

# St. Peter's Parish Church

## The Keys

## December 2015 - January 2016

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### *From the Rector's Desk*

By now you should have received a letter from our Senior Warden, Kristin Swynford, letting you know that I will be on sabbatical next year. The tentative dates are from May 1 through July 31. Let me give you a little more of an idea about what this is and what this means for you.

The word "sabbatical" comes from the word "sabbath," meaning seven or seventh. The Sabbath (note the capital letter) is the seventh day of the Jewish week, our Sunday. It was marked by a total prohibition on work of any kind. Truly observant Jews won't even flip a light switch on the Sabbath because no matter how small the effort involved, it's still work to flip a switch.

A sabbatical is a period of rest; one could call it "an intermission from labor." A sabbatical year is a "seventh" year, although they don't always come every seven years. It is a time when people are excused and relieved from their duties for study and travel. It is now used for a period of leave sometimes called a "sabbatical leave." Some clerics save up sabbatical time and, upon their approaching retirement, will take "terminal sabbatical." I'm not sure I like the implications of that!

The Right Rev'd Shannon Johnston, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia—our Bishop, in other words—is on sabbatical now. He's taking three months sabbatical leave along with his annual month of personal leave, meaning that he'll return to work January 1, 2016. He is using his time for "rest, reading, and reconnection" with family and friends with whom he's lost touch over the years.

I'm using his model for my own sabbatical, and adding to it "reflection." Or "restoration," take your pick. I'm not going to hike the Appalachian trail or write the next great systematic theology textbook. I do plan to do some traveling: Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, West Virginia, and Wyoming are all possibilities. I may take some short-one or two week courses—Nashotah House has some tentatively planned for July. We're also looking at some Roads Scholars programs that might take us to England, Scotland, and Wales. But part of the design of a sabbatical is to be flexible, without responsibilities, in order to take advantage of unexpected opportunities that may present themselves. I also plan on spending time at home, working my way through that large pile of books that I always meant to read "someday," so you may see me around town.

What this means for you is that there will be another face, or several other faces, on Sundays and other days. I won't be coming back for baptisms, funerals, weddings, or Sunday mornings. I have one wedding in May that I agreed to long before my sabbatical became a possibility, so Laura and Jonathan, don't panic! I'll be there for both the rehearsal and the wedding. Other than that, I'm not planning on any "official" acts during that period. Before you know it, the time will pass. And if my "calendaring" is correct, my first Sunday back will be the Annual Parish Picnic, August 7—always a good day.

Speaking of time passing quickly ... by the time you get this issue of THE KEYS, the season of Advent, the first season of the church year, will be upon us. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and extends through the last day before Christmas. The word "Advent" derives from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectant waiting for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and great glory." Until that day, we wait ... we wait with the shepherds on the hillside ... we wait with Mary and Joseph for the child to be born ... we wait for the Magi to arrive ... we wait for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords ... but most of all, we wait.

Faithfully (and patiently!),

*Paul †*



## Wardens' Corner



By now, you know that Fr. Paul will be taking a sabbatical in 2016. Remember that stewardship of self is something priests need to model for others in the parish as much as we need it for ourselves. Self-care is not selfishness. It is, in fact, stewardship. Please pray for Fr. Paul and Cynthia as they plan for their time of renewal.

I want to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's for providing me the opportunity to serve on the Vestry for the past three years. I have enjoyed my service, learned a great deal about the workings of this church, and developed stronger friendships.

I encourage each of you to participate in the communication process at St. Peter's. So often I hear people say, "Since I am not on Vestry, I have no idea what is going on!" If our traditional communication outlets don't provide the information you are seeking, pick up the phone and call your Vestry representative, attend a Vestry meeting or ask Fr. Paul. Effective communication takes place only when the listener clearly understands the message that the speaker intended to send.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

~ Kristin Swynford, Senior Warden



### St. Peter's Vestry Nominations

**CLOSE**

December 6, 2015

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Vestry Class of 2019.

