

# Peter's Pence

October 2016



*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 write this letter on September 28th, the feast day in the Episcopal Church of Margery Kempe. Margery was born around 1373 in Bishop's Lynn, England to a middle-class merchant, John Brunham. At the age of twenty she married John Kempe and they had fourteen children together, some of whom probably died in infancy. In many ways, Margery lived the everyday existence of medieval women - she ventured into businesses such as a mill and a brewery, she cared for her growing children and (later in life) an ailing husband, and she struggled with dysentery and other illnesses common in her time. But there were also many things about Margery Kempe that were far from "average."



Although Margery never took vows with any formal religious order, her passionate devotion was notorious. She longed for a closer union with Christ; to that end, she prayed constantly, petitioned her husband for a chaste marriage, sought counsel from (among others) the Archbishop of Canterbury and Julian of Norwich, and made pilgrimages to Jerusalem, Santiago de Compostela, and Rome. She had numerous visions, or revelations, throughout her life - including visions in which she witnessed the passion of Christ, the encounter between Christ and Mary Magdalene in the garden, and the meeting of the mother of Jesus with Peter (the disciple who denied Jesus). Perhaps, however, Margery is best known for her bouts of uncontrollable crying, a charism (or gift) called "the gift of tears."

Margery Kempe first received the gift of tears at Mount Calvary while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. In *The Book of Margery Kempe*, dictated by Margery and considered the first autobiography in English, she describes the experience in the third person and in this way:

*...she had such great compassion and such great pain to see our Lord's pain that she could not keep that she could not keep herself from crying and roaring, though she could have died from it. And this was the first cry that she ever cried in contemplation. And this kind of crying endured for many years after this time, whatever anybody might do, and she suffered much spitefulness and rebuking for it. The crying was so loud and so wonderful that it astonished the people, unless they had heard it before or else if they knew the cause of her crying. And she had this crying so often that it made her really weak in her physical strength, especially if she heard about our Lord's passion.*

*And sometimes if she saw the crucifix, or if she saw a person or a beast, whichever it was, who was wounded, or if a man beat a child in front of her, or struck a horse or another beast with a whip, if she could see it or hear it, in her thought she saw our Lord being beaten or wounded, just as she saw it in the man or the beast, either in the fields or in town, and alone by herself as well as amongst people.*

*When she first had her cryings in Jerusalem, she had them often. And she had them in Rome too. And when she came home to England, at first her crying came only seldom, maybe only once a month, then after that once a week, afterwards daily, and once she had fourteen cryings in one day, and another day she had seven, just as God would visit her: sometimes in the church, sometimes in the street, sometimes in the chamber, sometimes in the fields, whenever God wished to send them, for she never knew either the time or hour when they should come. And they never came without unsurpassed sweetness of devotion and high contemplation.[1]*

From very early in the history of the Church, the gift of tears has been understood as a means of grace - a gift of the Holy Spirit that leads us to greater union with God. St. Augustine himself prayed for the gift of tears: "...grant me that visible sign of Thy love, a cleansing ever flowing fountain of tears, that these tears may also bear witness to Thy love in me, that they may show, that they may tell, how much my soul doth love Thee: that in the too great sweetness of Thy love it cannot withhold its tears." [2] And many devoted followers of Christ since Augustine have had the gift of tears - St. Francis, St. Catherine of Sienna, and Marie of Oignies just to name a few. As Pope Francis has said: "Sometimes in our lives, the glasses we need to see Jesus are tears." [3]

However, despite longstanding reverence for this charism, in her time Margery suffered ridicule, skepticism, and outright persecution for her uncontrollable weeping. It's understandable, really. I suspect her tears were more than just a nuisance to the people around her; they were a prophetic act - a reminder not just of the suffering of Christ, but of the suffering of so many throughout the world. They were born out a place of compassion within in her, and they most likely stirred up that place in others, too. And while, in theory, all of us extol the virtue of compassion, in reality we often prefer to be anesthetized by indifference.

