

The Vision of St. Peter's Episcopal Church is to Love All as Christ Loves Us. Our Mission is to be a Joyful, Welcoming Community that Expresses the Redeeming Love of God in Christ through the Ministry, Gifts and Spiritual Development of Every Person.

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Dear St. Peter's,

Ash Wednesday is one of my favorite days in the church calendar—a day when we stand before God as we truly are, human beings dependent upon the grace of God. When ashes were first used in conjunction with this day in the history of the Church, the imposition of ashes was reserved for those undergoing public penance for “grave and notorious sins.” After a period of repentance, these persons were once again allowed to receive communion in time for Easter. Eventually, this practice was adopted by the entire congregation and Ash Wednesday developed into a day of atonement—much like the Jewish Yom Kippur. The traditional fast of Ash Wednesday inaugurates the season of Lent, a time when we prepare for Easter “by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP 265).

In today's society, with our lives becoming busier and busier, there's a tendency to see the observance of Lent as old-fashioned, irrelevant, or something we squeeze into our busy schedule the best we can. But the truth is that's it's precisely in this fast-paced, media-soaked world that we need the season of Lent more than ever. I'm reminded of this passage from *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer:

There was a time when farmers on the Great Plains, at the first sign of a blizzard, would run a rope from the back door out to the barn. They all knew stories of people who had wandered off and been frozen to death, having lost sight of home in a whiteout while still in their own backyards.

Today we live in a blizzard of another sort. It swirls around us as economic injustice, ecological ruin, physical and spiritual violence, and their inevitable outcome, war. It swirls within us as fear and frenzy, greed and deceit, and indifference to the suffering of others. We all know people who have wandered off into this madness and been separated from their own souls, losing their moral bearings and even their mortal lives....¹

I think Lent is the time when we find our way back to that rope, or maybe when we make an intentional decision to string a rope from the back door to the barn in the first place. It's a time to re-center, a time to re-order our lives, a time to let our lives become grounded once again in the faith that we hold dear. And so I invite you to the observance of this holy season of Lent. In the weeks ahead, may we recognize those places in our lives where we have wandered off into the blizzard, may we find our way back to the rope that is our spiritual center, and may the grace of God be ever real to us in the process.

Yours in Christ,
Teri

¹ Parker J. Palmer. *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004, 1.

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7a-12p Services 6p Contemplative Fellowship	2 12p Bible Study 2p EfM 5:30p EfM 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	3 6p Canterbury College Ministry	4 5:30p Fledglings Writing Group 5:30p EYC 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	5 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	6 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH 6pm Parish Retreat	7 Parish Retreat 9a Food Pantry
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15 7a-12p Services 5p Dream Group 6p Contemplative Fellowship	16 12p Bible Study 2p EfM 5:30p EfM 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	17 6p Canterbury College Ministry 6p Shrove Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday 12p Ash Wednesday Service 5:30p Fledglings Writing Group 7p Ash Wednesday Service	19 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	20 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH 5:30p Art and Spirit/MH	21 9a Food Pantry
22 7a-12p Services 3:30p Youth Choir 6p Contemplative Fellowship	23 12p Bible Study 2p EfM 4:30p Praying w the Body - MH 5:30p EfM 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	24 6p Canterbury College Ministry 7p College Dinner	25 5:30p Fledglings Writing Group 5:30p Lenten Supper 6p Lenten Series 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	26 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	27 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH	28 9a Food Pantry

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Christian Formation

Adult

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Formation



8:45 am Early Christianity: The Experience of the Divine (Library)

Early Christianity is viewed as it appears in the New Testament and other early literature. The emphasis is upon religious experience, and what accounts for its continuing strength in what is called a "Post Christian World." What were the forces driving the phenomenal growth of Christianity in the first century? How did religious experience take on new forms as Christianity developed during the next three centuries? A video lecture series presented by Professor Luke Johnson of Emory University is used as the source of discussion for this series.

