



# *Ring in the* **Good News**

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**Purcellville, Virginia**

**Pentecost Season**

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## **Our Independence Day Opportunity**



***“Turning strangers into friends, into followers of Jesus.”***

When Jesus looked at the crowd he felt compassion on them. They were like sheep without a shepherd. He called his followers to see their needs and be moved to action to serve them. We live in a big world of overwhelming needs. We want to make a difference, but how? To be effective we must focus on one need and then “dig in” together to make a real impact.

Last year we “asked and listened” to dozens of people in Purcellville to discern the need. We tapped into a large proportion of people in our community saying they came here looking for community, but haven’t found it yet. Many don’t know their neighbors and don’t have friends outside their home and work environments. The immediate need we see is to build community in Purcellville.

That’s our opportunity on Independence Day.

The 4th of July is Purcellville’s ultimate civic celebration, with the parade and fireworks. St. Peter’s has a chance to add something significant to our neighbors’ experience of community in our town. For the fifth year in a row, we will serve up Monks BBQ dinner, with live bluegrass music. We will sing patriotic songs, pray together for our country, and attend to a reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Colonel North. We’ll have multiple stations with wacky fun and games.

By inviting the whole community we’ll create a place where people can eat with their neighbors and other strangers, share fun and fellowship and prayer together. We’re “turning strangers into friends...” And because we get to serve our neighbors and begin new relationships, we are creating the chance to turn our new friends “...into followers of Jesus.”

Want to help make it a success? Talk to me (Fr. Tom) or Regina Brzozowsky, who is organizing the event this year.

***Come for fun. Come to serve. Come with friends.***

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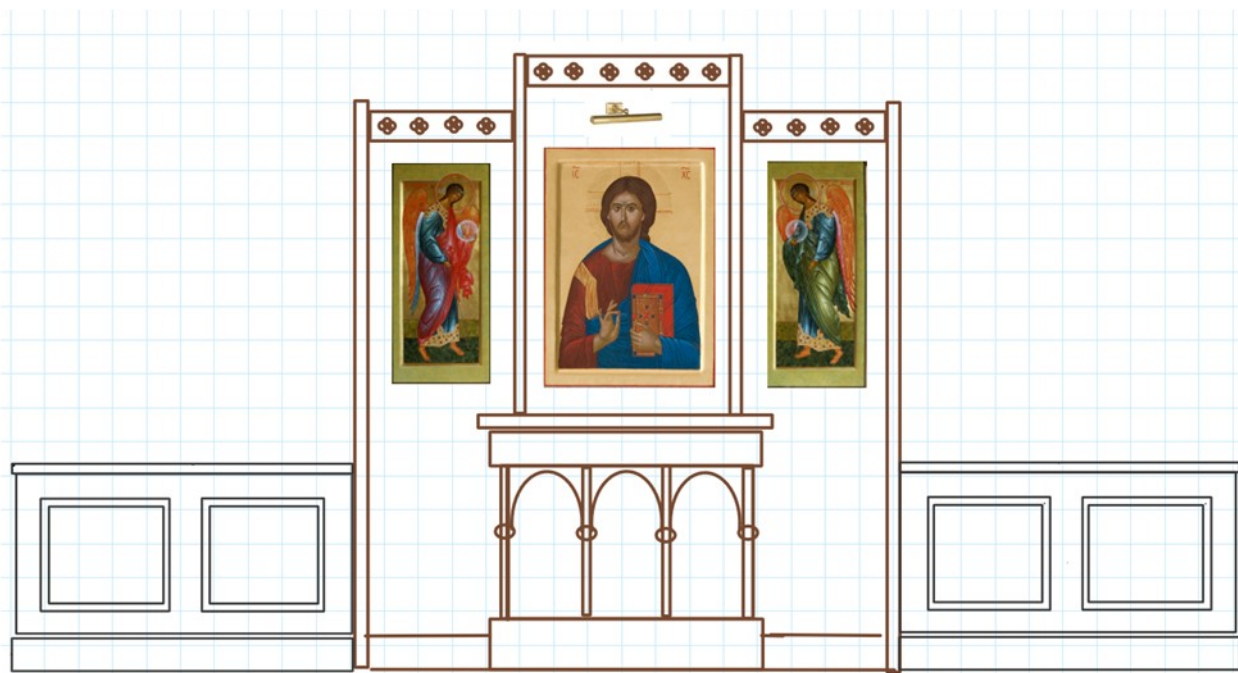
## Summer Upgrades