It's precisely this fear of pain and preference for numbness that causes us to turn away from images of the war-torn bodies in Syria, of the spindly arms of malnourished children in Africa, of the wailing mothers who have lost sons in routine traffic stops and the tear-streaked faces of wives who have lost their spouses in uniform to a sniper's bullets. In fact, I imagine that if Margery lived today we, too, would steer clear of her. We might attend a church service where her incessant sobs don't disrupt the sermon, or cross to the other side of the street when we saw her coming, or complain to those in authority that her rowdiness could lead to all sorts of chaos.

But here's the thing: to turn away from one who cries in our midst is to forego a deep grace - the experience of the Holy Spirit at work in us, the recognition that we are all one and that when one of us hurts we all hurt, the knowledge of the path to our salvation. To witness the gift of tears in our midst is to feel ourselves called to participate with God in making all things new, in the healing of the world - ourselves included. Frederick Buechner describes it beautifully in these words:

*You never know what may cause [tears]. The sight of the Atlantic Ocean can do it, or a piece of music, or a face you've never seen before. A pair of somebody's old shoes can do it. Almost any movie made before the great sadness that came over the world after the Second World War, a horse cantering across a meadow, the high school basketball team running out onto the gym floor at the start of a game. You can never be sure. But of this you can be sure. Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention.*

*They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where, if your soul is to be saved, you should go to next.[4]*

We need the gift of tears as much as in the time of Margery Kempe. And when we see the tears of others, or when we experience our own tears, may we have the courage to not turn away but pay close attention - for, as Buechner says, we will likely find our own salvation, as well as the world's, in that place from which they come.

Much peace, Teri

[1] Margery Kempe, The Book of Margery Kempe, translated with Introduction and Notes by Anthony Bale (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015) 65.  
 [2] St. Augustine, "Prayer for the Gift of Tears," Book of Meditations I, Chapter 36, col. 930, translated by M.F. Toale, <http://www.lectionarycentral.com/trinity10/Augustine2.html>.  
 [3] "The Gift of Tears," Spirit Daily, <http://spiritdaily.com/gifttears1.htm>.  
 [4] Frederick Buechner, Whistling in the Dark: A Doubter's Dictionary (New York: HarperCollins, 1988) 105.

## CALENDAR

### Church Calendar Links

Due to the numerous events that are occurring at St. Peter's, October's calendar is better viewed by clicking on the links below. Some days, for instance October 3, 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](mailto: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

### Financial Report: January 1 - September 28, 2016

<u>Contributed Support</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Offering	\$ 464.00	\$ 3,457.33
Pledged Contributions	\$ 15,425.00	\$ 167,795.00
Non-pledged gifts	\$ 3,778.05	\$ 48,508.86
Catch The Vision	\$ 4,167.00	\$ 37,503.00
funds used for operating		
Laying the Foundation	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 60,750.00
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<u>Diocesan Grant for college dinners</u>	<u>\$ 533.34</u>	<u>\$ 4,800.06</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 31,117.39	\$ 322,814.02
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 22,376.27	\$ 322,040.65
Difference	\$ 8,741.12	\$ 773.37
Laying the Foundation	\$ 5,407.00	\$ 30,671.00
2016 Contributions		
(\$ 31,652.59 contributed in 2015)		

## THE REV. PEGGY'S NOTE

### "Deacon in the Doorway"

That's how I see the role of the deacon in the Episcopal Church. Deacons are charged "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world...and to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself." The other, and maybe more difficult, charge of the deacon is to get the people out of the church into the world to meet those identified needs and concerns.



At St Peter's, I've noticed that's not really a problem. You, as a congregation, do a great job of serving those who are helpless or less fortunate. The Food Pantry and the Wisdom House Project are two excellent examples of ways you work in the world to help those who may not be able to help themselves. Eucharistic visitors are also serving an extremely important role by ministering to those who are unable to join the congregation for Eucharist.

It's important for those who minister in these areas, and others, to have a chance to process the experiences they encounter. Working in these situations can be stressful and often emotionally draining. It might help to have someone with whom to share.

