

# Peter's Pence

July 2015











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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# Rev. Teri Daily's Letter

July 2015

Dear St. Peter's,

I write these words on the feast day of Harriet Beecher Stowe (celebrated on July 1<sup>st</sup>). Harriett, an outspoken opponent of slavery, was born in 1811; her book about a Southern slave family, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, was published in 1852. It is a novel that brought attention to the plight of slaves in the U.S. and inspired further anti-slavery movements. Maybe we would all do well to read it again.

The last few weeks have brought a lot of sorrow to our nation, especially to the parishioners of Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and to others who lost loved ones when Dylann Roof opened fire during a bible study on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Since that time, fires have occurred in seven predominantly black churches, at least three of which have been attributed to arson. And controversy over the Confederate Flag has reached an all-time high; it seems the nation can no longer ignore the flag's historic connection to the institution of slavery. The events of these past two weeks have shed light on so many of the dark recesses of our national psyche that we are left feeling somewhat vulnerable and exposed.

To be honest, though, this is not altogether a bad place to be. There is a famous saying in twelve-step programs: You are only as sick as your deepest secret. Well, our nation's secrets are coming to the surface, and with them also comes the chance for healing, for rehabilitation, for the acknowledgment of our sins, and for reconciliation. We've come to a place where "business as usual" seems neither desirable nor possible. Instead, this is the time for prophetic words to be spoken, for justice and truth to take root. It is the time to imagine a different world. It is the time to pray the following collect from *Holy Women, Holy Men,* in both remembrance of Harriett Beecher Stowe and in hope for our own day:

Gracious God, we thank you for the witness of Harriet Beecher Stowe, whose fiction inspired thousands with compassion for the shame and sufferings of enslaved peoples, and who enriched her writings with the cadences of The Book of Common Prayer. Help us, like her, to strive for your justice, that our eyes may see the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, when he comes to reign with you and the Holy Spirit in reconciliation and peace, one God, now and always. Amen.

There is only one problem: When I pray for justice, when I pray that those with hardened hearts will not persevere in their desire to incite hatred and violence, I recognize in myself the tendency for *my* heart to become hardened in its own way. I allow the anger of others to stir up anger in me. I become smug, a little arrogant, with a tinge of self-righteousness.

So the question I ask myself, and maybe the question many of us ask, is this: Can we speak prophetic words and take prophetic stands while keeping our own hearts soft and open? Like God, can we work towards transformation with an all-encompassing spirit of love and compassion? As Ellen Adams discovers in the following poem, can we keep front and center the realization that we are *all* in need of mercy and forgiveness? See, grace is the great equalizer; it can level the playing field and instill a sense of solidarity, if only we have eyes to see and a heart that is open.

God's peace,

Teri

#### Anger, a poem by the Rev. E. Ellen Adams

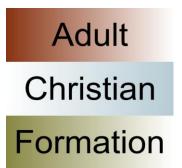
I sharpened my two-edged sword
of justice and truth
and took it to the altar
to be blessed by God.
"Why thank you, Ellen,
another pruning hook."
I wept,
knowing that God was not the blind one,
and realizing once more,
that if God has enough mercy to forgive me,
God has enough mercy to forgive my enemies.

Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, Marjorie A. Burke, and Ann Smith, editors, *Women's Uncommon Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated* (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse, 2000) 55.

# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	2 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	3 4p Conway Locally Grown	4 9a Food Pantry
5 7a-12p Services 3p Porch Pickin' 6p Contemplative Fellowship	6 Office Closed 12p Bible Study 4:30p Yoga MH 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	7 5:30p Long- Term Planning	8 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	9 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	10 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH	11 9a Food Pantry
12 7a-12p Services 5p Dream Group 6p Contemplative Fellowship	13 12p Bible Study 4:30p Yoga MH 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	14	15 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	16 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	17 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH	18 9a Food Pantry
19 7a-12p Services 10a Newcomer Meet-N-Greet 6p Contemplative Fellowship	20 12p Bible Study 4:30p Yoga MH 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	21 7p Finance Meeting	22 7p Evening Prayer & Prayers for Healing	23 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	24 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH	25 9a Food Pantry
26 7a-12p Services 4:30p Vestry Meeting 5p Dream Group 6p Contemplative Fellowship	27 12p Bible Study 6p NA/ Library 7p Journey Into Silence	28	29 7p Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing	30 7p Prince St Pipe Band. PH	31 4p Conway Locally Grown/ PH	