By Fr. Tom Simmons

If you haven't seen the sample paneling in McCray Hall, take a look. It is in the simple, expressive "Shaker" style. We are hoping that in June the whole hall will be similarly clad in paneling with new window treatments. These will make a huge difference in the look and feel of the room. We will need some volunteer help, both skilled and unskilled, to bring the paneling project to completion in as inexpensive way as possible. I'll need some grunt work to help cut and transport and hang the panels. I'll need some skilled work to trim and paint them. Let me know how you'd like to help.

Looking beyond that, we have funding now for a *reredos* in the Chapel. *Reredos* is an ornamental screen covering the wall at the back of an altar. (See the picture below.) You'll recognize the existing altar. The three panels behind it, in matching walnut, will be the *reredos*. Pictured in those panels are icons, which our own Tamara Tyler is planning to paint in the months ahead. The icon of Christ, called *Pantocrator* or 'Ruler of All,' will be approximately life-size!

Notice also the wainscot paneling to either side of the *reredos*. We have no plan to complete it at present, but when that day comes, we'll run the paneling in walnut around the Chapel, to include the partitions and pillars that separate that space from the Nave. That project awaits funding from a generous person wanting to memorialize someone dearly departed.



*The Chapel (dedicated in the fall of 2013) was made possible by memorial gifts in honor of Betty Lou Reckmeyer (March 25, 1922 – June 23, 2011).*

*It's called the Chapel of the Incarnation. 'Incarnation' says that in Jesus of Nazareth, "God became Man" and lived among us. He makes his presence known in every-day life.*

*'Incarnation' is also a play on words that evokes Betty Lou's favorite flower, the carnation, a very special bloom. With a history dating back thousands of years, it's not surprising that carnations are rich with symbolism and meaning.*

*The name is derived from the Latin "carnis" (flesh) referring to the flower's original pinkish color, and the "incarnation" of God-made-flesh. The carnation often appears in paintings of the Virgin Mary enjoying the flower with Jesus.*





# St. Peter's Renovation and Maintenance Plan

By St. Pete's Renovation Team

A sub-committee of the Renovation Team met to deliberate on what maintenance and renovation needs can be realized at St Peter's in the near term as the larger picture on potential land acquisition and building expansion is still under consideration. After much deliberation the following is what was determined to be done according to present funds available.

## Maintenance -

- Replace 2 toilets in men's bathroom. *Needs to be done due to school starting in August*
- Fill pot holes in Parking lot with gravel.
- Remove Pine tree by playground
- Stain Picnic Tables and dumpster fence
- Mulch Playground
- Replace broken kitchen window with clear glass

## Renovation

- Window Treatments for McCray Hall
- Install Basketball hoop. *Possible Eagle Scout project. Need to asphalt ½ court area (see below)*
- Paint McCray Hall with installing Wainscot
- Add dishwasher, and replace two ranges in kitchen *(see photo on right)*
- Paint Aluminum trim on outside windows of McCray Hall
- Paint and caulk downstairs Bathrooms

These are projects that are needed for enhancements to the facility prior to renting our space to the Montessori school starting this August, and are affordable given the funds we have been allocated/donated. A leadership team of **David Ramsey, Chris Daniels, and Joe Matthews** will steer these efforts, build the necessary labor volunteer force, and a work schedule which would complete all of this work by September 6, 2016. We invite the congregation to pitch in where they can using their skills and available time. Let's enhance the visibility of St. Peter's in our community together!