That's where the Community of Hope can help. Community of Hope of Arkansas trains and supports Pastoral Care Givers, working within their church communities. We follow the principals of Benedictine Spirituality, balancing study, prayer, work, ministry, and recreation. Community of Hope Chaplains serve in many ministries including, but not limited to, pastoral care to the home-bound, residents in nursing homes, the hospitalized, jail inmates, hospice clients, and many other places where pastoral care is needed. Any instance in which you might find yourself listening to someone in need is a type of pastoral care. Community of Hope training can make that easier for you. If you're interested in finding out more, come see me.

## JERUSALEM'S NOTE

### Celebrating St. Francis @ Home

The Feast of St. Francis is on October 4, but you can celebrate all month long! Here is a family reflection and activity to help you get started.

#### Family Reflection

St. Francis said "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of com-compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." My kids pick up on everything; they do not miss a beat. They notice how I talk and behave, not just at home or at church, or when I am directly speaking to them, but when I am in traffic, when I am speaking to my friends, the cashier at the grocery store, or the stranger at the gas station. They notice who I talk to and who I talk about. My kids unfortunately are probably more aware of my prejudices and judgment's than I am. Memorizing or reading encouraging passages such as Prayer of St. Francis or Romans 12 often as a family can help open up a great ongoing discussion about living a life of love, honor and service towards God and those we share planet Earth with.



Scripture Reading:

Romans Chapter 12

(I recommend The Message version, the imagery is wonderful especially for children.)

Discussion Questions:

How can we be "instruments of peace" at home, at school and at work?

How do our actions speak louder than our words? Can you think of a time when someone's actions told what they were feeling more than their words do?

Who annoys you the most? Can you try and find beauty in them this week?

Craft Activity

St. Francis Prayer Flip Book - Click here to download and print the instructions and cut-outs to make a St. Francis Prayer Flip Book! A great way for kids of all ages to memorize this wonderful prayer!

Link for Flip Book <https://www.scribd.com/document/184698012/St-Francis-Flip-Book>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### 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.

### After-noon Bible Study-Mondays

Monday Noon Bible Study had changed its name and meeting time to Afternoon Bible Study which will meet Monday's at 12:15 in the Library.

### Blessing of the Animals

**October 2, 2016**

**9:00am**

Join us Sunday, October 2, at 9am for The Blessing of the Animals Eucharist, in honor of the upcoming Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

We will meet in the church courtyard a little before 9am.

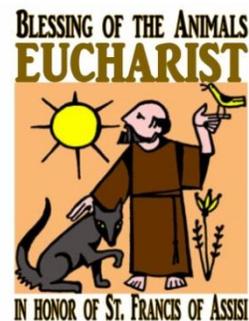
The service (which will include Eucharist) will begin at 9am.

All animals great and small, regardless of denomination or feather, are invited (properly restrained, please) to celebrate the sacredness of all life.

Please help support Conway's forgotten pet population by bringing one of the following items: dry dog or cat food, dog biscuits, kitty litter, collars, old blankets and towels.

For more info contact

[Jerusalem.Greer@Stpetersconway.com](mailto:Jerusalem.Greer@Stpetersconway.com)



### Magdalene Coming Home is taking root!

**October 6, 2016**

**7:00pm**

Magdalene Coming Home will be a sanctuary for healing and recovery for women who have survived abuse, addiction, and often prostitution and prison. MCH will be located in Little Rock and will be modeled on Magdalene/Thistle Farms model in Nashville, Tn. You can follow our progress, and learn more, by going to [www.magdalenecominghome.org](http://www.magdalenecominghome.org).

We are looking for input from the community and are anxious to share our plans.

Please join us for our FIRST informational FUNraiser...

Thursday, October 6th at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Little Rock

7:00 to 9:00pm, featuring music by STILL MARRIED and FRIENDS

We will have snacks and libations, so join us for some FUN and INFORMATION!

Help us bring these women home!

For more information contact Dee Sanders, [deesan1@aol.com](mailto:deesan1@aol.com)

**Bishop Visitation  
Sunday, October 9, 2016  
and  
Confirmation**

Bishop Benfield will be celebrating with us on  
Sunday, October 9  
at the 9:00am and 11:00am services.



**Pie Fest - October 9, 2016**

Following the 11AM service

Come celebrate the Bishop's visit with some great Parish  
Life fun!

