

# St. Peter's Parish Church

The Keys

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## From the Rector's Desk

Greetings from the 221<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia! Originally scheduled to meet at the Hyatt Regency in Reston January 21-23, it was delayed because of a blizzard and met on March 5 in The Church of the Epiphany in Herndon. I want to use this space to talk about two of the resolutions passed at that session.

### **R-1: Justice, Pay Equity, and Leadership**

*Adopted; text pending final review*

Resolved, that this 221<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Virginia supports pay and pension equity and equitable hiring practices for all women clergy in the Diocese of Virginia; and be it further

Resolved, that the Bishop is hereby asked to establish a task force to report and to issue recommendations to the 222<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan meeting for diocesan, regional, and parish -level actions to address pay and pension disparities; and be it further

Resolved, the work of the task force will include data analysis and identification of best practices to provide context for their recommendations.

*Now...this would seem to be self-evident. We all support equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender. The first "Resolved" seems to be calling for an ecclesiastical "Rooney rule" as in the NFL, where teams have to interview at least one minority candidate for a vacant head coaching position. Nothing wrong with that; if two men and two women apply for a vacant "head coach" (oops—Rector!) position, the Diocese can certainly require that search committee to interview at least one woman. But addressing "pay and pension disparities" is a fool's errand. The Diocese recommends salary ranges, but churches are autonomous in this, and they determine salaries.*

### **R-3: No Guns in God's House**

*Adopted; text pending final review*

Resolved, that the Diocese of Virginia continues to support the strengthening of measures that address the reduction of gun violence; and further

Resolved, that lay and ordained leaders in each parish in the Diocese of Virginia be aware of the statutes regarding weapons in places of worship, educate their parishioners regarding the issue of gun violence, and prayerfully consider how they can work to reduce the possibility of gun violence through measures such as the creation of "safe spaces" on church property; and further

Resolved, that the 221<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Council recommends that no firearms of any kind or other dangerous weapons shall be permitted during worship services or meetings for religious purposes in the facilities of any church or diocesan institution in the Diocese of Virginia except for law enforcement purposes, humane animal control, and other circumstances as determined by lay and ordained leaders.

*The discussion of this one used up about forty-five minutes, mostly civil and courteous, but with clear differences of opinion. At least one person recognized cultural differences—firearms have different meanings in, say, Alexandria vs. New Kent. But the best part of it all is that it's already addressed in the Code of Virginia! It was unnecessary and, for many people, inflammatory.*

### **§ 18.2-283. Carrying dangerous weapon to place of religious worship.**

If any person carry any gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger or other dangerous weapon, without good and sufficient reason, to a place of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held at such place he shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Code 1950, § 18.1-241; 1960, c. 358; 1962, c. 411; 1975, cc. 14, 15. (*This evidently means something to attorneys!*)

From deep within the trenches of ecclesiastical bureaucracy, I remain your faithful brother in Christ.

Faithfully,  
*Paul †*



## Wardens' Corner

### Re-Load, Re-Fresh, Re-Fuel

From the Gospel of Mark, Jesus invites his disciples to "Come away to a lonely place and rest awhile." *Mark 6:31*

In the second half of 2015, I added a new national client to my customer base through my work. The client developed focus words to launch their new national food service program. The focus words they chose were *Re-Load, Re-Fresh and Re-Fuel*. Although these words implicate food in the way of nourishment for our bodies, I think these words are also fitting this year at St. Peter's regarding spiritual nourishment. We will be experiencing new opportunities and growth through our Mutual Ministry Review process. This process is a method developed through the Diocese to measure our goals and outcomes which we will set as a group with Fr. Paul, the Vestry, and ultimately you, our congregation.

This is an opportunity for our Rector to *Re-Load, Re-Fresh, and Re-Fuel* spiritually while on his Sabbatical. As he is taking this time to "Come away to a lonely place and rest awhile," St. Peter's will be working to reload our commissions, refresh our ministries, and refuel ourselves with the spiritual gifts God provides for us.

I look forward to serving as your Senior Warden and to working with this Vestry and our Junior Warden, Carol Nelms. Look to the *Wardens' Corner* in future newsletters for Vestry updates, bullet points, and happenings.