Nomination forms are available in the Parish House foyer and in the back of the church. Forms may be submitted to the Senior Warden or to the church office. Prior to completing a form, be sure and get the person's permission before nominating them!

As a reminder, each Vestry nominee must be a member of St. Peter's Parish Church, a confirmed adult communicant (age 16+) in good standing, and "known to the Treasurer."

## Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas Offering will benefit Matthew's Haven, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity that is changing the lives of children in rural communities. Matthew's Haven provides basic necessities to children to nourish their bodies, enrich their minds, and lift their spirits.

More detailed program information may be found at [www.matthewshaven.org](http://www.matthewshaven.org) or by contacting any of the Matthew's Haven volunteers.

The Christmas letters and offering envelopes will be mailed soon. Please be generous!

~ The Vestry



**St. Peter's Parish Church**

The Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*  
Joyce H. Molina, *organist and choirmaster*  
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*  
Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*  
Susan G. Sitterson, *assistant treasurer*  
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Ann O. Bradshaw, *register*

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# Christian Education

## Children's Choir

Thanks to the children who have faithfully attended choir practice! This is a very busy time of year, but we would like the Children's Choir to sing at the 5 pm service on Christmas Eve with the Adult Choir. Since we are practicing for the Christmas Pageant on December 6 and 13, we are asking you to come for choir practice at 9:45 am each of those days. Also, we need to practice with the adults once before Christmas Eve. So please bring your child to practice on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. We will practice our song together first and promise not to keep you no more than 30 minutes tops!

### Practice Times

December 6 and 13 at 9:45 am  
December 16 at 6:30 pm  
January 10 and 24 at 10:30 am

~ Joyce, Hawthorne, and Carol



## Nursery Worker Employment Opportunity (Part-time)

Sunday Hourly Position: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (September – May) and 9:30 am - 11:30 am during summer. \$10/hour. Must be 18 or older. Pediatric/Adult CPR certification and background check required. Additional diocesan training will be provided.

Submit cover letter and references to St. Peter's Parish Church, 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent, VA 23124.



## Church School News

Church School is off to a great start! "American Bible Warrior Day" was a huge success with over 40 students in attendance. The students painted portraits of Jesus and answered Bible Trivia questions while playing corn hole and basketball. Teachers are following the theme of "Put on the Armor of God," *Ephesians 6:11*, in their classrooms. Students are exploring topics such as how to battle against the evils of the world that tempt us to turn away from God!



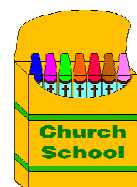
Fr. Paul delivered a short homily on November 1 during the Church School hour on the topic of "What is All Saints Day?" We also conducted the first attendance ticket drawing and are pleased to announce that Dylan Moore was the first prize recipient. Congratulations Dylan! The ticket jar was emptied and we will fill it again. Our next drawing will be at the Christmas Pageant.

The annual Christmas Craft Day will be held on Sunday, December 6 following the 11 am service. All ages are invited to participate. The cost is \$15 per family, which will cover pizza, soft drinks, and the fixings for the gingerbread house. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer of the Parish House soon. Please sign up and take a base for the gingerbread house and directions home so that you can attach your milk carton ahead of time.

All children all welcome to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant which will be held on December 20 at 10 am in Richardson Hall. We will practice on December 6 and 13. Please try and attend both practices!

Fun events to look forward to in the New Year will be a Bible Trivia Quiz Bowl and Family Feud!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent





# Worship



## Christmas Decorating

This year we will be decorating St. Peter's with an assortment of beautiful and aromatic fruits and greenery during the Christmas season. As you may recall, your purchase is made in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. The sign-up sheets are in the church and in the Parish House foyer. The deadline to sign up is December 7, so sign up early!

A donation of \$10 is requested, which goes towards the purchase of the fruits. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Parish Church and note **Christmas Decorations** on the memo line. Thank you!