We will enjoy a Pie-themed Potluck Lunch together! Bring  
your favorite savory pies, sweet pies, or a side dish to  
share as we fellowship with Bishop Benfield and each other.



The church will provide drinks and some chicken. The Boomer's will serenade us during the  
meal and there be fun activities for the kids including a Pie Eating Contest! Have questions  
or want to serve on the Pie Fest Planning Team?

Contact Jerusalem Greer [Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com](mailto:Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com)

**Newcomer Gatherings**

**October 14, 2016**

**6:30pm**

Are you new to St. Peter's? Do you like to eat? Would  
you maybe like to be connected to other newcomers  
and long time members?

Then this is a gathering for you!

Upcoming Newcomer Gatherings are:

October 14, 6:30PM

Dinner at the home of Marilyn and Len Rishkofski,  
1120 Reynolds Ave. Conway, 72032

RSVP to [Marilyn@artexperienceinc.com](mailto:Marilyn@artexperienceinc.com)

November 5, 10:30AM

Light brunch at the home of Veronica and Simon Makepeace  
13 Stonehedge Drive, Conway 72043

RSVP to [vmakepeace@uca.edu](mailto:vmakepeace@uca.edu)



**Linda Brown and Leigh Cole**

**October 15, 2016**

**11:00am**

Linda Brown and Leigh Cole invite the St. Peter's church family to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, for  
the Witnessing and Blessing of their Marriage vows. They were married in Denver, CO in a civil  
ceremony in July.

The ceremony will be Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m., in the Cathedral.

A Eucharist service will be included with the celebration of their vows, and a catered reception in  
Morrison Hall and the Garth will follow.

We sincerely hope you can attend. The Cathedral is located at 17th and Spring streets in Little  
Rock, AR.

## **The Journey** **October 21 - 23, 2016**

If you are interested in attending the next Journey Weekend October 21 - 23, please see Contact Nancy Thompson

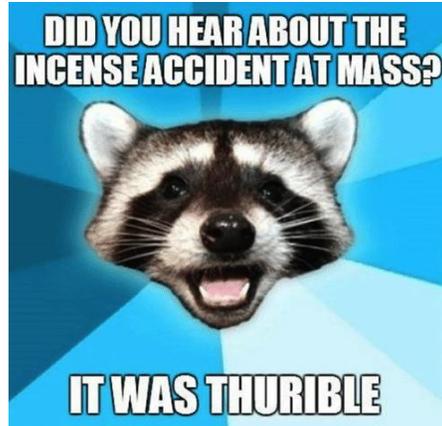
What is The Journey?

It is a weekend retreat designed to enliven the faith of interested Christians so they may begin to discover Jesus' will for their lives, then return home and work to strengthen and bless their local church and communities in light of the Kingdom of God.

The retreat is based on a method of living the Christian life that has been presented in many denominations for over 70 years. It is a method that works! It focuses on how the resources of our faith strengthen and support our apostleship, and it emphasizes those elements of doctrine and discipline which empower us to reach out. It also offers a method for ongoing support

## **Thurifer Training** **October 23, 2016** **1:00pm**

On Sunday, October 23, at 1:00 pm, ANYONE 14 AND OLDER is invited to participate in training to become a THURIFER. If you didn't know, that's the person who swings the big brass thing on a chain with incense in it. Mr. Robert Farrar, Head Thurifer at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Little Rock, will be here to conduct the training. A signup sheet will be available in the office. For more information, contact Rev Peggy at [peggy.cromwell@stpetersconway.com](mailto:peggy.cromwell@stpetersconway.com)



## **Canterbury College Ministries** **October 23, 2016** **8:00pm**

Canterbury College Ministry's next meetup will be Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 8:00pm at The Purple Cow, 1055 Ellis Ave, for a treat and discussion. Afterwards, they will go to the Choral Complaine Service at Hendrix at 9:00pm in Greene Chapel.

## **Peter's Pence Submission Deadline** **October 24, 2016**

The deadline to submit any information for October's Peter's Pence is Monday, October 24, 2016 at 2:00pm. Please email John Churchwell at [john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com](mailto:john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com), any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized.

