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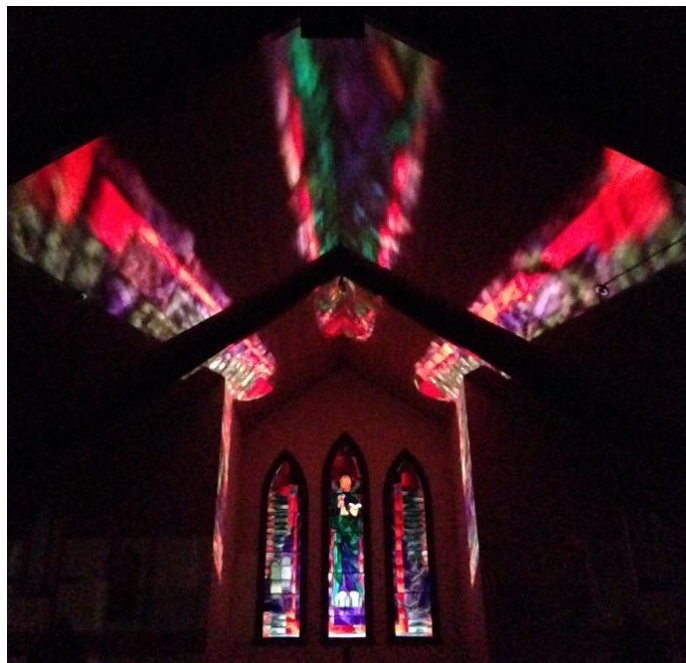
Purcellville, Virginia

Easter Season

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Walk with Jesus this Week To the Grave and Back



Tenebrae – Wednesday, April 1, 7pm

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 7pm

Christ in the Passover

Good Friday – April 3, 7am, 12pm, 7pm

Liturgy & Stations of the Cross

Great Vigil of Easter – Saturday, April 4, 8pm

Readings & Holy Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5

Sunrise Service at Montcalm Farm – 6:30am

Holy Eucharist – 8am & 10:30am

Beyond Jihad and Crusade

By Fr. Tom Simmons

I wrote last month in this space comparing Jihad and Crusade, reflecting on the false moral equivalence some seek to draw between them. Though soldiers from Christian Europe committed atrocities in the crusades, they did so in explicit violation of the faith they believed they were defending. In contrast, those fighting under the banner of Islam have considerable support in the life of Muhammad, the later suras of Quran (of the so-called Medina period), and traditions of Islamic jurisprudence to legitimize the atrocities they commit.

I figured a dose of historical realism was in order because I don't think we've been well served by our media and governing elites, who seem incapable of discussing the inherent "religious" aspects of the conflict. Secular westerners easily chalk it all up to "thoughtless violence." If we take care to listen, though, militant Muslims put quite a lot of thought into their doctrinal and historical justifications for mass murder.

I concluded with Pew Research polling data that indicate majorities in Muslim countries "agree with the use of violence to enforce Islam. Some of the more radical among them seek to revive the global jihad, picking up where the Caliphs left off in 1683: at the gates of Vienna."

But you know what? There's more to this story.

To say "a majority" supports one thing, means a sizeable minority doesn't support it. And that is certainly the case among Muslims. Many do not embrace violence, and some resist it. There are sects within Islam that are pacifist, such as the Sufi and Ahmadiyya. There are streams of Muslim teaching that argue that the Medinan suras of the Quran, the ones endorsing warfare, only pertained to Muhammad himself. The earlier, more peaceful, suras (of the so-called Meccan period) were the ones intended to guide future generations.

Unfortunately these streams of Muslim tradition haven't been the mainstream for significant portions of Islam's long history of bloody dealings with its neighbors.

But that doesn't mean they can't be mainstream in the future.

Given the unprecedented televised exposure of bloodthirsty Muslim militants, and the world-wide

revulsion they have provoked, many Muslims want to present a different face for their faith. They seek ways to bring forth the best of Islam to counteract those who glorify the worst.

The President of Egypt, for example, has recently spoken and acted strongly in favor of a more peaceful Islamic presence in the world. Speaking on January 1 at Al-Azhar University, the world's most venerable center of Islamic scholarship, he said,

It's inconceivable that the thinking that we hold most sacred should cause the entire *umma* [Islamic world] to be a source of anxiety, danger, killing and destruction for the rest of the world. Impossible!

That ...corpus of texts and ideas that we have sacralized over the years, to the point that departing from them has become almost impossible, is antagonizing the entire world. It's antagonizing the entire world!

Is it possible that 1.6 billion people [Muslims] should want to kill the rest of the world's inhabitants—that is 7 billion—so that they themselves may live? Impossible! ...

I say and repeat again that we are in need of a religious revolution. You, imams, are responsible before Allah. The entire world, I say it again, the entire world is waiting for your next move... because this *umma* is being torn, it is being destroyed, it is being lost—and it is being lost by our own hands.