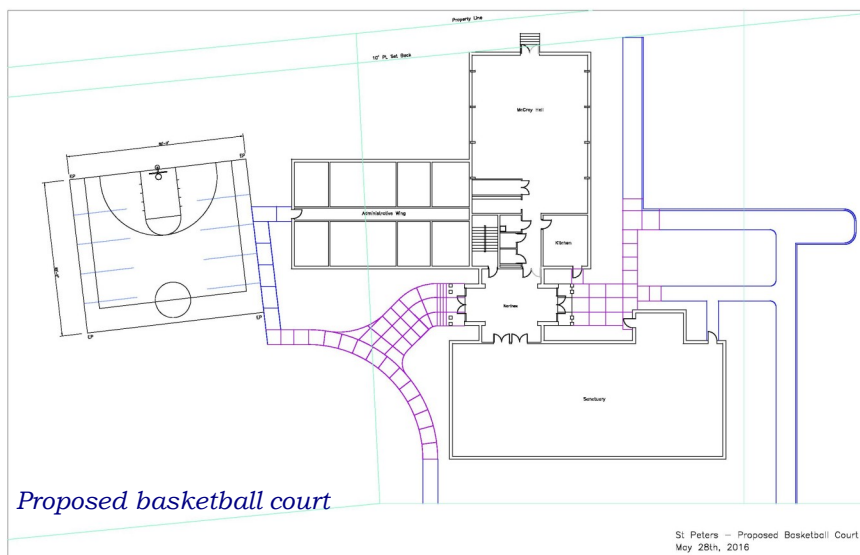


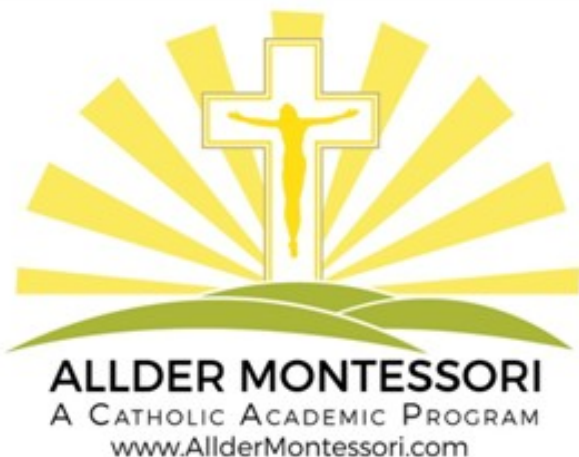
*Two new ranges were installed in the church kitchen on May 12, 2016!*

*To make clean up easier for everyone, they have a smooth glass cook top and self-cleaning, large capacity ovens!*

**NOTE: The glass cooking top is glass, so it is fragile. Please cook gently!**

**Use & Care Manual** is posted on cabinet to the right.





**Allder Montessori School is coming to St. Peter's! Beginning in August 2016**, we will join forces with this excellent, western Loudoun-based home school coop to offer both a primary program (ages 3-6, half and full day) and an elementary program (ages 6-12) on site at St. Peter's church. Classes are five days per week. Each program incorporates an atrium following the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* method and follows the teachings and principles of Dr. Maria Montessori. Allder is currently accepting applications for children ages 3-5, and 6-10 year olds with previous Montessori and homeschooling experience. Allder Montessori will begin its fifth year of operations in August.

Allder's Montessori classrooms are filled with simple yet beautiful materials scientifically developed by Maria Montessori and her associates. The classrooms feature mixed aged groups, fostering independence and providing leadership opportunities for the older children. Careful observation on the part of the teacher, followed by one-on-one lessons in primary and small group lessons in elementary ensure that children receive individualized attention.

The work of the children is self-directed, gently guided by the teachers, as children progress in each subject area at their own pace. The children are encouraged to work together in groups, and support each other's explorations. This method builds a high degree of self-confidence, love of learning, well developed social skills and an overall joyful disposition. Instruction in the Primary classroom includes presentations in math, language, sensorial skills, and practical life. The comprehensive Elementary program incorporates the "Great Lessons" to inspire the child's wonder and awe at the Universe and the Earth, Life, Humans, Language, and Numbers. Classes seamlessly incorporate the outdoor church property into teaching methods, complementing classroom lessons by exploring nature, as well as the natural resources available within Loudoun County.

Allder Montessori School is organized as a home school co-op under the laws of the state of Virginia and Loudoun County. It is being developed by the families who are using it. We are motivated by our desire for more effective educational solutions for our children, with the additional goal of nurturing an authentically Christian and vibrant community.