## **Rides to the polls for EARLY voting in the** **General Election beginning** **October 24, 2016**

Madelyn Adams will take groups of voters to the polls for early voting beginning October 24 through October 28. The General Election is November 8.

She can take groups of 3, and you should know that the walk could involve steps. Call or email if you're interested, and she'll get groups together later depending on demand.

[madelynadams@yahoo.com](mailto:madelynadams@yahoo.com)

501-329-2181



## **Centering Prayer Retreat October 26-29, 2016**

October 26-29, Wed 5 pm to Saturday Noon

Facilitated by Catherine Crews - Commissioned by Contemplative Outreach.

House of Blessings, 171 Hummingbird Lane, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

Phone: 479-253-7379, 479-253-7379.

Course is FREE. Seats limited to 14. You are welcome to make a donation for the three-night, single occupancy stay, ten meals and snacks, and educational sessions. The cost to run the program is \$75 per day per person, without the director's fee.

Your donation helps sustain spiritual programs free of charge for more people.

## **ECW Fall Gathering October 28-29, 2016**

The Episcopal Church Women's annual Fall Gathering will be held Oct. 28-29, at Camp Mitchell.

The event will kick off with a gourmet dinner and wine tasting Friday evening. The Rev. Carey

Stone, rector fo St. Luke's in North Little Rock, will present on the Lord's Prayer, and the Rev.

Mary Helen Hedges will lead a Cowsmic Walk ritual.

For more information and to register, go here:

<http://arkansasecw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Fall-Gathering-brochure-5.pdf>

## **Electronic Release Forms**

Parents and Guardians - In order to better serve you and your children we have created an online registration and release form for the 2016-2017 ministry year. Please fill this form for each of your children. We will use these in cases of emergencies, outings, and trips. None of the information you provide will be made public or given out without your permission.

Thank you!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=obf5sodab&oeidk=a07ed3hquokea889b12>

## **Art, Pray, Love 2017!**

Plans for the St. Peter's event that helps fund the medical missionary trip to Guatemala are beginning with the announcement that Pansy Westrich will be this year's Art, Pray, Love co-chair. Working alongside co-chair, Marianne Welch, Pansy will soon be scheduling committee meetings and asking for your help. We thank Pansy for taking over this commitment that is so important to the men and women who travel to Guatemala to help with medical issues.

Marilyn Rishkofski

## **Adult Forum**

Adult Forum is viewing a video series called, "Saving Jesus." This Sunday the topic is "Atonement." Come join us Sundays in the library as we learn about this important Christian concept from contemporary theologians.

## **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 John Churchwell at [john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com](mailto:john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com), any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Junior Daughters of the King Coming to St. Peter's

**October 2, 2016 - 10:00pm**

Junior Daughters of the King Coming to St. Peter's Gloria Parker and Dinah Reed, along with the support of the Imogene Chapter at St. Peter's are organizing a Junior Daughters of the King Chapter for girls in grades five through twelve. A general introduction to the girls was offered at EYC on Wednesday night. There will be a parent/child meeting Sunday, Oct. 2 at 10:00am in the EFM room across from the Library for informational purposes. Please plan to attend if your daughter is interested in participating. For more information, contact Gloria Parker (501-499-2220) or Dinah Reed (501-730-8345).



## EYC Dog Wash

**October 5, 2016, 5-6:30 pm.**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis the EYC will be hosting a Dog Wash in the Church Parking Lot on October 5. Donations will be accepted towards EYC Missions and Programs.



## AYE REGISTRATION TIME

**October 14-16**

The Arkansas Youth Event (AYE) is October 14-16, 2016 at Camp Mitchell!

This is our fall weekend retreat at Camp Mitchell open to 6th-12th grade youth. It is a great kick-off to the new school year, a chance to spend some time with old friends, and a time to make new friends from all over the state. At AYE We play games, we hike, we dance, we sing, we pray, we laugh and we do even more than that. We do it all in 40 hours. That's right...it's pretty amazing.

It is open to all youth across the state and costs \$110. Partial scholarships are usually available at your local church and may also be available from the diocese.

You can register online [HERE](#).

