

Peter's Pence

June 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

June 2017

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

Next week we will once again move into the time known in our liturgical calendar as the Season after Pentecost. Our vestments and hangings will go back to green, reflecting the other name we give to this time in the liturgical year, "the growing season." For the Church, this entire season is a period of continuous growth, a time when we reflect on what it means to live into the gift of the Spirit we received at Pentecost and to live through that gift as a partner in the glorious dance known as the Trinity. It's a time to reflect on the difference our faith makes in our own lives and in the life of the world. The Season after Pentecost may also be known as "ordinary time," but there's really nothing *ordinary* about it.



Maybe that incongruence between name and reality serves as a reminder to us, for it's precisely in what we consider the ordinariness of life that God's grace meets us - in a loaf of bread, a sip of wine, hands laid on our heads, a smear of oil, and a group of sinful, loving people who meet on Sundays to remember who they are and then scatter to remind the world who it is as well. God's grace can find us in the smile of a neighbor, the majesty of a storm, the silence of midnight, the anxiety of a financial discussion, and the intimacy of a meal shared with friends. The truth is that once we've glimpsed the love and grace of God, *nothing* in this world is ordinary. Barbara Brown Taylor puts it beautifully:

Human beings may separate things into as many piles as we wish-separating spirit from flesh, sacred from secular, church from world. But we should not be surprised when God does not recognize the distinction we make between the two. Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars.^[1]

According to Barbara Brown Taylor, each place in which we find ourselves has the potential to be an altar, for the Spirit is quite generous and indiscriminate about where it lands.

So, in the Season After Pentecost, here are some questions for reflection: How can the seemingly *ordinary* gifts we've been given become the vehicle for God's *extraordinary* love? How can the complicated mixture of our lives and the life of this congregation bear witness to what is sacred, naming the sacred found both within and outside our doors?

Much peace,
Teri

[1] Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*. New York: HarperOne, 2009, 15.

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

Due to the numerous events that are occurring at St. Peter's, May's calendar is better viewed by clicking on the links below. Some days, for instance December 7, has a "+2" at the bottom of the day. Click on the "+2" to view the whole day's events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email John Churchwell, 501-329-8174, john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com.

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

Laying 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	April-May	Year to Date
Cash Offering	\$1,179.12	\$2,294.28
Pledged Operating Contributions	\$43,500.00	\$140,928.36
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$10,298.00	\$23,529.17
Laying the Foundation Funds Used	\$14,066.14	\$20,816.14
Diocesan Grants for College Dinners	\$1,066.66	\$2,666.65
Total Operating Income	\$70,109.92	\$190,234.60
Total Operating Expenses	\$70,794.96	\$190,773.51
Difference	(\$685.04)	(\$538.91)
Laying the Foundation 2017 Contributions	\$6,289.00	\$44,101.00

JERUSALEM GREER'S NOTE

FAMILY MINISTRY FIELD NOTES: HARNESS THE TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD THIS SUMMER

This summer find ways of harnessing your kids (and your) love of technology for good!

Idea One: Phones and Chores -

I have bigger kids. Kids with phones. Kids who need those phones because they stay home a majority of the summer. Kids who catch rides with friends to the movies while I am work. Kids who are sometimes still asleep when I leave for work. Kids who are old enough to do chores. But like a lot of kids, they are not great at time management. Or at noticing all the things around the house that need to be done. They are easily sucked into the vortex of screens - big, medium, palm size.

And even though I understand this, it is no less frustrating to come home, after a long day at work, to cranky zombie-esque teenagers, and a house that looks like a tornado came through.

So here is our 4 step solution to coming home to a clean house, zombie-free house using technology.

1. Text a list of chores to your kids each morning. (You know they see their phones, so no "I couldn't find/the dog ate it/brother lost it" excuses.)
2. Make sure to give a time-specific deadline that is at least 1 hour before you will return home from work or 1 hour before their friends are to pick them up for an outing/they want to walk to the park etc.
3. Have them text you a photo or video of EACH completed chore. Use Facetime or Skype if you need to ask questions or see in more detail (for instance if they have to clean a whole room you might want a live tour.)
4. Have a consequence in place if they do not meet the time deadline. (Ours is no media until the next day.)

This plan worked really well for us last summer, and I intend on keeping it up again this year! By sending me the pictures I can see what they have or haven't done (hey kid, cleaning your room includes making the bed!) By having the deadline earlier than my arrival home, I am guaranteed to walk into a clean house instead of kids frantically running around and yelling at each other, trying to get it done before I walk through the door or worse, kids who look up from the screen all glassy-eyed and say "I was just about to do that...jeez Mom!"

Idea 2:

Observe a Daily Media-Free Sabbath. Try putting all your phones and iPads and Xbox remotes in a bin or a drawer from 6-9 pm each weeknight. Spend time together delighting in what is good - in the garden, in the pool, on walks, while making dinner, folding laundry, or playing board games. See if once a day you can be together completely uninterrupted by the soft glow of a mini-screen.

Idea 3: Time Travel.

