



The Labyrinth Walk Thursday, November 17, 2016

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Altar flowers are given by Pam Holt
In thanksgiving for her Family and her St. Peter's Family.

Volunteer of the Week

Congrats to Dr. Jane Harris, our Volunteer of the Week!

Jane, a professor at Hendrix, has been a member of St. Peter's for 20+ years. Currently she is serving as Senior Warden of the Vestry and, therefore, is also a member of the Finance Committee. Jane, who has a beautiful voice, sings in our choir, serves as an EFM (Education for Ministry) mentor and is a member of the Daughters of the King. Until this fall, Jane had served for four years as the facilitator of the Adult Forum. In April 2016, she had what she describes as "the extraordinary blessing of participating in the Guatemala Mission Trip."

Aside from all she does for St. Peter's, Jane also serves on the board of the Humane Society of Faulkner County and along with her daughter Emily (a sophomore at Hendrix) has fostered so many animals, especially cats, that she can no longer remember all of their names! Right now she has two adorable kittens that will be ready for adoption shortly before Christmas, if anyone is interested.

Traveling is the hobby that Dr. Harris love most, but she also enjoys singing in the Arkansas Choral and in the Conway Women's Chorus. Anyone who knows Jane, knows that she is from North Carolina ("I'm a Tar Heel born and a Tar Heel bred, and when I die, I'll be a Tar Heel dead.") She also LOVES University of North Carolina basketball and from November until March Madness she says watching as many ACC basketball games as she can find on the television is her favorite past-time!

We are so grateful for all the wisdom and laughter that Jane brings to St. Peter's through her service! Thank you Jane, We love you!

PS - If you would like more info on how you can be involved in EFM, DOK, or the choir, feel free to ask Jane!



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Noonday Prayers in the Side Chapel During Advent

The Daughters of the King and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting Noonday Prayer in the side chapel each weekday of Advent at noon. All are welcome.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum is open to all members of the St. Peter's community. We discuss various topics of interest to our members. Lecturers frequent our forum in person, but videos and books are also used. In those cases discussions are loosely led by a discussion leader. Past topics have included Pentecostalism, Quakerism, Protestantism, Judaism, various perspectives on the meaning of Jesus, the Enneagram, and the books Paradise Lost and The Divine Comedy. The following is the list of topics that will be discussed:

November 20: The Rector's Forum Series (Teri's choice of subject) -- The Trinity in Iconography and Practice

December 4: Islamic Experience in America

December 11: Islamic Experience in America

December 18: Moravian Love Feast Christmas Mass

Jay McDaniel (Hendrix) will be leading two sessions on Contemporary Islamic Thought in December: Dec. 4 and Dec. 18. The subject is timely. As he explains, contemporary Muslims in many parts of the world are caught between two antagonisms: a fear or suspicion of Islam on the one hand, and the reality of militant Islam on the other. Islamophobia and the rise of militant Islam have led them to take their faith more seriously, seeking to understand it as a possibility for goodness, peace, and justice in the world. Toward that end some Muslims have turned to classical sources with its rich intellectual history and some to the forward-looking thinking of the spiritual father of modern Pakistan, Muhammad Iqbal. Many have also turned to what some Muslims take to be the spiritual core of Islam: Sufism as embodied, for example, in the poetry and philosophy of Rumi. Jay will be talking about all of these issues. If you are curious about Jay's own interest in Islam, please see his How I Got Interested in Islam: <http://www.jesusjazzbuddhism.org/how-i-got-interested-in-islam-jay-mcdaniel.html>.

#AdventWord 2016

Once again St. Peter's has decided to invite everyone to participate in an Advent program called AdventWord, the Anglican Communion's Global Advent Calendar!

Last year, our church was one of the MOST active in the program, and because of this we were invited to be an AdventWord partner this year (you can find our name listed [HERE](#) on the partner page).