That's a brave man. There are many others like him. Countless thousands have fought alongside NATO troops, hoping for reform in their homelands. Such Muslims have been long-terrorized by their violent co-religionists. By far the most numerous victims of Islamist militants are other Muslims who embrace a peaceful way of living their faith. Many of our Muslim neighbors in Loudoun have fled from violence in their homeland for the safety of the United States.

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Christ in the Passover

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common?

Beverly Jamison, with **Jews for Jesus**, will answer that question as she, presents "**Christ in the Passover**" at St. Peter's on **Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM.**

You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together and learn more about the Jewish backgrounds of our faith.

Beverly Jamison will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. You'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come.

She will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration.

Invite a friend and join us for *Christ in the Passover*, from Egypt—to Calvary—to what it means for us today.

**GOD
COMMANDED IT**

**ISRAEL
CELEBRATED IT**

**JESUS
FULFILLED IT**

**CHRIST IN THE
PASSOVER**



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM
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Purcellville, VA 20132-3422
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Changes in itinerary may occur. Please call ahead for any schedule changes.

Presented by JEWS FOR JESUS.

Join Us for All of St. Peter's Holy Week Events

Tenebrae Service: A Service of Shadows. Wednesday, April 1, 7pm, a beautiful service of prayers and readings from the Psalms, Canticles and Scripture. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness".

Maundy Thursday Service: Christ in the Passover (see above)

Maundy Thursday All Night Prayer Vigil starts after the service April 2 and continues until the first Good Friday service at 7am the next morning. This is an important event in Holy Week we get to live out what the Disciples participated in while Christ was praying in Gethsemane. Everyone is invited to sign up for a half hour prayer time slot throughout the night (*signup sheet is posted in McCray Hall.*)

Maundy Thursday Acolyte Lock-in and All-night Prayer Vigil. Acolytes stay the night at the church and ensure someone is in the sanctuary at all times for prayer during the all-night vigil, filling any empty slots. We'll have our annual Labyrinth walk, "Priest-in-the-hot-seat", pizza, games, a movie, and other activities. Bring snacks and drinks to share. Parents, please pick up your kids by 7am Friday morning. Contact: Dan LaPre

Three Good Friday Services, April 3. Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 7am and 7pm. Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon.

Great Vigil of Easter! Saturday, April 4, 8:00pm. In the Jewish observance of a new day beginning at sunset we come together to celebrate the Day of Resurrection with joyful hearts. We continue our celebration afterwards with a dessert, champagne and sparkling cider reception. (*Please indicate what you will bring on the signup sheet in McCray Hall.*)

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 5, 6:30am, at Montcalm Farm, 16471 Hillsboro Rd. (Rt. 690N). Directions: From Main Street in Purcellville, go north on Rt. 690 North (at the stoplight) for about 2.5 miles. Montcalm Farm will be on your left.

Flowering of the Cross: Easter Sunday, April 5, both services. Sunday School Children: please bring a cut flower or two to give to the acolytes who will use your flower to decorate the "Old Wooden Cross".

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Looking to the future, and the potential it holds for long-term conflict along the bloody borders of the Islamic world, perhaps hope for peace rests in the hands of these Muslims.

Instead of papering over the profound theological debate raging within Islam, parroting the myopic “religion of peace” mantra in the media, let us pray for and encourage our Muslims friends who dare to dissent from jihadist doctrine.

We are not helpless. In 1990, Pope John Paul described how we might make ourselves part of the solution. “Among the great changes taking place in the contemporary world, migration has produced a new phenomenon: non-Christians are becoming very numerous in traditionally Christian countries, creating fresh opportunities for contacts and cultural exchanges, and calling the Church to hospitality, dialogue, assistance and, in a word, fraternity.”

Perhaps such Christian care, shown to our Muslim neighbors, can help turn our future path away from another millennium of jihad and crusade.

Speaking of Christian care for our local community...

Many of you have been curious about our “Hedgehog Process”

This is a big year for St. Peter's. We have begun devising a plan for the renovation and expansion of our facilities that will lay foundation – literally – for the next 50 years. It will be every bit as significant as the planning and building process that shaped our current facilities 50 years ago.

During the Facilities Expansion feasibility study we conducted last summer, several people voiced the excellent question: “Why?” Why do we need to expand our facilities? What will we use the new space for?



To answer that question we have gathered thirty-five leaders in our congregation to undertake a “Hedgehog Process” to prayerfully discern how God is guiding us to invest our passion and talent as a congregation to make a difference in the Loudoun Valley in the years ahead. We're asking: Father who are you calling us to serve? How shall we do it? What do we need to prepare for and do differently? We will find answers to these questions through prayer and study and discussion. The result will be a clear and compelling vision of the road ahead of us, and a concrete and realistic plan to do it.