# Christian Formation



#### 8:45 am - How Jesus Became God (Library)

The Class will study How Jesus Became God consisting of 24 video lectures by Bart Ehrman, Distinguished Professor of New Testament at The University of No. Carolina at Chapel Hill, followed by discussion. "The entire story of how Jesus became God is of paramount importance to everyone with the slightest interest in religion or history. If Jesus had not been declared God at his resurrection, his followers would have remained a small sect within Judaism whose leader ended up on the wrong side of the law & was crucified for his efforts. The massive conversion of Gentiles to belief in Christ would have never happened. Centuries

later, the Roman emperor would never have been converted. The Roman Empire would have never adopted Christian beliefs and ways. The Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation, and modernity as we know it would have never transpired. And most of us would still be pagan. It is for this reason that there are indeed few questions in the entire history of civilization as important as this one. How did Jesus become God?"

#### 10 am Adult Forum (Library)

The Adult Forum will conclude the series on "The Story of the Jews" on July 5 and 12. On July 19 and 26 we will view and discuss a documentary entitled "Jerusalem: Center of the World."

# **Announcements & Events**



#### **Altar Flowers**

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



### Porch Pickin' - Sunday, July 5, 3pm

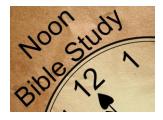
Join us at The Morgan House, 1926 Prince Street on the first Sunday of every Month from 3-5PM. Bring a blanket to share, a beverage to sip, a tune to sing, a part to strum, or an ear to hear.

All are invited. All are welcome.



### Calling all Musicians

We need you! We are looking to add some fresh zest to our summer services through the gift of music and we would love for you to share your gifts and talents with us! We are looking for soloist, duets, trios or quartets who would like to prepare a piece or two of music to share with the congregation during the offertory at the 9 and 11 am services over the course of the summer months. Both vocal and instrumental works are welcome. For more info or to sign up, please see or email Patty or Jerusalem for more details.



### Monday Noon Bible Study during the Summer

During the summer, our Monday Noon Bible Study will continue to meet. Each Monday we will explore the scripture that will be read in services the following Sunday, and Marilyn Rishkofski will be our facilitator. All are welcome to join in whenever you're able!



### **Help Camp Mitchell**

Camp Mitchell is a ministry of the Episcopal Church in Arkansas. It provides a sacred place and offers programs that foster formation, recreation, fellowship, and renewal. Hundreds of children draw closer to God, one another, and nature through the summer camps, and many parish retreats (including our own) are held there each year—not to mention AA gatherings, interfaith events, and the sustainable farming program. Camp Mitchell depends not only on event registration fees to keep going, but also on the generosity of Episcopalians throughout the state. If you would like to give to this important part of life in the Diocese of Arkansas, you may send your contribution to: Camp Mitchell, #10 Camp Mitchell Rd., Morrilton, AR 72110



### Praying with the Body: The Practice of Prayer and Yoga

Mondays at 4:30pm in 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.



#### **Community of Hope**

Community of Hope is an organization of lay pastoral care givers rooted in the Benedictine Rule of Life. If you are interested in becoming part of this community of lay chaplains, please contact Nita Brown or Teri Daily. We hope to be offering a training course in the near future.



#### **Education for Ministry**

St. Peter's is pleased to announce our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Education for Ministry starting in August. As Episcopalians, an essential part of our church is the lay ministry, the ministry of all believers. Education for Ministry provides an excellent foundation for lay ministry. It has been very helpful to me in understanding scripture, theology, and the analytic processes necessary to integrate these into my daily life and my ministry.

Education for Ministry is a formal 4 year program sponsored by the Seminary of the South at Sewanee that meets weekly during the academic year. This year's theme is "Living Faithfully as a Spiritually Mature Christian." The subject for Year 1 is Old Testament; Year 2: New Testament; Year 3: Church History; and year 4: theology.

Theological reflection is a powerful technique and way of thinking that joins personal experience and cultural realities in the conversation with the knowledge and values of the Christian tradition. Theology, as practices in EFM, is about increasing knowledge of God so that people grow more fully in knowing God.