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

## Hanging of the Greens

Please join us Saturday, December 19 at 9 am to decorate St. Peter's for the annual "Hanging of the Greens." It doesn't take long with many hands helping for this annual event, so come on out and discover your inner decorating talents!

If any of you can provide some garden greenery, please bring it to the church and leave it under the tower by Friday, December 18, or Saturday, December 19 by 9 am.

We are looking for nandina, holly, cedar, and pine. Hope to see you then!

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair



## A Music Note



### Waiting for Bethlehem's Light

December is almost here; it's hard to believe. This year in our tradition of alternating between Advent and Christmas Lessons & Carols, we will celebrate an Advent Lessons & Carols. It will be on December 20 at 11 am. This will be a service you will NOT want to miss. Many express a preference for Christmas Lessons & Carols or want to know why we can't sing Christmas Carols during Advent. If you're in doubt as to why, talk to Fr. Paul. What I can tell you is this year's Lessons & Carols will be memorable. The Adult Choir started working on the music for the service in October. **Advent is about waiting.** We have been *waiting* to sing these anthems, just as we all will *wait* during Advent for that blessed morning. The lyrics to our anthem *Waiting for Bethlehem's Light* are as beautiful as any Christmas Carol you will hear.

Wait on a hillside in the peaceful, quiet night,  
Wait with the shepherds, soon startled with fright.  
Wait on a hillside and gaze at the star, soon to lead the wise men, travelers from a far.  
Waiting for hope, waiting for peace, Waiting for joy and for God's perfect love.  
Advent is waiting, let candles burn bright.  
Advent is waiting for Bethlehem's Light.  
Wait for the Baby's cry to pierce the silent night; wait in the cattle stall for the Holy Child.  
Wait by the manger for such a joyous birth; wait for the King of kings, Savior of the earth.  
Waiting for hope, waiting for peace, Waiting for joy and for God's perfect love.  
Advent is waiting, let candles burn bright.  
Advent is waiting for Bethlehem's Light.

Advent is about waiting. At its end, *Will You Be Ready?* The prophets predicted the birth of the Prince of Peace, the True Light. The people then wondered: When will He come? Where will we find Him? How will we know He is the True Light? **How would we know if the True Light came today?** Would we take time to watch? Would we stop to listen? Or, would we be too busy to notice?

After an Advent of waiting, will *you* be ready for the Light? Will you be watching? Will you be listening? Will you hear the angels sing? **Will You Be Ready?**

Come to Lessons & Carols on December 20. Get ready for the Light to shine on you!

~ Joyce Molina, Organist and Choirmaster



## *Worship* continued



### **Altar Guild Handbook**

The revisions for the Altar Guild Handbook are almost complete, so keep an eye out for the date of our next meeting. If you would like to learn more about the altar guild, and think you might be interested in joining our ministry, please join us at that time.

~ *Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair*

## *Congregational Care*



### **Funeral Meal Ministry**

The purpose of the Funeral Meal Ministry (FMM) is to minister to those within our church family through the preparation and serving of a meal at St. Peter's Church after a funeral service. Currently, all parishioners have contributed food for meals/receptions which follow funeral services. The Funeral Meal Ministry creates an opportunity for our parishioners to share in the responsibility of *coordinating* meals for our funerals.

The FMM is divided up into teams. When there is a need, you will be contacted by your team leader and asked to provide food and if your schedule allows, you will be asked to help serve and clean up the day of the meal. Depending on the needs of our church family, you should only be called on a few times a year.

If you would like to participate in the Funeral Meal Ministry as a Team Member, please register with Kim Filipowicz by phone at 804-400-2369 or by e-mail at [kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com](mailto:kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com).

~ *Kim Filipowicz, Congregational Care Commission Facilitator*

## *Buildings & Grounds*



### **Parish House Renovations Update**

I hope that by now many of you have been able to see the Parish House renovations in person. Some of the changes are dramatic and others are more mundane, but all are the result of amazing effort and care. While the physical changes to the building are beautiful, it is even more remarkable to witness the demonstration of stewardship these changes represent. Catherine Stanley of Catherine Christian Interiors, Jay Daniel Moore of Antique Floors LLC, and Don Seeterlin of Seeterlin Construction have all shared their considerable time and incredible talents on this project and all deserve our deepest thanks.