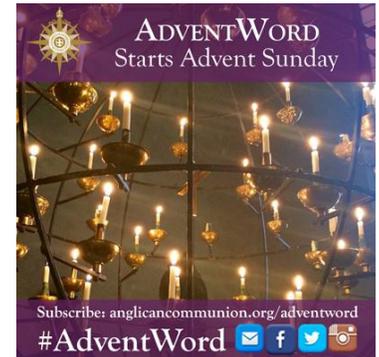
This virtual calendar is created by Christians around the world sending in images in response to an Advent meditation from the Society of Saint John the Evangelists, an Anglican/Episcopal order of monks.

This is an opportunity for us to connect with fellow Christ

ian worldwide as we pray in Advent as we await the coming of the Christ child and the celebration of Christmas.

To participate go to AdventWord.org and sign up to receive a daily email from the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelists, The email will contain a daily word and meditation, accompanied by a stunning image. You are invited respond with an image of your own on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook or you can just watch the calendar grow each day in Advent. When you sign up you will receive easy instructions on how to send in images and view the AdventCalendar.

Make sure to tag St. Peter's when you post and to use the hashtags #adventword and #stpetersadventword so we can follow along and repost your images on our feeds.



#AdventWord

Nov 29 #WakeUp	Dec 12 #Wait
Nov 30 #Proclaim	Dec 13 #Wonder
Dec 1 #Give	Dec 14 #Accept
Dec 2 #Forgive	Dec 15 #Listen
Dec 3 #Repent	Dec 16 #Invite
Dec 4 #Worship	Dec 17 #Desire
Dec 5 #Believe	Dec 18 #Prepare
Dec 6 #Care	Dec 19 #Hope
Dec 7 #Be	Dec 20 #Look
Dec 8 #Surprise	Dec 21 #Experience
Dec 9 #Ask	Dec 22 #Pray
Dec 10 #Dare	Dec 23 #Reflect
Dec 11 #Shine	Dec 24 #Receive

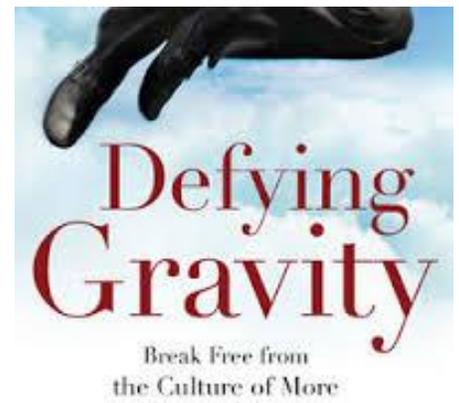
If you have any questions email jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com or check out the AdventWord tutorial on our Facebook page.

Defying Gravity
Small Group Book Studies
November 6 - November 30
(taking off Thanksgiving week)

Two Time Options: Sundays at 4:00pm and Wednesdays at 5:30pm, both on the Christian Ed Hallway
Childcare provided on Wednesdays and by request on Sundays

Do you ever feel like your life and your possessions control you and your family, instead of the other way around? As the holiday season grows closer, do you are you feeling the weight of years of accumulated objects, as well as the expectation of more to come? Do you think of generosity as something about which to be intentional? If any of these questions spark an interest, then join us for a small group book study of Tom Berlin's *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More* beginning this Sunday.

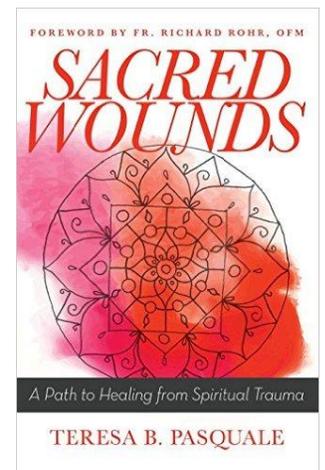
Vestry members will be leading two different groups of this four-week book study (skipping Thanksgiving Week). One group will meet Sundays at 4 pm and another group will meet Wednesdays at 5:30 pm; feel free to switch back and forth between the groups depending upon your schedule. If you would like the church to order a book for you, please contact the church office. For Sunday childcare please email Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com



