

Peter's Pence

July 2017



*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.*

THE REV. TERI DAILY'S LETTER

Dear St. Peter's,

I can hardly believe that I wrote my first Peter's Pence letter nine years ago. In some ways, it seems like yesterday. In other ways, it seems like a lifetime ago and I feel like a different person.

In truth, I HAVE changed. Through day to day life with all of you, I have learned so much. Your grace, kindness, and love have helped shaped me into the person I am; our shared ministry has molded me into the priest I've become. I don't have the words to express the gratitude and affection I have for St. Peter's. You have welcomed Dave, Emma, Wilson, and me into this congregation; you have made room for us in your midst. And that means that not only have I changed over the past nine years, but St. Peter's has also changed.



Radical hospitality is one of the greatest gifts that St. Peter's possesses, and welcoming communities like ours are not defined by sharp boundaries that mark who is "in" and who is "out." We define ourselves, instead, by putting Christ at the center and allowing our borders to be a little fuzzy. This means that the identity of any welcoming community will shift and change over time. As we embrace those around us and the stranger in our midst, our identity will inevitably be challenged and revised. In *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, Scott Bader-Saye describes it this way: "It seems to me that in order to avoid the dangers of being a community defined by exclusion, we have to be willing to have an identity that is always being discovered, negotiated, reinterpreted, and through Christ ever again received as a gift" (108). If we are to be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit at work in and through others, then we must be open to change.

But two emotions that work against just such openness are anxiety and fear, and these two emotions are often

present during times of transition. When we become anxious or fearful about the future, it is all too easy for our hearts to constrict and our arms to become a little less open.

My hope for St. Peter's and for myself during the coming months is that we will each not be overtaken by the anxiety of transition, but will remember that we are held safe in God's hands. I am confident in this community's ability to do just that, for I remember the welcome we received nine years ago.

May you embrace Bob and Jill, Linda and Leigh, your new rector when he or she comes, and the many people in Conway who long to experience the good news of God's all-embracing love with the same radical hospitality you have shown to us. Amid all the changes life and time may bring, may your spirit of inclusive love never change.

God's peace to each of you,
Teri

THE REV. LINDA BROWN'S LETTER

Reverend Dr. Linda G. Brown

Linda served in public education as a teacher, counselor, and administrator for forty years. She has a Masters degree in Secondary School Counseling and an Ed. D in School Administration. She felt the call of God to serve as an ordained Deacon and after a discernment period, was enrolled in the Arkansas Diocese's formation program for priests and deacons, Iona. Linda graduated from the three-year seminary experience this past June and was ordained into Holy Orders of the Diaconate on June 15, 2017.



The Bishop assigned Linda to St. Peter's as her field church for the past three years. After Ordination in June, she has been assigned as Deacon for St. Peter's to be here during the transition period of obtaining a new Rector.

Peggy, St. Peter's Deacon, and Linda have shared seminary experience together, and so she is thrilled to serve again with Bob Brown and Peggy in ministering to the wonderful parishioners of St. Peter's.

Linda has been an active member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral for forty-six years. Linda and her wife, Leigh Cole, have a home in Roland (close to Pinnacle Mountain). She has one son and daughter-in-law and new grandson, Nelson, who live and work in Denver.

Linda can be contacted through linda.brown@stpetersconway.com or C. 501-590-0631

CALENDAR

Reserving Facilities for Use

It's important to note that St. Peter's is a busy place! All room reservations must go through the Parish Administrator, John Churchwell, for approval and be posted on the church calendar. When reserving a room, you will need to take into mind the amount of time it will take to set up or clean up after your event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office or email John at john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com.

Church Calendar Links

St. Peter's Church Calendar

<http://stpetersconway.org/about-us-2/calendar/>

Morgan House Calendar

<http://stpetersconway.org/outreach/the-morgan-house/>

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Laying the Foundation

Lay the Foundation is our two-year campaign to fund ministries, programs, and staff this year and next year beyond what we could accomplish with our annual stewardship campaign. The funds are needed to continue what we started with our Catch the Vision campaign. We had about \$180,000 pledged to our two-year campaign, and we have collected over \$60,000. Thank you for making your pledge payments. It is important to stay current or even ahead of schedule on your payments. Please contact Mike King if you have questions about your pledge amount or want to make a new/additional pledge. Laying the Foundation is intended to complement our annual stewardship campaign, which will soon be starting.

