

St. Peter's Parish Church

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THE KEYS Goes Electronic in May!

Since February 2010, THE KEYS has been posted each month on St. Peter's Parish website, <u>www.stpetersnewkent.org</u>, and sent by mail to those on our mailing list. The link to the current issue of THE KEYS has been e-mailed to parishioners via *Constant Contact* since February 2011. The final distribution of THE KEYS through the U. S. Postal Service will be with this issue, April 2011.

Starting with the May issue, St. Peter's Parish Church THE KEYS will be accessible only online at our website <u>www.stpetersnewkent.org</u>. Each month you will receive an e-mail link to the newest issue of THE KEYS as soon as it is posted to the website. You will be able to access all issues beginning with February 2010 there. To receive this monthly link and all other e-mails sent from St. Peter's Parish Church, please go to the St. Peter's website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the link "Join Our Email List" at the bottom of our homepage.

Parishioners without internet or computer access who have not yet notified the church office are asked to do so immediately. Thank you to those who already have. There will continue to be a few printed copies in the Parish House foyer for St. Peter's visitors and guests.

~ The Communications Team Sherri Hardiman, Joyce and Rod Molina, Paul Rowles, and Julie Vaisvil





Easter Coffee Hour



The April coffee hour will be on Easter Sunday BETWEEN the services. Stay after the 9 am or come early for the 11 am service. Bring something to share and celebrate the Resurrection!

~ Jeff Fazio and Miriam Ackley

Wardens' Corner

The Lenten season is here, a time of reflection, prayer, fasting, and contemplation in preparation for Easter. The question this time of year always seems to be "What are you giving up for Lent?" We often look to the easy, prescribed list (chocolate, ice cream, coffee, cursing, driving too fast, etc.) instead of taking the time to examine what is most personally meaningful and integral to our daily lives. Perhaps the question is not what we should give up but what action we should take. What should we do rather than not do?

I had a professor in graduate school that made an impression on me when he abruptly ended our class one day with a brief, and in hindsight, obvious statement. It was during a business ethics class and apparently we students were not grasping the point of the day's discussion. Before time for the class to end, the business professor (who just happened to be a former minister) shut his book, picked up his materials and said "We are not only responsible for what we do, we are also responsible for what we *don't* do," and then he walked out of the room. We sat there stunned for a few minutes and when we later discussed the professor's comment, the shared reflections tended to be more personal rather than related to the class material.

I'm often reminded of this in the confession of our sins "by what we have done, and by what we have left undone." Have I known of someone who needed help or moral support and I didn't do anything? Has there been a situation where I should have shown forgiveness, gratitude or trust but did not? Our Lenten reflection can be an opportunity to consider our lives, relationships, and convictions from this perspective.

I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

~ Denise Fazio, Junior Warden

Easter Offering

The 2011 Special Easter Offering has been designated for Matthew's Haven, an outreach activity of St. Peter's Parish Church. Matthew's Haven recently received its 501(c)(3) designation and has begun to stand on its own. Although it will always be a part of St. Peter's, this new designation will enable it to receive other donations and grants from organizations such as the Williamsburg Community Foundation or the Combined Federal Campaign. Matthew's Haven supports



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St. Peter's Parish Church The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, rector Sherri W. Hardiman, parish administrator Samuel G. Bruce, organist and choirmaster Stuart R. Burnett, clerk & treasurer Mark P. Whidden, assistant treasurer Susan E. Cheyne, verger Mark P. Whidden, register The Vestry Bill Lindsey, senior warden Denise Fazio, junior warden Class of 2012 Stuart Burnett (932.3925) Denise Fazio (932.9224) Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132) Class of 2013 Padgette Evelvn (932.3289) Nancy Goodman (932.3609) Rod Molina (932.3990) Class of 2014 Peter Carlson (966.7251) Karen Lange (966.2940) Tony Wood (932.9516) The Keys Sherri Hardiman & Julie Vaisvil, Editors Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair Adriane Marshall, EYC Advisor Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

From the Rector's Desk

"What have I done?"

An acquaintance of mine is leaving the church he's been at for longer that I've been at St. Peter's. Much of his tenure has been marked by turmoil. Subterranean, clandestine, for the most part invisible to the large majority of the parish, it's been a several-years-long struggle between a dozen or two parishioners and him. It's a fairly large parish, so that's a fairly small percentage. The saddest part is that he does not know, for the most part, what he's done. He's tried his best, and the majority of the folks are happy, but this small cadre of people have made his life difficult. There are some stated differences, but most of them are unknown. Now he is at the end of his tenure wondering, "What have I done?"