~ Catherine Pierce, Senior Warden

### 2016 Vestry Wardens & Commission Representatives

The Senior Warden serves as the principal liaison between the parish and the Rector, whereas the Junior Warden is sometimes given the responsibility of the upkeep of the parish and the parish grounds.

Senior Warden - Catherine Pierce  
Junior Warden - Carol Nelms

St Peter's Vestry has a commission system designed to provide organization and communication between the Vestry and the various church ministries. Here is the list for 2016:

*Buildings and Grounds* - Terry Porter  
*Christian Education* - Carol Nelms  
*Congregational Care* - Bill Lindsey  
*Outreach* - Matt Danielson  
*Parish Life* - Ben Evelyn  
*Stewardship* - May O'Leary  
*Worship* - Abbitt Woodall

Our *Treasurer*, Stuart Burnett, also serves on this year's Vestry.

## 2016 Vestry



Front Row: Stuart, May, Catherine, Carol, Terry  
Back Row: Matt, Bill, Fr. Paul, Ben, Abbitt



**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*  
David A. Swynford, *verger*  
Ann O. Bradshaw, *register*

**The Vestry**

Catherine Pierce, Senior Warden  
Carol Nelms, Junior Warden

**Class of 2017**

Ben Evelyn (804-615-4558)  
Catherine Pierce (966-9057)  
Terry Porter (804-314-0284)

**Class of 2018**

Stuart Burnett (932-3925)  
Carol Nelms (932-4175)  
May O'Leary (932-3354)

**Class of 2019**

Matt Danielson (557-3365)  
Bill Lindsey (757-566-8132)  
Abbitt Woodall (932-3758)

**The Keys**

Sherri Hardiman, *Co-Editor*  
Amy O'Keefe, *Co-Editor*

Kim McLean, *Altar Guild Chair*  
Stacey Wood, *EYC Advisor*  
Carol Nelms, *Church School Superintendent*

# Worship

## A Music Note:

Our music theme for this year is “He Who Sings, Prays Twice.” During our Morning Prayer services we’ve started to sing more by singing the *Venite*, which is one of the Psalms, and the *Canticles*, which are songs and prayers of the prophets. At times we sing the Psalm, which as you may know, the Book of Psalms is the original hymnal. During Rite II we sing the refrain from “On Eagles’ Wings” as a prayerful conclusion of our Holy Eucharist service. In April we will sing *Psalm 23* on Good Shepherd Sunday, which is arguably the most well known of all the Psalms. The choir is doing a great job leading and the voice of the congregation is getting stronger with every service. God is listening to our prayers.

On Lent 4 the choir beautifully sang the anthem, “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” a Prayer of St. Francis. This song was originally written by Sebastian Temple; however, the arrangement we sang was created by Martin Neary for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997. I’ll conclude with the lyrics to this prayerfully sung anthem.

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there’s despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.*

~ Joyce Molina, Organist and Choirmaster



## Acolyte Training

Please schedule Sunday, April 24, at 10:30 am in the church for training and orientation for new St. Peter’s acolytes, or any who would like a refresher.

We welcome all who are interested!

If you want to learn more, please contact Steve Miles at 804-690-3002.

~ Steve Miles



## Summer Acolyte Schedule

Attention all acolytes and parents!

If you know your vacation schedule and that your children will not be available on certain Sundays, I would like to take those dates into consideration when developing the acolyte schedules for the summer rotas. That will hopefully minimize trading between acolytes and finding last minute substitutions. As you know, sometimes finding a replacement can be difficult.

Please e-mail me at [s.miles@suntrust.com](mailto:s.miles@suntrust.com) by May 1. Also, please be sure to check weekly the rota posted online at [www.stpetersnewkent.org](http://www.stpetersnewkent.org).

Thank you for your assistance with this very important worship role.

~ Steve Miles

# Outreach



## Matthew's Haven

**KidCents:** Matthew's Haven would like to thank everyone who participated in the Rite Aid KidCents Designation grant. We were awarded a \$20,000 check by Rite Aid on January 16! Special thanks to May O'Leary and Margaret Best for their assistance in achieving this remarkable goal.