**For more information on Allder Montessori**, contact Head of School **Christina Huth** at [chuth@AllderMontessori.com](mailto:chuth@AllderMontessori.com), who is happy to provide more information about the school. Once Allder has completed its move into St. Peter's, tours will be available by appointment.





# Welcome to the Revolution

By Fr. Tom Simmons

When I was a child, growing up in the 1970s, the sexual revolution was being rapidly institutionalized through the spread of no-fault divorce laws, contraceptive technology, pornography, and the judicial imposition of abortion-on-demand. The mass media was eagerly greasing the skids by promoting casual sex and ridiculing the norms that had governed the West since the conversion of the barbarians.

The Revolution continues to grind its grim course in my children's generation. A bizarre ideology, which seeks to erase all distinctions and creaturely limits, is wielding increasingly exclusive power in the opinion-making sectors of our society. It asserts that sexual identity is *entirely fluid*, and sexual behavior must be *utterly unbound*. This movement seeks to impose a radical subjectivism, in which "truth" can only be defined by how "I feel," or what I currently "identify" as. To such feelings ALL must now be made to bow.

Like the Queen in *Alice in Wonderland* we are being asked to believe "six impossible things before breakfast." Enormous pressure is brought to bear to compel our assent to The Next Impossible Thing. In June of 2015 it was Bruce Jenner. As if by magic, one of the greatest male athletes of the 20th century is now a woman. As if on command, everyone who matters now calls him "her." Fast forward one year and suddenly we must open access to school bathrooms, dressing rooms and locker rooms to everyone based on what they currently "identify" as. If Brer Fox "identifies" as a chicken, by all means, let him into the henhouse! "You're not transphobic are you?"

Expressions of puzzlement, incomprehension, or principled opposition are often met with charges of fear and bigotry (techniques 20th century Communists called *agitprop* and *disinformazia*). But that's just the beginning. Advocates have now taken up the cudgel of federal power to impose the new norm by presidential decree. If our schools are out of compliance with the Department of Compliance we now face lawsuits and loss of funding. All must now be made to bow.

It kind of makes a guy wonder: What will June of NEXT year bring?

Don't care to wait and see? Maybe it's time to lift up your voice and say, "Enough!" I offer excerpts from two recent publications as a factual antidote to faith in this ideology. The first resource is a recent



**"So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God created he him;  
male and female created he them."**

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

statement published by the American College of Pediatricians, printed below in full.

## Gender Ideology Harms Children

The American College of Pediatricians urges educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex. Facts – not ideology – determine reality.

- 1. Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: "XY" and "XX" are genetic markers of health – not genetic markers of a disorder.** The norm for human design is to be conceived either male or female. Human sexuality is binary by design with the obvious purpose being the reproduction and flourishing of our species. This principle is self-evident. The exceedingly rare disorders of sex development (DSDs), including but not limited to testicular feminization and congenital adrenal hyperplasia, are all medically identifiable deviations from the sexual binary norm, and are rightly recognized as disorders of human design. Individuals with DSDs do not constitute a third sex.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. No one is born with a gender. Everyone is born with a biological sex. Gender (an awareness and sense of oneself as male or female) is a sociological and psychological concept; not an objective biological one.** No one is born with an awareness of themselves as male or female; this awareness develops over time and, like all developmental processes, may be derailed by a child's subjective perceptions, relationships, and adverse experiences from infancy forward. People who identify as "feeling like the opposite sex" or "somewhere in between" do not comprise a third sex. They remain biological men or biological women.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

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**3. A person's belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking.** When an otherwise healthy biological boy believes he is a girl, or an otherwise healthy biological girl believes she is a boy, an objective psychological problem exists that lies in the mind not the body, and it should be treated as such. These children suffer from gender dysphoria. Gender dysphoria (GD), formerly listed as Gender Identity Disorder (GID), is a recognized mental disorder in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM-V).<sup>5</sup> The psychodynamic and social learning theories of GD/GID have never been disproved.<sup>2,4,5</sup>

**4. Puberty is not a disease and puberty-blocking hormones can be dangerous.** Reversible or not, puberty-blocking hormones induce a state of disease – the absence of puberty – and inhibit growth and fertility in a previously biologically healthy child.<sup>6</sup>

