



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Conway, Arkansas

The Labyrinth Walk Thursday, August 10, 2017

The Altar Flowers are
given by Warren and Shari Readnour,
in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

School Supplies

The Food Pantry at St. Peter's is one of our most successful and MUCH needed ministries in our community. As you can imagine, families that are struggling to put food on their tables are also struggling to get adequate school supplies for their kiddos.

Family Ministries is collecting SCHOOL SUPPLIES for our Food Pantry friends - Packs of markers, glue sticks, mechanical pencils, Kleenex, and paper are all needed. And as you are shopping, please consider giving a short prayer for a good school year on behalf of the kids who will receive these items.

You can bring any and all supplies to the Little Red Wagon in the Lobby or to the church office!

Annual EYC Splash Bash!

All Youth in grades 5 and up (and their families) are invited to our Annual EYC Splash Bash Back-to-School Celebration!

When: Sunday, August 20, 4-6pm

Where: Donna and Eric Hutchinson's Home - 175 Beavorfork Road, Conway AR 72032

What to Bring: A side or dessert. The main dish will be provided by Donna and Eric, and the church will provide drinks and ice.

Have questions? Contact Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com

Back 2 School Sunday

Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth-teach it to me-because you are the God who saves me.

I put my hope in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

Join us on August 13 as we say prayers for the new school year in all three services. All educators and students are encouraged to bring their backpacks, lesson plan folders, or other school item for this special time of prayer and thanksgiving.

New Junior Daughters of the King Chapter, first in Arkansas

The Diocese of Arkansas is happy to announce the recent Institution of the first Junior Daughters of the King Chapter. The Alpha Chapter was instituted on July 11, 2017 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Conway, Arkansas installing 5 girls.

Pictured, l. to r. front, are Claudia Wiltgen, Amy Rice, Hannah Ruckle, and Isabel Ruckle, (not pictured, Jaylee Garrett-Jones). The chapter is led by Junior Directress Gloria Parker and Assistant Dinah Reed.



Three Generations of Daughters of the King

Pictured are *The Alpha Chapter's Junior Daughters*, Hannah Ruckle and her sister, Isabel Ruckle with their mother, Monica Dunn and Monica's mother, Janet Young, both Daughters of the King.

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Dollar Bills

All \$1 bills in the offering plate this Sunday will go to the Discretionary Fund.

Budget Information

The weekly Operating Budget needs \$8830.00 each week to meet our budget obligations. For the month of August, St. Peter's will need \$35,322.00 to meet our budgetary needs for the month.

As a whole, we are doing well on our 2017 Operating Pledged giving. Laying the Foundation pledges are running behind which affects our total budget.

Weekly Need for August: \$ 8830.00

Offering for August 6: \$ 7667.00

Difference in weekly need: \$-1163.00

August need: \$35,322.00

August balance: \$27,655.00

ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Acolyte Training

All current and wannabe Acolytes are invited to a special training August 27th! We will meet at 12:30 in the Lobby for lunch and then proceed to the training!

Contact Peggy Cromwell for more info.



Church's Teachings for a Changing World

You are invited to participate in the discussion at 10:00 am, Sundays, in the Parish hall chapel.

These discussions follow the Episcopal Church's Teaching Series which seeks to engage newcomers, members, and leaders in faithful, thoughtful conversation.

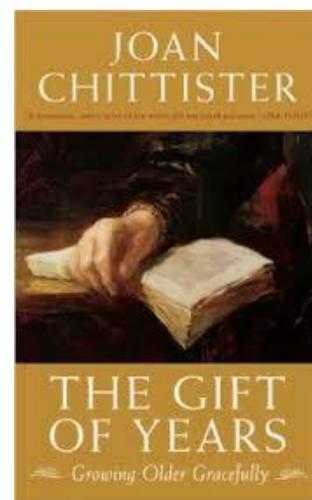
On August 20, the discussion opens with "Church Meets World" which will explore Episcopal engagement with contemporary social issues. Books will be available for purchase or on loan.