~ Catherine Pierce



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter's Parish Church Golf Tournament

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter's Parish Church Golf Tournament will be held at Brickshire Golf Club on Friday, May 6, with a 1 pm shotgun start.

Your entry fee of \$100 per person/\$400 per team will include: lunch served at noon; unlimited range balls, available by noon; complimentary libations served at noon; complimentary beverages during the round; 18 holes of golf; hole contests; putting contest; team photo; dinner; raffle; awards; and so much more!

Sponsorships are available too. All proceeds will benefit our youth attending the Youth Mission Trip to Thornwell Home in Clinton, SC this July. With your support, children's lives will be positively impacted! So reserve your team and sponsorship today. Please feel free to pick up and complete the registration/sponsorship forms located in the Parish House foyer.

**Volunteers are always welcome!** If you can help on the day of the event for an-hour, two hours, or five-hours, please contact Kim Filipowicz. And for more detailed information, please contact me by phone at 804-400-2369 or by e-mail at [kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com](mailto:kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com).

~ Kim Filipowicz, Chair



## Parish Life

### Camp Chanco on the James

Camp Chanco on the James is our local Episcopal camp and conference center, located in Surry County. Registration for the 2016 Camps is now open. May 15 from 1-5 pm is the camp's remaining Open House. Do not get placed on a wait list! Register today! For more information and registration go to [www.chanco.org](http://www.chanco.org).

~ Carrie Evelyn, Camp Chanco Parish Representative



### Church Directories ~ Still Available

We want to ensure that all of St. Peter's parishioners and faithful friends have a copy of our most recent pictorial Church Directory. If you do not yet have a directory, there are some still available! Simply stop by the church office and ask for one. We are keeping a list of who has received copies, so make sure that your name is checked once you obtain a directory.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator





## Honoring the Graduates

St. Peter's 2016 high school and college graduates will be honored in the June/July issue of THE KEYS. A form is available to collect the pertinent information about each graduate. Copies are available in the Parish House foyer and in the church.

We are very proud of our graduates and want to publicize their accomplishments. So, graduates or someone close to them, please complete a form and place it in the Parish Administrator's mailbox in the vesting room before May 8 so we may include this information in the salute to graduates.

June 5 has been designated as Youth Sunday. On this important day, our youth will assist with the 10 am service, Church School awards will be given, and we will recognize our soon-to-be high school graduates and recent college graduates. Everyone will be invited to a special reception that follows the service.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator



## Thanks for Supporting Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring! The youth of St. Peter's collected \$235 and a significant amount of non-perishable foods. All of the donations were given to the New Kent Food Bank, so families in our community will benefit from the donations. Thank you all for your generous support.

~ Stacey Wood, EYC Advisor

### From the Parish Register



#### Burial Office

Phoebe Marion Fitz Wallace, January 30, 2016

Gordon Venable Taylor, February 21, 2016

#### Transfers In

Linda May Sandvold Holub, from Caroline Church of Brookhaven, Long Island, New York

Scarlett Hobbs (Sunny) Voelker, from St. James' Church of Dowingtown, Pennsylvania

## Soup Cook-Off & Family Games Night Highlights

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Cook-Off & Family Games Night was an evening of fellowship, food, friends, and fun! Thank you to our nine soup makers – Bobby Nelms, Susan Cheyne, Ben & Charles Evelyn, Jeff Fazio, Bruce Lange, Joyce & Catherine Peterson, Ray O'Leary, Carrie, Clayton & Trevor Evelyn, and Tom & Patrick Evelyn. Congratulations to our winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Carrie, Clayton & Trevor Evelyn – Creamy Chicken Chowder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Susan Cheyne – Portobello Mushroom & Brie Bisque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ben & Charles Evelyn – Chicken Seafood Gumbo

After the Soup Cook-Off, we had two tables of bridge and numerous games being played in Richardson Hall. Thank you to everyone who came out for a fun-filled evening of delicious soup and great fellowship!