Contact Jerusalem for more info

## Trunk-or-Treat

**Wednesday, October 26, 5:00-6:30pm**

Church Parking Lot

It's that time again! Everyone is invited to come and have some good old fashioned Halloween fun! The festivities this year will include: Trunks filled with candy, games for all ages including a Cake Walk, Bobbing for Apples, Face Painting and more! There will also be Hot Dogs, Popcorn, and Drinks for sale to help raise money for EYC Mission and Ministries! To host a trunk or to help please contact [Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com](mailto:Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com). Candy donations will be accepted in the office during the month of October.



## SHOE BOXES!!!!

NEEDED: Shoe Boxes for a youth group project! Please drop them off in the church office before October 2.

# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Monthly Report

Date: 9/27/16

Month/Year Reported: September 2016

	Returning	New	Total
Households	126	29	155
Adults 65+	46	2	48
Adults 18-64	221	52	273
Children 0-17	139	28	167

It turned from summer to fall in one day. Thank you Arkansas weather for always being so unpredictable.

What is not unpredictable is the amount of food we are going through on a monthly basis in the food pantry. We are staying steady with the number of families we are feeding each month, which means we need your continued financial support in order to keep our shelves stocked.

I want to say thank you again this month to Greater Pleasant Branch Baptist Church. They extend a helping hand to us several times a month by giving us produce that is in excess of what they can hand out to their pantry clients. This allows us to offer much healthier items - lettuce, apples, oranges, cucumbers, peppers and many other fruits and vegetables we can not always obtain with the funds that come through the pantry.

I also want to say thanks to everyone who makes donations through Conway Locally Grown. Your donations also allow us to provide healthier options to our food pantry clients. Fruits and vegetables are often times very expensive and this is a way that we are able to provide these to our clients at not cost to the pantry. Keep your donations coming so we can keep putting healthy food on the tables for these families!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner which means it's time to start planning for our Thanksgiving dinners. This year we are planning to give out 150 boxes full of everything needed to make a delicious Thanksgiving meal. We will start signing our food pantry clients up during October, and if the past repeats itself, the applications will come in quickly. This is a great outreach program for our church. It gives us the opportunity to get so many people involved in giving. From the monetary donations from our parishioners that make all of this possible to the youth volunteering the day of to see it come to fruition, this ministry exposes the hearts of our St. Peter's family.

You are welcome to donate the specific items needed to prepare the boxes or to make it easier for you, you can donate \$50 to sponsor a Thanksgiving box and our volunteers will take care of the rest. We will purchase enough food to feed 150 families on Thanksgiving. Any additional funds or food leftover from the project will go directly to the food pantry. Monetary donations can be given to John in the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and note 'Thanksgiving' in the memo line. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the church lobby. Please designate them as 'Thanksgiving'.

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](mailto: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

Sandy Simpson	10/4	Will Elder	10/20
Francesca Redditt	10/5	Jane Harris	10/22
B.T. Jones	10/6	Mark Sullivan	10/22
Pam Neuhofel	10/6	Mathilda Hatfield	10/26
Russell Henderson	10/7	Russell Brukan	10/27
Shaina Goodman	10/10	George Coleman	10/27
Erik Urban	10/10	Rodney Kilduff	10/27
Jayne Stone	10/14	Debbie Bell	10/30
Banyon Reid	10/15	Mike Schaefer	10/30
Rachel Lott	10/16	Susan Sobel	10/30
Ed Evans	10/17	Catherine Thompson	10/30
Tom McNutt	10/18	Brian Johnson	10/31
Micaela Oeste	10/18		
Peggy Price	10/18		
Julia Readnour	10/18		
Gus Bloom	10/19		

## Anniversaries

Eric and Sarah Bryan	10/1
George and Stacey Coleman	10/1
Jeannie and Scott Stroth	10/8
Kelley and Mike King	10/14
Dale and Kitson Roger	10/20
Ed and Patsy Evans	10/21
Eric Jones and Paul McCowan	10/21
Brian and Lenka Johnson	10/25
Debra and Jack Looney	10/25

# VESTRY MINUTES

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Summary  
August 28, 2016  
4:30 pm

Attendees: The Reverend Teri Daily, Jerusalem Greer, Mike Moses, Jane Harris, Karen McNutt, Kelley King, Jay Ruud, Dan Allen, Jerry Adams, John Phillips, Sam Buchanan, Christy Jones, John Shute, Mike King

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

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Motion by Jay Ruud, second by Dan Allen, all approved with the correction of spelling on Teri Daily's name.