Another friend has almost the opposite problem. He's been where he is about the same amount of time and has done quite well. Everyone is happy, but he feels like the parish would benefit from new leadership. He wants to move on to a new position a little higher up the scale. He's been interviewed by a dozen or more parishes, all of whom just love him. They say they are highly impressed by him, call him back for more visits, tell him that he's one of the finalists, and then ... nothing. Dropped like a hot rock. A month later, he finds out that the church who "just loved him" has called someone else. He doesn't know why he is always a bridesmaid, never a bride, and asks himself, "What have I done?"

I read the newsletters of former parishes. It's nice to keep up on what's going on; who's had a baby, who's getting married, who's graduating, that sort of thing. It's good to see new names in the newsletter, because it means that while the parish might not be growing, it's at least attracting new people. It's sad to see some names still in positions of leader-ship because that means that new people aren't coming up to take their place. You don't know if it's because the "old" people won't make way for the "new" people, or because the "new" people aren't stepping up and the "old" people have to hang on. But what's most puzzling to see is people who departed – some silently, some with much fanfare – return and become productive, not disruptive. It's gratifying, in one sense, to see them return to the bosom of the Church.

On the other hand, it sometimes leaves me wondering what happened. The Senior Warden and his wife, for example, who never came back to church once his term on the Vestry expired. Not only did they not come back, they began attending another church in town. Knowing how small towns are, I'm sure you're not surprised that within a month I started getting inquiries: "What's going on with Mr. & Mrs. X? Why are they going to that other church? What did you do to them?" I'm well aware of that little-known verse from the Bible, *2 Belshazzar 2:2* – "It is not given to anyone the ability to ring everyone else's bell," but it leaves me wondering not "What have I done" or "What does the new cleric have that I didn't?" but "What did I do?"

We're in the midst of Lent right now. When you get this, there will probably be about a month left in that season. At the end of it is Good Friday, the day Christ was crucified, and Holy Saturday, the day he lay in the tomb. There have been countless books written about the death of Christ, and countless theories exist all purporting to explain why the sinless Son of God had to die for our sins. But the thing to remember is this: Jesus did exactly what his Father had asked him to do, every step of the way. He knew exactly what he was doing. There were so many opportunities for him to have taken another road, one that would not lead to Jerusalem and the cross. As difficult as it was, he never wavered from the path. He knew where it was leading, and he knew what was waiting at the end. He knew exactly what he was doing. And when he hung dying on that cross, suspended between those two criminals, the one thing I am sure he never said, among all the last words said from the cross, was ...

"What have I done?"

I am your brother in Christ,

Paul †



¹Tongue-in-cheek, I hope you realize. You won't find *2 Belshazzar* in your Bible's table of contents!





Observance of Holy Week at St. Peter's Parish Church

Palm Sunday — April 17 Holy Eucharist, 9 and 11 am Craft/Bake Sale, 10 am in Richardson Hall
Maundy Thursday — April 21 Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm
Good Friday — April 22 Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm
Easter Eve — April 23 Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm
Easter Day — April 24 Holy Eucharist, 9 and 11 am







Christian Education

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will sing at the 11 am service Easter Day. They will sing "Alleluia, Christ is Risen" by Jean Anne Shafferman. It is important for all the children to attend practices as we hope to sing this as a round.

Mark your calendars for practice dates April 3 and 17 at 10:30 am.

 Carol Nelms, Jennifer Ezzell, Joyce Molina, and Hawthorne Davis The Children's Choir Performing "Do Lord" in February 2011



Photo by Loretta Davis



Christian Education

Our children are busy preparing for the upcoming Lenten Bake Sale/Craft Show on April 17! Our fundraising efforts will be split between Haitian Relief and support for our Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. How can you help? If you have Church School students, encourage your child to attend weekly. Also, I am asking parents to help with baked items such as cakes, bread, cookies, and pies. If you have a special craft talent, we would love to have those items in our sale. Lastly, I hope you will all come and support this sale. See you April 17 at 10 am!

Mark your calendar for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 at 2 pm. This is a fun time hunting eggs, playing games, and eating good food. A piñata will be a special treat! We hope all the children will join us!

Please send two dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy by April 17. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

St. Peter's Nursery

The nursery is available to those interested in a loving and safe environment for your child during the 11 am service. Newborns through preschoolers will sing, play, and enjoy a snack while their parents attend worship services.