10 am Adult Forum (Library)

Adult Forum will enjoy in February a 4-part series on the 'Inferno' by Dante led by Dr. Jay Ruud Chair of UCA's English Dept, @ 10:00 am - 10:50 am. For the 500th anniversary of Dante's publishing his magnum opus Jay will introduce us to Mark Musa's recent translation that returns Dante's vigor and humor.

10 am Family Formation (Parish Hall)

Family Formation is a multi-generational spiritual formation experience for families with children ages 3-18. Our mission is to honor families by providing an innovative program for our children, youth, and their caregivers, that helps them connect with each other, Christ, and the Episcopal tradition. Through Family Formation we hope to encourage families in how to find joy in fellowship, be the personal presence and witness of God to the world and to approach the sacred with wonder.

Family Formation for ages 3-Adult will take place each Sunday in the Parish Hall from 10:00 - 10:45. Nursery Care for children ages 6-months through 3 years is available for the 9:00 and 11:00 services and during Family Formation.

10 am Family Formation TEEN (EYC Room)

This is a spiritual formation group for kids ages 13-18. The class will meet in the EYC room at 10AM on Sunday mornings and will be led by John Vanderslice



St. Peter's Family Ministries

field notes

Family Ministries for February 2015

A note from Jerusalem: Family Values?

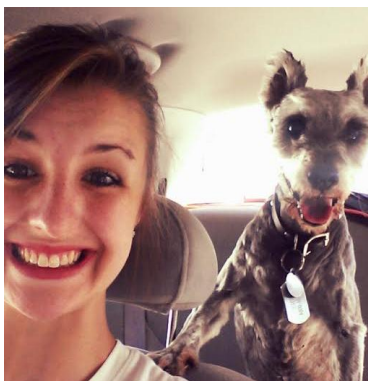
This week I was thinking about the term “family values” and all of the positive and negative (mostly negative I am afraid) connotations that it brings to mind. Sometimes it can be hard to talk about faith and family or families and values because the dialogue has been limited and politicized for so long, often creating a very narrow, small box that very few of our families fit in. In fact there are many people who are uncomfortable talking about faith and family life together because of this. But this week it occurred to me that maybe if we do a little rearranging, a little reconfiguring, we can find a new way to talk about families and values. **What if we talked about Valuing Families instead of Family Values?** I believe that at St. Peter’s this is our mission –and my mission as the minister to families– to *value families*. Period. However they come to us – in whatever shape, size, or form – valuing each and every family instead of dictating for families what their values should be. Or as my friend Aaron would write it - Value Families > Family Values. Family life, like faith life, is a messy, beautiful adventure and journey – one that we share with those we love, one that is full of mistakes and celebrations, do-overs and homeruns, tears and laughter, questions and epiphanies. I hope that each family that walks through our doors feels valued and supported and loved in the midst of their journey. I hope the message that we are able to send out to our community is that at St. Peter’s we value families as they are.

A note about our teachers:

If you do not have little ones you may not have met all of our wonderful childcare providers and youth workers, so for each of the next seven months we will be featuring one worker. Please add these workers to your prayer list and pray for them as they love on our kiddos and families each Sunday or Wednesday.

Meet Natalie:

Natalie is the Lead Preschool Teacher and serves on Sunday Mornings in the Preschool Class.



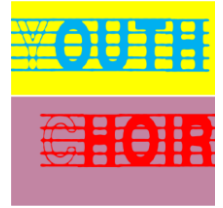
Hi, my name is Natalie Norwood.

I am a digital filmmaking major and business management minor at UCA. I am an RA and Vice-President of the UCA Equestrian Club, as well as a member of many other on-campus organizations.

I enjoy spending time with friends and family, reading, and watching movies, and I love serving at St. Peter’s!

Youth Choir

Youth Choir starts back on February 22 for grades 3-12. The next performance will be on Palm Sunday and the kids will get to walk in the processional with Palm Branches! This should be a really special Sunday.



Altar Flowers

Sign up soon to get your preferred date for Altar Flowers. The chart is on the bulletin board in the lobby.



