven years.

(The next installment of the 175 year Anniversary history of St. Peter's will cover the period from 1887-1914, "The Church Builder.")



CENTERING PRAYER

**Wednesdays at 3:30 pm
Rhodes Wyatt Room**

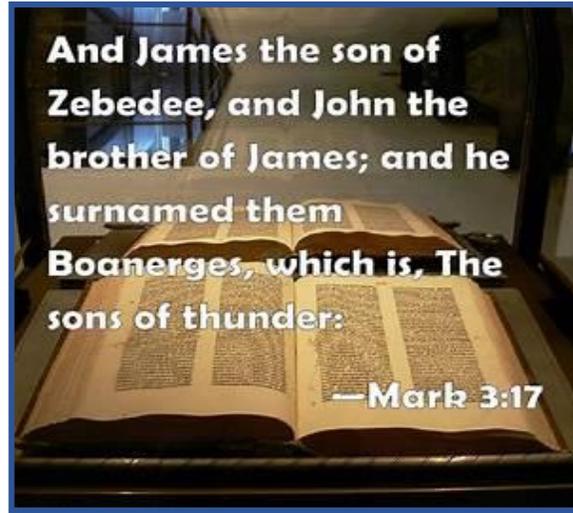
**No meeting on the following dates:
May 15th, June 5th, August 28th**

Jane Cunningham at missjane1@mac.com



BIBLE STUDY

“ BOANERGES “ *Sons of Thunder*



Father John wears gift received from Bible Study Class – ***THUNDER BOYS***

Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:00 in the Rhodes-Wyatt Room. The group is completing their year study of the New Testament Book of Acts. *Come and join us before summer break!*

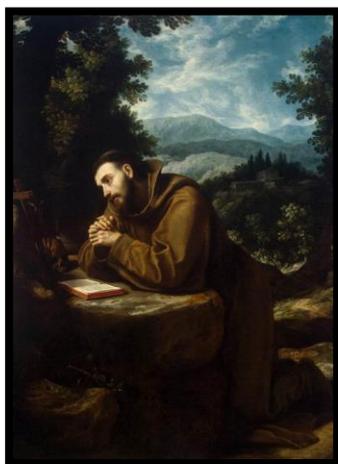


Welcome Back !

Chapel Porch
Ceiling



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.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love.
Where there is injury . . . pardon.
Where there is despair . . . hope.
Where there is darkness . . . light
Where there 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.

Needlepoint panels of the CREATION



You may notice six beautiful panels of framed needlework tapestry hanging on the sides of the opening to the stage in Daniel Hall. These works of art will add to and enhance the beauty of the stained-glass memorial window. The panels depict the six days of Creation as described in Chapter I, verses 1 – 31 of the Book of Genesis.

The artwork for the needlepoint canvases are original designs of British artist Alex Beatie. He has this to say about this series:

“In terms of inspiration for my designs, the art style I have looked to most is mosaic. Especially the Byzantine-inspired mosaics in Italy, like ones in Venice. I’m amazed at how they have taken an art form that’s so intensive and painstaking and used it to create these magnificent, flowing scenes. And just like tapestry, it’s all pure colour, with each tessera a single piece of glass that’s as bright now as the day it was set. What I love most about designing and stitching is the fact that you are working with pure colour. There’s no mixing or preparation – it’s bright, jewel-like wools sewn straight on to the canvas.”

The needlework memorial panels were lovingly stitched by the following people to the glory of God and in memory of people whose memories are dear to them.

Day I – Creation of Light from Darkness, stitched by Mrs. H. F. Hunter, Jr.

In memory of Harold Frierson Hunter, Jr. and John Christopher Hunter

Day II – Creation of the Firmament, stitched by Robert Kane

In memory of Linda Prestwood Kane

Day III – The Division of the Dry land and Oceans, stitched by Ellen Proctor Keene

In memory of Dr. William Davis and Frances Davis

Day IV – Creation of Sun, Moon, and Stars, stitched by Virginia Hart Hunter

In memory of Emmie Tom Hart

Day V – Creation of the Fowls of the air & Creatures of the Sea, stitched by Nancy Smith Hunter

In memory of Fielding Hight Stutts

Day VI – Creation of the Beasts of the Earth and Mankind, stitched by Christie King Thomason

In memory of Suzanne DuPuy Black

We praise and thank the devoted, talented people who have stitched these pieces of ecclesiastical art. All the wonderful pieces of needlepoint at Saint Peter’s represents thousands of hours and many years of diligent service to this parish and to God.