We have a few needs in the nursery. They are: play-doh, scrap paper for drawing, and toys for children under the age of one. If you can provide any of these items, please drop them off in the nursery. Most of all, the nursery needs volunteers. If you can donate your time to this worthwhile service, please contact me at 932.5078.

As a special note, nursery time on Easter Sunday, April 24, will begin AFTER the Flowering of the Cross inside the church. All children will participate in the flowering, meet under the tower after the flowering, and be escorted to the Parish House by nursery volunteers for the remainder of the worship service time.

Yours in Christ, ~ Carrie Evelyn, Nursery Coordinator





Chanco on the James

Have you heard? More and more St. Peter's campers are choosing Chanco as their summer camp experience. Don't wait! Visit Chanco during one of the open house dates to meet the camp director, some of the summer camp counseling/administrative staff and take a tour of the property. For the more adventurous, the zip lines will be open and promise to bring some excitement. The Chanco Open House/Spring Thaw will be held Sunday, April 10 from 1 - 5pm.

The Chanco Open House/Spring Fling will be Saturday, May 7 from 9 am - 5 pm. The Spring Fling will include all the previously mentioned activities plus will have lunch provided (\$3 per person) and additional camp games/activities. Join us at an Open House and we trust that after visiting Chanco, your child will be counting down the days until they get to go to camp! Sessions are filling up fast, so don't wait to register your child for the summer experience of a lifetime. Any questions? Contact Camp Director Jim Sitzler, at <u>director@chanco.org</u>, for more information.

Visit our website at <u>www.chanco.org</u> for more information about our camp and conference center and for easy on-line camp registration. We hope to see you on the banks of the James for our Spring Open House events, at camp this summer, and/or at a retreat this fall!

Lee Tyson and Susan Cheyne
 St. Peter's Representatives for Camp Chanco





Easter Offering (Continued from page 2)

children and families in need of everything from food and clothing to emergency housing and energy assistance. We look forward to helping them begin on a more secure financial foundation.

You will soon receive a letter with more detail and an Easter offering envelope. Please be generous.

~ The Vestry

Easter Flowers

There are Easter Flower sign-up sheets in the Parish House foyer and in the back of the church. Each plant is **\$8**. Please **sign only one** sheet, not both.

Be sure to designate the name in whose memory, thanksgiving, or honor the flowers are being given, and please print. Thank you!

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator



Decorating for Easter Day and *Thank You*

Helpers are needed to arrange the Easter flowers Saturday morning, April 23.

Come at 9 am and join the fellowship and fun while preparing the church for Easter Day worship.

I would also like to say *Thank You* to Kathy Boschen for embroidering the new silver keeper bags for the Eucharist instruments. They look terrific and will add so much to the organization and continuity of the Sacristy.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

Outreach

Youth Mission Team

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Mission Team's Pancake Supper! This was the largest Pancake Supper in quite a few years!

The Youth Mission Team is still working to raise money for our trip to Puerto Rico in July. There will be 15 youth and four chaperones going this summer. This is the largest trip yet for St. Peter's Youth. To help fund the trip, the youth have begun selling flower bulbs as a fund raiser. To purchase, go to: <u>www.flowerpowerfundraising.com</u>. Click on PLACE AN ORDER in the top right hand column and type *Quinton* in the city. At our home page, click SHOP NOW. There are close to 30 different flower bulb varieties to choose from!

Flamingo flocking orders are still being accepted. We even have a flock in Hanover! There is information about flocking in the foyer of the Parish House.

A huge thank you to all who've supported us so far!

~ Adriane Marshall, Mission Team Advisor

We've Been FLOCKED!!



Photo by Loretta Davis









March Newcomers Reception













Thank you to Padgette Evelyn and Rod Molina for these photos.

St. Peter's 10th Annual Golf Tournament



The *10th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament* is rapidly approaching! Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, May 13, at Brookwoods Golf Club with a 1 pm shotgun start. All proceeds will benefit this year's mission trip to Puerto Rico. And, as you have heard, we are dedicating this year's tournament to the memory of Leo Vaisvil.

Have you noticed the very special logo for this year's tournament? St. Peter's own Neil Quimby designed this special acorn logo with input from Adriane Marshall and Steve Miles. Leo was an active member of St. Peter's where he was a lay reader, Lay Eucharist Minister, Vestry member, youth advisor, and chaperone for seven youth mission trips. All of our youth at St. Peter's will tell you that Leo was their biggest supporter. Leo touched the lives of all of our youth and will always be remembered for his impact on their lives.

