

St. Peter's Parish Church

The Keys

November 2010

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From the Rector's Desk

Let's take a moment to talk about confidentiality. The dictionary is somewhat helpful here. Under "confidential," we find this: "1: marked by intimacy or a willingness to confide (as in "confidential tone"); 2: PRIVATE, SECRET (as in "confidential information"); 3: entrusted with confidences (as in "confidential clerk"); 4: containing information whose unauthorized disclosure could be prejudicial to the national interest — compare SECRET, TOP SECRET." As it relates to the life of the parish, #4 would probably be pretty rare, although I can imagine a few scenarios where it might come into play. But the first three definitions certainly apply. But do they apply to every priest-parishioner interaction or conversation? Let's look at how those definitions might apply.

"1: marked by ... a willingness to confide." One's priest, pastor, imam, or rabbi should always be someone in whom you are willing to confide (*vi* 1: to have confidence : TRUST; 2: to show confidence by imparting secrets; *vt* 1: to tell confidentially). Episcopal parishioners are assured of this in "The Reconciliation of a Penitent." The rubrics say that "The content of a confession is not normally a matter of subsequent discussion. The secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor, and must under no circumstances be broken." In other words, once you make your confession, the content of that confession is not only secret from everyone else – it is secret even from you yourself, under normal circumstances, since it is "not normally a matter of subsequent discussion."

"2: PRIVATE, SECRET." Now it gets a little trickier. If you tell your priest that your daughter just made the honor roll, for example, s/he is probably safe to assume that not only is that information not confidential, you'd like the greatest possible publicity! On the other hand, if you tell your priest that your daughter was just arrested with a kilo of methamphetamine in her possession, that priest will probably assume that it's confidential and not a subject to be discussed with anyone. And if you share something with your priest and say "Please don't talk about this with anyone," you can, in most cases, be assured that s/he won't. There are some gray areas here; if you tell your priest that you just committed a felony, s/he probably won't report you to the authorities, but you will be encouraged and helped to do so with the priest's support. Or if a couple is in counseling and one tells the counselor privately something that materially affects the couple's health ("Yes, I know I said that I wasn't having an affair, but actually ..."), that person will be led to share that with his/her partner at the next session, since keeping that secret forces the counselor to take sides. If I'm keeping your secret that your spouse doesn't know, that puts the two of us against the one of them.

"3: entrusted with confidences." Again, almost any priest, pastor, rabbi, or imam has been "entrusted with confidences." As a person who wears a clerical collar and is easily identifiable as a priest, I've been "entrusted by confidences" by strangers in a restaurant on one memorable occasion. People who've shared personal things with me are surprised sometimes that my wife doesn't know things they've told me. I think folks sometimes assume that I tell her everything, and for the most part, I do – but if I err, I try to always err on the side of keeping confidences rather than sharing them. It's like the toxic spill that happened recently in Hungary: once that wall has been breached, there's no getting it back. Even if you share with others a confidential conversation we've had, when asked about it by others, as the phrase goes, I will neither confirm nor deny. It's not up for discussion – any conversation we've had that seems even semi-confidential stays between you and me.

Here's one thing that's not confidential, though – I've just celebrated my fourth anniversary here, and I still think St. Peter's is a wonderful place to be!

I am your brother in Christ,

Paul †

¹ from Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition (Springfield, MA, 1994)

² *ibid.*

³ BCP p. 446

Wardens' Corner

In *Colossians 4:2-4*, the apostle Paul reminds us not to neglect our duty to pray:

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Here, Paul instructs us not to neglect prayer, but to also keep at it in earnest. He advised to watch for opportunities to pray for others and for situations, especially in the church, that require prayer. This important work belongs to us individually.

As you may know, the apostle Paul was imprisoned in Rome, and he desperately longed for release so he could proclaim the *good news* and teach God's way as he had been commissioned to do. He was certain through the power of prayer, God would open a door – perhaps the door to his prison – in order to tell this *good news* to others. The apostle knew that this was God's will for him. Therefore, such prayers would surely be effective.

I think you will see the lesson for us is to pray for our church, pray for the needs of our congregation, and pray to help us overcome any adversities. This will undoubtedly foster growth in grace and knowledge, and most importantly, to obtain a better understanding of our Christian mission. Pray for our Rector and the insight he bestows to us through his messages of faith and compassion. We need to pray that God inspires St. Peter's ministry to fill the needs that He sees in today's very diverse audience.