Servant Leadership School

Our next course -- Communion, Practicing The Presence of God -- will be held on Thursdays, February 19 - March 26, from 6 pm to 8 pm.



Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 17, 6pm

Come enjoy a gumbo dinner followed by pancake races, an optional Lenten Family Craft, and the

burning of last year's palm branches as we prepare to enter the Lenten season together.



Ash Wednesday



We will have 12noon and 7pm Ash Wednesday services on February 18.

Wednesday Night Lenten Schedules

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30pm - Simple Supper for All Ages

6:00pm - Experiencing Lent Body and Soul, Connecting Our Prayers with Our Senses

EYC - Parish Hall

Adults - Sanctuary

Children under 8 yrs - Preschool Rooms

7:00pm - Eucharist and Healing Service



St. Peter's invites you to actively travel the Lenten season with us, using your senses to experience the meaning of Lent, body and soul, through creative reflections, prayers and tactile responses. Each week's reflections will be centered around one word, and space will be provided to meditate on and respond to the images and ideas these words stirs within you as you seek a deeper connection to the Lenten season.

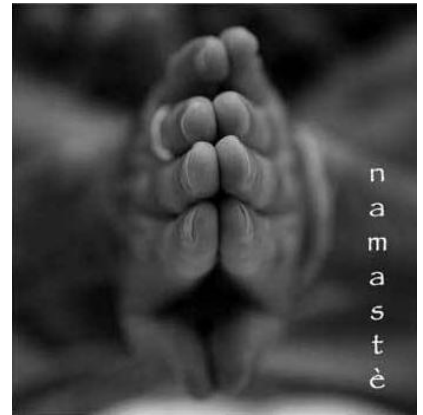
Praying with the Body: A Lenten Practice of Prayer and Yoga

Monday Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

4:30-5:15pm at the Morgan House

Join Stacey Jones and Jerusalem Greer as they share their simple practice of yoga as a form of restorative prayer and spiritual discipline.

Activity level will be low to moderate. No experience necessary. Please dress in loose comfy clothing and bring a mat. For questions please contact Jerusalem Greer at Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com.



Bridge Update

Here's the latest from your Catch the Vision Capital Campaign BRIDGE team. Our campaign remains on track to reach full, or near full, collection of pledges by the time the campaign finishes up in December. That's exciting news! With eleven months remaining in collection phase, the campaign's total pledged amount equals \$766,290 and the total amount of pledges collected comes to \$579,589. That means **we have collected 75% of the total amount pledged**. That represents a real achievement—and real commitment from all of those who in the fall of 2012 made their pledges. Collecting the last 25% in the final year of a three-year campaign should certainly be possible. But remember that we began the collection phase in January 2013 with a sizeable chunk already in hand due to some significant early contributions; so we'll need to make this final year of donations slightly better than the first two years to reach the 100% mark. This will take the conscientious attention of everyone in the congregation, but without doubt **it can be done!**

The even better news about Catch the Vision is how valuable these funds continue to be for our church. In the past year St. Peter's has incurred considerable physical plant expenses, mostly related to repairs on the air conditioning system and to our roof. Such repairs, while utterly necessary, also tend to be quite costly, and without CTV funds the repairs would simply not have been possible. Funds have also been used for a long overdue, and dearly needed, facelift to our parish hall kitchen, one of the most consistently utilized spaces at St. Peter's but one which had just about become inoperable. In 2014, smaller portions of CTV funds were used for the sake of advertising, for Christian education, and to support our beautiful music ministry and our hospitality ministry. But perhaps the most important use of the funds was for the support of our youth and family ministry, mainly in the person of Jerusalem Greer, who we can all agree is doing a fantastic job for St. Peter's in what is arguably our most important and challenging ministerial initiative.

It's impossible to foresee every contingency, but with so many necessary repairs completed in 2013 and 2014, we hope in 2015 to apply a greater percentage of CTV funds to debt reduction, and in that way to take some big steps toward the goal of eliminating St. Peter's mortgage. **Thank you** for being so dutiful in your contributions. Catch the Vision is on track for a **fantastic last year**.