Contributed Support	Jun-17	Year to Date
Cash Offering	\$ 389.00	\$ 2,683.28
Pledged Operating Contributions	\$ 21,775.00	\$ 162,803.36
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$ 4,395.00	\$ 27,927.17
Laying the Foundation Funds Used	\$ 19,937.38	\$ 40,753.53
Diocesan Grants for College Dinners	\$ 533.33	\$ 3,199.98
Total Operating Income	\$ 47,029.71	\$ 237,367.32
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 41,420.02	\$ 215,746.86
Difference	\$ 5,609.69	\$ 21,620.46
Laying the Foundation 2017 Contributions	\$ 4,642.00	\$ 48,803.00

JERUSALEM GREER'S NOTE

Gather Listen Do Go - A Simple Pattern for Living Faith All Week Long

By Jerusalem Greer

Sometimes it can be overwhelming to think about how to incorporate faith into our already busy home practices, especially in the summer when all our routines are thrown off and the schedule changes almost daily.

But never fear. There is hope! And believe it or not, there is a tool that everyone can use, quietly embedded into our Sunday morning worship practices.

This tool is called the **Gather Listen Do Go** pattern.

On Sunday mornings we begin by *Gathering Together in One Accord* (this is when we sing and pray at the opening of the service.)

Next we *Listen to what the Spirit is Saying* through scripture readings, sermons, and stories.

Then we respond to what we have heard, by *Doing All Things as Unto Christ*, including reciting the Creeds, praying for the needs of the world and our community, confessing what we have done and left undone, and coming around the table to participate in the breaking of the bread together.

And finally, propelled by the good news and love of Christ we *Go Into the World to Love and Serve* in our community and in the world.

"Neato!" You say, "But how can this help us?"

Well, that is where weFaith comes in.

weFaith is a bi-weekly e-newsletter that we send out to our families, that includes four easy to do faith activities. Each newsletter contains:

A way to GATHER together through prayer or song.

A way to LISTEN to others through storytelling (podcast, movies, videos).

A way to DO something in response to the storytelling through crafts, activities, and games.

A way to GO into the world to love and serve through service project ideas.

Here are examples of our first newsletter:

GATHER: A DINNER PRAYER PRINTABLE



Teaching our kids to pray in unison, with others, is important because it is part of our cooperate worship experience as Episcopalians. But learning to read along out-loud requires practice - especially for new readers. Here is a lovely and easy prayer that you can print out (one for each family member) and use at dinner time. To print simply [CLICK HERE](#).

Not going to be around a table this week? That's okay! Take a screen capture with your phone and use it in the car, at the soccer field, around the campfire...

A way to Gather using dinnertime prayer printable -

<http://gaelstreasures.blogspot.com/2013/04/chalkboard-printable.html>

LISTEN: TO BE A CHEERLEADER

From A Little Happier.. With Gretchen Rubin

"My father gave me some wise advice when he told me, " As a parent, at some point, you have to switch from advisor to cheerleader."



What does it mean to cheer instead of guide? As a parent, as a friend? **Listen to this tiny podcast on the go** and then discuss!

[LISTEN HERE](#)

A way to Listen through a podcast (a great activity for a car ride!)
http://gretchenrubin.com/happiness_project/2017/05/little-happier-parenting/

DO: THE KINDNESS ROCK PROJECT



How to LIVE this:

- Watch the video
- Go outside and gather rocks (or buy a bag or two at the dollar store.)
- Paint rocks with kind and encouraging words, images and cheers.
- Keep the rocks in your car and leave them all around town, placed them in locations where people might need a little cheering on!
- Join in the rock painting at 10 am on Sunday Mornings in the EYC room.

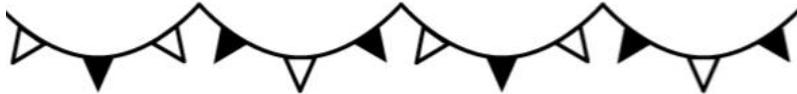
A way to DO through watching and learning from a YouTube video -
https://youtu.be/e_iBnQ19Yhs

GO: CREATION CARE

Volunteers
don't necessarily have the time.
They have the **heart**

Community Needs

[ArkanPaws](#) - Our very own Dani Maddox is in need of Kennel Volunteers and Dog Walkers for her non-profit. Check in on their [Facebook Page](#) for more info on how you can help this week!



A way to Go by serving with a local animal rescue organization.

weFaith is a newsletter that we send to our families, but the pattern and the principles can be used by any family.

I know all of our lives are so very busy, but I think everyone can ten minutes to carve out in a little room to think about how they can begin using the **Gather Listen Do Go** pattern at home, on the go, and out in the world. All you need is a little intentionality and maybe some quick Pinterest searching, and you will be pleasantly surprised to find out just how easy it is to take your faith experience from something you "do" on Sunday's, to something you live all week -and all summer - long!

Just remember to look for the following opportunities and you will be golden!

A way to Gather together in prayer or song or gratefulness.

A way to Listen to a something sparks conversations.

A way to DO something together in response to that conversation in the spirit of Christ love.

A way you can GO into the world, leaving it a little better than you found it.