### Committee and Ministry Reports

1. Finance Committee - John Shute and Mike King: We had an overall good review with Debbie Turner with very few issues to be addressed. There was discussion concerning the status of the campaign funds. There will be communication with the congregation on Rally Day to update the needs and emphasize keeping up with campaign pledges to the Laying the Foundation campaign. A motion was made to approve the Financial Committee report by Sam Buchanan, second by John Phillips, all approved.
2. Dollars in the plate - Mike King: Undesignated dollars on the first Sunday of each month will go into the Rector's Discretionary fund for now, which has been critically low.
3. Food Pantry - Christy Jones: The pantry is working with the Neighborhood Market now, in preparation for upcoming TG baskets.
4. DOK Request - Christy Jones: The DOK has requested the Vestry approve \$100/month money

to help with conference attendance. Discussion ensued. Teri will speak to Pam Holt and Dee Sanders to get more information. The vestry will consider adding this to the 2017 budget.

5. Children, Youth and Families - Jerusalem Greer: There are ten babies in the nursery, and we will hire an additional 2 people for Sunday morning childcare. EYC starts 9/7, Rally Day is 9/11, and classes start 9/8.

6. Syrian Refugee Task Force - Jerry Adams: Muoaz Mustafa from the Syrian Emergency Task Force has been very helpful with providing information about the crisis in Syria. There is a humanitarian effort to raise money towards the adoption of an orphanage in Syria; this will involve corporations, schools, and businesses in Conway.

8. Memorial Fund - Jerry Adams: This committee will provide help to use memorial funds in a thoughtful way. An example, the red carpet runner in the sanctuary is fraying at the edges.

9. College Ministry - Teri Daily: We have 4 college student interns who have committed to cook, serve and clean up first ten college ministry meals. The congregation will provide the last meal, on November 29th.

Rector's Report - Teri Daily

1. We discussed the new labor laws going into effect, including that for anyone making less than \$47,476 must be paid overtime for any time above forty hours worked in one week.

2. Support for the Camp Mitchell Agricultural Project - The vestry approved we continue to support Jenny and Doug by paying their insurance through the end of 2016. We will revisit this as we prepare the 2017 budget.

3. Vestry Retreat - This fall the vestry will have a one-day retreat on October 22nd at the Morgan House. The vestry will likely have an overnight retreat in January or February of 2017, including newly elected members.

4. Back Up System - Teri reported that John Churchwell is gathering information regarding a cloud-based back up system for the church documents, financial statements, book keeping, etc.

5. ArtsFest - St. Peter's will host two events in September for the Conway Alliance for the Arts. These events are advertised in the Labyrinth Walk as being on September 25th and September 29th.

Junior Warden's Report - Karen McNutt

1. Columbarium - We have three bids in for the necessary work in the courtyard.

2. Parish Hall - Improvements in the Parish Hall start this week. A paint color has been chosen.

3. Critter Getters - The name of the company hired to clean up the Morgan House after damage was caused by visiting raccoons. The cost included humane removal of the raccoons, as well as detailed clean-up of ceiling and light fixtures and trimming of trees so the raccoons won't return.

4. Windows - There are leaking double windows in Teri's office, the Narthex, and other locations. These leaks are being fixed.

5. Other - The HVAC was repaired at the Morgan House. Cost quotes are being gathered for a possible wireless thermostat system for remote regulation of the temperature at the Morgan House, and possibly the church, as well.

Senior Warden Report - Jane Harris

Jane offered her thanks to the vestry for helping with Peggy Cromwell's reception, and also to the vestry members who have counted the offering when we were between vestry meetings and had no scheduled counters.

Jerry Adams commented the Harold Hedges will be a speaker at the next Men's Group meeting; the meeting date and time will be published in the Labyrinth walk.