**NOTE:** Copies of the winning recipe, Creamy Chicken Chowder, are available in the Parish House foyer.

~ The Fellowship Committee





## Sabbatical FAQs

As many of you know Fr. Paul will be taking some time away from his duties as St. Peter's Rector this year. The Vestry has worked with Fr. Paul to enable him to take a three-month Sabbatical in order to rest, relax, and be spiritually renewed.

I'm sure many of you have questions about this Sabbatical, therefore we have developed a list of questions and answers for you in hopes of giving you a better understanding of what this means for everyone at St. Peter's. If you have additional questions after reading this, please talk with Fr. Paul, the Wardens, or your Vestry representative.

~ Catherine Pierce, Senior Warden

**What is a Sabbatical?** The dictionary states that a Sabbatical is an extended period of paid leave from one's customary work, especially for rest or to give an extended period of time for concentrated study.

**What does the Diocese of Virginia say about a Sabbatical?** The Diocese of Virginia recommends a periodic Sabbatical for clergy. The Sabbatical is a healthy and effective means of preventing burn-out and of renewing and enhancing a priest's capabilities for dealing effectively with the stresses of a 24 x 7 job. A Sabbatical is recommended for parish priests every 5-7 years. In Fr. Paul's Letter of Agreement, he is allowed a three-month Sabbatical after five years of service. Having started his tenure at St. Peter's in October 2006, Fr. Paul has been the Rector for over nine years and is past due for taking his Sabbatical.

**How long will Fr. Paul be gone?** Fr. Paul's Sabbatical will begin on Sunday, May 1 and he will return to his duties in the parish office on August 1. Fr. Paul will resume conducting services on Sunday, August 7 at the Annual Parish Picnic at the Davis Farm.

**What will Fr. Paul do during the Sabbatical?** Fr. Paul plans to spend time relaxing, reconnecting, and renewing during the three months. He plans to travel, read, study, and reconnect with old friends and towards the latter part of the Sabbatical he will take a week long class at Nashotah House, one of our Episcopal seminaries, located in Nashotah, Wisconsin. The course is "Thomas Cranmer: Liturgy and Legacy." He was the Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-1556 and was the author of the first two editions of the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

**Who will be in the pulpit on Sunday mornings?** The Vestry has arranged for a long-term supply priest for the duration of Fr. Paul's Sabbatical. The Rev. Dr. J. Douglas Wigner, who was Rector of St. Peter's from 1990 to 1997, will officiate at Sunday Services during Fr. Paul's absence. Many of you know Doug and his wife Nancy from their time here and others may have met him on past Sundays when he has served as a supply priest. We welcome Rev. Wigner and appreciate his ministry to the parish during Fr. Paul's absence.

**What if I need a minister during Fr. Paul's Sabbatical?** Rev. Wigner will be available to perform necessary services such as funerals, hospital visits, or home visits. We will also be able to draw on the services of the Dean of Region IX, The Very Rev. April Greenwood of Westover Parish in the event of emergencies.

**Who should I contact if I need a priest or have questions about the operation of the parish?** We ask that you contact the church office, either of the Wardens, or any member of the Vestry should you have need for a priest or have any other questions during Fr. Paul's Sabbatical. It is important that we respect the Sabbatical as a time for Fr. Paul to be disconnected from the day-to-day needs of the parish, so we ask that you not call him directly during this time. The Wardens will make a determination to inform Fr. Paul of any events of which he should be aware.

**Does this mean I should avoid Fr. Paul and Cynthia if I see them around the community?** No! Fr. Paul and Cynthia will be spending some time at home during his Sabbatical and it is likely you will see them around the county. Say "Hello!" Ask how they are doing. Treat them as you would at any other time.

**How is the Sabbatical being funded?** Fr. Paul will continue to receive his regular pay and benefits during his Sabbatical. Additionally, the Vestry has included funding for the supply clergy and has also set aside \$1200 towards Fr. Paul's travel and educational expenses in the 2016 budget.

**How can I financially support Fr. Paul's Sabbatical?** The Vestry has established a Sabbatical Fund to support expenses associated with Fr. Paul's Sabbatical to which parishioners may contribute. This fund will be used to support Fr. Paul's travel, educational, and other expenses. You may donate to the Sabbatical Fund by making checks payable to St. Peter's Parish Church and writing "Sabbatical Fund" on the notation line.