Jeannie Stroth
John Vanderslice

Catch the Vision BRIDGE team leaders

Marcus Borg

March 11, 1942—January 18, 2015



I lost a good friend last week. Marcus Borg, who stood among the most notable Christian theologians in the entire world, died at the age of 72. He published about twenty books. Many theologians have done that. But Marcus had an additional gift; he could communicate ideas about God, about Jesus, about the Testaments Old and New, with a clarity that has seldom been rivaled.

Very few people around town remember Markie. The Borgs lived in Park River from about 1948 to 1954. His parents owned the Golden Valley Creamery that used to be on the lot just north of the Bowling Alley. His brother David and sisters Dagne and Beverly graduated from WCAS. His family were committed members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Marcus (he'll forgive me if I call him by his childhood name of Mark) was the best friend I have ever had. It's strange that he and I should have been best friends in grade school. Before I went to college he was the only person I ever knew who could do everything better than I could. He could run faster than I could hope to. He could look up words in the dictionary twice as fast as I could. His American Flyer electric train could go faster than my Lionel before overturning. He always got better grades than I did. (In my defense, Mark sometimes did better only because he got an A in Department.)

It's strange how these childhood things still clutter my mind, even after 60 years. In those six decades that have passed since his family moved to Fargo, our paths went completely different ways (except that we both became academics; he a thinker and writer about Christianity, I, a teacher of Russian history).

In those 60 years we met exactly twice. Once in New York City, when he was on the verge of becoming an Important Person in Christology, then again thirty years later, when as a world-renowned scholar, he visited my campus to deliver a couple lectures, and spend an evening with our family...

In 1967 we met in New York City: we hadn't seen each other for fifteen years. I had no idea what to expect. All of you have probably had the experience that I have had: a person you once knew really well when you were both at the bottom has risen through the ranks, has changed, has become something superior. You meet with that person, you are treated decently, and yet you can't shake that feeling of condescension coming from a friend you once knew so well.

And yet in 1967 this man on the verge of greatness had a wonderful spirit. He could meet a person who had not yet achieved much, as an old friend. No condescension to a struggling graduate student from the Midwest who had never even been to New York City: we could meet as two old friends—his attitude was "Let me show you New York City, and those parts of it that have given my life new meaning." We went to the Sullivan Street Playhouse, way off Broadway, where we saw *The Fantasticks*. A street market where I could buy my wife a piece of genuine artist-made, not "Tiffany-like" jewelry, that she has until this day. A mission church that believed in the equality of God's creatures, a place where two streetwalkers could receive communion on an equal basis with respectable people like myself.

“Let me show you what seminary life is about” Mark seemed to be saying, not “Let me impress you with my achievements at Union Theological Seminary.” Then, we went our separate ways.

Each of us struggled: I with supporting a family and with advancing in the academic world, he with “the dark night of the soul” and becoming a world-renowned scholar who could explain complicated ideas to everyday people.

Thirty years later, Dr. David Larson, Professor of History at Hendrix College, a fine liberal arts college in central Arkansas, was enjoying a cup of coffee in the Student Union, thinking about absolutely nothing important, when he noticed one of his students reading a book entitled *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. The author was “Borg”.

For three decades I had heard nothing about or from Mark. My curiosity was aroused, so I asked the student whether the author’s middle name was Joel. It was. Mark had already published three bestselling books. A few contacts from the school led him to accept a lecturing opportunity on the Hendrix campus.

I ask you to remember at this point, that Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Ph.D., was a world-class scholar, an international lecturer, a person whose work was so intriguing and impressive that he received a phone call one evening from a well-to-do Texan who set up a 3 million dollar trust fund so Marcus could have the free time to think and write. Marcus delivered a wonderful lecture, clear, well-organized, enticing. One of our brightest students found that his life changed as a result of the lecture; he is now a Bishop.