Other generous people of this parish who have contributed to this project are:

**Christie and George Thomason
Nancy and David Hunter
Robert Kane
Margaret Nash**

**Janice Bracken Wright
Kathleen Bracken
Nan Willingham Henson
Renata Corbin**

**THE BOOK OF GENESIS. KING JAMES VERSION
CHAPTER I: VERSES 1 -31**

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth: and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon earth.

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon earth, wherein there is life. I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

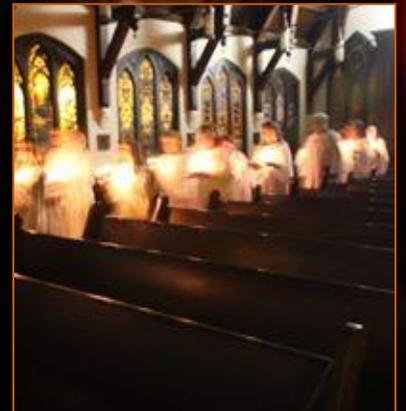
From the *Book of Common Prayer*.

A Prayer for the World

For Joy in God's Creation:

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness: for the sake of him through whom all things were made, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER VIGIL



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

May 15th Our Final Wednesday Program



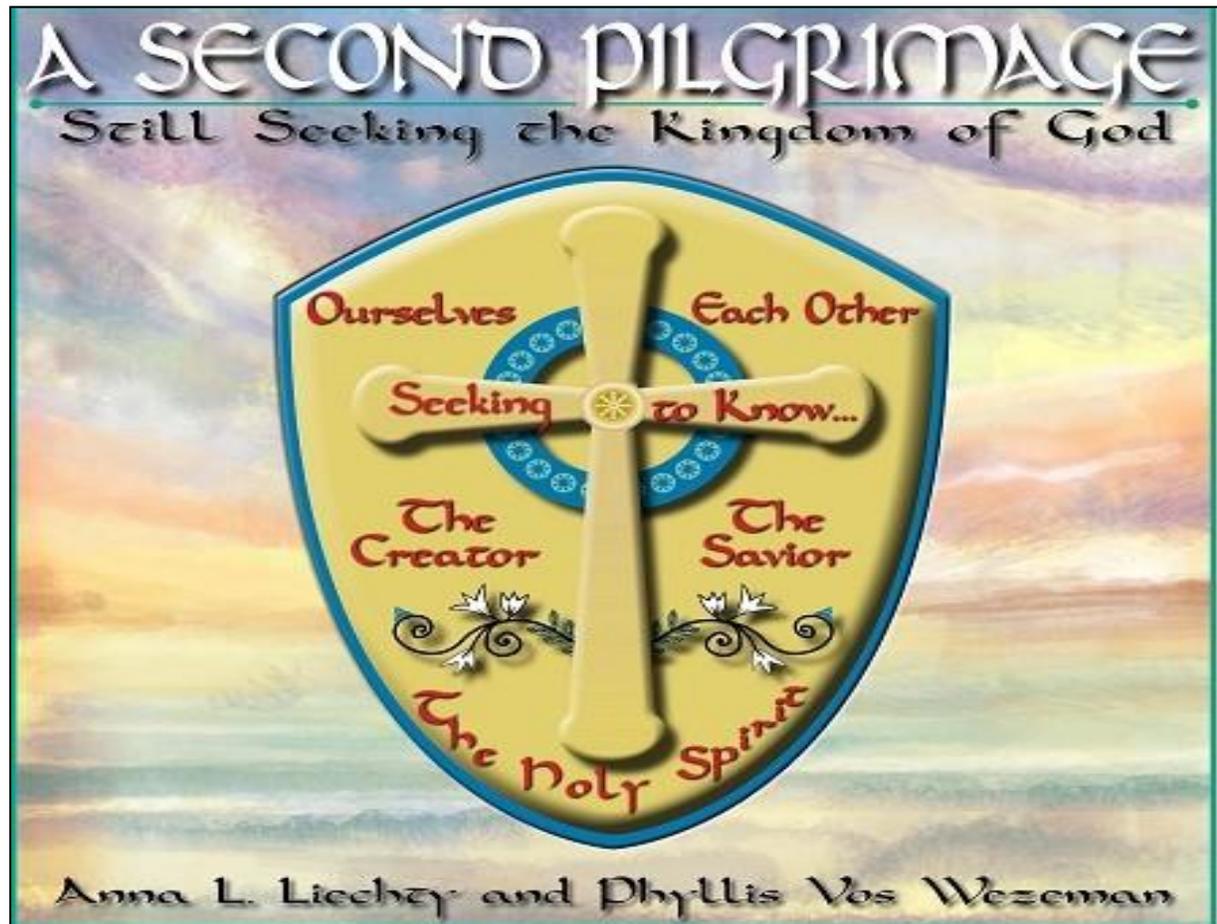
- May 1 - Speak Cheesy Gourmet Grilled Cheese.
- May 8 - Pot Roast w/gravy, carrots, onions, celery, mashed potatoes. Green beans and Banana pudding.
- May 15 - Back-Yard BBQ grilled burgers / dogs, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips and Cookies.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