VESTRY MINUTES

Vestry Minutes, May 21 2017

Members present: Teri Daily, Peggy Cromwell, Jerusalem Greer, Karen McNutt, Chris Odom, Jane Harris, Mike King, Tracy Simpson, Dan Allen, Sam Buchanan, Christy Garrett-Jones, Marilyn Larson, Kelley King.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by the Rev Teri Daily.

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Jane Harris, second by Marilyn Larson, all approved.

The Finance committee report was given by Mike King. Discussion included concern regarding the "June Swoon", when attendance and contributions drop off during the summer months. Announcements will be made on Pentecost Sunday to ask parishioners to remember their offering during the summer months, and suggest signing up for automatic bank draft. Karen McNutt will announce at 0730, Dan Allen will announce at 0900, and Chris Odom will make the announcement at the 1100 service on Sunday, June 4th. A motion was made to accept the financial report by Dan Allen, second by Karen McNutt. All approved.

Jerusalem Greer gave the Family Ministries report. Upcoming events include Ascension Day celebration and

service at the Greers' farm; The Pride Parade is on June 4th, and Rebecca Billy will coordinate the volunteers; information is still being gathered RE the playground.

The Junior Warden report was given by Chris Odom. There is a leak in the parish hall, and we are looking into an insurance claim for this repair. Alan Ostner has been contacted re the Columbarium landscaping. Other items include standing water in the EYC room, and that we are unable to use a NEST type thermostat for temperature control (but other options are being looked into).

The Rector's report was given by Teri Daily. Items include the Father's Day Brunch which will be June 18th, and will be coordinated by Karen McNutt and Tracy Simpson; Linda Brown will be ordained on June 15th at Trinity Cathedral. Teri gave her resignation to the vestry, her last day being July 16th. The vestry and/or the senior warden will meet with Jason Alexander this week, to discuss compensation for Teri and the interim priest.

Karen McNutt had no new business for the Senior Warden report.
The next meeting will be held June 25th at 4:30.

The counters until the next meeting:

May 28th - Christy Garrett-Jones and Jane Harris

June 4th - Marilyn Larson and Karen McNutt

June 11th - Sam Buchanan and Tracy Simpson

June 18th - Chris Odom and Dan Allen

June 25th - Christy Garrett-Jones and Sam Buchanan

The meeting adjourned with prayer

FOOD PANTRY

Date: 6/30/17

Month/Year Reported: June 2017

	Returning	New	Total
Households	121	18	139
Adults 60+	46	3	49
Adults 18-59	211	32	243
Children 0-17	169	30	199

Our food pantry received a donation of 300 boxes of cereal this month from Central Baptist Church! That's a whole lot of cereal people! Thank you to CBC for thinking of us while distributing those boxes to pantries in our community and an even bigger thank you to the amazing people who came together to load and unload it all into our pantry.

The pantry has been a little quieter this summer than in past summers. We are still serving families in need, but not at the numbers we have in the past. I hope that means more families are coming up on better times. Even though our numbers may be lower, we still need you to keep us in mind when grocery shopping or thinking of causes to donate to. Your generous giving is what allows us to open the doors each Saturday...that and the wonderful group of volunteers we have!

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 cdjones1976@yahoo.com. Donations can be dropped off at the church, mailed to St. Peter's Episcopal Church 925 Mitchell Street, Conway, AR 72034, or you can place them in the offering plate during Sunday service. Thank you for your generous donations to the pantry.

Peace be with you,
Christy Garrett-Jones

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

Mike Gunter	7/2
Wade Simpson	7/2
Sarah Gunter	7/3
Cullen Woods	7/3
Marcia Bernauer	7/4
Marhta Denson	7/4
Paul McCowan	7/6
Savannah Wirtz	7/7
Jerra Linn	7/8
Tony Hodge	7/9
Bill Tsutsui	7/9
Chris Knife	7/12
Gary Lee	7/12
Carl Purdy	7/13
Corey Readnour	7/15
Charlie Schmieder	7/16
Judy Adams	7/17
Caroline Hansen	7/19
Miles Greer	7/20
Dale Roger	7/20
Eric Hutchinson	7/21
Rob Reid	7/21
LeRoy Hendricks	7/22
Julie McVey	7/22
Karen McNutt	7/23
Dakota Blackmon	7/24
Louise Wilcox	7/24
Dunn Jones	7/27
John Churchwell	7/30
Ron McConnell	7/30

July Anniversaries

Vanderslice, John and Stephanie	7/2
Darling, David and Leah	7/4
Southard, Jerry and Mary	7/10
Cato, Brooks and Rebecca	7/24
Sobel, Kenneth and Susan	7/24
Qualls, Bret and Mary Etta	7/26

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

July 2, 2017

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Jeanie Vanderbeek; John, Stephanie, Will and Jackson Vanderslice; Deloris Wade; Dale and Sylvia Walker; Tripp, Kim and Thomas Walter; Chris, Elizabeth, Christopher and Lauryn Walters; Jeffrey, Kristina, Madolyn and Charlotte Ward;

We give thanks for Harvest Church of the Nazarene.