So what did Dr. Marcus Borg, eventually the author of 20 books, insist upon? The terms of his contract specified that he was to have the entire evening after his lecture free so he could spend the hours with an old friend.

Fifty years had passed, a full half century, and still the power of friendship was greater than the lure of advancement, or intellectual interaction with his peers, or the satisfaction of being the most brilliant person in the company of those who were not his equals. It was one of the most emotionally memorable evenings in my life. And yet I cannot remember the details, only that somehow our daughter and I pulled out our own copies of William Butler Yeats’ poetry and began reading different poems simultaneously. “Dueling Yeats”, Mark called it.

How many world-class people have time for the simplicities of friendship?

Marcus—no, you will always be just Mark to me, a kid that picked his scabs and played tackle tag at recess, the intrepid sailor who piloted Dixie Cups down the spring-swollen coulee, the guy who collected bubble gum cards and introduced me to the life-long pleasures of stamp collecting, the pirate I buried treasure with, the boy that could do everything better than I—even though we got together only twice in 60 years, I miss you very, very much. I have never met a great person so humble and so tolerant of human failings as you.

Godspeed! I hope that God has explained His nature to you, and that now you have the certainty you could never reach in this life.

--David Larson

Celebrations



Birthdays

2/01 Jay Burford
2/03 Marjorie Swan
2/04 Stephanie Vanderslice
2/05 Suzanne Sprague
2/07 Abigail Woods
2/08 Rebecca Cato
2/09 Adam Stengel
2/09 Elliot Wiebe
2/11 Kristi Epps
2/13 Hannah Ruckle
2/13 Berris Teague
2/15 Grady Gunter
2/15 Rosemary Henenberg
2/16 Adam Bell
2/16 Joe Wilson
2/19 Isabel Ruckle
2/20 Warren Readnour
2/22 Ruth Parson
2/23 Jack Looney
2/23 Christopher Walters
2/24 Kate Marie Shute
2/27 Sarah Roger

Anniversaries

Dale & Sylvia Walker
2/02
Steve Eddy & John Phillips
2/13
David & Marilyn Larson
2/14
Tom & Karen McNutt
2/20
Milo & Ann Shult
2/25

Prayers of the People

Sunday, February 1, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Jason, Caroline, Lena, Franklin & Sylvia Hansen, Brett Hardison. Jane & Emily Harris, Renita, Maggie & Riley Harvey, Peggy Hays, Darla Heck, The Rev. Merry Helen and Harold Hedges.

We give thanks for Christ Church Conway.

We give thanks for our Food Pantry.

We give thanks for Luwero - (Uganda) & The Rt. Rev. Evans Kisekka. Rev. Pascuala Ventura & St. John the Apostle, Chichicastenango (chee-chee-castin-ango). For the families of St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

Sunday, February 8, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Jacob, Jennifer, Wyatt, Lillian & Wallace Held, Judy & Rick Helm, LeRoy & Frances Hendricks, Rosemary Henenberg, Guy Hobbs, Pam Holt, Hannah Hooker, Mathilda Hatfield.

We give thanks for Church of Christ at Robinson & Center.

We give thanks for our Children & Youth Ministries.

We give thanks for Maiduguri - (Jos, Nigeria) & The Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Kana Mani. Rev. Roberto Armas & St. Mark's, Quetzaltenango (ketz-al-ten-ango). For the congregation of St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

Sunday, February 15, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Steve & Christian Hurd, Eric & Donna Hutchinson, BT & Debbie Jones, Liz Gron, John Krebs, Erik & Bryan Urban.

We give thanks for Crosspoint Baptist Church.

We give thanks for our Guatemalan Missions.

We give thanks for Mandalay - (Myanmar) & The Rt. Rev. David Nyi Nyi Naing. Rev. Alberto Cuc of St. Mary, Mother of God, Solola. Rev. Jerrett Kerbel and St. Martin in The Fields, Philadelphia.