Prior to each service, offer a humble prayer of deep appreciation for all the gifts we receive through our fellowship with Jesus Christ. Continue to be vigilant in your ministry to St. Peter's in your time and talents with an understanding that such service always begins and ends with prayer. The apostle Paul certainly had earthly bonds to his service to Christ, but his ministry was limitless through prayer. Such an attitude of prayer will always please God!

Yours in Christ, Amen

~ Bill Lindsey, Junior Warden

Many Thanks to St. Peter's Garden Guild!

I would like to thank Jayne Thomas Pinelli and all of the members of the Garden Guild for faithfully watering the weeping cherry tree I planted in memory of my parents. I am sure the tree would not have survived, during one of the hottest summers on record, without all of your hard work. Thanks for your loving hands. St. Peter's always looks beautiful.

Many thanks,
Janie Philbates





St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*
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Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*
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Susan E. Cheyne, *verger*
Joyce H. Molina, *register*

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Harvest Feast



Mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Feast on Sunday, November 21, immediately following the single service at 11 am. St. Peter's parishioners and friends will come together for the Harvest Feast to celebrate the harvest and Thanksgiving as a parish.

The Fellowship Committee will provide the turkey, ham, rolls, and beverages. We ask parishioners to bring **two** side dishes **OR** a side dish and a dessert to share.

Come be part of a delicious meal and great fellowship on Harvest Feast Sunday!

~ May O'Leary, Fellowship Committee



Daylight Saving Time Ends
in the early morning of
Sunday, November 7.

Christian Education News

Sunday School is off to a great start. There are many opportunities in the coming weeks for the children of St. Peter's to be involved in the life of the church. Remember, to receive a yearly attendance pin at the end of the year, a student must not miss more than eight Sundays! Practice for the annual Christmas Pageant will begin at 10 am on Sunday, November 28. Practices will continue on December 5 and 12 and the pageant will be presented December 19 at 10 am. All children are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Christmas Craft Day will be Sunday, December 5, following the 11 am service. This is a wonderful way to kick off the Advent season. The cost for the event is \$15 per family, which includes a lunch of pizza and drink and all the fixings for the gingerbread house. You will need to bring a milk carton as the base for the house. I encourage you to cut this out prior to that day. There will be a sign up sheet in late November. Let your creative juices flow at *Christmas Craft Day*!

DON'T FORGET-- THERE WILL BE **NO** CHURCH SCHOOL ON HARVEST FEAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

Altar Guild

In observance of our history, St. Peter's will be dressed in a colonial theme again this Christmas. You may make a donation IN THANKSGIVING FOR, IN LOVING MEMORY OF, or IN LOVING HONOR OF a loved one. Donations will be used toward the purchase of our decorating needs and poinsettias for Richardson Hall.

The cost of each donation/poinsettia is \$8. Sign up sheets for donations will be available November 14.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

Stay on the E-list



We use e-mail to communicate important church news that occurs during the week or to remind parishioners of special events and services. If you have not provided your e-mail address for our parish e-mail distribution, please do so. If you've already provided it and then cancel or change your e-mail account, please notify me. Otherwise, your e-mails are undelivered and after a number of these failures, your e-mail address will be removed from the distribution list.

Simply send your e-mail address or any changes in an e-mail to joyce.molina@verizon.net. Thanks for your help to build and keep current our parish e-mail distribution list!

~ Joyce Molina



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will practice at 10:30 am both November 7 and 14.

The children will sing at 11 am on November 21, Harvest Feast Sunday. They will sing "Seek Ye First." Please have the children work on learning the words by playing the CD that was distributed.

~ The Children's Choir Staff
Carol Nelms, Jennifer Ezell, Joyce Molina,
and Hawthorne Davis





New Members from Bishop Johnston's Visit, September 26, 2010

Baptisms

Cayden Thomas Davis
Zoe Addison Doucet

Baptism & Confirmation

Dan Olin Finch, Jr.