Our own Catherine Stanley generously donates her scarce and valuable time to develop the interior designs. Catherine's award-winning talent and vision create the beautiful spaces we now enjoy. Jay Daniel Moore, also St. Peter's own, donated his time and artistic skill to the creation of the gorgeous hardwood floors in Richardson Hall, and throughout the Parish House. General contractor Don Seeterlin is a member and lay minister at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano. A trusted and careful craftsman, Don is responsible for overseeing the complicated work in Richardson Hall.

We are grateful for the gifts these people have shared with us. We are even more grateful for the example they set. To God be the glory.

~ *Joyce Peterson*





## Rethinking Stewardship

“This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus’ movement in this world,” Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry says in his first address as Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church.

This evangelical statement is refreshing to hear when we've heard so much about how our Episcopal Church membership and organized religion in general has been declining. It made me think of a stewardship article I read recently by Mark Beckwith, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. He was lamenting the fact that stewardship was not a top focus at the recent General Convention because he believes that stewardship is fundamental to the ministry of the church—and to our lives. Mark tells the story of attending a church in another denomination in Memphis, Tennessee years ago and how the pastor announced in the middle of the service, "It's offering time!" He was amazed that the entire congregation stood up and cheered. It was a moment in which the community could express their gratitude and they did so eagerly.

This is not something that we have experienced at St. Peter's nor is it something that we have likely seen at any other church we've attended in our lifetimes. But the impetus for it, the source of it—which is gratitude—should not be something that is alien to us. Even in challenging times, we are called to express our gratitude for all the gifts God has bestowed upon us and to use our gifts to do God's work in the world. Even when we feel most pressed for time and pinched for money, God calls us to give until we must trust Him to provide for our needs because we have provided for our neighbors'. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that God works through us. We are His hands and feet upon the earth and it takes all of us working together—using all of our gifts—to create a better world.

We at St. Peter's have been working with the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia to identify ways we can build a year-round stewardship program that includes multiple ways to share our gifts and our gratitude. The Stewardship Commission has established three work teams—Annual Giving, Planned Giving, and Work & Wisdom (outreach, talents)—and we are seeking more participation and good ideas from other parishioners. It is not too late to join one of these teams or to share ideas about where you think we can make a difference in our church or in our community. Please join us! We'd love to talk with you about how gratitude for your gifts can point toward fulfilling your personal ministry.

~ Lisa Guthrie; Stewardship Commission  
(lismg1@aol.com; 804-932-9422)

## Outreach

### Matthew's Haven

#### Give a Child a Christmas



Matthew's Haven would like to thank all the parishioners who will sponsor a child for our Give a Child a Christmas. I am sure all the families will have a wonderful Christmas morning, thanks to your generosity. As a reminder WRAPPED & TAGGED gifts are due on Sunday, December 13. We plan to distribute the gifts by Wednesday, December 16.

#### Items Needed

Matthew's Haven is accepting infant clothing, both male and female, in sizes 0-12 months. All seasons are needed for our Baby Bundle program. We are also accepting infant towels, wash cloths, receiving blankets, socks, and any other layette items which are *gently* used. Just place them in the Matthew's Haven room, and if you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please let me know.

We are continuing to accept *new* undergarments for children of all sizes from toddler to teen, including socks, underwear, sports bras, t-shirts, etc. This will be a continued offering for us since these items cannot be obtained through thrift or second hand stores. If you are picking up some for your child, please consider an extra package for Matthew's Haven.