Sunday, February 22, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Eric Jones & Paul McCowan, Molly & Dunn Jones, Jay Ruud & Stacey Jones, and Patrick Kangrga, Kim Kelley, Madison Wiedower, Janssen Wiedower, & Aidan Jared, and Rodney & Jo Kilduff.

We give thanks for Enola Baptist Church.

We give thanks for our Canterbury Campus Ministries.

We give thanks for Maseno North - (Kenya) & The Rt. Rev. Simon Oketch and Maseno South - (Kenya) & The Rt. Rev. Francis Abiero. Rev. Pascuala Ventura & St. John the Apostle, Chichicastenango (chee-chee-castin-ango). And for the youth of St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Ministers Schedule			
Sunday, February 1, 2015			
Ministry Team #1	7:30am Rite I	9:00am Enriching w/ Music	11:00am Rite II
Lectors	Nathan Greer	Dillon Leicht , Madeline Leicht	Carey Benedict, Wilson Daily
Greeters	Miles & Jerusalem Greer	Ward Family	Readnour Family
Coffee Host	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
Ushers	Wylie Greer	Wade & Walker Simpson	Jaylee Garrett-Jones Claudia Wiltgen
Oblationers		Josh and Hallie Leicht	Chris Walters, Olivia Larson
Eucharistic Minister			
Eucharistic Visitor			Joe Arn
Nursery Volunteers		Carey Benedict	Stephanie Vanderslice
Vestry Counters			Liz Larson, Karen McNutt
Acolytes		AM: Mike Moses C: Rachel Lance	AM: Mike Moses C: Parker Teague T: Berris Teague T: Cooper Teague
Altar Guild	Team 4		
Sunday, February 8, 2015			
Ministry Team #2	7:30am Rite I	9:00am Enriching w/ Music	11:00am Rite II
Lectors	Amanda Moore	Judy Helm	Marianne Welch, LeRoy Hendricks
Greeters	Tommy Trussell & Amanda Moore	Mary Essert, Donna Bowman & Cady Gray Murray	David & Marilyn Larson McGarrity Family
Coffee Host	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
Ushers		Ed & Patsy Evans	Donna & Eric Hutchinson
Oblationers		Donna Bowman & Cady Gray Murray	Jan & Genie Davis
Eucharistic Minister	Stacey Coleman	Beth Brady, Dan Allen	Jim Fowler, Leigh Ann Warriner
Eucharistic Visitor			Bob & Mary Essert
Nursery Volunteers		Carey Benedict	Tracy McGarrity
Vestry Counters			Sylvia Walker, Dan Allen
Acolytes		AM: Kate Shute C: Kate Shute	AM: Kate Shute C: Wylie Greer T: Madolyn Ward T: Isabel Ruckle
Altar Guild	Team 4		
Sunday, February 15, 2015			
Ministry Team #3	7:30am Rite I	9:00am Enriching w/ Music	11:00am Rite II
Lectors	Pam Holt	David Benedict	Kevin Mequet, Ellen Stengel
Greeters		Dinah Reed Lisa Crowson	BJ Haller, Madelyn Adams, Darla Heck
Coffee Host	entire team	entire team	entire team
Ushers		Katherine Parker, Gloria Parker	Jerry Adams, Wayne Stengel
Oblationers		Sam and Tanya Buchanan	Tom and Rita Grumbles
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Allen	Judy Helm, Paul McCowan	Ellen Stengel, Kelley King
Eucharistic Visitor			Nita Brown
Nursery Volunteers		Carey Benedict	Dinah Dudley
Vestry Counters			Warren Readnour , Jane Harris
Acolytes		AM: Kitson Roger C: Kitson Roger	AM: Kitson Roger C: Jaylee Garrett-Jones T: Riley Smothers T: Sarah Roger
Altar Guild	Team 4		