I highly recommend this for anyone wanting to learn more about scripture and the church, and who is on the path to spiritual growth and maturity.

Informational sessions are scheduled for June 14 and August 9 between the 9 am and 11 am services. Nita Brown and Marilyn Larsen will have the course text books and information to better understand the EFM training. Please feel free to contact either of us for further information.

# **Food Pantry**



Date: 6/29/15 Month/Year Reported: June 2015
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	Returning	New	Total
Households	140	26	166
Adults 65+	50	4	54
Adults 18-64	234	30	264
Children 0-17	140	27	167

### Hello All,

Summer months tend to be busier in the food pantry, but it was a little quieter around the pantry this June. Hopefully that means that more residents are finding jobs and no longer need as much assistance from pantries around town. In any event, we still need donations from our church members so that we can continue to provide food for the families who do still need to come in each month.

We made it through another fundraiser! We had another good turnout, selling a total of 110 tickets overall for the fish fry fundraiser this year. It looks like after the expenses were paid, we netted around \$650...not as much as we made last year, but it was still a successful event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make it a success again this year! Once again, it ran super smoothly because we have such an awesome crew who makes that happen! The food was great, everyone had a great time and the rain held off until the very end. So it turned out to be a good day!

The next fundraiser will be our Stoby's pancake breakfast, which will be held Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with that event, please let me know. We will need cooks, servers, and dishwashers. So be sure to get signed up to help!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help or know of a family who could benefit from the food pantry, please contact me at <a href="mailto:cdjones1976@yahoo.com">cdjones1976@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you for your generous donations to the pantry.

Thank you, Christy Garrett-Jones

# **Food Pantry Shopping List for July 2015**

**Sunday, July 5, 2015** 

2 mac & cheese, 2 corn muffin Mix, 2 cans green beans

Sunday, July 12, 2015

2 cans soup, 1 16oz peanut butter, 1 jelly (no glass)

**Sunday, July 19, 2015** 

2 cans whole kernel corn, 1 box of cereal, 2 ramen noodles

Sunday, July 26, 2015

2 cans tuna/water, 2 pkg spaghetti pasta, 2 can sauce

# **BRIDGE Team Report**

Here's the latest from your Catch the Vision Capital Campaign BRIDGE team. The collection phase of the campaign continues to go well. To date, the church has collected \$669, 521. That is **86% of the total pledged amount**; and it's also a nice surge forward from February, when we were at 75%. If everyone who has pledged to the campaign manages to stay on track with those pledges, and if those who are a bit behind try to catch up, we have a chance at finishing the year (and the campaign) with the total pledged amount nearly fully in hand! That would make Catch the Vision an historically successful capital campaign.

More important is what Catch the Vision has meant to the life of our church. As we've reported to you in this space over the last three years, the capital campaign has played a crucial, integral role in resurrecting our youth ministry, in expanding our music ministry and supporting various outreach ministries, in initiating an advertising campaign, in modernizing our church office and supporting the professional development of our staff, and—most obviously—repairing, restoring, and remodeling our physical plant. Without your faithful contributions to Catch the Vision none of those developments would have been possible. **Thank you!** 

So please do try to stay current on your pledges, right up to the end of the campaign in December. At that time we'll release the final campaign totals—and surely celebrate too!

Jeannie Stroth John Vanderslice

Catch the Vision BRIDGE team leaders

# Family Ministry Field Notes

What if there were three questions you could ask around the dinner table that could change your family's faith life? Would you ask them?

For the remainder of our summer, in an attempt to slow our family life down a bit, I am throwing out all the big faith@home plans and the spirit-killing to-do list and trying something a little simpler. For the months of July and August, Nathan and I are going to try a 3 Question Experiment with our family, and I would love for you to try it with me.



All you will need to participate in this experiment is the ability to ask three questions of your family every day: How did you glorify God today?

How did you enjoy God today? How did you see God today?

(You may notice that the first two questions were inspired <u>The Westminster Shorter Catechism</u> which begins:

- 1. What is the chief end of man?
- A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.)

