

Peter's Pence

May 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

From the archives... This article appeared in the May edition of Peter's Pence for 2015.

Dear St. Peter's,

The month of May blossoms with all the new beginnings of spring - colorful flowers dot the roadsides, the brown carpet of our lawns become bright green, and there's excitement as we look forward to the vacations and school breaks that summer brings. But May is also a time full of endings - final school concerts, final exams, graduations, and preparations for moving. This time of year is a transition, a letting go and a reaching out toward something new. The two necessarily go together; we inevitably find ourselves always in the middle, hands open both behind and in front of us.

I think it's fitting that we always enter the month of May while we're in the season of Easter. It's a season that honors this time in our lives, both the deaths and the resurrections. I think we need to pay attention to both, to the feelings each one brings us. Let's be honest: change can feel like a death in some way. It can be frightening, full of uncertainty, and riddled with nostalgia. We can see what we're leaving behind, but the path in front of us isn't so crystal clear. Often we experience the ambivalence the women must have felt standing before the empty tomb - loss mixed with expectation.

Actually, every moment of our life is lived in this mixture. Time is, in fact, always a letting go and a reaching towards that next moment which always comes to us a gift. Every minute is inherently a practice of faith, a prayer to the God who holds all our beginnings and all our ends in God's hand.

As we begin our journey through May, I offer below some prayers and thoughts on transitions in our lives.

Peace,
Teri



A Prayer for Times of Change

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new" and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

--By the Rev. Linda C. Smith-Criddle

With God's Help

With God's help, I shall not fear change.

Some changes will cause great pain; others will bring joy. Some will pass by barely noticed; others will alter the deepest part of my being. I will bring about many changes myself; but changes I experience will also be brought about by others around me, and I will be the tool God uses to change others' lives.

With God's help, I shall accept that change will happen every day, for I am not alone.

God shares the changes with me. God rejoices with me and comforts me through difficult days. As the quiet, solid center that gives me something to cling to, God is the constant in my quicksilver existence.

With God's help, I shall embrace it all.

Therefore, I shall not fear change. I shall trust that I can face all the changes, welcome them all, and be stronger after they have done their work on me.

I can do all this, with God's help.

--By Ms. Ethel Crawford

Both of these are found in the book Women's Uncommon Prayers, edited by Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, Marjorie A. Burke, and Ann Smith. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 2000.

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.

Due to the office being closed for several days at the end of April, the end of month financials for the month of April will be posted in the Labyrinth Walk in the coming weeks.

JERUSALEM GREER'S NOTE

Field Notes from Family Ministry On Kite Flying for Ascension Day

Acts 1: 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

One of the great images that Ascension Day brings with it is the image of Christ rising into the heavens. Making and/or flying kites is a fun way to celebrate this mysterious and miraculous event. (If you want to make your own, I love this [great in-depth tutorial](#).) Which is why we are celebrating with a Kite Flying Celebration and Eucharist out on our farm on May 25!

Before the celebration, take a moment to remember the story of Christ rising into the clouds with your family or a friend. Think about how it must of have been both beautiful and a bit mysterious - like a kite flying. Even though we know scientifically how kites fly, I still think there is still something magical, mysterious, beautiful, and special about the site of a kite battling back and forth on an invisible breeze, tail twirling in the wind. Perhaps, discuss on the car ride out to the farm how the disciples must have felt seeing Jesus rise to heaven; what emotions would they have felt (nervous, sad, excited, inspired...)? Ask each other "Have you ever seen something amazing or unexplained happen? What were your emotions?" In the verses around this story it talks about how Jesus was joined in the sky by his spiritual ancestors, Moses and Elijah. Talk together about who your spiritual ancestors are (Family members, mentors, pastors, saints, favorite artist..) and how they have helped guide you, the way you help guide a kite.