**Matthew's Haven (continued)**

As you know, Matthew's Haven was named a KidCents Charity in September 2014 through the Rite Aid Foundation. There is an opportunity for us to earn a large amount of money to benefit our nonprofit. All you have to do is sign up for your Wellness +Plenti Card at your local Rite Aid Store and then go to [KidCents.com](http://KidCents.com) and designate Matthew's Haven as your charity. That's IT! When you round up your change with your Wellness Card, Matthew's Haven will be the beneficiary of this change! There is even a place for you to click "round up automatically" while you are registering. This is so simple and as you can see from the chart below, with just 10 new designations we will receive **\$5,000**.

Matthew's Haven has set a goal of 150 new designations targeting **\$15,000**. We have until January 31, 2016 to accomplish this goal. **PLEASE, PLEASE HELP US**. All you have to do is follow the steps above, and ask, ask, ASK your family, friends, neighbors, and everyone to help us. If you have one and your spouse doesn't, sign them up. If you have adult children, get them to sign up also! (Separate e-mail and phone number are required for each card.) This is a nation-wide program so you don't need to be in New Kent to designate Matthew's Haven as your charity of choice.

If you currently have a Wellness card from Rite Aid but not a Wellness +Plenti card, you need to sign up for the new card and then link your old wellness card. All of your benefits and points will transfer to the new card. Rite Aid can do this for you at the cash register **but** you will still need to register Matthew's Haven online as your designated Charity at [KidCents.com](http://KidCents.com).

If you have the Wellness +Plenti Card and are currently rounding up but have not designated a charity, you can still designate Matthew's Haven as your charity and this will count as a NEW designation. By the way, rounding up without designating a charity = your money going to the Rite Aid Foundation rather than supporting a particular charity, and Matthew's Haven is in your own community.

**PLUS** through December 31, 2015, they are matching dollar for dollar what is rounded up so we can also earn extra funds this way. If you need any help at all with this, please feel free to contact May O'Leary or Margaret Best or me. These ladies are assisting with this promotional program, and together, we will be offering help with registrations at St. Peter's following both services on November 29, December 6, and December 13 in the Parish House. Thank you in advance for your support and taking time to designate Matthew's Haven. Be on the look out for information in the *Weekly E-Pistle* and other methods of communication throughout the community.

**Incentive Tiers:**

New Designations	Grant
10- 24	\$5,000
25 - 49	\$7,500
50 - 74	\$10,000
75 - 149	\$12,500
<b>150 - 299</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
300+	\$20,000



Are you looking for a way to give back, utilizing your time and talent at St. Peter's or in the community? Matthew's Haven continues to need volunteers to accomplish our programs and activities throughout the year. Whether you would like to help just once or regularly, we would love to have you. We particularly need individuals to take calls and help with fundraising. Just contact any volunteer to learn more about supporting our program with your helping hands!

~ Catherine Pierce



## Outreach *continued*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament** was held at The Club at Viniterra on September 25 and it was an overwhelming success! Again, the program exceeded all expectations by depositing over \$30,000 into its endowment fund that will support a scholarship with the College of William and Mary Foundation in the memory of Sarah Lindsey Gupta. In addition, scholarships are also planned for graduating seniors in New Kent County.

Sarah passed away in November 2011 with a rare form of adrenal cancer. She was a past teacher at the New Kent Middle School for a number of years, an alumna of the College of William and Mary, and a St. Peter's member. The initial goal of the endowment was to offer scholarships to students pursuing a degree in education or the arts at William and Mary. According to Patrick Evelyn, who initiated and continues to lead the tournament, "meeting the initial endowment goal at William and Mary in the first two years was far better than I ever anticipated. However, now that we have met this goal, we have an incredible opportunity to really bring this program home with our plans to award scholarships to seniors in New Kent County."

Over 130 golfers participated in the tournament along with 68 hole sponsors and 10 tournament sponsors. We also received numerous donations and prize offerings. The weather was a little sketchy at first, but the rain held off until the evening and everyone enjoyed a great day at Viniterra. The food, the fun, the friendly competition, and the prizes were truly the order of the day and so many supporters joined together for this admirable achievement.