To glorify without enjoying God is joyless, and smacks of legalism. To enjoy without glorifying God is selfish and rooted in entitlement. But to both glorify and enjoy God, is to live out one of the most beautiful images in scripture, that 'In God we live and move and have our being'; And to be able to see ourselves in the image of God, we often have to be able to see God around us – to see God in the very creation that we belong to. At the end of the day – that is what I want for my children. To see themselves as God sees them, to be woven with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, their identity as Beloved firmly secure.

So this summer, as we travel, and do laundry, and register for new schools, as we visit grandparents, and cook dinner, and spend too much time in front of screens, we are going to try this experiment and ask each other these three questions:

How did you glorify God today?

How did you enjoy God today?

How did you see God today?

And we are going to try to learn together, as a family, a little bit more about what it means to live and move and have our being in Gods great mercy, just as we are.

By Jerusalem Greer

# Celebrations

Rirth	idays	Anniversaries
7/2	Mike Gunter	John & Stephanie Vanderslice
7/2		7/02
7/3	•	Jerry & Peggy Price
7/3	Cullen Woods	7/03
7/4	Marcia Bernauer	David & Leah Darling
7/4	Martha Denson	7/04
7/9	Bill Tsutsui	Rodney & Jo Kilduff
7/11	Heather Wilson	7/05
7/12	Chris Knife	Jerry & Mary Southard
7/12	Gary Lee	7/10
7/13	Carl Purdy	Brooks & Becca Cato
7/15	Corey Readnour	7/24
7/19	Caroline Hanson	Kenneth & Susan Sobel
7/20	"B" Ashcraft	7/24
7/20	Dale Roger	Bret & Mary Etta Qualls
7/21	Eric Hutchinson	7/26
7/21	Rob Reid	
	Leroy Hendricks	
7/22	Julie McVey	

7/23 Karen McNutt
7/24 Louise Wilcox
7/27 Dunn Jones
7/28 Judy Adams
7/30 Ron McConnell

# Prayers of the People

#### **Sunday, July 5, 2015**

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Beth, Christina, Mary, Matthew & Samantha Brady, John, Linda & Brent Brainerd, Nita Brown, Eric, Sarah, Russell & Phillip Bryan, Sam & Tanya Buchanan, Lisa, Sarah, Braelynn, Carlyn & Hannah Buck.

We give thanks for Calvary Baptist Church and the Vedanta Society of Arkansas.

We give thanks for our Education for Ministries.

We give thanks for Oyo - (Ibadan, Nigeria) and The Rt. Rev. Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe. For Right Rev. Armando Guerra, Bishop of Guatemala and Primate of The Anglican Church of Central America. For those in bad health at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

#### Sunday, July 12, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give John, Kristina, Jay & Anna Grace Burford. Lisa Burks, Melissa & Chad Butler, Joshua Cambalik, Brooks & Rebecca Cato, Bob Chappell. We give thanks for Gospel Light Baptist Church and the Hillel Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for Journey into Silence.

We give thanks for Okigwe Peru - (South America) and The Rt. Rev. Dr Harold William Godfrey and for Suffragan Bishop of Peru - (South America) and The Rt. Rev. Michael Alexander Chapman. For World Peace.

#### **Sunday, July 19, 2015**

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for Alice Church. Ruth Clayton, B. Cockrell, George & Stacey Coleman, Jon, Karen, Miles Wiebe, Elliot Wiebe, Rhiannon Walker & Ian Collins. Woody & Cora Cummins.

We give thanks for Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the Baha'i Community in Conway.

We give thanks for our Library Workers.

We give thanks for Port Elizabeth - (Southern Africa) and The Rt. Rev. Nceba Nopece and for Pretoria - (Southern Africa) and The Rt. Rev. Dr Johannes Seoka. Rev. Pascuala Ventura. and St. John the Apostle, Chichicastenango (chee-chee-castin-ango).

### Sunday, July 26, 2015

The People of St. Peter's and visitors with us this Sunday. We give thanks for David, Teri, Emma & Wilson Daily, David, Leah & Kathryn Darling & Stewart & Mitchell Tice, Genie Davis, Jan Davis. Martha Denson, Stuart, Elissa, David, & Lilith Douglas, Ann Drake.

We give thanks for Hickory Hill Baptist Church and the Better Together Multifaith Initiative.

We give thanks for our Stewardship Committee.