Just think of all the people living under all the roof tops in all the neighborhoods along Rt. 7 between the Catoctin Ridge in the east and the Blue Ridge to the west, up 287 to Lovettsville and down 690 toward Middleburg. Many of them are “like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:6). These are the people Jesus calls us to proactively serve...sending servants changing the world.

The Hedgehog team began in December researching unmet NEEDS in the community. Because there are so *many* needs out there, we had to narrow the field. So we asked, among all those needs, which ones would the people of St. Peter's be PASSIONATE about addressing? That narrowed things down considerably. The group figured that family needs were paramount: families under stress, marriages in crisis, teens feeling aimless, isolated immigrant families, single parents and the elderly lacking support, families lacking options for

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quality Christian education for their kids in western Loudoun.

We even began thinking of the kind of COMPETENCE we as a church could bring to bear to meet these needs, painting in very broad brush strokes:

Thrive as a Family. Within our parish boundaries, and perhaps beyond, we elevate what we have at St. Peter's to a new level. We have a great "family" here, full of friends, hospitable to all, having fun, growing and working hard together, ministering in a way that changes lives. We go public with that to welcome the rest of the community to experience extended family here with us. We build on our passion and strengths to become "the most family-friendly church in Western Loudoun." We create events that offer respite from the competitive pressures and busyness of life, delicious meals around which we form deep relationships, excellent formation programs to build authentic Christians, from early childhood through adulthood, through seven day Christian formation.

Since St. Peter's can't do everything, we need to further narrow the range of needs we'll address and define them more concretely. To do that the Hedgehog Group will do more research after Easter. Using surveys, interviews and focus groups, we will "Ask and Listen" to three groups of people:

- 1) people in the congregation,
- 2) people in the community
- 3) stakeholders in the community.

We have divvied up our Hedgehog group into three teams to plan and execute our approach to each demographic segment. If you would like to be part of the effort, please let me know.

Community	Community Stakeholders	Congregation
<i>Peter Forbes</i>	<i>Tom Coate</i>	<i>Jae Lee</i>
<i>Traci Eddinger</i>	<i>Susan Collins</i>	<i>Andrea Lee</i>
<i>Linda Stoutenburgh</i>	<i>Maggie Snyder</i>	<i>Tricia Smith</i>
<i>Jen Coate</i>	<i>Michael Snyder</i>	<i>Randy Stoutenburgh</i>
<i>Peter Schellhase</i>	<i>Bob Loker</i>	<i>Bill Geiger</i>
<i>Dan LaPre –market</i>	<i>Lauren Hunt</i>	<i>Steve Schultz</i>
<i>Nissa Clavelli</i>	<i>Mary Coate</i>	<i>Kathleen Voss</i>
<i>Paul Donohue</i>		
<i>Renee Geiger</i>		
<i>Tamara Tyler</i>		

We hope to gather a mountain (or sizeable hill) of useful data from the masses between now and **May 5**, which the vestry will then go on a 3-day retreat to sift through and solidify the concept **May 15-17**.

I ask the congregation to support this effort in three ways:

1. Keep this effort in your regular prayers.
2. Do your part to give us a 100% response rate when we survey the congregation.
3. Volunteer to help out if you are interested in helping us survey the community.

Be Still

By Barbara Bulger Verdile

Several week's ago at the time of the Offertory the choir sang the Appalachian Lord's Prayer by Rick Sowash. It was received with an exceptionally appreciative silence from the congregation, and afterward an exceptional number of appreciative comments. And from within the choir, Scott Harris was moved to write the composer: "I am a tenor in our small choir at St. Peters in Purcellville, VA. We sang your piece today, and I just wanted to tell you how beautiful it was. It brought several of our congregants to tears, and when we finished it, there was a stunned and happy silence among the church. Thank you for that gift, and for the opportunity to sing it."

Mr. Sowash wasted no time in writing back.

"I'm a tenor in our church choir, too, here in Cincinnati. Thanks for writing to me to tell me how much you liked my Appalachian Lord's Prayer ... and thanks, too, for the lovely image of the meaningful silence that followed your choir's offering of the piece. How well I know that silence!" He then included a recommendation to look into another similar piece of his, "Be Still" (which I am happy to say I had already distributed to the choir as it will be sung in early April) and this wonderful explanation:



I'm inviting you to listen to the Harvard University Choir sing "Be Still," my setting of Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."

People who have sung it or heard it say it calms and centers them.

Why?

It's slow, soft, peaceful and beautifully sung but there is also a technical reason why it calms and centers. Let me try to explain it.

Tonal music has a tonal center, a home-base note; pieces end on that note, making listeners feel they've arrived home safely at the end of a piece. It's the note at the end that says, "Closure." Music theorists call this note "the tonic."