# Congregational Care



## St. Peter's Prayer Chain ~ Do YOU Want to Become a Member?

**What is a prayer chain?** A prayer chain consists of a group of people which have been called to the ministry of praying for others on a regular and ongoing basis. They have committed themselves to **pray regularly, confidentially, and individually** for the people and concerns that are requested of them. They form part of a chain through which God's love flows and they circulate prayer requests and results amongst themselves via a communications chain. We are offering our hearts as channels, through which the healing Love of God may be directed to those for whom we are praying. We put one hand in the hand of Jesus and the other in the hand of the person(s) we are praying for, believing that the Love can flow through us to him/her/them.

**Want to join our prayer ministry? Please contact one of our members:**

Kim Filipowicz: [kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com](mailto:kfilipowicz@traditionalclubs.com)

Ann Bradshaw: [ann@saycheeez.com](mailto:ann@saycheeez.com)

Catherine Pierce: [vendsoda1@aol.com](mailto:vendsoda1@aol.com)

Kristin Swynford: [kswynford@hotmail.com](mailto:kswynford@hotmail.com)

Carol Nelms: [carolknelms@aol.com](mailto:carolknelms@aol.com)

### Prayer Requests of our Prayer Chain

Are you facing a particular need, problem, illness, surgery, waiting for test results or any other special requests? Do you know someone who is? Your St. Peter's Church family is here to help! The true purpose of praying for others is to offer ourselves as channels of God's Grace. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

### Confidentiality

It is important that the members requesting a specific prayer request understand that the members of the St. Peter's Prayer Chain keep what they pray for confidential. While the knowledge of some of the situations and the people they pray for will be widely known, many are confidential and must not be discussed except in the context of passing on the information to another person on the chain. Be assured that your information will be kept confidential.

**Please remember, St. Peter's Prayer Chain is a completely separate prayer request from our weekly church prayer list.** Here are some examples of prayer requests that we have received:

- prayers for a three-year-old child who was having surgery;
- prayers for a parishioner who is suffering from pain due to an ongoing illness;
- prayers for a friend whose church was damaged.

**Do you have a specific prayer request?** Contact Fr. Paul with your prayer requests at 804-932-4846 or by e-mail at [stpeters.lector@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.lector@gmail.com). However, during his Sabbatical, please direct your prayer requests to Kim Filipowicz.

*~ Kim Filipowicz, Congregational Care Commission Facilitator*



# Christian Education



## Church School News

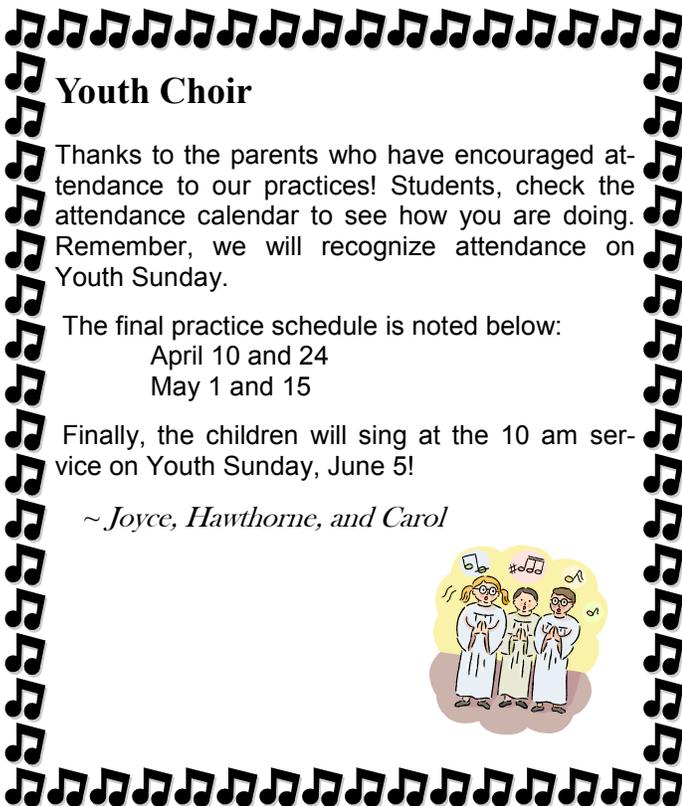
Many thanks to all who supported our Lenten Art/Bag Lunch Sale! Please check The Weekly E-Pistle for a total amount raised for the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Scholarship. Church School attendance continues to be good. Our final two attendance incentives will be held on April 3 and May 22.