Over the past few summers we have begun a tradition of watching vintage Movies and Television shows as family. While we have a no-screen policy in the evenings overall, we occasionally break it by forcing our kids to watch classics (that they moan about and then they love.)

Last summer I had a total nostalgic trip with retro-television, watching the sort of shows I watched during the summer at my grandparents (who had cable!) during my long visits. *Bewitched, I Dream of Jeannie, The Brady Bunch...* They all take me back to summers filled with cold glasses of Tang, boxes of Vanilla Wafers, and lazy afternoons when my greatest concern was what I would wear to VBS the next day.

This summer we will be tackling the dancing skills of Kelly and Astaire, and throwing in some *The Music Man* for the 4th of July.

Sharing classic television and movies with our kids has been a fun way to connect our childhoods to theirs, to tell stories of our growing up years, and to enjoy "the good ol' days" of summer again.

Happy Summer!

Jerusalem Greer, Minister to Children, Youth, and Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The Episcopal Way: Exploring Our Faith

This new Sunday School class meets in the Parish Hall Chapel each Sunday at 10 am. We will be using the *Church's Teachings for a Changing World* series as a springboard to explore how we understand, articulate, and live our faith as Episcopalians in a changing world. The class will be facilitated by Teri Daily, Peggy Cromwell, Carolyn Scott, and Stephanie Gray. If you are interested in taking part in class, contact Teri Daily. Or just come!

The Episcopal Way

Church's
Teachings
for a
Changing
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VOLUME 1



Wednesday Noon Book Study

Wednesday Noon Book Study will start on January 4, 2017. We will read Richard Rohr's, *The Divine Dance*. Bring your lunch and read the Introduction and Forward to discuss.

Morning Prayer

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for Morning Prayer at 7 am in the Side Chapel, led by The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

Afternoon Bible Study - Mondays

Join us in the library on Mondays at 12:15pm.

Labyrinth Walk Submission Deadline

The deadline to submit any information for the Labyrinth Walk, and for the bulletin, is Tuesday at 2:00pm. Please email any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized to John Churchwell at john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com.

VESTRY MINUTES

Vestry Meeting for April 30th, 2017

Members present: Teri Daily, Jane Harris, Jerusalem Greer, John Churchwell, LeighAnn Warriner, Tracy Simpson, Sam Buchanan, Chris Odom, Mike King, Dan Allen, Marilyn Larson, John Shute, Kelley King

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

The Finance committee report was given by John Shute and Mike King.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Leigh Ann Warriner, second by Marilyn Larson. All approved.

A recommendation for mortgage refinancing was made by John Shute, discussion ensued. A motion was made by Sam Buchanan to refinance the real estate loan, before the Fed increases the rate. Second by Chris Odom, all in favor, none opposed.

The family ministries report was given by Jerusalem Greer. The Acolyte Olympics was recently celebrated in Little Rock; graduation is coming up in two weeks; Ascension Day will be celebrated at the Greer's home on May 25th, and will include kite flying. The playground equipment continues to deteriorate, and the ground needs to be re-graded. Jerusalem will research/gather information on costs/types of playground equipment to present at the next vestry meeting. Jerusalem's book is about to be released, and she thanked everyone for their continued support during this time.

The Junior Warden's report was given by Chris Odom. Four HVAC units in the nave have been replaced, but we are having difficulty keeping consistent settings between all thermostats. There was discussion regarding programable thermostats, particularly in the sanctuary and in the Morgan House. John Churchwell will gather information. The lights above the altar were changed out. There was discussion regarding the Columbarium and the Grounds in general, and what to do about the flooding with rain. Chris will contact Alan Osner, the landscaping architect, regarding the price of grading the Columbarium and the playground. Jerusalem volunteered to gather information regarding vertical niches for the columbarium and to coordinate a plan for improving the courtyard to prevent flooding.

The Senior Warden report was given by Karen McNutt. Karen offered thanks to Chris Odom and John Churchwell for all their help; to the vestry for providing soup for the soup supper; to everyone for help during Holy Week, especially the staff of St Peter's; and to Leigh Ann for coordinating and preparing the church lunch on Easter.

The Rector's Report was given by Teri Daily. Teri reported that the Holy Week service attendance was up; the Mother's Day celebration will be coordinated by the men of the vestry; John Musser will graduate in May, but we do not know his first placement after seminary. Micah Miller is in her second year of seminary, and will be here this summer. Linda Brown's ordination as a Deacon will be on June 15 at Trinity Cathedral. The Rector will take time off this summer, but will not attend school at Sewanee. Stephanie Gray has volunteered to help with our church website.