All are welcome at any time. Carolyn Scott will be happy to answer your questions.

Brown Bag Book Club

Well-known in Catholic circles for her willingness to take on anybody—even the pope—in defense of women's rights, Chittister, now in her 70s, examines how it feels "to be facing that time of life for which there is no career plan." Clearly, getting older has not diminished the controversial nun, activist, lecturer, and author of nearly 40 books on feminism, nonviolence and Benedictine wisdom. This collection of inspirational reflections, "not meant to be read in one sitting, or even in order, but one topic at a time," abounds in gentle insights and arresting aphorisms, she ponders topics such as faith, mystery, forgiveness and legacy.

The Brown Bag Book Club begins again on August 9, 2017, at noon in St. Peter's Library. Please come and enjoy lively discussion to make the second half of life even better than the first!



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Attention Men: Give one hour a month as part of your Christian experience. Join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew which meets for one hour the third Monday of each month. The Brothers pray, study scripture, and serve together. Check the lobby bulletin board for this month's meeting.

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.

Adult Forum

Divine: of Its Non-Violent God

Violence Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal

Is the only path to shalom through a valley of capricious divine bloodshed?

One of the world's foremost historical Jesus scholars helps the church and its alumni/ae rise above the greatest of Christian treasons: that everlasting peace can only be achieved through the onslaught of divine violence. Filmed before a live audience in a workshop setting, professor and author John Dominic Crossan summarizes the essence of his bestselling HOW TO READ THE BIBLE & STILL BE A CHRISTIAN: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis Through Revelation and shows the way forward for those seeking an authentic Christianity for the 21st century. Violence Divine is an eight-session DVD-based program. The basic format for each 1 - 1.5 hour session includes chapter breaks and discussion questions related to each 40-minute video segment.

Session Titles:

An Epic Matrix

Sin and Escalatory Violence

The Heart of the Torah

Deuteronomy Rules

Undecided Justice

Not, not, not, not, not, NOT the End of the World

The "Violentization" of Jesus

Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God

Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at De Paul University, John Dominic Crossan is generally acknowledged to be the premier historical Jesus scholar in the world. He has written twenty books including Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography, Who Killed Jesus? and The Birth of Christianity. A Roman Catholic monk for nineteen years and a priest for twelve years, Crossan is a former co-chair of the Jesus Seminar and chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Fall Bible Studies

The Fall Bible Study will be a discussion of the Gospel of Luke. Check lobby bulletin board for additional information or telephone Joe Arn.

Bible Study Fall Luncheon, September 11, 11 am, Mike's Place

Afternoon Bible Study starts September 18, Monday, 12:15 pm, Church Library.

Evening Bible Study starts September 21, Thursday, 7 pm, Morgan House

Library Information

LibraryThing is a fun tool for getting disturbingly organized with your own home libraries (a free personal library account will allow you to enter a few thousand titles of your own). A few years ago, we set up our church library with a lifetime membership which allows our church library to add up to 10,000 books. So far we've entered about one tenth of the existing church library in our account, StPeteLibrary. Sadly, I am still the only *Librarything* "friend" of the church library. I would like some help getting the popularity rolling along. If you get the techie urge to set up a *LibraryThing* account (it's like a facebook for library enthusiasts and readers where you can recommend titles, etc.), I invite you to "friend" StPeteLibrary! If that's too intense, please feel free to visit the public view, which allows you to browse and search the catalog as well. Here's the public view of StPeteLibrary on *Librarything*:

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/stpetelibrary>

Servant Leadership

Servant Leadership School of Conway is once again sponsoring a ten-week introductory course this Fall. The classes are on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning September 14, 2017. Each pilgrim receives a three-ring notebook full of fascinating articles, weekly assignments, and real life questions to ponder during small group discussions. They also receive an armful of paperbacks. The school's mission statement is "Relying on ancient spiritual wisdom enriched by modern understanding, we offer courses designed to foster personal growth and service to others." Pick up a brochure in the lobby, or email judyhelm77@gmail.com to have one sent to you. The registration deadline is the end of August.

C/YA!

August Hiatus: C-YA will NOT meet during the month of August. We will be doing some planning for the future, so be on the lookout for new information later this month. If you are interested in more information or have questions, please email Rev. Peggy.



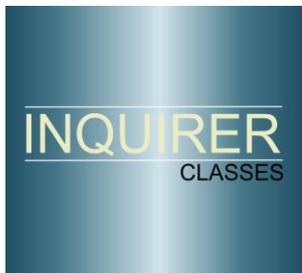
Lessons and Hymns

Join the Faulkner County chapter of Church Women United*
for a sing-along of your favorite church hymns
Thursday, August 17, 11:00
St Peter's Episcopal Church, 925 Mitchell Street

*Church Women United is a national ecumenical Christian women's movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women. All Are Welcome!!

NewComer's Brunch

New or New-ish to St. Peter's? Bring your questions and your appetite and join us for a light brunch. Meet other St. Peter newcomers as well as long-time members and learn a little bit more about our mission and ministries!
Sunday September 17, 10 AM at The Morgan House
Childcare Provided in Main Building
Questions? Contact Jerusalem Greer Jerusalem.greer@stpetersconway.com



Inquirer's Class

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and how to join? Whether you are new to our congregation or have been a part of St. Peter's for a long time, you're invited to attend this Inquirers Workshop hosted by our clergy and lay ministers! This day workshop is full of lively discussions, fellowship and connection. This workshop are especially important (and required) for those planning to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visits St. Peter's in October. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be served. Email Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com or click on [HERE to register online.](#) Childcare is available upon request.

FACILITIES

Narthex and Nave Doors

In the next couple of weeks, you will notice that the Narthex and Nave doors will be removed for some updating! When they return from Kordsmeier Remodeling Service, we will have a new experience upon entering the narthex and the nave at St. Peter's.

The existing doors into these areas will be enhanced by glass panels which will maintain the delineation of the spaces while allowing in more light and the ability to view activities without interruption. This long-awaited improvement is made possible through the generous donations to the Memorial Funds Account.

Memorial Funds Account may be contributed to at any time and are given in someone's name who has recently passed away. Some funds are for designated purposes, some are left to the discretion of the Memorial Funds Committee.

Contact the church office for further information on memorial funds and enjoy our new doors!

Reminder that this project is not being paid through the Operating Budget.

CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 2:00pm Enneagram (Library) 7:00pm Enneagram (Library)	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (Parish Hall)	9:00am Food Pantry	7:30am Rite I 8:40am Nursery Opens 8:50am Gnostic Discussion (Library) 9:00am Enriching our Worship Eucharist 10:00am Adult Formation 11:00am Rite II 12:30pm DOK (Morgan House) 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship (Classroom 4)	7:30am Parent and Student Parking Lot Welcoming 11:30am Centering Prayer (Side Chapel) 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Morgan House)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19
7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 5:30pm Discernment Committee	12:00pm Noon Book Club (Library) 6:30pm	7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 11:00am	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (Parish Hall)	9:00am Food Pantry 1:00pm

(Library) 7:00pm Circle of Trust (Morgan House)	Narcotics Anonymous (Morgan House) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	Lessons and Hymns 2:00pm SLS Planning (Library) 6:30pm Finance Meeting (Classroom 2) 6:30pm Discernment Committee (Morgan House) 7:00pm Enneagram (Library)	Parish Hall Reserved
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Save the Date!

- August 13 The Rev. Dr. Linda Brown preaching in all three services.
Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00am and 11:00am).
- August 14 School starts back!
School parking lot welcome to students and parents.
- August 20 Church in the Changing Word begins, Parish Hall Chapel.
The Rev. Amber Carswell, Trinity Cathedral, preaching and Celebrating in all three services.
- August 27 Vestry Meeting, 4:30pm, Library
Acolyte Training
The Rev. Bob Brown preaching in all three services.
- September 4 Parish Office closed for Labor Day.
- September 10 Rally Day
- September 17 NewComer's Brunch, 10:00am, Morgan House.
- September 30 Inquirer's Workshop, 9:00am, Morgan House.
- October 4 The Feast of St. Francis Celebration
- October 7 The Rev. Robert C. Brown's Ordination, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
- October 8 The Rev. Peggy Cromwell preaching in all three services.
The Rev. Robert C. Brown Celebrating in all three services.



The Rev. Amber Carswell

The Rev. Amber Carswell will be preaching and
Celebrating with us in all three services
on August 20, 2017.

FOOD PANTRY

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.

1 16oz Peanut Butter; 1 jelly (no glass) 2 cans of soup;

Diapers, Feminine Hygiene Products

**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

We are a people who affirm the resurrection of Jesus. If you are like me, you are not sure what The Resurrection means or looks like. The Christian story and the Creeds all confess that Jesus rose from the dead. I confess that and tell the stories about Jesus' resurrection without knowing what they might mean or look like. In other words, I cannot prove them. They are a mystery to me. Historically any attempt to prove these stories and creeds has fallen flat. What I do know is that there are many small resurrections in your lives and in mine - no matter how small they might be -- that point me in the direction of transformation and renewal. These small resurrections are also mysterious, but they are realized. I am able to point to some differences in me through these small and not so small resurrections. I confess that the process of getting sober for an addict is just such a resurrection. It is huge. It takes some time to accomplish. Years in some cases. Sobriety is not just abstinence from the abuse of a substance. It requires a transformation in our personality. It requires the admission of character flaws, a seeking of forgiveness through admission of our wrongs toward others, an owning of our anger and desires to blame others, and the healing of our spirit which comes by the grace of God. When you realize what you did to yourself and all of those whose lives you touched and you have truly owned your behavior and sought forgiveness for these behaviors, you have a new life, a transformed self full of flaws that you now own, a transformed personality. That is a small resurrection that I can point to in my experience that enables me to confess to a resurrection that only God can accomplish. Ann Drake

SUNDAY SERVICE AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 13, 2017

The 9:00am Service will lead the Psalm and read from Romans.

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm 85:8-13

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Prayers of the People

Prayers and Petitions:

Nikki and Jim; Shannon; Anisa; Lynn; Nancy; Sowell Family; Denis; Adam; Aidan, Amaris; All Students and Educators; Robert; William; Hannah; Freda; John; Carl; Larry; Beth.

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, and Odessa; Micah; Sam; Mouaz; Natalie.

Thanksgivings:

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

We give thanks for: Lisa, Carlin, Braelyn, Sara, and Hannah Buck; John, Kristina, Jay and Anna Burford; Lisa Burks; Jay and Sam Burnham; Tara and Sam Burnham; Jennings Burruss; Chad and Melissa Butler.

We give thanks for the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Better Together Multifaith Initiative.

We give thanks for the youth of St. Peter's.

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

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Michael Fape, Remo, Lagos, Nigeria

We give thanks for The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Associate for Formation at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

The Departed:

Richard

Team 2	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
Lectors	Douglas Young	Donna Bowman	Eric Hutchinson Donna Hutchinson

Ushers		Patsy Evans Dave Campbell	Kelly King Bev Freiley
Oblationers			
Greeters		Tom Courtway Melissa Courtway	Dave Larson Marilyn Larson
Eucharistic Visitor			
Eucharistic Minister	Nathan Greer	Tanya Buchanan	
Acolytes		AM: CB: Cady Gray	AM: C: Jaylee Garrett-Jones T1: Harper Sobel T2: Elise McGarrity
Vestry Counters			Leigh Ann Warriner Jane Harris
Altar Guild			Team 1

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