St. Peter's children enjoy Palm Sunday



ARE YOU READY FOR A JOURNEY?



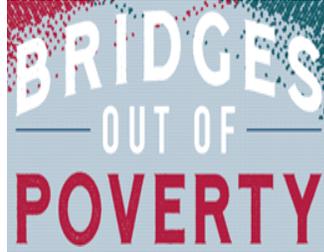
Join Us

June 17 – 20 9am to noon
Rising kindergarten – 5th graders

(potty trained preschoolers are welcome for a mini journey
on the 17th and 18th.)

*More details can be found on the Daniel Hall bulletin board or
on the website.*

MISSION AND OUTREACH



On Saturday, April 6th, 10 parishioners from St. Peter's joined with local church members, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, non-profit service agency staff and volunteers, educators, business leaders, community leaders, and other caring citizens to be introduced to a program called *Bridges Out of Poverty*.

Treasure McKenzie, Executive Director of the Muskogee Bridges Out of Poverty in Muskogee, Oklahoma, our facilitator, outlined the complexities of poverty, reviewed specific techniques for addressing poverty, and shared practical experiences of how her community is working "shoulder to shoulder" to reduce barriers that keep individuals in poverty.

We learned that there are two types of poverty - *generational and situational* - and that poverty is defined as "the extent to which an individual does without resources". Those resources are

FINANCIAL

Being able to purchase the goods and services of that class and sustain it.

EMOTIONAL

Being able to choose and control emotional responses, particularly to negative situations, without engaging in self-destructive behavior

MENTAL

Having the mental abilities and acquired skills (reading, writing, computing) to deal with daily life.

SPIRITUAL

Believing in (divine)purpose and guidance.

PHYSICAL

Having physical health and mobility.

SUPPORT SYSTEM

Having friends, family, and backup resources available to access in times of need.

RELATIONSHIPS/ROLE MODELS

Having frequent access to adult(s) who are appropriate, nurturing, and who do not engage in destructive behavior.

KNOWLEDGE OF HIDDEN RULES

Knowing the unspoken cues and habits of a group.

After lunch, Treasure shared information about the Muskogee Project, the model we will probably adopt. It is a detailed process and something that will not be accomplished overnight. It is a journey and learning about poverty is the first step in helping people out of poverty. As you think about this information, please consider these facts

- 25% of the population of Floyd County is living in poverty.
- Approximately 200 people in our community are unsheltered.
- There are 320 students reported in Rome City Schools and 297 in Floyd County Schools who don't have a permanent residence. (Which means they are living in motels, couch surfing, or in cars, etc).
- **Want to learn more? Plan to attend a Lunch and Learn meeting from 12noon to 1pm. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH: May 2nd at LoveJoy Baptist Church, May 26th at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, or June 2nd at First Baptist Church.** There is a library of reading material available. Begin with *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and*



CONGRATULATIONS!



To Wanda Cantrell
recipient of the

REINHARDT UNIVERSITY'S BRIDGE AWARD

“In recognition and appreciation of her outstanding service and commitment to the faculty and students of the University.”

Presented by the Faculty Senate.



The Capital Campaign is well on its way to success. We hope all pledge cards will be mailed in by May 1st. Our goal is to begin work on the Willingham House in early June. It's essential to get this done during good weather.