The tonic has a certain feel to it, a musical metaphor expressing centered-ness.

In this piece, the third note you'll hear is the tonic, sung on the word "still." The words go "Be still," the tune starting beneath the tonic on the word "Be" and then rising up to the tonic on the word "still." Next the words go, again, "Be still," only this time the tune begins above the tonic on the word "Be" and then settles down to the tonic, arriving, again, on the word "still."

The third phrase of the piece starts once again beneath the tonic on the word "Be," rises to the tonic and then soars to notes higher than we've heard so far.

See the metaphor? "Stillness," the music is saying, is found on the tonic. The tonic is where the stillness is, musically, just as God is where the stillness is, theologically. And with stillness, the music says as it soars, comes the assurance that God is God, that we don't need to worry or fear, that the universe is not in our control and that is as it should be.

This is a comforting thought. The piece calms me, too. When I am stuck in traffic or standing stock-still in a long line at the post office, bank or grocery, I softly sing this piece to myself, over and over, until things start to move. It works!

You'll hear the tune three times (three = Trinity). First, in unison. Then in canon (half the choir sings the tune a few notes behind the other half). And finally in four-part harmony. That's the part that brings tears to my eyes; pardon the composer for saying so. :-)

Isn't it fascinating to learn how composers think about their music! I found it equally fascinating to dig a little deeper and learn a little more about Mr. Sowash, who describes himself as self-employed, independent and unaffiliated with any organization.

He feels he is unaffiliated and outside the mainstream in the sense that most composers are professors somewhere, but that was something he never wanted to do. He also doesn't like to say where he studied music: for him college was a waste of time and money. Quitting twice, he went back each time, graduating mostly to please his parents. He "doesn't want his compositions to be judged by who he studied with or where he went to college."

In fact, he is not only a self-employed composer but also publisher, speaker/humorist and author of books on Ohio, and former commissioner of Richland County (Ohio), 1987-90.

He declares his greatest joy is to create music that affects people. Well, Mr. Sowash, you have certainly achieved that at St. Peter's.

Adopt a Mission?

By Bob Loker

The plight of children with special needs in Guatemala is desperate. Due to poverty, many families are unable to care for their children who are born with disabilities so they are often abandoned or dropped off in institutions. The ones who are in group homes frequently lack stimulation and attention. As a result, thousands of children with special needs are left neglected, malnourished, uneducated and ignored.

In December of 2013 our **Wednesday Night Small Group** became acquainted with a mission in the village of San Antonio, Guatemala that provides a group home for children with special needs. **Casa de la Esperanza** had been established earlier in 2013 by Daryl and Wanda Fulp and their family which includes ten children (five biological and five adopted, the last three being international special needs children).

The Fulps realized from the outset that they would never solve all the problems in the lives of these Guatemalan youngsters. Their ministry is primarily *a ministry of presence*. To quote Daryl, *We are asked to do "God's will on earth as it is in heaven" by reflecting Jesus wherever we are present.*

After reading blogs by Daryl and seeing photos of the home, our small group was led to support this ministry. For over a year we have been sending monthly support checks. Last summer we sent down Spanish language books for children and arranged for the purchase of a custom built wheel chair for a young girl with cerebral palsy. It has been a privilege for our small group to support this ministry of presence.

Something to consider: Might your small group be led to support a mission to make Christ present?

It is very rewarding for a small group to be involved in supporting a particular mission. The group can pray knowledgeably and be in contact with the missionaries as it supports them in prayer and financially. (This June three members of our group will have an opportunity to visit Casa de la Esperanza to support them and learn how to pray for them.) Also, we have found that collaboratively supporting a mission has built purpose, cohesiveness and unity within our group. It is exciting for us to be a small part of what God is doing in a little corner of His world.



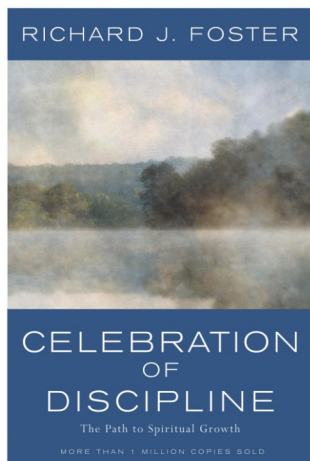
Daryl Adjusting the New Wheel Chair

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Classes Beginning in April

Give God the space to be with you.

So, Let's Talk.....Spiritual Disciplines without the Mystery. Join the conversation on the book *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, starting the week after Easter, April 12 and running through the end of May, between the services.



Have you ever sat in church and wondered, "Okay, what next?" Have you ever thought that you were not committed enough to move your faith to the next level? Have you ever wanted more from church and scripture than you are getting? I certainly have and have struggled with my next steps. When I read Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, I realized that I had found the means to step up a notch in my spiritual journey.