Confirmations

Kate Georgia Elizabeth Bradford
Rebecca Emily Jane (Becky) Bradford
Zachariah Ledyard (Zach) Quimby

Receptions

Martha Tyler (Marty) Eagle
Ronald Rutsen (Ron) Eagle
Holly Elizabeth Dannelly Finch
Christine Shields (Cristi) Lawton
William Francis (Bill) O'Keefe
Amy Louise Patterson
Mary Lou Snyder

Other Notations

Burial Office

Catherine Mae Walker Lipscomb, October 14, 2010
Charles Beverley "Chuck" Leftwich, III, October 22, 2010

Committal

David Gray Shannon, October 5, 2010

Transfers In

Jacqueline (Jackie) Elaine May Madison, from Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, Virginia
Lauren Blenner Garbett, from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Richmond, Virginia
Paul Craig Garbett, from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Richmond, Virginia
Jennifer Elaine Garbett, from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Richmond, Virginia

Mission Trip 2011

The 2011 Youth Mission Trip will be to Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Just saying Puerto Rico brings to mind white, sandy beaches, the Caribbean, and rain forests. While this is part of the draw to this American territory island, the statistics about the island are surprising to most. Puerto Rico (PR) has over 4 million residents and is one of the most densely populated islands in the world. The unemployment rate on the island is 16%. In the community of Arecibo, 49% of the residents live below the poverty level. The average family income is just over \$27,000.

The Youth Mission Trip will be through the YouthWorks! program again this year. Youth works! is very established in the communities where they work. Their programs are already established with local ministries in the Arecibo area. Our youth will participate in a variety of different programs such as children's and elderly programs, soup kitchens, and thrift stores while they are there. We will stay at a local church or school during the week, prepare our own meals, and sleep on air mattresses. The focus will be to give back to the community where we are spending the week. At the end of the week, there will be a cookout with program participants that we have met through the week.

Over the past few years, the youth mission team has been to quite a few locations: Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, West Virginia; Eastern Shore, Virginia; Mon Valley, Pennsylvania; Daytona Beach, Florida; Newport, Tennessee; Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota; and Cairo, Illinois. Each site had its own unique culture, and allowed the participants from St. Peter's to experience a culture and ministries that are unique to the community they were serving. It is amazing what a difference this week makes in the lives of these youth!

~ Adriane Marshall, Youth Mission Trip Leader

Thank you!

The Garden Guild has had a busy summer. The hot and very dry weather has given us even more challenges than usual, but the guild has been up to the task. Members kept up a steady course of watering and weeding during this summer of extreme heat. Many thanks to Carrie Evelyn, Jennifer Ezzell, Kendall Hatley, Sally Smith, Barbara McKinney, Karen Moore, Charlotte Woodall, Cathy Bersik, Carol Nelms, Susan Cheyne, and Ginny Morrow for dedicated and faithful service.

Thank you also to the Evelyn family for providing the beautiful hardwood mulch you see in most of the beds and the Meditation Garden. Thank you to Ralph Ashton, Jeff Fazio, and Marianne Powell for assisting with applying the mulch.

Thank you to Bruce Gregory for the pine mulch in the boxwood alee and the new boxwood bush at the entrance to the Meditation Garden.

We have lost at least two trees this summer, in addition to the dozens that we lost during Hurricane Isabelle. Thankfully, over the past several years, parishioners have generously given six trees in memory of loved ones. Because many of our trees are very old, we must continue this planting in order to keep the grounds of St. Peter's shady and beautiful for future generations. If you are interested in donating a tree in memory or in honor of someone, please see the Rector or me.

~ Jayne Thomas Pinelli, Garden Guild Chair

Operation Christmas Child

St. Peter's is sponsoring the Shoe Box Project again this year. Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the good news of the Savior with a hurting child. This is a fun project for everyone!



Don't forget that Sunday, November 14 is the deadline for returning your gift-filled boxes to St. Peter's.

In the Parish House foyer are pamphlets with gift suggestions and items to omit, as well as instructions for labeling and wrapping wrap your package. New this year—bring your shoe box, gift wrap, along with you items, and take advantage of a free wrapping service!

Please contact Edna Christian at 932-4622 for more information.



Matthew's Haven Tidbits

Matthew's Haven was recently featured in an article in the local TIDEWATER REVIEW. I was invited to speak about our program to the West Point Rotary Club. Through this, I was able to make contacts with a few other organizations including Parent Child Development Corporation, the Good Neighbor Center, as well as a third program via Bon Secours which assists grieving families with children who lose a parent by illness. It is likely we may be able to develop collaborative efforts to work with children and families through those organizations. A large thank you goes to Steve Miles who made the connection with the West Point Rotary Club.