We give thanks for Quebec - (Canada, Canada) and The Rt. Rev. Dennis Paul Drainville. Rev. Alberto Cuc. and St. Mary, Mother of God, Solola

# Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 5, 20	15		
Ministry Team	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
#1	Rite I	Enriching w/ Music	Rite II
Lectors	Nathan Greer	Jeff Ward	Berris Teague
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Greeters	Miles & Jerusalem	Kristina Ward	Shari Readnour
Crootoro	Greer	Dillon Leicht	Cooper Teague
Ushers	Wylie Greer	Wade & Walker Simpson	Claudia Wiltgen
OSHEIS	Wylle Green	Wade & Walker Olimpson	Warren Readnour
Oblationers		Kate Shute	Jaylee Garrett -Jones
Oblationers		Hallie Leicht	Elena Wiltgen
Eucharistic	Stacey Coleman	Nita Brown EM 1	Jim Fowler EM 1
Minister	Stacey Coleman	Sam Buchanan EM 2	Catherine Fortney EM 2
Eucharistic Visitor		Sam Buchanan Ewi Z	Nita Brown
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Nursery Volunteer		Tracy & Elise McGarrity	Tracy & Elise McGarrity
Vestry Counters			Karen McNutt
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Acolytes		AM: Kate Shute	AM: Kate Shute
		C: Madolyn Ward	C: Parker Teague
			T1B: Berris Teague
			T2: Cooper Teague
Altar Guild	Team 1		
Sunday, July 12, 2			1
Ministry Team	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
#2	Rite I	Enriching w/ Music	Rite II
Lectors	Douglas Young	Judy Helm	Jane Harris
			Leroy Hendricks
Greeters		Mary Essert	Tommy Trussell & Amanda
		Carolyn Scott	Moore
Ushers		Steve Eddy & John	Kelley King
		Phillips	Robert Wickser
Oblationers		Donna Bowman & Cady Murray	Marianne & Mack Welch
Eucharistic	Douglas Young	Erin Weindorf EM 1	Beth Brady EM 1
Minister	(Dee back-up)	Paul McCowan EM 2	Dan Allen EM 2
Eucharistic Visitor	-1.7		The Esserts
Nursery Volunteer		Sandra Hamilton	Sandra Hamilton
Vestry Counters			Warren Readnour
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Acolytes		AM: Beth Brady	AM: Beth Brady
,		C: Madeline Leicht	C: Katherine Spinks
		GB: Dillon Leicht	T1B: Riley Smoothers
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Altar Guild	Team 1	<u>_</u>	1 . 2. dayloo Garron Jorioo
Sunday, July 19, 2			
Ministry Team	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
#3	Rite I	Enriching w/ Music	Rite II
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Greeters	1		1

Ushers			
Oblationers			
Eucharistic	George Coleman	Steve Eddy EM 1	Jay Ruud EM 1
Minister		Judy Helm EM 2	Leigh Ann Warriner EM 2
Eucharistic Visitor			Rita Mackintosh
Nursery Volunteer		Stephanie Vanderslice	Stephanie Vanderslice
Vestry Counters			Jay Ruud
			Sylvia Walker
Acolytes		AM: Mike Moses	AM: Mike Moses
		C: Rachel or Harry Lance	C: Matthew Hrenchir,
			T1B: Miles Greer
			T2: Sarah Roger
Altar Guild	Team 1		
Sunday, July 26, 2			
Ministry Team	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
#4	Rite I	Enriching w/ Music	Rite II
Lectors			
Greeters			
Ushers			
Oblationers			
Eucharistic	Pam Holt	Tanya Buchanan EM 1	Kelly King EM 1
Minister		Wilson Daily EM 2	Ellen Stengel EM 2
Eucharistic Visitor			Dan Allen
Nursery Volunteer		Dinah Dudley	Dinah Dudley
Vestry Counters			Jay Ruud
			Dan Allen
Acolytes		AM: Jerusalem Greer	AM: Jerusalem Greer
		C: Elise McGarrity	C: Katherine Spinks
			T1B: Isabel Ruckle
			T2: Jerusalem Greer
Altar Guild	Team 1		

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church Financial Statement January 1 through June 30, 2015

#### **Income**

Support for Operations: \$156,134.96
Project and Program Income: \$71,124.44
Diocesan Grant Income: \$3099.98