We give thanks for Congregation Agudath Achim.

We give thanks for our Eucharistic Ministers.

We give thanks the Rev. Miguel Salanic & James of Jerusalem in Chimaltenango (chee-malt-in-ango) and St. Andrew's in St. Andrew's Itzapa (it-zap-a).

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Festus Davies and The Rt Revd Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku, Diocese of Nigeria.

We give thanks for Vacation Bible School at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

July 9, 2017

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Ted, Leigh Ann, Sophia Allison and Steven Warriner; Deana Weindorf; Erin Weindorf; Marianne Black, Maggie, Molly and their families; Pansy Westrich; Leo and Katrina Wilcox; Louise Wilcox; Michael, Rebekah, Liam and Jocelyn Wilkins

We give thanks for the Family Bible Church.

We give thanks for the Islamic Center of Little Rock.

We give thanks for our Morgan House.

We give thanks for The Right Rev. Armando Guerra, Bishop of Guatemala and Primate of The Anglican Church of Central America.).

We give thanks for The Rt Revd David Eisho Uehara, Okinawa, Japan.

We give thanks for Children's Choir Camp at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

July 16, 2017

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Joe, Heather and Penny Wilson; Susanne, Jim, John, Elena and Claudia Wiltgen; Kelly, Stephany, Savannah, and Jackson Wirtz; Jeff, Andrea, Abigail and Cullen Woods;

Douglas Young; Steven Zeltmann; Nathan Ziegler

We give thanks for The Church of Christ at Prince Street.

We give thanks for Vedanta Society of Arkansas.

We give thanks for our time with Teri Daily.

We give thanks for Rev. Pascuala Ventura. and St. John the Apostle, Chichicastenango (chee-chee-castin-ango)

We give thanks for The Rt Revd George Lindsey Russell Bruce, Ontario, Canada and The Rt Revd Michael Oulton Coadjutor Bishop, Ontario, Canada.

We give thanks for Vacation Bible School at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

July 23, 2017

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Jerry and Madelyn Adams; Judy Adams; Dan and Nancy Allen; Aly and Emile Antoine; Pierre and Kim Antoine; Joe and Diane Arn; Kent Ballew and Dave Campbell; Flo Barton; Hollis Barton; Kat and Abraham Baxter.

We give thanks for the Second Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Hillel Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our Discretionary Fund.

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Humphery Olumakaiye Osun, North East, Ibadan, Nigeria.

We give thanks for the Climate Action Team at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

July 30, 2017

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Adam, Alys and Adam Bell; David, Lisa, Brian, and Ashton Bell; Phillip, Annette, Drew, Jeff, and Luke Bell; Scotty and Debbie Bell; Stewart Bell; David Benedict and Carey; Marcia Bernauer; Rebecca and Billy Aidan.

We give thanks for Lifesong Baptist Church.

We give thanks for The Baha'i Community in Conway.

We give thanks for our Wedding Planners.

We give thanks the Rev. Roberto Armas and St. Mark's, Quetzaltenango (ketz-al-ten-ango).

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Daniel Gutierrez, The Diocese of Pennsylvania and The Rt Revd Dorsey W M McConnell, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

We give thanks for Sacred Conversations about Race at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Worship Services

Acolytes: Jerusalem Greer

Altar Guild: Dinah Reed

Wedding Consultants: Donna Hutchinson & Genie Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerusalem Greer, Mike Moses

Ministry Team Leaders:

Team 1 Jeff Ward

Team 2 Johnie Phillips and Steve Eddy

Team 3 Jerry Adams

Team 4 Nancy Thompson

Adult & Handbell Choir: Patty Oeste

Library: Mary Ferguson and Sarah Bryan

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education:

Steve Zeltmann, Rita Macintosh, Judy Helm, and Kevin Mequet

Family Formation: Jerusalem Greer

EKC & EYC: Jerusalem Greer

Servant Leadership School: Carolyn Scott

Education for Ministry:

Jane Harris, Emily Madden, Kathryn Spinks

The Fledglings: A Writing Group: Liz Larson & Stephanie Vanderslice

Bible Study: Joe Arn

Outreach

Parish Needs and Concerns: Pansy Westrich

Foyers: Dee Sanders

Bethlehem House: Tracey Simpson

Food Pantry: Christy Garrett-Jones and Sylvia Walker

Canterbury College Ministries

The Rev. Peggy Cromwell

College Dinners: Madison Dealing, Annika Warrick, Kate Shute

Card Ministry: Mary Ferguson & Donna Hutchinson

Eucharistic Visitors: Rita Macintosh

Website Upkeep: John Churchwell

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