Spiritual Growth Gathering - Sacred Wounds: A Path to Healing from Spiritual Trauma
Sunday Mornings, 10:00AM,
The Morgan House

Join Rebecca Billy for this Sunday morning small group discussion hour focusing on the nature of emotional wounds, trauma, and spiritual hurt that come from negative religious experience. Some of the discussion, centered about the book *Sacred Wounds*, will include: stories from a wide range of persons hurt by negative religious experience, healing and contemplative practices to help readers explore their own spiritual story, and practical ways to move towards personal healing. A journey through the experience of trauma in religious settings and how it is both relatable to other forms of trauma and distinctive -- outlining both facets and an exploration of the author's own personal and professional understanding of hurt, trauma, PTSD, and the power of resiliency and healing.

Questions? Email Rebecca Billy or Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com
[Check out the book HERE.](#)



PARISH LIFE AND COMMUNITY

All Saints' Episcopal Church

This Sunday, Nov 20, at 6:00 pm, there will be a Labyrinth Walk of Prayer in remembrance of those in the Transgender Community who have died by violence this year. Address is 501 S. Phoenix, Russellville, Arkansas.

Altar Flowers 2017

The calendar to reserve your special date for altar flowers in 2017 is available on the lobby bulletin board. Sign up early to get your first choices! Thanks to everyone who donated altar flowers this year. They were beautiful and made our worship services even more special.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER
Group Picture: THIS SUNDAY
November 20, 2016
10:30am



What is the concept behind No Shave November? The aim is to bring awareness to men's health issues. It is a month long journey which men forgo shaving so each man becomes a walking billboard for men's health with their facial hair being the conversational starter. Grooming and trimming are perfectly acceptable. Donate your November hair-maintenance expenses for one of following common men's health issues: cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory diseases, depression disorders, or diabetes. On Sunday, November 20, a group picture will be taken at 10:30 of all St. Peter's men who participated in No Shave November. Activities for No Shave November are sponsored by the men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

SAVE THE DATE!
ECW Women's Holiday Gathering
The Morgan House
December 3, 2016, 5:00PM



Calling all St. Peter's Ladies! You are cordially invited to an evening of friendship, fun, faith, and fancy-ish finger foods. We will gather at The Morgan House on December 3 for an early celebration of the Feast of St. Lucy, a woman who brought food to the hungry and light to poor. More details coming soon!

Hookers and Knitters Needed!

Do you possess a moderate to keen talent with crochet hooks or knitting needles? Then we need you!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members, patterns and help is provided. If you are interested please contact Pam Holt at tlholt@conwaycorp.net or call the church office.



CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21
7:00am Morning Prayer 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6342 (PH) 6:30pm Finance (Lib) 7:00pm Bible Study (MH)	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (MH)	9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Parish Hall Reserved	7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00am EOW Eucharist 10:00am Adult Forum Family Formation Choir Practice 11:00am Rite II Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Parish Hall Reserved 1:30pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship (Classroom 4)	11:15am Centering Prayer 12:15pm After-noon Bible Study (Lib) 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26
7:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Turkey Basket Pickup	6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Food Pantry Closed

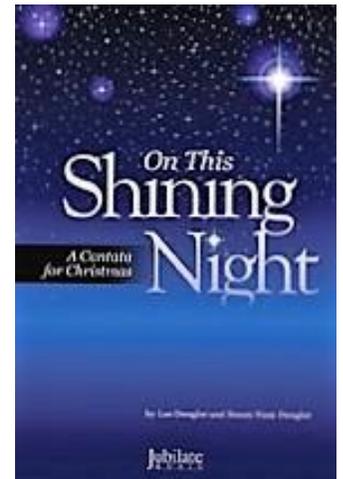
Save the Date:

November 22, 2016
Turkey Basket Day!