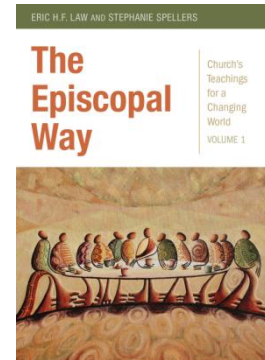
Hope to see you at the farm on May 25!



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!



Servant Leadership School of Conway presents "Saturdays for Centering"

When: From Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017

Where: St. Peter's Parish Hall

Who: Led by Catherine Crews, a retreat leader from Russellville who is commissioned by Contemplative Outreach

What: On May 20, the third Saturday for Centering, Catherine will lead us in asking how we might use the labyrinth as a spiritual tool. We will have time for individual reflection, as well as group discussions. Please join us as we listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and possibly choose to make changes in our daily practices.

Cost: There is no registration fee; however, we ask that you speak to or email Judy Helm if you plan to attend. There will be an opportunity to contribute non-perishable items or cash to St. Peter's Food Pantry. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please put this on your calendar and prayerfully consider joining us for Saturdays for Centering.

judyhelm77@gmail.com



Congrats, Jerusalem!

Congratulations to our very own Family Minister, Jerusalem Greer, on the publication of her book - [*At Home in this Life: Finding Peace at the Crossroads of Unraveled Dreams and Beautiful Surprises!*](#) Jerusalem would like to invite you to celebrate the launch of her book at any of her upcoming events. For more information, email jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com

Bible Quest

Bible Quest a Journey through the Christian Scriptures is a discussion of the books of the New Testament. Join the group on Monday's at 12:15 in the Church Library OR Thursday's at 7 pm at the Morgan House. The study is design so participants may join the discussion at any time. Contact Joe Arn at 501-796-0121 for additional information

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.

Kite Flying Ascension Day Celebration

Picnic and Eucharist

Preservation Acres

(the Greer's home)

5:30 Kite Flying

6:30 Eucharist

Church will provide chicken and biscuits, you bring picnic side to share!

Email jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com for more info!



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

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
March 26th, 2017

Members present: Teri Daily, Karen McNutt, Leigh Ann Warriner, Marilyn Larson, Sam Buchanan, Tracy Simpson, Dan Allen, John Churchwell, Jane Harris

The meeting began with a prayer, led by the Reverend Teri Daily.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Dan Allen, second by Marilyn Larson, all in favor, no opposed.

A discussion regarding the Diocesan Development Program Revolving Loan Fund was led by Teri Daily. A motion was made by Sam Buchanan to follow the Finance Committee recommendations for use of the loan to replace HVAC units. Second by Jane Harris, all approved.

A review of the finance committee report was led by Teri Daily. A motion was made by Dan Allen to accept the Financial Report and approve an offsetting entry for overpayment of employee pension, second by Marilyn Larson, all approved.

Karen McNutt delivered both the Junior and Senior Warden reports. The northwest area and western property line has been cleaned up significantly with fencing, play equipment, and other materials removed.

The Rector's Report:

Memorial Committee Meeting (Wednesday, March 29th)

Committee members intend to use funds to enhance worship. Initial items for discussion include replacing the carpet runner and glass in doors to narthex.

Bob Brown's Ordination (Saturday, April 1st, Trinity Cathedral, 11am)

Vestry Soup Supper (Wednesday, April 5th)

Vestry will provide 5 or 6 large pots of soup, crackers/bread, and drinks.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday at 6pm - Dee Sanders preaching

Tuesday at 6pm - Sam Buchanan preaching

Thursday at 6pm - Peggy Cromwell preaching

Good Friday at noon & 6pm - Bob Brown preaching

Easter Vigil Saturday at 8pm - Jerusalem Greer preaching; Taize

Easter Sunday Lunch following 11am service - Leigh Ann Warriner to coordinate

The next vestry meeting will be April 30th at 4:45pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Jane Harris.