I am also pleased to announce that Matthew's Haven has finally been give it's full designation as a 501c3 nonprofit. Contributions made directly to Matthew's Haven, Inc. are now fully deductible under our name. This designation allows us to apply for grants and other opportunities to expand our program.

Lastly, while it is difficult to begin thinking of Christmas as I write this and it is over 85° and looks like a great beach day, our *Give a Child a Christmas* event will be here before we know it. I plan to have children's names posted by Harvest Feast Sunday. Look for more information to follow in the Sunday announcements.

~ Catherine Pierce

Resource & Development Committee's Second Annual Holiday Wreath Sale

Did you miss the beautiful, handmade wreaths last year? The Resource Committee has begun taking orders and will continue through November 21, Harvest Feast Sunday. A sample is on display in the Parish House foyer.



Payment is due at the time of order. Twenty-two inch (22") wreaths are \$20, twenty-six inch (26") are \$25. Wreaths will be available Sunday, November 28.

~ Joyce Peterson, Resource & Development

New Kent Historical Society Meeting

The New Kent Historical Society will meet on Sunday, November 14, at 2:30 pm in the old New Kent Courthouse. The program will feature a presentation on the history of White House on the Pamunkey by Terri Lindsay, who is writing a book on the history of the county.

There will also be a business meeting to elect officers for 2011-2012. The Society invites everyone interested in New Kent's history to attend.

~ Hawthorne Davis



Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

November 11 is Veterans Day!

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

November 2010 Rota



Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

Date	November 7, 2010	November 14, 2010	November 21, 2010	November 28, 2010	December 5, 2010
Service Type	HE II @ 9 & 11	HE II @ 9 & 11	HE II @ 11 (One Svc)	HE I @ 9 & 11	HE I @ 9 & 11
Proprs	Proper 27 24 Pentecost	Proper 28 25 Pentecost	Proper 29 Christ the King Harvest Feast	Advent 1	Advent 2
Vestry Greeters	9 Nancy Goodman 11 Volunteer	Nancy Goodman Volunteer	Nancy Goodman	Nancy Goodman Volunteer	Nancy Goodman Volunteer
Acolytes	9 Jon Gellings 11 Chris McKinney Madie Miles Austin Pierce Christine Best	Miriam Ackley Caroline Evelyn Caroline Nelms Zach Quimby Clayton Evelyn	Wil Miles Philipp von Hitritz Lilly Tyson Catherine Peterson	Kelly Gellings Erich von Hitritz Zach Quimby Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson	Catherine Peterson Chris McKinney Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Cameron Fazio
Peter's Heralds	11 Grant Stanley	Trevor Evelyn	Jack Swynford	Lydia Danielson	Ella Ezzell
Chalicers	9 Brett Marshall 11 Bruce Lange	Adriane Marshall Bobby Nelms	Allan Fabritz	Norm Valor Stuart Burnett	Adriane Marshall Lee Tyson
Lectors	9 Brett Marshall 11 Stuart Burnett, Clerk	Miriam Ackley Bobby Nelms	Stuart Burnett, Clerk	Norm Valor Linwood Gregory	Adriane Marshall Steve von Hitritz
Intercessors	9 Kathy Lindsey 11 Stuart Burnett, Clerk	Jon Ackley Jane Bahr	Stuart Burnett, Clerk	The Great Litany The Great Litany	Lisa Guthrie Steve Miles
Sidesmen	9 Bill Lindsey 11 Lee Brammer John Reus	Tony Lewis Tom Evelyn Thomas Evelyn	Chuck Evelyn Linwood Gregory	Brian Gellings Neil Quimby Major Mansfield	Rod Molina Stuart Burnett Lee Tyson
Oblationers	9 Joyce & Rod Molina 11 Barb McKinney Sally Smith	Corinne Dorsey Lisa Guthrie Jean & Major Mansfield	Joyce & Steve Peterson	Cynthia Rowles Kendall Hatley Lindy & Lee Brammer	Sandra & Brian Gellings Kristin & David Swynford
Nursery	11 Karen Moore	Kim von Hitritz	Emily Anne Evelyn Caroline Evelyn	Stacey Wood	Becky Woodall Caroline Nelms Madie Miles
Altar Guild Group	II, Barb McKinney	III, Cyndi Burnett	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian
Hangings	White	Green	White	Purple	Purple
Garden Guild Group	4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Cathy Bersik	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn
Altar Flowers	Jayne & George Pinelli		Doug Begeal		
Coffee Hour		Joyce Molina Kristin Swynford	HARVEST FEAST		

November Coffee Hour will be November 14 after the 9 and the 11 am service. Please bring a finger food to share and plan to take time to visit after the services on November 14!