Because of these wonderful successes, Patrick and his committee are already planning for next year's tournament to further enhance the scholarship opportunities. According to Patrick, "We could have never had this spectacular accomplishment without the support and generous donations from so many people, businesses, and, surely, our church family. We sincerely thank everyone for their participation and look forward to seeing everyone next year."

*~ Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament Committee*



### YOUTH MISSION TEAM

St. Peter's will be hosting an informational session on December 13 after the 11 am service for youth who may be interested in attending this year's mission trip. Parents, please come too!

YMT

Eligible participants must have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, advancing to 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Plans are in the works and more details will be announced at the meeting. Until then, reserve the Youth Mission Trip dates: July 24-30, 2016. New to mission work? You will have the opportunity to learn from our veteran mission team members. We hope you will be able to attend our informational session!

*~ Catherine Pierce & Preston Martin, Youth Mission Team*

### Thanks for Your Support ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Thank you to ALL of you who donated to our St. Peter's Youth Team for the New Kent Educational's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "**Strike it RICH for Education**" Bowl-A-Thon!

Thanks to you, we raised over \$500 and St. Peter's Vestry will match it with a \$500 donation, making our total donation towards education--\$1,000! Special thanks to Gunnar Carlson, Torun Carlson, and Justin Mitchell who represented St. Peter's at Hanover Lanes on Saturday, November 7. Great news!



*~ Steve, Carol & May*





**2015 St. Peter's Oyster Roast & Fish Feast**

The 35<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's Parish Oyster Roast and Fish Feast was held on Saturday, October 17 at Tom & Emily Clay Evelyn's river home and it was outstanding! With clear skies for the first time in a number of years, the huge crowd enjoyed a fall gourmet gala featuring roasted oysters, oyster stew, clam chowder, planked catfish, fried catfish, baked sweet and Irish potatoes, onion rings, hush-puppies, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, an assortment of homemade desserts, and cold beverages.

A wonderful time was had by so many as they enjoyed the wonderful food, listened to the great music headlined by Wayne Greer and the Groove Tide Band, and fellowshiped together. For all of the parishioners who helped make this year's Oyster Roast a great success, thank you, thank you, thank you!!

~ *The St. Peter's Oyster Roast Committee*

**From the Treasurer**

**~ 2015 Contributions Due in Church Office or Postmarked by December 31 ~**

All St. Peter's contributions received in the CHURCH OFFICE or postmarked by December 31, 2015 will be applied toward 2015 pledges and included as 2015 contributions on your end-of-year statements for tax purposes.

Contributions received or postmarked AFTER December 31, 2015 can still be applied to complete 2015 pledges, but they will be recorded as 2016 contributions for tax purposes and will not be included on the 2015 end-of-year statements.

Likewise, pre-payments on 2016 pledges received prior to December 31, 2015 can be applied to 2016 pledges, but will be shown on your 2015 statement as a contribution for the 2015 tax year. Statements will be mailed to you by the end of January 2016. As a reminder, 2016 pledges are still being accepted!

If you have any questions about the current status of your 2015 pledge, please send an e-mail to the St. Peter's Treasurer at [stpeters.treasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.treasurer1@gmail.com) and I will be happy to run a contributions report and e-mail it back to you. This will show all your contributions and the status of your pledge.

~ *Stuart Burnett, Treasurer*

**From the Parish Register**



**Baptized at Annual Bishop's Visitation, October 4, 2015**

Berkley Lane Dombroski, daughter of Jacob and Lindsay Dombroski  
Justin Gregory Mitchell, son of Jeff and Sheila Mitchell

**Confirmed by Bishop Goff, October 4, 2015**

Christine Elizabeth Best  
Ella Fay Danielson  
Justin Gregory Mitchell  
William Waverly Townsend

Margaret Root Best  
Lindsay Carns Dombroski  
Willard Waverly (Will) Townsend, Jr.