Worship - The meeting adjourned following worship.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**October 2, 2016**

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

We give thanks for: Jane and Emily Harris; Renita, Riley and Maggie Harvey; Mathilda Hatfield; Darla Heck; Harold and Merry Helen Hedges; Jacob, Jennifer, Wyatt, Lillian, and Wallace Held; Rick and Judy Helm; Russell, Shelley, Hayden, Miranda, and Chandler Henderson; LeRoy and Frances Hendricks.

We give thanks for Grace Presbyterian Church.

We give thanks for Temple B'Nai Israel.

We give thanks for Community of Hope.

We give thanks for TheRev. Tomas Calel and the Transfiguration in Chucalibal (choo-caly-ball).  
We give thanks for The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi.

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

### **October 9, 2016**

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

We give thanks for: Rosemary Henenberg; Kim Herrington and Joseph Charlson; Alice Hines; Guy Hobbs; Tony, Jennifer and Nathan Hodge; Pam Holt; Hannah Hooker; Steve, Denise, and Christian Hurd; Eric and Donna Hutchinson.

We give thanks for Christ the King Fellowship Church.

We give thanks for the Muslim Student Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for Cursillo Journey.

We give thanks for The Rev. Tomas Calel and The Holy Cross of Mt. Calvary in Balanya.

We give thanks for The Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Revd & The Hon Dr John Holder Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados.

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

### **October 16, 2016**

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

We give thanks for: George, Barbara Ann, Erik, and Ren Jenson; Brian and Lenka Johnson; B.T. and Debbie Jones; Dunn and Molly Jones; Eric Jones and Paul McCowan; Frank and Mallory Jordan; Shelby Jordan and Anna Hill, Delia and Daniel Jordan.

We give thanks for Mt. Carmel Church.

We give thanks for the Ecumenical Buddhist Society of Little Rock.

We give thanks for The Fledglings Writing Group.

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

We give thanks for The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey Kurunagala - (Ceylon) Vacant

We give thanks for Supper (free Wednesday night meal for all) at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

### **October 23, 2016**

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

We give thanks for: Kim Kelley, Madison, Janssen, Aiden and Jared Weidower; Rodney and Jo Kilduff; Katy, Chris and Lily Killingsworth; Mike and Kelley King; Chris, Beth and Nathan Knife, Doug, Jenny and Odessa Knight; John Krebs, Liz Gron, Bryan and Erik Urban.

We give thanks for First Freewill Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Conway Islamic Center.

We give thanks for The Littles Basket.

We give thanks for The Rt. Rev. Armando Guerra, Boshop of Guatemala and the Primate of the Anglican Church of Central America.

We give thanks for Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio Suffragan Bishop of Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Ulises Prendes.

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

### **October 30, 2016**

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

We give thanks for: Joe LaFace; Camille LaGrossa; Steve, Dee, Rachel, and Harry Lance; David and Marilyn Larson; Liz Larson, Tammy Tucker, Jolyon, Katie and Olivia Larson; Gary Lee; Josh, Hallie, Madeline, and Dillon Leicht; Jack, Debra and Matt Looney; Raymond, Claire, Dalton, and Austin Losardo; Rachel Lott; Valerie Lunsford; Jami, Drew, Cade and Porter Lupkey.

We give thanks for Pickles Gap Baptist Church.

We give thanks for Congregation Agudath Achim.

We give thanks for Episcopal Church Women.

We give thanks for The Bishops of the Anglican Communion.

We give thanks for Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Bermuda - (Bermuda)

The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.

We give thanks for Evensong 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 Carolyn Scott

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:**

Nita Brown

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

**Bible Study:** Joe Arn

## Outreach

**Foyers:** Dee Sanders

**Bethlehem House:** Tracey Simpson

**Food Pantry:** Christy Garrett-Jones and Sylvia Walker

**Canterbury College Ministries**

The Rev. Peggy Cromwell

**College Dinners:** Leaetta Odglen, Charlie McCracken, Annika Warrick, Kate Shute

**Card Ministry:** Mary Ferguson & Donna Hutchinson

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Rita Macintosh

**Website Upkeep:** John Churchwell

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