December 11, 2016:
Choir Christmas Cantata *On This Shining Night*
11:00am Service

December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve Family Service and Pageant
5:00pm

December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
8:00pm



COLLEGE MINISTRIES



Church-wide Chili Cook-Off for College Dinners

Help us support our college interns and students by participating in the Chili Cook-Off for the last meal of the semester!

Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m.
Here is how you can participate:

- *Sign up to cook chili (we will need various kinds, including vegetarian) - drop-off anytime Tuesday, Nov 29
- *Sign up to bring a salad or dessert
- *Sign up to bring chili "fixins" (crackers, shredded cheese, chopped onions, etc)
- *Sign up to help set up (5:30pm-7:00 pm) or clean up (7:45-8:30 pm)
- *Sign up to help serve (6:45-7:30pm)

To sign-up for any of these please email peggy.cromwell@stpetersconway.com or let the church office know.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Peace, Love, St. Peter's T-Shirts - BACK IN STOCK!

Available in the office starting Monday and on Sunday mornings starting on October 16.

Or you can email:

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

All proceeds go to help our youth and kids go to Camp Mitchell!



2016 ADVENT EVENT EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Sunday November 27, 2016

4:00PM - 7:00 PM

Let us begin Advent together, serving and celebrating!

Advent Event Schedule

4:00-5:00PM - Service Fair - Do you volunteer in an organization outside of St. Peter's walls? Would you like to share the good that this organization does with your church family?

Set up a booth at our Service Fair in the church lobby! Are you looking for a community organization to get involved with, then come see with your St. Peter's brothers and sisters are up to! Email Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com to reserve your booth space.

5:00-6:00PM - Family Feast Fiesta - Join us for a fiesta themed- potluck-style as we celebrate the Eucharist around the dinner table as a family! Bring a Mexican inspired dish or taco toppings to share.

6:00-7:00PM - Advent Activity Time - Crafts, games, activities, and more will be available for everyone to participate in and every household will leave with tactile ways to celebrate Advent at home.



To volunteer to help with this event or for questions please contact Jerusalem Greer at

Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com

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=a07ed3hqokea889b12>

FOOD PANTRY

Turkey Baskets Day is Coming!

Here is how you can help:

1) PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR A FAMILY IN NEED FOR \$50!

-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'

-Any leftover food or funds donated will go directly to the food pantry.

2) YOUTH SERVE DAY - November 21

Youth ages 6th grade and up are invited to help pack and pass out the Thanksgiving Baskets. There will be volunteer slots from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm.

[You can sign-up to serve HERE.](#)

Please call St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 501-329-8174 with any questions you may have or email Christy Garrett-Jones at cdjones1976@yahoo.com.



Help Out the Food Pantry

Don't forget your items to bring this Sunday! You may also drop off items in the church lobby anytime during the week. With your help we are able to provide food to those in need.

Sunday, November 20, 2016

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

****If you are bringing fresh produce to donate, please contact someone with a key and see that it is placed in the Food Pantry refrigerators.**

Pantry Musings

". . . what we crave in this wilderness (in which we live) are fresh words from the mouth of God - not yesterday's manna, nor tomorrow's, but just enough for today. Whatever happened to the talkative God of the Bible? What wouldn't we give for one comforting word . . . (Taylor, Barbra Brown. *The Silence of God*. Cambridge, Mass. 1998, p. 24) ". . . it seems entirely possible to me that what we are sensing is true. For reasons beyond our understanding, the sovereign God is not so talkative anymore. . . ." (p.26). Earlier in her discussion of our own use of words and the incarnate Word, she argues that our dreams of reason, of humanism, came to an end with the cultural decay of Central Europe and the resulting revolution in Russia as well as with the events of western Europe in the 1940s and in Auschwitz. Steiner observed, according to Taylor, that "We now live 'after the Word,' in a time of epilogue, which is both a time of endings and new beginnings. (p.18-19)." Does this mean that God's word does not exist? I think not. I think that we have used our words and our powers so unwisely that our words have worn thin, but in spite of this fact, we think that we can take control of our histories, our communities, ourselves without regard for others. In the process we have lost ourselves and others. God's silence is hopeful. It is a new beginning for us in the midst of great sorrow and suffering over our own misuse of power. We have now to contemplate, to look within, and to commune to discover God's voice in the small places of our lives. - Ann Drake