**St. Peter's Vestry Nominations
OPEN
November 21, 2010**

We Ask Your Prayers For

Those in our parish family who are sick:

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sarah Lindsey, Jim Douglass, Jimmy Christian, Jeff and Helen Smith, 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;
Nancy Smith, friend of Jean and Major Mansfield's daughter;
Liz Jones DeVoll, daughter of Bishop Jones;
Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;
Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews;
Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles;
Alden Sewall, Jr., uncle of Ann Bradshaw;
Louise Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith;
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;
Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and Jessica Evelyn;
Vadim Simakov, husband of Lindsey McLean Simakov;
Virginia Bolton, friend of Major and Jean Mansfield;
Bob Millican, brother-in-law of Rod Molina;
Betty Sweeney, friend of Rod and Joyce Molina;
Monica Topee, friend of St. Peter's;
Diane Spearman, friend of Kendall Hatley;
Pauline Thomas, friend of Emily Clay Evelyn.

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

November Birthdays

- 1 Lawrence Christian
- 1 Anna Davis
- 1 Bill Lindsey 
- 1 Bobby Nelms
- 1 Carolie Kay
- 4 May O'Leary
- 4 Jackson Banks Holloway
- 4 Tony Wood
- 5 Doug Begeal
- 5 Jayne Thomas
- 5 Keith Wagner
- 6 Cathy Bersik 
- 6 Loretta Davis
- 7 Taylor Moore 
- 7 Katherine Allen
- 8 Cameron Fazio
- 8 Bill O'Keefe
- 10 Bruce Lange
- 11 Kristen Brammer
- 12 Meaghan King
- 13 Joshua Martin
- 14 Abbitt Woodall
- 14 Barb McKinney
- 18 George Pinelli
- 20 Lisa Buckner
- 21 Phoebe Wallace
- 24 Hunter Hatley
- 25 Grant Stanley
- 26 Winter Rae 
- 26 Jacob Wood
- 28 Kate Bradford



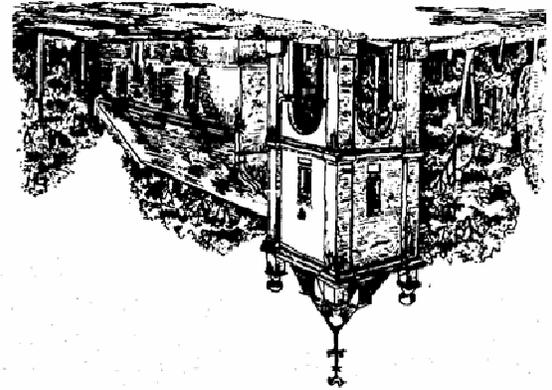
November Anniversaries

- 1 Susan Cheyne & Lee Tyson
- 10 Kristin & David Swynford
- 29 Padgette & Chuck Evelyn



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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

November 2010

- 7 All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 12 Submissions to December/January
THE KEYS Due
- 14 Last Day for *Operation Christmas
Child* Shoeboxes
- 15 Vestry, 7 pm
- 21 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am,
Followed by Meal for All
Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 24 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm
Kentwood Heights Baptist Church
- 25 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am
- 25-26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Advent I

December 2010

- 5 Christmas Craft Day
- 12 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
Give a Child a Christmas Gifts are Due
- 13 Poinsettia Sign-up Deadline
- 18 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 19 Children's Pageant, 10 am
- 20 Vestry, 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE I at 10 am, Office Closed
No Christian Education
- 26 HE I at 9 and 11 am

January 2011

- 1 New Year's Day
- 23 One Service at 11 am, Followed by the
Annual Parish Meeting
No Christian Education
- 30 Vestry Installation
- 31 Vestry, 7 pm

*With grateful hearts
we thank thee, Lord.*