Work has already begun on the children's area. A huge thank you to Len and Beverly Woodward and their family for their generous donation to get this area completed in time for the children and families to use the area this summer.

Not only will it be a safe place for our children to play but it will also be a place where families can gather for social get-togethers.

The leaks in our roofs are being addressed daily. We hope to have interior repairs completed once the roofs are completely sealed. We will also be addressing all of the other items on our Wish List as funds become available.

As we spend the next few months renewing and restoring our Parish, we also look forward to a Fall celebration of our 175th birthday. Expect more information to be forthcoming in August.

It's been a wonderful year for St. Peter's. As always, please contact any of your Vestry members for any questions you might have.

Sr. Warden, Janet Byington



A HUGE THANK YOU to. . . .

Bill Schoepski, Emily and Emmitt Holcombe, Sarah Clark, Melissa Keefe and Lori Hubbard who volunteered their Saturday to clear trees from the children's playground area.



CAMP MIKELL

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE 2019

Mini Camp: May 17-19, Rising 1st and 2nd Grader- For camper and parent/guardian

Youth Camp: May 26-June 1, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Performing Arts Camp: June 2-June 8, Rising 4th-9th Graders

Intermediate Camp: June 16-June 22, Rising 8th and 9th Graders

Junior Camp: June 23-June 29, Rising 6th and 7th Graders

Kid Camp: July 7-July 12, Rising 3rd-5th Graders (NOTE: KID CAMP ENDS ON FRIDAY)

Work Camp: July 15-July 20, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Emmaus House: July 22-July 26, Emmaus House Summer Program

Guest Camp: August 30- September 2, Children, Adults, and Families of all Ages
(Contact Amanda, 706-886-7515 or amanda@campmikell.com for more information)

OUTDOOR CAMPS

Outdoor Youth: May 26-June 1, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Outdoor Junior/Intermediate: June 2-June 8, Rising 6th -9th Graders



PARISH NEWS

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to Steve Stutts and family on the death of his wife, Fielding Hight Stutts.

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to Nancy Hunter, Patricia Harvey and their families on the death of Harvey Johnson.

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to John Burnes on the death of his brother, The Rev. Norman N. Burnes, III.

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to friends and family of Neil A. Sanders.

Sympathy of the Parish is extended to Randy Warley on the death of his sister, Olivia Warley Gutoff.

Congratulations of the Parish is extended to Roger and Elizabeth Ard on the birth of their granddaughter, Murphy Caldwell Ard. Proud parents, Thomas and Tabatha Ard reside in Greenville, SC.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

ALTAR GUILD:

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

June: Sunny Knauss, Michael Ann Booth, Suzy Gilbert, Sue Ann Kalkus, Beth Starnes, Erika Wilson and Lulie Chin.

BREAKFAST CREW:

May 5: Jack Niedrach, Gayle Keith, Billy Sparks and Jimmy Smith.

May 12: Bryan Johnson, David Harvey, John Schroeder, Tracey Schroeder, Meredith Cole and Harold Lawrence.

May 19: Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington, Craig Wilson and Bob Kane.

May 26: Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Sam Lucas and Guy Hunter.

GREETER:

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

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

LOAVES AND FISHES:

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

June: Elaine Smith, Dale Carroll, Jackie Mooney, Janet Morris, Jean Clark, Michelle O'Neill, Tricia Richards, Michelle Lawrence and Sue Mann.

USHERS:

May: John Burnes, Lisa Bell.

June: Ronnie Mixon, Norman Fletcher and Ben McElrath.

Vestry Person of the Month for APRIL: Shane Walley.



May 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		12:15 Healing Service	1 9:00 Staff Mtg 3:30 Centering Prayer 5:30 Celtic Service 5:30 Recharge & Rejoice Activities	2 Bible Study 10:00	3 Church Office Closes at noon	4
5 YOUTH Sunday	6	7	8	9 No Bible Study	10	11
12 FINAL Formation & Children's Chapel	13	14	15 FINAL Recharge & Rejoice	16	17	18
19	20	21 Vestry Meeting	22 Adult Pilgrimage	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

Many thanks to Curt Yarbrough for providing many of the photographs used in the LTR.



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.



**Our newsletter takes a vacation during the months of June and July.
The Next Newsletter will be published in last July, the AUGUST installment.
Deadline to submit articles, pictures and scheduled for the new program year - JULY 19th**

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