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Your Giving @ Work

As we head into Stewardship Season and think about our giving for the coming year, it is always a fun practice to take a look back, and see just how our giving has helped our church to grow this past year!

This week we wanted to give you a snapshot of just how much Family Ministries has grown, and an overview of what your giving has provided for our families.

A few of the things we did in 2016 are:

- Increased our nursery workers from 3 to 4 due to our baby boom
- Helped send 25 kids to camp or state-wide youth events.
- Hosted a Dog Wash, Trunk-or-Treat for the community
- Served breakfast 4 times to our Food Pantry clients
- Saw an average of 40 kids participating in Spiritual Formation each week
- Trained a Junior Verger and two Junior Thurifers
- Went Yurting, the County Fair and Bowling
- Celebrated Pentecost, St. Michaelmas, Epiphany, Easter, Advent and Christmas with inter-generational events
- Learned to pray using the Labyrinth and cleaned the courtyard
- Celebrated Baptisms and Confirmation
- Started a Youth Orchestra for Christmas! Isn't it just wonderful? Thank you to everyone who gives to St. Peter's and volunteers with Family Ministries - our church is a welcoming place to families because of you!



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, any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized.

SUNDAY SERVICE AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Prayers of the People

Prayers and Petitions:

Jen and Chris; Thomas, Paige, Mason; Olivia, Austin, Karlie; Trent; Steve and Nancy; Brigi and Wilbur; Ellen; Dee; Chandler; Claire; Robert (guidance and peace); Lynne and mother; Lillian and Fred; Opp; Wanda; Mark; Chris; Patricia; Stephanie; Maxim; Pam, Jodie, Adriene, Zee and Iasha.

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, Odessa; Hannah; Jon and Julie; Micah; Linda; Bob; Sam; Mouaz; Natalie.

Thanksgivings: 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; Casey Quast and Carol Gulas; Jeff, Krista, Annette and Lydia Quinn; Harry Readnour; Ric

Readnour; 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.

Thanksgivings:

We give thanks for The House of Refuge and Deliverance Ministry.

We give thanks for The Hillel Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our Family Feast.

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

We give thanks for for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), and The Rt Revd Nigel William Stock.

We give thanks for the Treble Choir at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

We give thanks for Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

Departed: Raymond Mosley, Annie Schmidt

Liturgical Readings for Sunday, November 20, 2016

The 9:00am lector will read from

Colossians and lead the Psalm.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Below is the link to the lectionary readings for Sunday.

http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp29_RCL.html

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Team 3	7:30am Rite I	9:00 Enriching with Music	11:00 Rite II
Lectors	Ann Drake	Susan Sobel	Wolf Oeste Dee Sanders
Greeters	Richard Boosey	Lisa Crowson	Sandy Simpson Gloria Parker
Ushers	Richard Boosey	Danny & Dinah Reed	Bob Sanders Kevin Mequet
Oblationers		Ushers will be Oblationers	Lynn & Pam Neuhofel
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	Pam Holt	1-Paul McCowan 2-Linda Brown	1-Kelley King 2-Ellen Stengel
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)			Erin Weindorf Dan Allen
Vestry Counters			Dan Allen Jay Ruud
Acolytes		AM: Beth Brady C: Wade Simpson	AM: Beth Brady C: Berris Teague T1: Cooper Teague T2: Hutson Teague
Altar Guild			Team 1

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