Let's make the *10th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament* the biggest and best ever! The \$75 cost per golfer or \$300 per team (four person captain's choice format) includes green fees, cart, beverages, dinner, and prizes. Flyers and sponsor forms are located in the foyer of the Parish House. Like last year, we will have three flights based on final scores. First and second place teams will win prizes in each flight.

There are many ways to contribute to our fundraiser golf tournament. **If you are a golfer**, you can organize a four person team. **For businesses and/or individuals**, you can contribute by sponsoring a hole for \$100. The additional \$50 will be used to help pay for a special golf hat designed in memory of Leo. As you may recall, we provide a tournament hat every five years. Traci Carlson and Patty Peterson will be organizing the hole sponsors this year.

Kristin Swynford has already been working on prizes for the 10th Annual. She is busy getting the best possible prizes for the winners of the three flights as well as the hole contests. If you would like to donate a prize and/or have a good idea for a prize, please contact Kristin.

Nancy Goodman, the *10th Annual* dinner organizer, will be getting in touch with you soon about volunteering to make desserts and other items. Nancy always provides the golfers a scrumptious meal after their hard work!

We have had tremendous support over the last nine years and look forward to achieving our goal again this year. Please help us reach our goal for the *10th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament*. Come join the fun Friday, May 13! The *10th Annual Committee* includes: Traci Carlson, Nancy Goodman, May O'Leary, Patty Peterson, and Kristin Swynford.

~ May O'Leary, Chairman



Inquirers Class Now Scheduled



Inquirers Class at St. Peter's is for those interested in Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church from another tradition, or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, or those who simply want to know more about St. Peter's Parish Church and the Episcopal Church. Inquirers Class is open to anyone age 12 and older.

September 11, 2011 will be the Bishop's annual visitation to St. Peter's Parish Church. To avoid meeting over the summer months, the Inquirers Class will meet at 10 am on the following Sundays: April 3, April 10, and May 1.

Please let the church office know if you're interested in attending, or you may use the sign-up sheet posted in the Parish House foyer.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator

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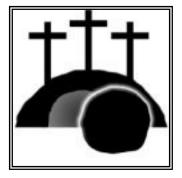
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Vestry Greeters	9 11	Bill Lindsey Volunteer	Bill Lindsey Volunteer	Bill Lindsey Volunteer	Bill Lindsey Volunteer	Peter Carlson Padgette Evelyn
Acolytes	9 11	Nancy Goodman Wil Miles Philipp von Hitritz Lilly Tyson Zach Quimby	Miriam Ackley Chris McKinney Philipp von Hitritz Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson	Jon Gellings Erich von Hitritz Zach Quimby Lilly Tyson Cameron Fazio	Kelly Gellings Caroline Evelyn Caroline Nelms Clayton Evelyn Christine Best	Ashley Pierce Wil Miles Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Zach Quimby
Peter's Heralds	11	Lydia Danielson	Jack Swynford	Ella Ezzell	Grant Stanley	Trevor Evelyn
Chalicers	9 11	Larry Gallaher Margie Harrison	Brett Marshall Bobby Nelms	Adriane Marshall Allan Fabritz	Norm Valor Bruce Lange, Stuart Burnett	Larry Gallaher t Susan Cheyne
Lectors	9 11	Kathy Lindsey Chris McKinney	Patty Peterson Bobby Nelms	TBA—Stuart assigns TBA—Stuart assigns	Norm Valor Stuart Burnett	Larry Gallaher Linwood Gregory
Intercessors	9 11	Nancy Goodman N/A—Great Litany	N/A—Great Litany Steve Miles	Joyce Peterson Barb McKinney	Jon Ackley Stuart Burnett	Julie Vaisvil Cindy Greer
Sidesmen	9 11	Bill Lindsey Lee Tyson Susan Cheyne	Jon Ackley Lee Brammer Major Mansfield	Brian Gellings Neil Quimby Linwood Gregory	Tony Lewis, Rod Molina Tom Evelyn, Chuck Evelyn Doug Begeal, Ray O'Leary	
Oblationers	9 11	Corinne Dorsey Joyce Molina Peg & Jim Noctor	Joyce & Rod Molina Barb McKinney Sally Smith	Sandra Gellings Corinne Dorsey Cindy & Marvin Smith	Kendall Hatley Lisa Guthrie Vicki & John Reus	Norma & Tony Lewis Lindy & Lee Brammer
Nursery	11	Emily Anne Evelyn Caroline Evelyn	Adriane Marshall	Stacey Wood	Kristin & David Swynford	Kim von Hitritz
Altar Guild Group		III, Cyndi Burnett	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian	II, Jay Francisco
Hangings		Purple	Purple	Purple	White	White
Garden Guild Group		1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Carol Nelms	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli
Altar Flowers		Only greens: no flower	s Only greens: no flowers	Palms	Lilies	Lilies