Total Income: \$230,359.38

#### **Expense**

Personnel Expenses: \$102,820.10 Church Operating Expenses: \$63,698.15 Project and Program Expenses: \$79,701.55

Total Expenses: \$246,219.80

Overall Year-to-date Net Surplus/Deficit: \$15,860.42

#### St. Peter's Episoopal Church

#### Operating Income and Expenses - January 1 - May 31, 2016 (Cash Basis)

'	Jan - May 16			Budget \$ Over/Under Budget		•	
Income							•
Operating Income							
Cash Offering	ξ	1,998.25	ξ	2,083.35	-\$	85.10	Under budget
Pledges	\$	104,960.00	\$	115,318.35	-\$	10,358.35	Under budget
Non-Pledged	Ş	20,756.21	\$	21,666.65	-\$	910.44	Under budget
Altar Guild	Ş	401.00	Ş	541.65	-\$	140.65	Under budget
Diocese-College Ministry Dinner	Ş	2,583.31	\$	2,583.35	-\$	0.04	Under budget
Capital Campaign 2012 Funds for Operating	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	-	
Total Operating Income	\$	170,898.77	#	182,193.36	-\$	11,494.68	Under budget
							Income received is
Total Income	\$	170,698.77	\$	182,193.35	-\$	11,494.58	under our budget
Expenses							
Personnel Expenses							
Rector Salary and Benefits	Ş	44,978.15	Ş	45,219.60	\$	241.45	
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$	77,306.08	Ş	77,827.90	\$	521.82	
Miscellaneous Personnel Expenses	\$	1,122.20	\$	1,345.85	Ş	223.65	
Contract & Temporary Labor	Ş	1,733.36	Ş	1,875.00	\$	141.64	
Total Personnel Expenses	\$	126,139.79	#	126,268.36	*	1,128.68	
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Operating Expenses							
Arkansas Diocesan Commitment		16,900.02		16,666.65	-\$	233.37	Over budget
Accounting, Bank, Finance Charges	\$	73.47	\$	1,708.30	\$	1,634.83	
Advertising & Postage	Ş	1,279.10	Ş	1,562.50	\$	283.40	
Cleaning, Office, & Music Supplies; Computer/							
Software; Equip Rental/Lease	Ş	8,433.90	ş	8,875.00	\$	441.10	
Conferences, Conventions, Mtgs, Travel	Ş	1,398.38	\$	1,458.35	\$	59.97	
Dues & Memberships, Professional Expenses		719.99	Ş	312.50	-\$		Over budget
Incurance		4,997.69	\$	6,250.00	\$	1,252.31	
Seminarian Support	-	2,500.00	ş	3,020.85	\$	520.85	
Mortgage Principal & Interest		5,380.55	\$	4,980.80	-\$		Over budget
Utilities & Telecommunications		8,534.43	\$	6,925.00	-\$		Over budget
General Repairs & Maintenance (Includes contracts)		4,800.89	\$	5,010.40	\$	209.51	
After Guild		1,486.31	\$	1,666.65	\$	180.34	
Christian Education & Family Formation Miscellaneous Expenses	-	713.58	\$ \$	2,000.00	\$	1,286.42	Over budget
Total Operating Expenses	_	2,497.28	*	2,333.35	-\$		Over budget
Iotal Operating Expenses	*	69,716.69	*	82,770.35	*	3,064.78	
			_				Expenses are
Total Expenses	\$	184,855.38	2	189,038.70	\$	4,183.32	under our budget

Bills Currently Due (not yet paid nor included in expenses above)

 Due
 Vendor
 Amount Due

 May 31
 Diocese of Arkansas
 \$3333.34

 June 7
 Conway Corporation
 \$756.69

 June 7
 Conway Corporation
 \$272.02

INCOME \$ 170,698.77 EXPENSES \$ 184,855.38

OUR CURRENT DEFICIT IS -\$ 14,156.61



## St. Peter's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary May 31, 2015

**Attendees:** Teri Daily, Jeanetta Daily, Kelley King, Jay Ruud, Dan Allen, Jerusalem Greer, Sylvia Walker, Warren Readnour, John Shute, Kitson Roger, Karen McNutt, Jane Harris, Scotty Bell