Sunday, February 22, 2015			
Ministry Team #4	7:30am Rite I	9:00am Enriching w/ Music	11:00am Rite II
Lectors			
Greeters			
Coffee Host			
Ushers			
Oblationers			
Eucharistic Minister	George Coleman	Dan Allen Leigh Ann Warriner	Kitson Roger Leigh Ann Warriner
Eucharistic Visitor			Catherine Fortney
Nursery Volunteers		Madolyn Ward	Sarah Garrett-Jones
Vestry Counters			Jay Ruud Kelley King
Acolytes		AM: Rose McGarrity C: Madeline Leicht G: Dillon Leicht	AM: Rose McGarrity C: Kathryn Spinks T: Miles Greer T: Elise McGarrity
Altar Guild	Team 4		

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Financial Statement January 1 through January 29, 2015

Income

Support for Operations:	\$21,546.03
Project and Program Income:	\$8794.10
Diocesan Grant Income:	\$0
Total Income:	\$30,340.13

Expense

Personnel Expenses:	\$8077.24
Church Operating Expenses:	\$15,713.22
Project and Program Expenses:	\$4846.86
Total Expenses:	\$28,637.32

Overall Year-to-date Net Surplus/Deficit: \$1702.81

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Summary

December 7, 2014

Attendees: Teri Daily, Jerry Adams, Kitson Roger, Warren Readnour, Carolyn Scott, Jerusalem Greer, Jay Ruud, Scotty Bell, Kelley King, Jeanetta Darley

Opening Prayer: Teri Daily

Approval of Minutes: Jerry made a motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as presented. Scotty seconded the motion and all approved.

Committee and Ministry Reports

- 1. Finance Committee:** Kitson Roger. Warren made a motion to accept the Review of our 2013 finances done by Debbie Turner, seconded by Scotty and all approved. Next month, an updated Capital Campaign report will be made available to the Vestry. Warren made a motion to accept the finances as presented, Jay seconded and all approved.
- 2. Technology Guru/Ministry:** Teri Daily, for LeRoy and John. John and LeRoy recommend that we use a server we already have but that is currently not in use, pay a professional to come in and move our files over, and retain the professional relationship for service calls. The approximate installation cost will be \$2000.00. Back up costs are not included in this figure, and neither are service calls, which are charged hourly. The goal is to utilize a cloud back up instead of a physical external hard drive. Jerry made a motion, seconded by Kelley, to accept the recommendation from LeRoy and John to move forward on the server switch. Motion passed.
- 3. Youth, Children and Family Ministry:** Jerusalem Greer. Family Formation is going well, and is attended by all age groups. Beginning in February, John Vanderslice will begin teaching a group for youth 8th grade and up. A baby nursery is needed as well, because we have had multiple babies in attendance for the past few weeks. EYC is going well, and they are joining the adults for Advent Conspiracy on Wednesday evenings. Pageant and Children's Choir rehearsals are going well. Jerusalem will be looking for a replacement for the Family Team leader role because she cannot be in three places at once!
- 4. Men's Group:** Jerry Adams. Planning for this year is underway. The primary goal is fellowship. Going forward, the Men's Group will do a monthly potluck. Jerry's goal is to recruit more members and grow the club.

Old/Continuing Business

- 1. Stewardship:** Warren Readnour. Our current numbers are; \$254,804.00. We are approximately only \$10K short of the total amount pledged last year. There are still some pledge cards outstanding. We have eleven new pledges this year.
- 2. Thanksgiving Baskets:** Kitson Roger. Turkey day was November 25th. We are awaiting a final number report from Liz Gron.

3. **Store Room Project:** Sylvia Walker, in absentia. (email read by Teri) Dale Walker plans to build the shelving himself, which will cut the cost considerably. Sylvia will consult with Jerusalem and Carolyn about specifics for the store room.

New Business

1. **Christmas Meals:** Teri Daily. Beth Brady and Karen McNutt will head up this year's meal.

