



St. Peter's
Episcopal Church
Conway, Arkansas

The Labyrinth Walk **Thursday, September 29, 2016**

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Altar flowers are given by given by
George and Stacey Coleman.

A Labyrinth Memo

Dinah Reed, Altar Guild Director

The ministry of the Altar Guild is one which sometimes goes unnoticed because of the dedication of its members. The men and women of St. Peter's Altar Guild are a wonderful group who love our church community. They are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Altar Guild members are very dependable and well-informed communicants working behind the scenes setting Christ's table for every service held in our church. New members are always welcomed. Currently there are five new members in training. The Guild works in four teams who serve 3-4 times per year for one month at a time.

The beautiful altar linens are cleaned, ironed and folded properly to be used for each service. Silver and brass is washed, polished and shined with care after use. Candles are filled with liquid wax to burn brightly and to help shine the light of Christ. Bread for the Wednesday Healing and Eucharist is made with loving hands and baked with prayers for our St. Peter's community. Weddings, Christmas and Easter Services bring a whole new meaning to serving on the Altar Guild. "Teach us, Good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest. . ." ~Prayer for Fidelity~

Bishop Visitation Sunday **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

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 Boomers 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.

Volunteer of the Week

On the first Sunday of the month the ministry team that is responsible serving is our Family Ministry Team. This team is made up of volunteers of all ages who serve as Lectors, Oblationers, Greeters, and Ushers. Because this Sunday is a Family Ministry Sunday we thought we would recognize one family who volunteers often - sometimes all together and sometimes as individuals. And so a BIG congrats to the Ward family - Jeff, Kristina, Madolyn, and Charlotte Ward - our volunteers of the week! Jeff and Kristina are the Family Ministry Team Leaders and do a great job of filling in all the gaps on Sunday mornings - from making the schedules, to training new volunteers, to keeping the hospitality table stocked and acting as lectors and ushers, they do it all! In addition to leading the Family Ministry Team Jeff also volunteers in the Food Pantry, while Kristina helps with the Altar Guild, the Fledglings Writers Group, and providing dinner for EYC. Not to be left out the kids to their part as well - this summer Madolyn volunteered in the church office on Thursdays helping with bulliens, the Food Pantry, and any other jobs needed. Charlotte, the youngest Ward, serves as a greeter and oblationer almost every first Sunday. We are so grateful for this sweet family and their heart for service. Thank you Wards for all you do - you are a blessing to us all!



Instant Church Directory App

St. Peter's Church Directory App has been continuously updated with information that is given to the church office. If your information needs to be updated or corrected, please contact John Churchwell at john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com.

One new feature for the app is an * which indicates a household that has two or more adult last names. These households are listed by both last names.

Linda Brown and Leigh Cole Trinity Cathedral LR 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. at Trinity 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.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Adult Forum

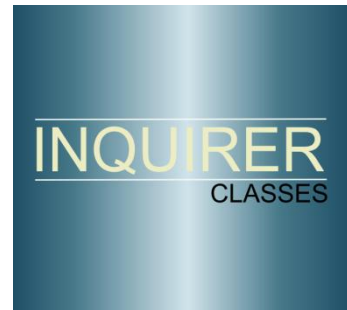
Adult Forum is viewing a video series called, "Saving Jesus." This Sunday the topic is "Atonement." Come join us in the Library at 10:00am on Sundays as we learn about this important Christian concept from contemporary theologians.

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 in the Library.

Inquirer's Workshop Evening Session - October 4, 6-pm

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 this Inquirers Workshop! This second night of a two-night workshop for adults (eighteen years of age and up) is full of lively discussions in the church library. 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. We will have light snacks during the workshop. Email Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com or click on [this link](#) to sign-up! Childcare is available upon request



The Journey

If you are interested in attending the next Journey Weekend October 21 - 23, please see Contact Nancy Thompson or [visit the Cursio site!](#)

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 Coming in October!!!

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



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.

CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3
7:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm SLS Planning 4:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Coffehouse (PH) 7:00pm Bible Study (MH)	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (MH)	9:00am Food Pantry	7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00am Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard 10:00am Adult Forum Family Formation Choir Practice 11:00am Rite II Holy Eucharist 4:30pm Vestry Meeting (Lib) 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship	11:15am Centering Prayer 12:15pm After-noon Bible Study (Lib) 2:00pm EfM 4:00pm Confirmation (Lib) 5:30pm SLS (MH) 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (PH)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
7:00am Morning Prayer 6:00pm EfM 6:00pm Inquirers (MH) 7:00pm College Dinners (PH)	5:00pm EYC (PH) 5:30pm The Fledgling Writing Group 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	7:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm SLS Planning 4:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Fall Bible Study (MH)	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH) 3:00pm Morgan House Reserved (overnight) 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6057 (MH)	12:00am Morgan House Reserved 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal

Save the Date:

October 2, 2016

9:00am - Blessing of the Animals
4:30pm - Vestry Meeting (Lib)

October 5, 2016

EYC Dog Wash 5:00-6:30pm

October 8, 2016

Confirmation Rehearsal

October 9, 2016

Bishop Sunday and Confirmation , Pie Fest Potluck

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.

You can register online [HERE](#).

Contact Jerusalem for more info.



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>



EYC Dog Wash

October 5th, 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

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, October 2, 2016

2 mac and cheese, 2 corn muffin mix, 2 cans of green beans.

**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

Frederick Buechner speaks of a hallow place within us that encourages us to search for the holy. It is this emptiness that stimulates our search for the love of God. . . . God speaks to us most clearly through his silence, his absence, so that we know him best through our missing him. Buechner goes on to remind us that God speaks to us in the little stuff of our lives, not in some banner flinging manner but in the everyday stuff. We need to look there for God, and with Paul, Rejoice! Be glad! Pray! In all that you do and say make your requests and needs known to God. It is in this aching place that we find what God may be wanting us to do. In the nonsense of our every day lives we find God speaking to us in no nonsense terms. He is reminding us to love our neighbor. To seek justice. To have mercy and compassion. To feed his lambs. To press on toward the goal. Do you ever find God in the stuff of your daily lives? Sometimes I do. Sometimes I find it in the hug of a child. Sometimes I find it in a special sandwich that was lovingly prepared. Sometimes I find it in colors that bring joy to my heart. Sometime I find God in music or in the taste of water. Where do you look for and find God in the stuff of your everyday life? Have you thought about it? Does it make a difference to be reminded to look? -Ann Drake

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Discretionary Fund

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

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.

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 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.

As with other ArtsFest events, no admission will be charged. However, presenting these 2 programs to the community does incur expenses.

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

Blessing of the Animals

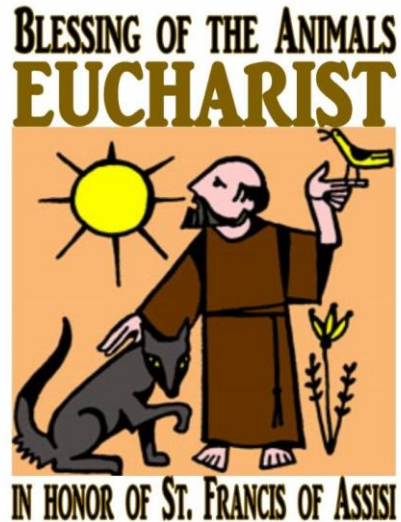
Join us Sunday, October 2, at 9am for The Blessing of the Animals Eucharist, in honor of the upcoming Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet in the Courtyard a little before 9. The service (which will include Eucharist) will begin at 9am.

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



Magdalene Coming Home is taking root!

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.

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

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

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

501-329-2181



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:

Diana; Wanda; Donna; Fawn; Heather; Kelly; Faith; John; Brian; Kevin (healing); Shannon; Anisa; David; Sarajane; John; Lentz Family; Rebecca and Aiden.

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, and 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: 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 The Rev. 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.

Departed:

Farrell

Liturgical Readings for Sunday, September 25, 2016

The lector for the 9:00am Service will read 2 Timothy and lead the Psalm.

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-10

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Below is the link to the lectionary readings for Sunday.

http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp22_RCL.html

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Team 1	7:30am Rite I	9:00 Enriching with Music	11:00 Rite II
Lectors	Nathan Greer	Jeff Ward	Amy Hawkins-Ep Tracy Simpson-Ps
Greeters	Miles Greer	Andrea Savage Melissa Felty	Shari Readnour
Ushers	Willie Greer	Veronica Makepeace Kristina Ward	Claudia Wiltgen Walker Simpson
Oblationers		Charlotte Ward Ella Johnson	Wade Simpson Elena Wiltgen
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	George Coleman	Paul McCowan EM1 Tanya Buchanan EM2	Catherine Fortney EM1 Dan Allen EM2
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)			Dan Allen Rita Mackintosh
Vestry Counters			Jane Harris Christy Garrett-Jones
Acolytes		CB: Wade Simpson	C: Parker Teague T1: Berris Teague T2: Cooper Teague
Altar Guild			Team 2