As this Church School year winds down, I would like to thank our teachers who have readily agreed to try new things. Carrie and Thomas Evelyn sponsored a Bible Family Feud night that was held at the Pancake Supper. This was a fun event! Many thanks to all of the participants.

The Church School year started with "American Bible Warrior Day" and will conclude on Sunday, May 22 with a Bible Trivia Bowl. Students, make sure you are listening carefully in your classrooms as you will hear these questions again! This will be a fun event to end a great year. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5, at 10 am when we will celebrate Youth Sunday and hear from the graduating seniors.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



## Youth Choir

Thanks to the parents who have encouraged attendance to our practices! Students, check the attendance calendar to see how you are doing. Remember, we will recognize attendance on Youth Sunday.

The final practice schedule is noted below:  
April 10 and 24  
May 1 and 15

Finally, the children will sing at the 10 am service on Youth Sunday, June 5!

~ Joyce, Hawthorne, and Carol



## Adult Forum

The Adult Forum's "Spring Break" continues through Easter Day, March 27. We resume our journey on Sunday, April 3, in the Mullins Room. We completed our review of BEYOND BELIEF by Dr. Elaine Pagels and are now ready to dive into the Gospel of Thomas. So if you have not joined us yet, please consider attending.

The Gospel of Thomas was considered a heresy by the editors of the New Testament in the third century. Why? No baptism story, no resurrection story, just a list of 114 sayings attributed to Jesus of Nazareth according to followers of his disciple Thomas, (Yes, doubting Thomas!) but remember that during this story in the Canonical Gospels, Jesus then took Thomas to a separate room and had a chat with him.

So we will be discussing the "GoT" line by line each Sunday from April 3 until May 22, our last class. On May 8, we will start 10 minutes late so the class can enjoy the first 10 minutes of the reception in Richardson Hall.

Just so you know what we are discussing, here are the first four verses of the Gospel of Thomas:

*Prologue:* These are the secret words which the living Jesus spoke, and which Didymus Judas Thomas wrote down.

*Saying 1:* And he said: He who shall find the interpretation of these words shall not taste of death.

*Saying 2:* Jesus said: He who seeks, let him not cease seeking until he finds; and when he finds he will be troubled, and when he is troubled he will be amazed, and he will reign over the All.

*Saying 3:* Jesus said: If those who lead you say to you: See, the kingdom is in heaven, then the birds of the heaven will go before you; if they say to you: It is in the sea, then the fish will go before you. But the kingdom is within you, and it is outside of you. When you know yourselves, then you will be known, and you will know that you are the sons of the living Father. But if you do not know yourselves, then you are in poverty, and you are poverty.

Hope to see you all in the Mullins Room starting on Sunday, April 3 at 10 am.

~ Steve von Hitritz



# Stewardship



## Mini-Mission Trip Rescheduled

We were ready to board the Evelyn bus last fall to head out to Goochland County on a Saturday morning but had to put our plans on hold due to “monsoon” rains. Spring brings us another opportunity to volunteer at [Shalom Farms](#). The mission of this charitable nonprofit is to work with underserved communities to ensure access to healthy food and to provide the support to live healthy lives. Through sustainable food production and hands-on experiences at the farm and in the city, Shalom Farms provides for thousands in the Richmond region.

Our day to volunteer is **Saturday, April 23**. We will all meet at church at 7:45 am to board the bus. We’ll arrive at the Farm by 9 am, work until noon, and should arrive back at St. Peter’s by 1 pm. All ages and abilities are invited! Just wear old clothes and bring work gloves if you have them. Also bring water and whatever snack you might want.

Please e-mail me at [LisMG1@aol.com](mailto:LisMG1@aol.com) if you’d like to join the St. Peter’s crew. I’ve already got a list of participants started but we have room for more before we reach our cap of 20 people.