FOOD PANTRY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May's Birthdays

Jonathan Musser	5/2
Charlie Redditt	5/2
Chris Walters	5/2
Annette Bell	5/3
Parker Teague	5/6
Sophia Warriner	5/6
Lynn Schaefer	5/8
Dinah Reed	5/9
Jackson Rich	5/10
Kim Walter	5/10
Melissa Butler	5/11
Jerry Adams	5/13
Penny Wilson	5/13
Sandra Espy	5/15
Liz Gron	5/17
Scotty Bell	5/18
Jay Burnham	5/18
Wilson Daily	5/18
Katie Thompson	5/18
Tonja Snow	5/19
Margie Reid	5/21
John Krebs	5/23
David Daily	5/24
Els Strickland	5/29
John Vanderslice	5/29
Andrea Woods	5/29

May's Anniversaries

Charlie Redditt and Carla Bell	5/3
Phillip and Annette Bell	5/12
John Krebs and Liz Gron	5/13
Rob and Nikki Reid	5/14
Fred and Lillian Petrucelli	5/16
Woody and Cora Cummins	5/17
Nathan and Jerusalem Greer	5/24
Chris and Elizabeth Walters	5/27

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 7, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Lynn and Pam Neuhofel; Rob, Tricia, Liam and Ben O'Connor; Leaetta Odglen; Chris Odom; Wolfgang, Patty, Andreas, and Micaela Oeste; Joey, Julie, Maysen, and Aeva Pacheco; Gloria Parker and Amy Rice; Suzanne and Ty Pearson; Fred and Lillian Petrucelli; Catie Pinal; Jerry and Peggy Price; Carl Purdy.

We give thanks for Pickles Gap Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Hillel Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our Altar Guild.

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

We give thanks for The Rt Revd David, Obiosa Ndokwa, Bendel, Nigeria.

We give thanks for Marriage May Day at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

May 14, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Bret and Mary Etta Qualls, Janna Davenport, Maggie Erbach, Emma Fulmer; Jeff and Krista Quinn, Annette and Lydia; Casey Quast and Carol Gulas; Jeff, Krista, Annette and Lydia Quinn; Harry Readnour; Ric Warren, Shari, Ashlyn, and Julia Readnour; Charlie Redditt, Carla Bell, Lucia, Francesca and Robert Redditt; Danny and Dinah Reed; Rob, Nikki, Banyon, and Jessica Reid.

We give thanks for First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

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

We give thanks for our Adult Forum.

We give thanks for For Rev. Alberto Cuc & St. Mary, Mother of God, Solola.

We give thanks for The Rt Revd William Stokes, Diocese of New Jersey.

We give thanks for the Syrian Refugee Concert at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

May 21, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Don Renton; Tom and Elizabeth Renton; Melanie Reynolds, Tonja Jones, Nick Snow, and Aly Snow; Lynne and Jackson Rich, Carter, Debra, Justin, and Chris Rickman; Marilyn and Len Rishkofski; Nancy Rodwell; Dale, Kitson, Sarah and Emma Roger; Jay Ruud and Stacey Jones.

We give thanks for Family Life Bible Church.

We give thanks for The Better Together Multifaith Initiative.

We give thanks for our young children.

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

We give thanks for the Equipping the Saints Fund at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

May 28, 2017

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

We give thanks for: Bob and Dee Sanders; Andrea Savage; Sam, Dana, and Chuck Savage; Mike Schaefer and Lynn Ramage; Charlie Schmeider; Carolyn Scott; Jacquie Seroy; Milo and Ann Shult; John, Kate Marie, and John Robert Shute; Lance, Angelia, Rowen and Felix Simpson.

We give thanks for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

We give thanks for the Unitarian Universalist Church in Little Rock.

We give thanks for our Eucharistic Ministers.
We give thanks for Rev. Heber Ruiz & St. Martin of Tours, Totonacapan (toe-toe-neeka-pan).
We give thanks for The Rt Revd Evans Jonathan Ibeagha, and the church in Nigeria.
We give thanks for the Recovery Groups 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

STAY CONNECTED:

