



The Labyrinth Walk Thursday, September 15, 2016

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Altar flowers are given by Cleve & Sandra Hamilton to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children & grandchildren.

A Labyrinth Memo

Mike King, Bookkeeper

Greetings from the Treasurer Office! I would like to tell an exciting story, like how I roused a family of raccoons out of the Morgan House attic, but Karen McNutt beat me to it on that call. Maybe I should stick to a subject that is more familiar to me.

I really enjoy my job as bookkeeper at St. Peter's Church. The work atmosphere in the St. Peter's Office is the right mix of the solitude I need for productivity and the social interaction that many of us begin to miss once we retire and give up our day jobs. I like the way that so many of you greet me when you are on your way to your classes in the education wing. Somehow, I never pictured myself as a staff member here before Teri approached me to take this position when Kitson and her family moved to Florida last January. Now I realize what a good match this job is for my interests in accounting and the financial wellbeing of my church, which certainly includes stewardship.

As a "seasoned" member here I am glad to be able to say that our collective giving is on the uptick. I think this is likely due in part to the increase in attendance, but also in our level of commitment to the work we do to reach out in our community. Whether we help people in practical ways through the food pantry and discretionary fund, or through our educational and spiritual offerings, we shoulder the costs and invite others to join us as we spread the Kingdom to all who would share our vision.

To me the stewardship of our finances means making sure that all of the funds that are entrusted to St. Peter's by her members are wisely used. In addition to keeping accurate records of our income and expenses, it is my goal to ensure that we avoid unnecessary expenditures and receive good value when we spend church money.

While the focus my own job is on our finances, I thank everyone who supports St. Peter's Church with your Time, Talent and Treasure.

Volunteer of the Week

Congrats to Sylvia and Dale Walker, our Volunteers of the Week! From Food Pantry work to The Morgan House remodel to Thanksgiving Basket food pick-up to our Kitchen Makeover and the storage shelf projects, Sylvia and Dale Walker work tirelessly to support the ministry and mission of St. Peter's. Sylvia is an organizational wizard who, along with Pam Neuhofer, has tackled clutter challenges in each of our buildings. Sylvia has also served on the Vestry as our Senior Warden, and continues to serve faithfully in our Food Pantry. Dale has built, fixed, cut, repaired, loaded, unloaded, and consulted on numerous projects - inside and outside -

here at St. Peter's and up at Camp Mitchell. The Walkers are loyal friends, active in Foyers, and have generously opened their home for a variety of events for St. Peter's members and newcomers. When not serving at the church Dale and Sylvia can be found doting on their kitty cats, tending their garden, and enjoying their extended family.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Theology Coffee Group

The Theology Coffee Group is gearing back up! We will meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm at Panera to talk about the theologian Eringenena. A group usually gathers round 6:15 to eat together, so please feel free to join in for that as well. Our guest presenter will be Bob Musser. Come hear about a theologian dear to Bob's heart!



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.

Canterbury College Ministry

The Canterbury College Ministry will have an organizational meet-up on Sunday, September 25, at 12:30pm at La Huerta Mexican Restaurant (1052 Harrison St). All college students are invited to attend. We will get to know one another and talk about future meetings and potential topics for discussion. There will be a group leaving from St Peter's after the 11:00 service. Check with Rev. Teri or Rev. Peggy if you need a ride.

Calling all Women at St. Peter's!

To All the Women of St. Peter's:

The recent Ministry Fair was perfect for introducing ECW (Episcopal Church Women) to the women of St. Peter's. Many women stopped by our display board to learn more about this organization which has been in existence for over 100 years.

We had many sign up for our first Road Trip to the Arkansas Art Center in Little Rock. Joe Arn, a docent at the Center, will guide us through the exhibit!



Museum Trip: All women are invited to a journey through the arts!

Wednesday, September 21

We will leave the church parking lot at 10:45 AM and meet Joe at the center. After lunch in the museum café, we will follow our docent through the galleries and exhibits at the center. You will be amazed at the collection in this museum.

Please email Marilyn Rishkofski to RSVP! marilyn@artexperienceinc.com

*We understand how difficult it is for women who work or who need childcare to participate in many activities. For this reason, ECW has added a Saturday road trip to the museum. We have scheduled a second road trip for October 22nd. Stay tuned for more details!

Foyers!

It's Foyers time!! Foyers groups gather monthly at rotating locations, determined by the group, for food and fellowship. This year we will try to have a family Foyers group as well so please indicate on the sign in sheet if you wish to join the family group. The sign up sheet is in the lobby. Please sign up by Sept. 18. If you have questions contact Dee Sanders, deesan1@aol.com.

Inquirer's Workshop Evening Sessions - September 27 and October 4, 6-8pm

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? 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 Inquirer Workshop! This day long workshop for adults eighteen years of age and up, is full of lively discussions and is held at The Morgan House and include a light breakfast and lunch. These classes 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.

The topics, led by Rev. Teri Daily, Jerusalem Greer, and others include:

The History of the Episcopal Church: The Reformation

The History of the Episcopal Church in America

The Leadership and Polity of the Episcopal Church

Episcopal Worship and the Sacraments

The Bible in the Episcopal Church

Mission and Ministry (Finding Your Place in the Episcopal Church),

The History of St. Peter's, Conway

Email Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com or click on this link to sign-up!

Childcare is available upon request

Family Feast

This is the Welcome Table of our Redeemer, and you are invited. Make no excuses, saying you cannot attend; simply come, for around this table you will find your family.

- Sing the Journey

Family Feast is an informal potluck meal, shared around one large table, during which we receive Communion. Modelling our meal after the last supper of Christ, we celebrate Eucharist - first by the breaking of the bread, then after the meal, by passing the cup. During the course of the evening we seek to tell the story of God and our place in in by singing songs, reading scripture, and by praying together as a family. We encourage all who attend to bring a friend, bring a dish, and bring your hands open wide - ready to give and ready to receive - as we keep the feast together.



Our next Family Feast is on September 18, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. This month we will be celebrating Michaelmas -the feast of Michael and all the Archangels. In some cultures this feast is one where the last harvest of the summer is celebrated and the community celebrates the gifts of the earth. This month Dough and Jenny Knight will be with us for this special Farm-to-Table Feast!

If you would like to join in this celebration, please bring any of your garden produce, canned items or seeds, that you would like to have blessed during our time together.

Also, if you can, please bring a potluck dish to share!

All ages are welcome.

For more info contact Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com

CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19
7:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm SLS Planning 4:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Fall Bible Study (MH) 7:00pm Finance	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH) 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6057 (MH)	9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Parish Hall Reserved	7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist 8:45am Adult Christian Ed 9:00am Enriching our Worship Holy Eucharist 10:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Family Formation 11:00am Rite II Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Family Feast 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship	11:15am Centering Prayer 12:00pm Fall Bible Study 2:00pm EfM 5:30pm SLS (MH) 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (EfM Room) 7:00pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24
7:00am Morning Prayer 4:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm EfM 7:00pm College Dinners (PH)	10:45am ECW to Arkansas Arts Center 12:00pm Brown Bag Book Club Lunch 5:30pm The Fledgling Writing Group 5:00pm EYC 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	7:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm SLS Planning 2:00pm Ennegram 4:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Fall Bible Study (MH) 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6342 (PH) 7:00pm Theology Coffeehouse	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH) 6:30pm Morgan House Reserved	9:00am Food Pantry

Save the Date:

September 18, 2016

Family Feast - Harvest Time, 5:30pm

September 25, 2016

ArtsFest Recital, 3:00ppm

September 29, 2016

ArtsFest Coffee House, 7:00pm

October 2, 2016

Blessing of the Animals, 9:00am

October 8, 2016

Confirmation Rehearsal, 10:00am

October 9, 2016

Bishop Sunday and Confirmation

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES



AYE REGISTRATION TIME

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.

Contact Jerusalem for more info.

REGISTER: [AYE REGISTRATION](#)

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>

SHOE BOXES!!!!

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

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.

Sunday, September 18, 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

Forgiveness is not a simple thing of saying I'm sorry and having someone say "Oh, that's OK" and we go on about our business, as if someone met us coming through the door as we were going out of it. If this were the case, we hardly need forgiveness at all. Indeed this sort of "I'm sorry" is a social convention which involves merely a set of circumstances which occur accidentally, and often if you are on either side of a solid door. Rather, forgiveness involves serious hurt and a breach of relationships. If I am involved in such a situation, I often need time to sort out my feelings, and a third party to help me sort out those feelings, give me some help in understanding their source, and in addressing the other party in the relationship so that neither of us goes after the other in a fit of temper, or is tempted to project onto the other reasons for their behavior. It is important that the third party be somewhat neutral and not involved in the altercation for them to be able to mediate. Forgiveness is a tedious and long suffering process. In the most extreme cases, it may require years of therapy or analysis to cope with especially if you have been abused. I remember when I started getting involved in community organizing and health planning, I had to come to terms with the anger in the African American community in Cincinnati. I took a course in Black History, read many of Frederick Douglass' works, and spent many hours with my fellow African American students and workers before I could piece together my own rudimentary understanding of the results of slavery and the years of fiscal, social, and emotional neglect that were brought about through the years of failure to forgive and repent. This was in the 1960s and at that time, there was little wide spread understanding of the anger found in the African American. I sometimes wonder if we are not regressing, but then I hear the encouraging news of Georgetown University's expression of guilt and regret with an offer of scholarships and admissions to heirs of slaves sold to save the school. I hope they are able to identify those heirs. Forgiveness and repentance have a communal and individual self which goes beyond words to responsible acts which bear fruit so that amends and promises are realized and fulfilled. -Ann Drake

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Discretionary Fund

All \$1 bills from this Sunday's offering will go in the Discretionary Fund.

Where your tithe goes.....

Did you know that from August 2015, to August 2016, we gave \$39, 401 for our Diocesan Commitment.

EVENTS

An Evening with Mouaz Moustafa

When: Tuesday, September 20th at 7 pm

Where: Worsham Hall, Hendrix College

Anyone who has looked at the news in the past five years is aware that the suffering in Syria is at an all-time high. Besides millions of Syrian refugees in surrounding countries and in Europe, there is an even greater number of displaced persons remaining within Syria. Some are children who have lost both their parents in the war. St. Peter's and the community of Conway are supporting Wisdom House, a growing orphanage in the Idlib Province of Syria. Mouaz Moustafa, executive director of the Syrian Emergency Task Force, will be speaking in Worsham Hall at Hendrix College on Tuesday, September 20th, at 7 pm. Please come hear about the situation in Syria, the Wisdom House orphanage, and the ways that we can make a difference in the lives of these children.

Linda Brown and Leigh Cole

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.



Blessing of the Animals

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 on the lawn behind the parish hall a little before 9am.

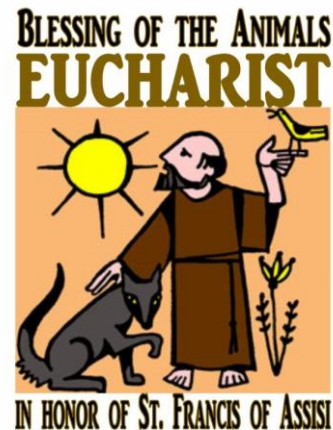
The service (which will include Eucharist) will begin at 9am.

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

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St. Peter's To Host Two Events

This September, St. Peter's will join other Conway organizations in celebrating ArtsFest, an event planned by the Conway Alliance for the Arts (CAFTA). This week long event provides opportunities for artists, musicians, poets and craftspeople to display and share their talents with the community.

On Sunday, September 25th at 3 PM, Timothy Allen and Christine Westhoff are presenting a concert program which extends from oratorio and opera arias to sacred songs.



Tim Allen and Christine Westhoff

On Thursday, September 29th at 7 PM, the Parish Hall will be transformed into St. Pete's Coffee House and will feature music by the Fat Soul Band, Denise Hurd's Rackensack musicians, and the Boomers.



Fat Soul Band



The Rackensack Musicians



The Boomers

As with other ArtsFest events, no admission will be charged. However, presenting these 2 programs to the community does incur expenses. We are asking you to consider becoming a sponsor for either event. We will have all levels of sponsorships available.

We are so excited and especially happy to be involved in Artsfest this year since Independent Living Services has been designated as the Non-Profit organization which will receive special attention throughout the celebration. It will also be fun for us at St. Peter's to recognize this organization since the director is our own Elissa Douglas.

Rev. Teri & Marilyn Rishkofski

Sponsors and Donations for ArtsFest Events:

Timothy Allen and Christine Westhoff in concert	9/25	3 PM
St. Pete's Coffee House	9/29	7 PM

The excitement is building as we move closer to our ArtsFest Events. We are busy making sure that the church and Parish Hall are ready for our entertainers as well as our guests. As you have read, there is no admission for the ArtsFest events. However, presenting these 2 programs to the community does incur expenses. We are asking for your help.

This is your chance to become an Archangel!! Or an Angel!! Or a Saint!

Sponsorships:

Archangel	\$100	Free Westhoff/Allen CD	Name listed in Program
Angel	\$ 50	Free St. Peter's Memorabilia	Name listed in Program
Saint	\$ 25		Name listed in Program

Any donation of any amount would be most appreciated to support the musicians and poets who are sharing their talents with the community. Please take or send checks or cash donations to the church office.

Rides to the polls for EARLY voting in the General Election

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Prayers of the People

Prayers & Petitions:

Tom and his family; Wanda; Fawn; Jen and Chris; Olivia, Austin, Karlie; Paige, Thomas, Mason; Trent; Judy; Cleve and Sandra; Kevin (healing); Ellen; Leann; Ron; Gerald; Matt; Jacob; Levi; Marilyn and David (traveling); Kelly; Mary; Susannah; Catherine and Mac; Meghan and Melissa; Dianna; Carisa; Faith; Debbie (healing); Shannon and Anisa; John

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, Odessa, Hannah, Jon, Julie, Micah, Linda, Bob, Sam

Thanksgivings:

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

We give thanks for: Mary Ferguson; Ansley and Nancy Fleming; Mack and Catherine Fortney; Jim Fowler; Kathy Fowler; Ruth Frankenberger; Ken, Bev and Melissa Freiley, Meghan, David and Alex Repp; Sara Galvin; Sarah, Christy, Jaylee and Julian Garrett-Jones; Tina Garrow; Ashley Gillam, Wills Phillips, Tully Caddel;

We give thanks for 1st Assembly of God Church.

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

We give thanks for our Meals Ministry.

We give thanks for The Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

We give thanks for The Families and Clergy who are leading our congregations in Arkansas, Pennsylvania, and Western Guatemala.

We give thanks for Jane Good, Vestry Clerk, at St. Martin in Fields, Philadelphia.

Departed:

Gladys and Archie; Donna and Buz

Liturgical Readings for Sunday, September 18, 2016

The lector for the 9:00am Service will read Amos and lead the Psalm.

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *

- praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
 - 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
 - 4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
 - 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
 - 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
 - 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
 - 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Team 3	7:30am Rite I	9:00 Enriching with Music	11:00 Rite II
Lectors	Pam Holt	Mary Etta Qualls	Kevin Mequet Jayme Stone
Greeters	Richard Boosey	Lisa Crowson	Lynne Rich Sandy Simpson
Ushers	Richard Boosey	Tanya Buchanan Dinah Reed	Jerry Adams Wayne Stengel
Oblationers			Pam and Lynn Neuhofel
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	Stacey Coleman	Judy Helm EM1 Sam Buchanan EM2	Jim Fowler EM1 Beth Brady EM2
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)			Dan Allen Rita Mackintosh
Vestry Counters			John Phillips Liz Larson
Acolytes		AM: Wylie Greer CB: Harry Lance	AM: Wylie Greer C: Jaylee Garrett- Jones T1: Cody Blackmon T2: Jack Wirtz
Altar Guild			Team 1