Coffee Hour

Miriam Ackley Jeff Fazio

	Maundy Thursday 4/21/11, 7 PM	Good Friday 4/22/11, 7 PM
Acolytes	Chris McKinney	Philipp von Hitritz
Chalicers	Lee Tyson	N/A
Lectors	Lee Tyson	Stuart—assigns
Intercessors	Lee Tyson	N/A
Sidesmen	Doug Begeal	Rod Molina
Oblationers	Corinne Dorsey Barb McKinney	N/A

~ SPECIAL SERVICES ~



April Birthdays ² Patrick Evelyn ³ Notes Total 5 Bruce Gregory 7 Tom Evelyn 10 Maggie Marshall 11 Jessica Evelyn 13 Abigail Barber 15 Thomas Marston 15 Joyce Molina 15 Kendall Ezzell 16 Ann Thomas Forrest 16 Ben Evelyn 16 Larry Gallaher 16 Courtney Noctor 16 Sid Stanley 17 Julie Vaisvil 19 Madie Miles 20 Karen Moore 22 Clifton Davis 24 Philipp von Hitritz 25 Stan Wells 26 Margie Goodall 26 Mava Miles 27 Charlotte Woodall 27 Ella Fay Danielson

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- 30 Neil Quimby



Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

Edward Allen. Charles Bowery, Zachary Crawford, Mike Foley, Randy Fuhrman, Justin Gallaher. Julio Gonzalez, Jr., Sam Guinn, Phillip Harrell, Christopher Kopf, T. J. Lowe, Christopher Minter, Christopher Quarles, and Carson Tyson

We Ask Your Prayers For Those in our parish family who are sick: Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sarah Lindsey Gupta, Jim Douglass, and Jackie Lowe, ... and all others known and unknown. Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce; Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor; Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell; Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey; Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal; Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of Scott Goodman; Jimmy Jones, friend of Kendall Hatley; Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner; Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews; Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles; Louise Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith; Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr; Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and Jessica Evelvn; Diane Spearman, friend of Kendall Hatley; Pauline Thomas, friend of Emily Clay Evelyn; Jean Smith, friend of Loretta Davis; Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield; Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and Adriane Marshall; Jackie Mitchell, friend of Matthew's Haven; Kenneth Kemp, father of Kim von Hitritz; Bryan Raybon, friend of Adriane Marshall; Barbara Gard, mother of Debbie Smith's co-worker; Mike van Meter, nephew of Sally Smith, Ruth Rowles, mother of Paul Rowles, Nadia DuBois, friend of Shirley Meyer. Give them courage and hope

in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.



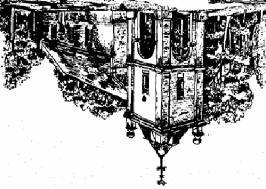
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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

April 2011

- **Clopton Scholarship Deadline**
- Garden Guild Spring Work Day, 9 am—12 Noon Inquirers Class, 10 am Last Day for Submissions to May THE KEYS 2
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- Inquirers Class, 10 am Vestry, 6:30 pm Craft/Bake Sale at 10 am 17
- 21 Maundy Thursday, Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm 22 Good Friday
- Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm
- 23 24 Easter Day

No Christian Education

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Matthew 28:5-6



May 2011

- Inquirers Class, 10 am 1

- Mother's Day Vestry, 6:30 pm Golf Tournament at Brookwoods, 1 pm 13
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- Last Day for Submissions to June THE KEYS Clopton Reception Following the 11 am service No Christian Education 15
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- Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
 Church Office Summer Hours Begin
 TBA Colonial Dames' Dedication & Meeting, 11 am Contact: Bill Lindsey

June 2011

- Youth Retreat, Gwynn's Island Youth Sunday, Reception to Follow Summer Schedule Begins, One Service at 10 am 5
- Last Day for Submissions to July/Aug THE KEYS 15
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Vestry, 6:30 pm