**Received by Bishop Goff, October 4, 2015**

Scott Regan Adams  
Jacob John Dombroski  
Jeffrey Wade (Jeff) Mitchell  
Lexia Rowley (Lexi) Owens

Katherine Ann (Katie) Brown  
Preston Bradley Martin  
Jay Daniel Moore

**Reaffirmation by Bishop Goff, October 4, 2015**

Patricia Evelyn (Patty) Townsend

**Burial Office**

Phillips Whidden, November 14, 2015

**Remembering Those Serving Our Country**  
 ~ Near and Far ~



**IN NEED  
 OF PRAYER**



Edward Allen  
 Chris Atkins  
 Brandon Belcher  
 Charles Bowery  
 Dylan Carter  
 Zachary Crawford  
 David Douglas  
 Julio Gonzalez, Jr.  
 Michael Goodman  
 Joseph Gruber  
 Michael Hogge  
 John Mark Holland  
 Chase Leftwich  
 T. J. Lowe  
 Christopher Minter  
 Ashton McEacharn  
 Boris Pinkhasov  
 Christopher Quarles  
 Nolan Shultz  
 Tristan Trivette  
 Carson Tyson  
 Brent Wolfe, II



***Note of Gratitude***

*Dear St. Peter's Church Family,*

*Justin has been on the prayer list for 22 years throughout his career in the United States Army. Effective 1 October, he is retired from the Army. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers as he served in every war since 1993 and a year in South Korea at the DMZ. About 17 of his years in the Army were served in various roles in military intelligence. The last few years, he served with the 138<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Company at Warner Robbins Air Force Base. There he served in the Army/Air Force Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) where high altitude intelligence missions were flown over various mid-eastern countries.*

*He is now employed by the Department of Defense as a civilian flight instructor for the Army's part of the JSTARS program at Warner Robbins Air Force Base. Again, Justin wants everyone to know that he is thankful for all of your prayers and support.*

*Sincerely,  
 Larry Gallaher*



***We Ask Your Prayers For  
 Those in our parish family  
 who are sick:***

Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sue Caldwell,  
 Lindy Brammer, Helen Talman, Jean Mansfield,  
 Lee Brammer...***and all others known and  
 unknown.***

Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;  
 Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;  
 Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;  
 Mary Wilcox, friend of Miriam Ackley;  
 Art Wiese, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
 Jim King, friend of the Evelyn family;  
 Shirley Stone, grandmother of Millie Douglas;  
 Minnie Brammer, mother of Lee Brammer;  
 Aaron Platek, cousin of Adriane Marshall;  
 Carolyn and Klara Globig, friends of Ann Bradshaw;  
 Harmony Glenn, friend of Kathy Lindsey;  
 Linda Hodgson, cousin of Amy O'Keefe;  
 Abbie Schaub, friend of St. Peter's;  
 Dianne Cain Cruise, friend of Lindy Brammer;  
 Christine Mason, friend of Hawthorne & Loretta  
 Davis;  
 Eileen Williams, friend of Sally Smith;  
 James Rose, brother-in-law of Jeff Fazio;  
 Linda S., friend of Nancy Goodman;  
 Joyce Cloer, friend of Scott & Nancy Goodman;  
 George Buppert, brother-in-law of Nancy Goodman;  
 Ruth Ann Troxell, friend of Paul & Cynthia Rowles;  
 Cynthia Kendrick, mother of Cynthia Rowles;  
 Tami Wyse, godmother of Cameron Fazio;  
 Hannah Wilson, friend of Denise Fazio;  
 Kyle White, friend of Hawthorne & Loretta Davis;  
 Heather Hockaday Shelton, friend of Emily Clay  
 Evelyn;  
 Sandy Jackson, sister-in-law of Bill O'Keefe;  
 Jane Stanley Moser, cousin of Emily Clay Evelyn;  
 Dorothy Richerson, mother of Carolie Kay;  
 Rodney Ross, friend of Joyce & Steve Peterson;  
 Paul Cowins, father of Kathy Lindsey;  
 Rita Schalk, friend of Cynthia Rowles;  
 Bob Beckel, friend of Bill & Amy O'Keefe.