Rector's Report: Teri Daily

1. **Guatemala Trip:** The Vestry expressed support for Teri going on the mission trip in 2015.
2. **Christmas Services:** Blue Christmas on 12/21 at 5:00 pm. 5:30 pageant on Christmas Eve and then an 11:00 pm service that night. We will have a 9:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day.
3. **Christmas Party:** January 16th—vestry party at Teri and Dave's house!
4. **Annual Meeting:** Sunday January 18, 2015 after the 11:00 a.m. service.
5. **Budget Meeting:** Monday December 15th, the Finance Committee will be meeting to draw up a budget for 2015. The budget needs to be approved before being presented to the congregation on January 18th at the Annual Meeting. The Vestry will meet Tuesday January 13th at 5:00 p.m. for this purpose.
6. **Staff Retreat:** This past Friday, the office staff spent the day at the Canterbury Lodge to rest and re-group.

Parish Administrator's Report: Jeanetta Darley. The online database update form is about ready, and Jeanetta will send it to the Vestry first to see how it works. Also, Jeanetta reminded the men on the Vestry to please check the men's room toilets and to give them a flush or two. Jeanetta will be having surgery after New Year's, and will be out for a week or two in January.

Junior Warden's Report: Scotty Bell. Still awaiting a paint quote for the Parish Hall. There is a broken window in the Narthex—the clear glass over one of the stained glass windows. Scotty asked Jeanetta to call Hiegel Glass and ask them to give us an estimate for repair. The door mat outside of the sanctuary door is frayed and needs replacing as well. The tall light in the sanctuary foyer is out, as well as some of the lights in the sanctuary. Scotty will make a call about light bulb replacement.

Senior Warden's Report: Warren Readnour. Warren passed out a possible Standing Committee Structure for St. Peter's. Included on this list is: Finance, Facilities, Newcomers, Christian Formation, and Worship. Warren would like the Vestry to look at this and be ready to discuss next month. Warren also reminded the Vestry to look for new Vestry members to fill the outgoing member shoes in January. (Carolyn, Jerry and Douglas have completed their three-year term)

Closing Prayers

Ministry Directory

Worship Services

Acolytes Kitson Roger, Wilson Daily, & Mike Moses

Altar Guild Dinah Reed

Wedding Consultants Donna Hutchinson & Pam Neuhofer

Eucharistic Ministers Mike Moses

Newcomers Karen McNutt & Kristi Epps

Ministry Team Leaders

Team 1 Jerusalem Greer

Team 2 Kelley King

Team 3 Dee Sanders & Dinah Reed

Team 4 Dee Sanders

Adult & Handbell Choir Patty Oeste

Library Mary Ferguson, Sarah Bryan & Jane Harris

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education Jane Harris, Liz Larson, LeRoy Hendricks, Ann Drake, & Douglas Young

Family Formation Jerusalem Greer

Preschool Erika Windsor and Natalie Norwood

JEYC & EYC Jerusalem Greer

Servant Leadership School The Rev. Merry Helen Hedges & Carolyn Scott

Education for Ministry The Rev. Teri Daily

Journey Into Silence Douglas Young, Conrad Shumaker, & Jay McDaniel

Creative Dreaming Class Kim Kelly & Liz Larson

The Fledglings: A Writing Group Liz Larson & Stephanie Vanderslice

Monday Noon Bible Study Joe Arn

Practicing the Way of Jesus Kent Dunson & The Rev. Teri Daily

Outreach

Foyers Bob & Dee Sanders

Bethlehem House Dee Sanders

Food Pantry Christy Jones & Norma Smothers

Canterbury College Ministries Doug & Jenny Knight

College Dinners Anna McCorquodale, Kim Knight, Leah Harkey, Lee Blankenship

Card Ministry Mary Ferguson & Donna Hutchinson

Eucharistic Visitors Mike Moses & Nita Brown

Cursillo Spiritual Retreat Rita Mackintosh

Website Upkeep Jeanetta Darley

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The Rev. Teri Daily

Deacon

The Rev. Merry Helen Hedges

Minister to Children, Youth and Families

Jerusalem Greer

Parish Administrator

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Patty Oeste

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