Next Meeting will be May 21st at 3pm

The meeting adjourned after prayer.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Monthly Report

Date: 5/30/17	Month/Year Reported: May 2017		
	Returning	New	Total
Households	101	14	115
Adults 60+	38	10	48
Adults 18-59	185	20	205
Children 0-17	135	19	154

I thought this month might be a good time to remind everyone of the process the pantry has in getting food for our clients and what all we are able to give to them. The following items are included in every bag given out each Saturday:

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| (1) Box or bag of cereal | (1) Can of green beans |
| (1) Can of spaghetti sauce | (1) Can of corn |
| (1) Box or bag of pasta | (1) Box of mac-n-cheese |
| (1) Can of tuna | (1) Package of Ramen Noodles |
| (1) Boxed dinner | (1) Can of either soup, beans, fruit or other vegetable (if available) |
| (1) Package of meat | |

Most of these items are purchased from the Arkansas Food Bank (AFB) at a discounted price. Lynn and Pam Neuhofel make trips once or twice a month in order to get as much food as their truck or trailer can hold. In order for us to be able to utilize the AFB and receive the lower prices, our pantry is required to keep records of the age and number of people we serve so I can submit reports to AFB each month. We must pass an annual food pantry inspection in order to continue serving our clients, which consists of providing proof that we are keeping the required records to support the numbers we submit each month, proof that we have a pest control contract, proof that our refrigerators and freezers maintain the proper temperature, that our pantry is clean and sanitary, etc.

On weeks that we do not pick up from the AFB, Richard Boosey and Norma Smothers, pick up these items from Walmart Neighborhood Market. Many times these orders are quite large, as I do weekly inventory and order enough food to last the pantry 2 or 3 weeks at a time. If you ever see them or the Neuhofel's unloading the food into the pantry,

I'm sure they would welcome some extra hands!

Our pantry is doing great things and our volunteers make that happen! We are always in need of more volunteers in the pantry on Saturdays.

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

Birthdays

Matthew Brady	6/2
Christy Garrett-Jones	6/2
Beth Knife	6/2
Genie Davis	6/5
Erik Jensen	6/5
Tully Caddel	6/8
Ruth Clayton	6/8
Donna Haller	6/8
Jennifer Hodge	6/8
Janssen Weidower	6/8
Claire Losardo	6/10
Wolfgang Oeste	6/10
John Shute	6/10
John Robert Shute	6/10
Bob Sanders	6/11
Madison Weidower	6/11
Katie Larson	6/13
Roger Taylor	6/13
Bob Essert	6/15
Susannah Stengel	6/15
Nancy Thompson	6/15
John Burford	6/16
Teri Daily	6/16
Kelly Wirtz	6/17
Ashley Gillam	6/22
Kelley King	6/22
Nick Toal	6/24
Diana Dudley	6/27
Marilyn Larson	6/27
Joe Arn	6/28
Kim Herrington	6/28
Josh Leicht	6/29
Sarah Garrett-Jones	6/30

Anniversaries

Mcdermott, Cecil & Nelda	6/4
Daily, David & Teri	6/7
Arn, Joe & Diana	6/9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

June 4, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Sandy Simpson; Scott, Tracy, Walker, and Wade Simpson; Krystle Singh, Cassidy Knowles; Chris Smith; Wesley Smith; Norma Smothers; Will, Toni, Madison and Riley Smothers; Kenneth, Susan, and Harper Sobel; Jerry and Mary Southard.

We give thanks for Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

We give thanks for The Lubavitch Center for Jewish Learning.

We give thanks for our Eucharistic Visitors.

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

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Michael Herenz, and the church in North India.

We give thanks for Planned Giving Program at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

June 11, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Jonathan Spinks; Kathryn Spinks; Suzanne Sprague; Susan Standridge; Wayne, Ellen, Adam, and Susannah Stengel; Debbie Steward; Jayme, David and Andrew Stone; Els and Tom Strickland; Scott, Jeannie, Jack, Britt, and Sam Stroth.

We give thanks for the First Baptist Church.

We give thanks for Muslim Student Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our Food Pantry volunteers.

We give thanks for The Rev. Jose Morales P. & St. Matthew's, Chuguexa (choo-yakes-ah).

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Barry Beisner, Diocese of Northern California.

We give thanks for the Day of Care for Caregivers at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

June 18, 2017

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

We give thanks for: James Stroud; Mark Sullivan, Dawn Marie Sullivan, Laura and Lillian Sullivan; William Swartz; Brad, Gina, Parker, Berris, Cooper, and Hutson Teague; Taylor Tennison; Joshua Terry, Courtney Collins-Terry.

We give thanks for First United Methodist Church.

We give thanks for Ecumenical Buddhist Society of Little Rock.

We give thanks for our Camp Mitchell summer camps for kids.

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Greg Anderson, Diocese of the Northern Territory, Queensland, Australia.

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike, and the church in Nigeria.

We give thanks for Education for Ministry at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

June 25, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Truitt, Nancy, Katie, Dustin, Ace and Catherine Thompson; Rita and Nick Toal; Tommy Trussell and Amanda Moore; Bill Tsutsui and Marjorie Swan; Charles Tyrone; Kathleen and Henrey Van Lierop, Kate Marie Shute, John Shute, Sean Van Lierop and Connor Van Lierop.

We give thanks for the Brumley Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Conway Islamic Center.

We give thanks for our Vestry.

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Stephen Kabora, and The Rt Revd Jacob Lesuuda, both of the Diocese of Kenya.

We give thanks for the Evensong and Tailgating 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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