Opening Prayer: Teri Daily

**Approval of Minutes from last meeting:** Dan made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Kelley seconded and all approved.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Courtyard Committee Report: Chris Odom could not be here today, and asked that we discuss this at next month's Vestry meeting.
- 2. Discernment Committee report for Nita Brown: Dan Allen. The unanimous result of the discernment committee is to send Nita forward and recommend her for seminary. The Vestry accepts the report of the discernment committee the committee's. The recommendation letter was signed by the Vestry and Vestry clerk.
- 3. Hannah Hooker's Endorsement for Candidacy: Candidacy is the last step before ordination for Hannah. She is starting her last year in seminary in the fall. Warren made a motion to endorse Hannah's candidacy; the motion was seconded and all approved.

#### **Committee and Ministry Reports**

- 1. Finance Committee: John Shute. Financial reports were distributed. An Overview Profit and Loss/Income and Expense spreadsheet was also distributed: this is a tool to communicate to the congregation where we are financially in terms of operating income and expenses. Projects and Programs were intentionally left off of this sheet because most of those are fully-funded. The only capital campaign income included in this report are the funds that were previously designated for operating for 2015. Financials through the end of May will be updated on the spreadsheet, and given out next Sunday, June 7th. Sylvia will present this information to the congregation next week. The Vestry discussed the information in the reports. Consolidated Capital Campaign: we have reached 86% of our goal. The challenge is converting CTV pledge payments into operating pledge payments. Jay made a motion to accept the financials. Dan seconded the motion and all approved.
- 2. Children, Youth, and Family Ministries: Jerusalem Greer. Today was the last Family Formation for the Summer. EYC is also done for the summer. Next up is summer camp, Missionpalooza, and acolyte training. VBS is in July, and we will be again partnering with First Presbyterian and First Christian Church.

#### Continuing Business

- 1. **Mother's Day Reception:** Thank you to the men of the Vestry for a wonderful reception!
- 2. **Father's Day Reception:** June 21 is Father's Day, which will be hosted by the women of the Vestry. Hot dogs and popcorn it'll be.
- 3. Storeroom Project: Sylvia Walker. Dale Walker will be making most of the storage units at home and then will move them in when they are finished. Sylvia plans on cleaning out the storeroom, starting this week.

#### Rector's Report

1. Long term planning committee: On the committee are: Sylvia Walker, Warren Readnour, John

Vanderslice, Jerry Adams—the last four senior wardens—as well as Jerusalem Greer and Teri Daily. The committee is working on long-term visioning for the congregation. Jason Alexander will be here in August to do some appreciative inquiry. It may be too much of a challenge to fund all programs through operating, but clear communication needs to be a priority.

- Coverage while at Sewanee: Merry Helen and Jerusalem will be available for pastoral issues/emergencies. Hap Hoffman will be back up priest, and here to celebrate on June 14th for all three services.
- 3. Vacation: June 21-29th

4. Vestry Retreat Date: October 2-3.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Karen McNutt. Last month was a productive month! Dale Walker fixed the range in the parish hall. Ric has worked on the roof over the education wing, which had a few leaks. Next project is updating the playground. The lights in the sanctuary have all been fixed, as well as the broken tiles in the hallway. Teri asked if we have termite protection over at the Morgan House, and Kitson will check on that. Teri also asked if the handicap ramp over at the Morgan House is treated wood, or does it need to be sealed. Karen said she'd check on that.

Senior Warden's Report: Sylvia Walker. No official report this month.

**Worship** 

Next meeting: June 28th at 4:30 pm

# Ministry Directory

### **Worship Services**

Acolytes Jerusalem Greer, Wilson Daily, & Mike Moses

Altar Guild Dinah Reed

Wedding Consultants Donna Hutchinson & Pam Neuhofel

Eucharistic Ministers Jerusalem Greer, Mike Moses

Newcomers Karen McNutt & Kristi Epps

## **Ministry Team Leaders**

Team 1 Jeff Ward

Team 2 Kelley King

Team 3 Jerry Adams

Team 4 Jerusalem Greer

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 & John Vanderslice

Preschool Erika Windsor

JEYC & EYC Jerusalem Green

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 Marilyn Rishkofski

#### 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

# St. Peter's Staff

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Deacon

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Minister to Children, Youth and Families

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