There is a sign up sheet in McCray Hall, to order books for the first meeting on April 12. I am looking forward to a lively discussion!

Membership at St. Peter's

New Member Liturgy will be held the end of May or beginning of June (date TBD).

If you are new here at St Peter's you know that starting new is hard to do. Do you have questions about living as a Christian or the distinctive way we do it here at St. Peter's?

We will help you explore what we are about here at St Peter's and how we live and work together as a congregation.

St. Peter's 101 Starts Sunday, April 19.

We offer our "Path In" to the life of St Peter's on Sunday mornings between the services. At the end of the class you are invited to participate in our New Member Liturgy, if you so choose.

Topics include:

- What's the Story?
- Where have we come from?
- Where are we headed?
- How to make St Peter's my home?

Why Suffering: Finding Meaning in Our Difficult World

The CS Lewis Institute invites you to a free event at **McLean Bible Church** on **Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30pm**, as we hear from leading Christian apologist Dr. Ravi Zacharias on the topic, "Why Suffering: Finding Meaning in Our Difficult World."

Do you know anyone struggling with this question? This event provides a unique opportunity for Christians to invite those with other beliefs to explore and seek answers to one of life's most difficult questions.

Dr. Zacharias is founder and president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM). Over the past forty-two years he has spoken all over the world and in scores of universities.

We look forward to seeing you on April 22 at McLean Bible Church in McLean, Virginia. **Register online at www.cslewisinstitute.org.**



The next **Holy Baptism** will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24.**

To prepare for that day, and the way of life that will follow, the parents of baptismal candidates will gather for four sessions of study and discussion on **Sundays, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, from 12:30-2pm, in the Chapel.**

Please let Fr. Tom or the church office know if you would like to participate.



St. Pete's Fellowship Hike

Saturday 18 April- 9am till Noon



Join us for the first 2015 St. Pete's Fellowship Hike around the Short Hill and along the Potomac River on the historic Civil War-era River Road. This hike follows the route of many historic Civil War personalities from the Catoctin Valley to Harpers Ferry past historic sites to include Peacher's Mill, a Lime Kiln, and a distillery or two. The April date means a sometimes muddy trail at spots but the Virginia Bluebells will be in full bloom along the walk, a truly beautiful sight to see. We usually spot Bald Eagles and Herons along the way. All ages are welcome. This is a fairly easy mostly flat though sometimes rocky 3-4 mile hike with only a moderate hill at the end. Well behaved kids and dogs are welcome. Bring water, snacks, binos, cameras, tick/bug spray, your favorite short piece of scripture to read to the group at the lunch spot at Devil's Elbow, and your hiking gear. **This hike will be held rain or shine.**

Meet by 9am at 10975 Georges Mill Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180



Please RSVP to Jim Schatz @ schtred@aol.com or via phone (571) 276-7042
By 15 April so we can get a head count.

You are cordially invited to
St. Peter's Thirteenth Annual Tea
Sponsored by The Mt. Calvary Guild of
The Episcopal Church Women of St. Peter's

Saturday, April 25, 2015

2:00 ~ 4:00pm

McCray Hall



Speaker: Julia Falke

From Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, VA

Supporting the physical, emotional, spiritual and economical wellbeing
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Is God Calling **YOU** to Serve on the Vestry?

The Church thrives on good leadership and in today's world, the stakes are quite high. We are looking for a few good men and women who can be part of the core team leading and serving St. Peter's on the vestry.

The congregation will select them for leadership on May 3, 2015.

Please pick up a **Vestry Questionnaire** in the entryway or download one from our website and return completed form to Fr. Tom or the office **by April 12th.**

Vestry

Children & Youth News

By Kathleen Voss

Nursery News

Our dear friend and nursery attendant, **Sandy Saville Meadows**, is moving on! She will finish 4 years at Saint Peter's at the end of March.

Sandy has soothed and swaddled many children every Sunday morning since 2011. She started working here at St. Pete's after her daughter went off to college.

We asked Sandy which children have been with her since the beginning; "I have known Andy Coy, Jordan Smith, Chandler Parry and Emily Holdorf since they were babies!" When asked about her plans for the future, Sandy, who was recently married, said she plans "to return to Church with my husband and to relax a bit on Sunday mornings!"

Sandy's kind demeanor, cheerful disposition and the grace, in which she cared for our children, will be sorely missed!

St. Peter's is looking for another Nursery attendant! If you have a person in mind, please have them contact me.



Sunday School

There will be **no Sunday School on Easter Sunday**, but **we will have Children's Chapel** at both services featuring the Resurrection Egg presentation! ...And speaking of eggs, we will have our **annual Easter Egg Hunt** (sponsored by the Acolytes) between the services on Easter Sunday. Bring a fresh flower to church that day for the **Flowering of the Cross**. I hope you enjoy "The Easter Story" on the next page.

Children's Chapel

Is off to a great start! We could always use more adult volunteers in order to lessen the load. If your child attends children's chapel, please consider signing up to lead a session. Training is provided!

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for VBS which will be held **July 6-10**. Youth and Adult volunteers will be needed. Stay tuned for more information!

YOUTH NEWS

Movie Night is April 12th at 6 pm in the youth room. Pizza, soda and dessert provided. All youth in Rite 13, J2A and YAC are invited to attend.

Attention J2A and YAC... We are working on identifying a date for skeet shooting this spring. Watch the St. Pete's Weekly for the date.

Rite-13 Liturgy: Celebration of Manhood & Womanhood is coming the end of May!

We rejoice the Confirmation of **Mack Ensor, Adam Gibson, George Simmons, Josh Smith and Aubrey Winger!**

Reminder... there will be no formation on Easter Sunday.



The Easter Story

by Annie Willis McCullough

It was late in the fall when Fuzzy Caterpillar gave up.

"I suppose this is the end of me," he thought in his little round head as he tried to wriggle across the road and couldn't because his back was so stiff. "Now I am an old man and I shall never see another summer. Good-bye." And Fuzzy Caterpillar rolled himself up in a gray blanket and hung himself on the end of a dried twig. "This is the last of me," he said once more as the dried little grub he now was rattled around in the cold.



All his beautiful furry coat was scattered to the winds. The path he had made in the dust grew narrower as it wound across the road. That was because Fuzzy Caterpillar had shriveled as he crawled. Poor Fuzzy Caterpillar, who had so loved the Out-Doors!

The winter was white, and cold, and long. Then it was over, just as all winters are over at last, and Spring came. Spring came over the hills, in a pretty new green frock and with wild flowers in her hair. Sometimes she looked up at the sky, but oftener she looked down at the ground. Spring was looking for the little creatures that she loved so much; the tiny ants, the patient spiders, the cheerful beetles, and Fuzzy Caterpillar.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" Spring wondered. She did not see him, all dried up and hanging in his gray blanket from the twig.

"Of course Fuzzy Caterpillar is here somewhere," Spring said to herself. "And wouldn't it be nice to celebrate the day he comes out with some kind of a surprise?" The more Spring thought about this, the happier she was, and the nicer she thought it would be. So she spoke to the grass about it.

"Long Green Grasses," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you cover the ground for me?"

So the Long Green Grasses pushed their slender fingers up out of the earth and they covered the whole ground until it was bright and green again. But the Grasses looked everywhere, and they could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar.

Then Spring spoke to the trees.

"Patient Trees," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you cover your branches with new green leaves?" So the Patient Trees burst their hard brown buds, and they hung new green leaves upon every one of their branches. But the leaves looked everywhere, and they could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar. All they could see was a little rolled-up gray blanket hanging from a twig.

But Spring was not one bit discouraged, and she spoke to the Laughing Brook.

"Laughing Brook," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you run between your banks again, and sing a song?"

So the Laughing Brook began dancing and tripping over its stones again, and singing as it ran between its banks. Sometimes, though, it stopped in a quiet pool, and it could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar anywhere along its edge.

But Spring, who is very wise, was not discouraged yet, and so she spoke to the flowers.

"Sleepy Roots," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you grow and send up plants that will bud and bloom?"

So the Sleepy Roots did just as Spring had asked them. They awoke, and they sent up leaves and buds through the earth, and the buds blossomed. So there were crocuses in purple petticoats, and daffodils in bonnets with yellow ruffles. There were tulips, red, yellow, pink, and white. They filled all the gardens, making them beautiful. And the fields were golden in the sunshine because the dandelions had bloomed again. But the flowers could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar anywhere.

Then Spring stood on the top of the hill and she looked all over the wide Out-Doors. It was very, very pretty again, so she decided that the day had come when she would celebrate.

"This is Easter Day," said Spring.

"But where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" whispered the Long Green Grasses.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" rustled the New Green Leaves.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" tinkled the Brook so sadly that it did not sound like singing.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" the wind sighed as it blew through the flowers.

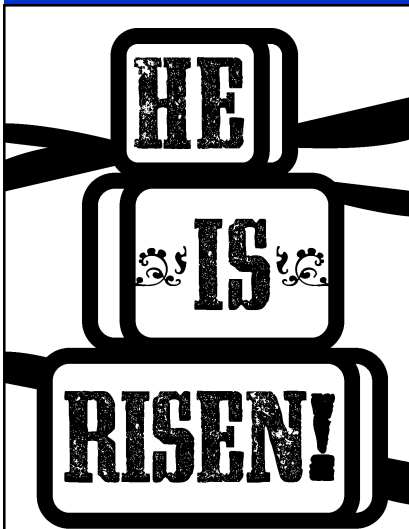
Just then a wonderful thing happened. As if it had floated down from the sky, a beautiful moth flew and lighted on the tip of Spring's finger. It had all the colors of Easter in its wings, the green of the grass and the leaves, the blue of the waters, and the gold of the spring flowers. It was such a beautiful creature that only to look at it made one feel happy. But every one wondered about the moth.

"It is a stranger from far away," they said.

"Oh, no," said Spring. "Fuzzy Caterpillar has come out."

And this was true, for the gray blanket that hung from the twig was torn and empty.





Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was R aised	8 R ight hand	6 T o life
3 d i E d	4 m o R e than that	7 I s at the
2 J e S us who	11 i nt E rceding	9 O f God
12 f or U s	1 C hrist	10 a nd is also

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ , 5 _____

_____ 6 _____ 7 _____

_____ 8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ . *Romans 8:34, NIV*

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

SHOUT OUT!

Shout out to **Adam Gibson**, **Mack Ensor**, **George Simmons Aubrey Winger**, and **Josh Smith** who were Confirmed, and to **Madigan Voss** for getting honorable mention in the spelling B at Mountain View.

Congratulations to **Mack Ensor** on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 163 on March 23, 2015.

APRIL

St. Peter's APRIL ROSTER 2015

		April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
		Easter	2 Easter	3 Easter	4 Easter
LECTOR	Early	John Burden	Corinne Hegener	William Lawrence	Gail Donohue
	Late	Jon Corbett	Jen Coate	Eamon Coy	Mark McKinley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Terry Duhring, Tanya Matthews	NA	Sophiann Nunaley, Buddy Andrews	John Burden, Paul Donohue
	Late	Dave Hunt, Dave Grommons	NA	Lauren Hunt, Shane Ayers	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh
SUB DEACON	Early	Mark Riley	NA	Mark Riley	Mark Riley
	Late	Mark Riley	NA	Mark Riley	Mark Riley
INTERCESSOR	Early	Terry Duhring	Kelly Cockrill	Dell Nunaley	HL
	Late	Marty Thompson	Randy Stoutenburgh	Traci Eddinger	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Adam Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, John Matthews	Joshua & Megan Smith, Eric Gibson	Ciara, Kimberly & Colin Donohue, Isabella Tucker
	Late	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Henry Psaltos	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Early	Kathleen & Kyle Voss	NA	NA	NA
	Late	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Tamara Tyler	Cindy Coffey, Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger, Tamara Tyler	Mark & Katie McKinley
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Light Fare Potluck	Rick & Tricia Smith, Justine Phelan, Don & Krista Winger	Linda Turner, Mike & Maggie Snyder	David & Carla Ramsey, Mark & Nancy Baker
	Late	NA	Jae & Andrea Lee, Paul & Sherri Kakol	Ollie & Betsy North, Jim & Maggie Heim	Charlotte Ceier, Keith & Regina Brzozowsky
USHERS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker, Todd & Pam Johnston	Zan Shah, Dick Wilhelm, Bill & Beth Gibson	John Sleeter, Mark Novak, Todd & Pam Johnston	Rick & Kelly Cockrill, Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
	Late	Steve & Patti Flowers, Bill & Renee Geiger	Mark & Katie McKinley, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Marty & Erica Thompson, Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr	Nick Psaltos, Tred Parry, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger
GREETERS	Early	Laurraine Landolt	Corinne & Hank Hegener	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot
	Late	John Israel	Dan LaPre	Peter Forbes	Jae & Andrea Lee
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, Rick Tyler	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie Heim, Chris Lafferty, Esther Kilgour	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie Heim, Chris Lafferty, Esther Kilgour	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie Heim, Chris Lafferty, Esther Kilgour

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

APRIL Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

4-3 Bryan & Shiloh Field
 4-12 John & Mary Sleeter
 4-17 Scott & Becky Harris
 4-23 Paul & Gail Donohue
 4-26 Tom & Mary Coate

BIRTHDAYS:

4-1 Martha Ballinger
 4-3 Josh Thompson

 4-6 Doug Wagstaff
 4-8 Nancy Baker
 Lori Clark
 Tred Parry
 4-10 Aubrey Winger
 4-12 Joe Clavelli
 Peter Schellhase
 Maggi Wark
 4-13 Catherine Czaban
 4-14 Todd Johnston

4-15 Ben Baker
 4-16 Randy Wyatt
 4-18 Ingrid Thompson
 4-19 Joe Burden
 Maddy Vencil
 4-20 Richard Purnell
 4-21 Kyle Voss
 4-25 Hollyn Field
 4-27 Isabella Tucker
 4-28 Cindy Coffey
 Gail Hunt
 Nick Psaltos
 4-29 Eric Gibson
 Paul Kakol
 4-30 Shannon Daugherty



Mark Your Calendar!

Apr. 1 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm
A Service of Tenebrae 7pm
 Apr. 2 **Christ In the Passover** 7pm
 All Night Prayer Vigil 8:30pm
 Acolyte All Night Vigil 8:30pm
 Apr. 3 **Good Friday Stations** 7am
Good Friday Liturgy 12pm
Good Friday Stations 7pm
 Apr. 4 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Altar Guild Easter Set-Up 9am
Great Easter Vigil 8pm
 Dessert Reception 9:30pm
 Apr. 5 **Easter Sunrise Service** 6:30pm
Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30am
 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am
 Apr. 8 Morning Prayer 11:30am

Apr. 11 Evening Prayer 5pm
 Apr. 12 Morning Prayer 8am & 10:30am
 Lay Committee Mtg. 12:30pm
 Guatemala Mission Prep Mtg. 5pm
 Youth Movie Night 6pm
 Apr. 14 Hedgehog Mtg. 7pm
 Apr. 16 TOL Dinner 5pm
 Apr. 18 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Literary Guild 5pm
 Apr. 19 *Newsletter Deadline*
 Apr. 21 Vestry Exec Mtg. 7pm
 Apr. 22 Friends Being Friends 6pm
 Apr. 25 Afternoon Tea 2pm
 Apr. 26 Healing Liturgy
 Baptism Prep Class 12:30pm
 Apr. 28 Pastoral Care Team 5pm
 Vestry Mtg. 7pm

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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for APRIL

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
5	Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-19	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
12	2 Easter	Acts 4:32-35	133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
19	3 Easter	Acts 3:12-19	4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
26	4 Easter	Acts 4:5-12	23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

APRIL

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

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Sat

			1 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg TENEBRAE	2 Maundy Thursday HOLY EUCHARIST All Night Prayer Vigil	3 Good Friday Liturgy & Stations of The Cross	4 Men's Breakfast Altar Guild Set Up Great Vigil of Easter & Reception
5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE HOLY EUCHARIST Easter Egg Hunt	6 Office Closed	7	8 MORNING PRAYER Bible Study MSSG	9	10	11 EVENING PRAYER
12 MORNING PRAYER SS & SF Choristers & CS Lay Committee Mtg. Bible Study Mission Prep Mtg. Youth Pizza/Movie	13	14 Hedgehog Mtg.	15 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study MSSG	16 TOL Dinner Choir	17	18 Men's Leadership Mtg. Fellowship Hike Literary Guild HOLY EUCHARIST
19 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST SS & SF Baptism Class Bible Study	20 Mt. Calvary Guild	21 Vestry Exec Mtg.	22 HOLY EUCHARIST Friends Being Friends Bible Study MSSG	23 Choir	24	25 Afternoon Tea HOLY EUCHARIST
26 Healing Liturgy HOLY EUCHARIST SS & SF Baptism Class Bible Study	27	28 PC Team Mtg. Vestry Mtg.	29 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study MSSG	30 Choir		

KEY: CS=Choral Scholars; MSSG=Men's Spiritual Support Group; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS= Sunday School
TOL=Tree of Life



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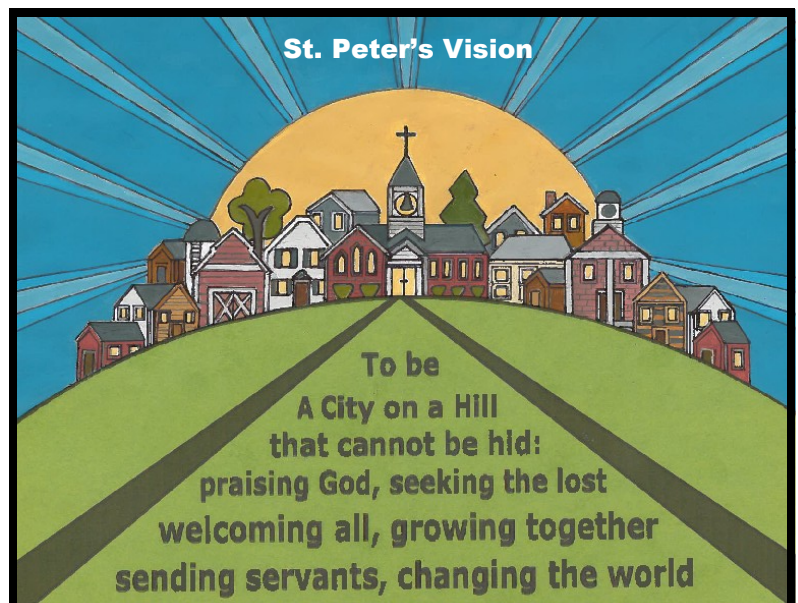
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