***Give them courage and hope  
 in their troubles and bring them the  
 joy of your salvation.***



## December Birthdays



- 5 Christine Best
- 6 Jon Ackley
- 6 Emily Woodall
- 7 Padgett Evelyn
- 11 Catherine Pierce
- 12 Jason Best
- 14 Ken Rubert
- 14 Shirley Meyer
- 15 Wayne Greer
- 15 Caroline Nelms
- 17 Torun Carlson
- 17 Destiny Lumpkin
- 19 Susan Sitterson
- 19 Sarah Morrow Dunn
- 21 Caroline Swynford
- 23 Layla Southall Eagle
- 28 Miranda Decker
- 28 Helena Harris
- 29 Donna Wright
- 30 Avery Kate Douglas
- 31 Alexis Frank



## Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Cemetery Flowers Reminder

We Episcopalians believe in "real" things, like real bread and real wine for the Eucharist. We use real flowers and real greenery to decorate the church. That part extends to the cemetery, so please remember as Advent and Christmas approach, that only real arrangements are permitted in the cemetery. Thank you.





## Anniversary Blessings

December	
1	Bob & Carolie Kay
3	Stephen & Kimberly von Hitritz
6	Jeff & Denise Fazio
13	Doug & Shirley Meyer
January	
2	Brett & Adriane Marshall
16	Edward & Katherine Allen



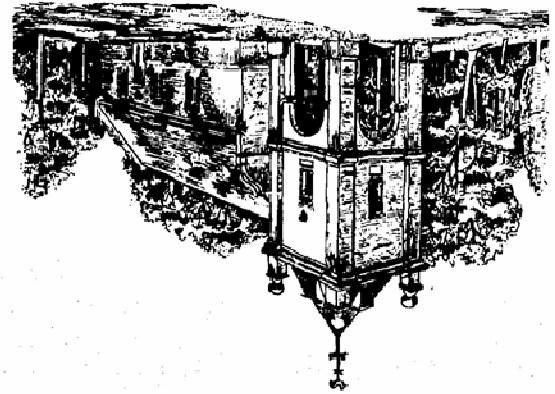
## January Birthdays

- 1 Caroline Evelyn Belcher
- 1 Carol Johnson
- 1 Amelia Cimbalo
- 2 Major Mansfield
- 2 Jack Swynford
- 4 Elizabeth Smith Remorenko
- 5 Kathy Boschen
- 7 Miriam Ackley
- 7 Jim Harris
- 9 Emalynn Alacoque Settlemire
- 10 Norma Lewis
- 10 Ashley Pierce
- 10 Wil Miles
- 11 Bob Kay
- 12 Cathy Kelly
- 13 Willie Evelyn
- 14 Jeff Fazio
- 14 Sloane Kathryn Moore
- 18 Vicki Reus
- 22 Fred Bahr
- 23 Tony Lewis
- 27 Nancy Kulig
- 29 Landon Matthew Gillette
- 30 Joseph Holland
- 31 Karen Carraway



# The Keys

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## Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

### December 2015

- 6 Christmas Craft Day
- 6 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 7 Christmas Decorations Sign-up Deadline
- 13 Gifts Due for *Give a Child a Christmas*
- 19 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 20 HE I at 9 am; Advent Lesson & Carols at 11 am  
Followed by reception
- 20 Children's Pageant, 10 am  
No Christian Education
- 21 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE II at 10 am
- 27 No Christian Education

### January 2016

- 1 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 7 Last Day for Submissions to February/March  
THE KEYS
- 17 Annual Meeting at 10 am  
No Christian Education  
Services at 9 and 11 am
- 24 Vestry Installation
- 25 Vestry, 6:30 pm

### February 2016

- 7 Sweetheart Breakfast, between the services
- 9 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 pm
- 10 Ash Wednesday, Liturgy of the Day  
12 noon and 7 pm
- 15 Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day
- 15 Vestry, 6:30 pm



“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made know to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*Luke 2:15b-16*