What better way to celebrate God’s goodness than to be outside with others on a spring day working in the dirt for the benefit of deserving brothers and sisters in Christ?

Hope to see you on the bus!

~ Lisa Guthrie, Stewardship Commission



## Giving Back – a Little Goes a Long Way!

The “Work and Wisdom” team, part of the Stewardship Commission, recently published a booklet of outreach and volunteer opportunities. The submissions included in the “blue book” are areas where St. Peter’s help would be most beneficial within our community and serving our citizens. The selections in the book were submitted by area churches and organizations.

One of outreach opportunities listed is the Mobile Food Pantry in West Point. This effort is a partnership between FeedMore and the United Way of Greater Williamsburg and serves residents of New Kent, King William, King and Queen, and West Point. On February 18, I had the chance to volunteer at the Food Pantry. I was astounded at the scope of this effort. It was far bigger than I expected. Healthy foods were provided to 144 households or a total of 336 individuals. February 2016 was the third largest month in the six months of the West Point Food Distribution.

As I bagged canned peaches, I couldn’t help but notice that the vast majority of recipients were seniors. I later learned that the number of seniors is 95%. Many individuals appeared to have some type of disability, and I’m sure they have been making choices between buying medicine or food.

It was a rewarding experience, one that words can’t always describe, and I plan to go back. The March distribution was in West Point at the National Armory, and there will be future opportunities as well. It doesn’t take much time—maybe two hours. Volunteers typically arrive at 10:30 am; food distribution is from 11 am to 12 noon. Please consider helping out another time.

There are many ways to volunteer at St. Peter’s and in our community and I encourage you to look through the “blue book.” This book is available in the Parish House foyer and on the St. Peter’s [website](#). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Guthrie by e-mail at [LisMG1@aol.com](mailto:LisMG1@aol.com), or Nancy Goodman by e-mail at [bel-dor69@aol.com](mailto:bel-dor69@aol.com) or by phone at 804-966-1853 ext. 5123.

~ Nancy Goodman, Stewardship Commission



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

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



Edward Allen  
Chris Atkins  
Brandon Belcher  
Dylan Carter  
Zachary Crawford  
David Douglas  
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.  
Joseph Gruber  
Michael Hogge  
Chase Leftwich  
T.J. Lowe  
Christopher Minter  
Ashton McEacharn  
Christopher Quarles  
Andrew Schalk  
Richard Schalk  
Nolan Schultz  
Tristan Trivette  
Carson Tyson  
Brent Wolfe, II



*...to ALL women on this special day!*  
*May 8, 2016*

*Save the Date*

*~ Sunday, May 22, 6-8 pm ~*  
*Come join the members of St Peter's at the*  
*New Kent Winery to discuss*  
*"Bridging The Past with The Future"*  
*for our wonderful Christian environment*  
*at St Peter's.*

***We Ask Your Prayers for  
those in Our parish family who are sick:***

Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sue Caldwell, Helen Talman, Jean Mansfield, Donna Wright, Emily Clay Evelyn...***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;  
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;  
Christine Mason, friend of Hawthorne & Loretta Davis;  
Eileen Williams, friend of Sally Smith;  
James Rose, brother-in-law of Jeff Fazio;  
Ruth Ann Troxell, friend of Paul & 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;  
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;  
Stella Zaja, friend of Lori Lindsey White;  
Boice Schultz, mother of Catherine Pierce;  
Jane Ritchie, friend of Catherine Pierce;  
Pat Haislip, aunt of Jessica Evelyn;  
Zoe Hill, friend of Jon & Miriam Ackley;  
Chris Smith, friend of Terry Porter;  
John Thornton, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Sherry Rebman, sister of Keith Wagner;  
Mary Calabrese, friend of Jeff & Denise Fazio;  
Chuck Stephon, friend of Julie Vaisvil;  
Kenny Pace, neighbor of St. Peter's;  
Kathy Narsted, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Nathan Roberts, son-in-law of Kim & Bill McLean.  
***Give them courage and hope  
in their troubles and bring them the  
joy of your salvation.***



## April Birthdays



- 2 Patrick Evelyn
- 3 Nolan Schultz
- 5 Bruce Gregory
- 5 Lindsay Dombroski
- 7 Tom Evelyn
- 8 Blake Wood
- 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
- 16 Carl Filipowicz
- 17 Julie Vaisvil
- 19 Madie Miles
- 19 Taylor Anne Evelyn
- 20 Karen Moore
- 22 Clifton Davis
- 22 Ainsley Allen
- 23 Haley Porter
- 24 Philipp von Hitritz
- 24 Steve Bradford
- 25 Stan Wells
- 25 Danica Kornreich
- 26 Margie Goodall
- 26 Mava Miles
- 27 Charlotte Woodall
- 27 Ella Danielson
- 27 Grace Ayers Finch
- 29 Lilly Tyson
- 30 Neil Quimby



*Happy Birthday to You!*

*Happy Anniversary to You!*



## Anniversary Blessings

April

- 13 Craig & Catherine Pierce
- 29 Bill & Kim McLean

May

- 2 Stuart & Cyndi Burnett
- 15 Keith & Chrissy Wagner
- 19 Evelyn Waring & Wayne Hayden
- 19 John & Vicki Reus
- 21 Steve & Mava Miles
- 24 Lee & Lindy Brammer
- 24 Larry & Janet Gallaher
- 26 Steven & Joyce Peterson
- 26 Matt & Maggie Settle mire



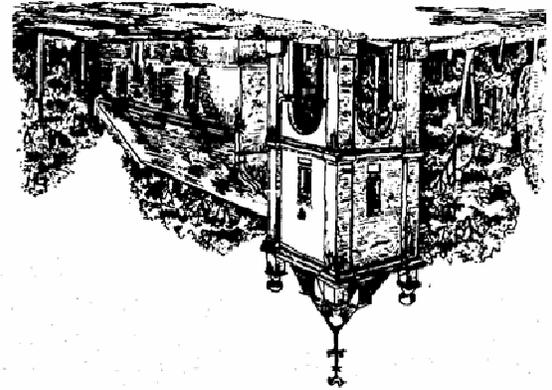
## May Birthdays

- 2 Liam Konstantine Simakhov
- 5 Charles Evelyn
- 5 Wayne Hayden
- 6 Koren Lewis
- 6 Mark Cullen
- 7 Stuart Burnett
- 7 Wanda Porter
- 7 Tyler Little Eagle
- 7 Harper Lindsey White
- 9 Lisa Guthrie
- 9 Ritchie Lipscomb
- 10 Robert (Bobby) Best
- 12 Ann Townsend Woodall
- 13 Lee Brammer
- 13 Wilson Gregory
- 13 Skye Lumpkin
- 14 Jayne Thomas Pinelli
- 14 Preston Martin
- 17 Kendall Hatley
- 18 Elizabeth Shannon
- 18 Patty Cullen
- 19 Casey O'Leary
- 20 Becky Bradford
- 21 Mary Beth Madison
- 23 Marty Wells
- 24 Becky Woodall
- 24 Tom Payne
- 26 Mark Whidden
- 27 Joyce Peterson
- 29 Ashton McEacharn
- 31 Allan Fabritz



# The Keys

Parish Founded 1679  
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## Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

### April 2016

- 1 Clopton Scholarship Deadline
- 3 Adult Forum Resumes
- 18 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 23 Mini Mission Trip to Shalom Farms, 7:45 am—1 pm
- 24 Acolyte Training, 10:30 am in the Church
- 24 Clopton Reception Following the 11 am Service

### May 2016

- 6 Golf Tournament at Brickshire, 1 pm
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Last Day for Submissions to June/July THE KEYS
- 15 Camp Chanco Open House, 1-5 pm
- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 19 Camp Chanco Open House, 1-5 pm
- 20 Smith/Moore Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 21 Smith/Moore Wedding, 5:30 pm
- 22 Last Day for Christian Education
- 22 "Bridging" Reception at New Kent Winery, 6-8 pm
- 29 Summer Schedule Begins, One Service at 10 am  
No Christian Education
- 30 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 31 Church Office Summer Hours Begin

### June 2016

- 5 Youth Sunday
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Vestry, 6:30 pm



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**  
Acts 2.4