**5. According to the DSM-V, as many as 98% of gender confused boys and 88% of gender confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty.<sup>5</sup>**

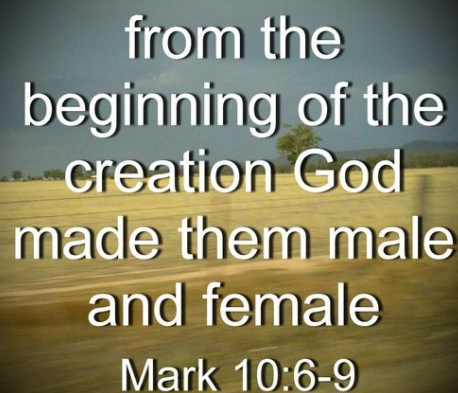
**6. Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence.** Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks including but not limited to high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and cancer.<sup>7,8,9,10</sup>

**7. Rates of suicide are twenty times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery, even in Sweden which is among the most LGBTQ – affirming countries.<sup>11</sup>** What compassionate and reasonable person would condemn young children to this fate knowing that after puberty as many as 88% of girls and 98% of boys will eventually accept reality and achieve a state of mental and physical health?

**8. Conditioning children into believing that a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse.** Endorsing gender discordance as normal via public education and legal policies will confuse children and parents, leading more children to present to "gender clinics" where they will be given puberty-blocking drugs. This, in turn, virtually ensures that they will "choose" a lifetime of carcinogenic and otherwise toxic cross-sex hormones, and likely consider unnecessary surgical mutilation of their healthy body parts as young adults.

The second resource is from Dr. Paul R. McHugh, the former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital and its current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, published an op ed in the Wall Street Journal. He argues that transgenderism is a "mental disorder" that merits treatment, that sex change is "biologically impossible," and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder. I've selected two large excerpts below.

The government and media alliance advancing the transgender cause has gone into overdrive in recent weeks. On May 30, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services review board ruled that Medicare can pay for the



from the  
beginning of the  
creation God  
made them male  
and female  
Mark 10:6-9

"reassignment" surgery sought by the transgendered—those who say that they don't identify with their biological sex. Earlier last month Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said that he was "open" to lifting a ban on transgender individuals serving in the military. Time magazine, seeing the trend, ran a cover story for its June 9 issue called "The Transgender Tipping Point: America's next civil rights frontier."

Yet policy makers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention. This intensely felt sense of being transgendered constitutes a mental disorder in two respects. The first is that the idea of sex misalignment is simply mistaken—it does not correspond with physical reality. The second is that it can lead to grim psychological outcomes.

The transgendered suffer a disorder of "assumption" like those in other disorders familiar to psychiatrists. With the transgendered, the disordered assumption is that the individual differs from what seems given in nature—namely one's maleness or femaleness. Other kinds of disordered assumptions are held by those who suffer from anorexia and bulimia nervosa, where the assumption that departs from physical reality is the belief by the dangerously thin that they are overweight.

With body dysmorphic disorder, an often socially crippling condition, the individual is consumed by the assumption "I'm ugly." These disorders occur in subjects who have come to believe that some of their psycho-social conflicts or problems will be resolved if they can change the way that they appear to others. Such ideas work like ruling passions in their subjects' minds and tend to be accompanied by a solipsistic argument.

For the transgendered, this argument holds that one's feeling of "gender" is a conscious, subjective sense that, being in one's mind, cannot be questioned by others. The individual often seeks not just society's tolerance of this "personal truth" but affirmation of it. Here rests the support

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for "transgender equality," the demands for government payment for medical and surgical treatments, and for access to all sex-based public roles and privileges.

With this argument, advocates for the transgendered have persuaded several states—including California, New Jersey and Massachusetts—to pass laws barring psychiatrists, even with parental permission, from striving to restore natural gender feelings to a transgender minor.

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How to respond? Psychiatrists obviously must challenge the solipsistic concept that what is in the mind cannot be questioned. Disorders of consciousness, after all, represent psychiatry's domain; declaring them off-limits would eliminate the field. Many will recall how, in the 1990s, an accusation of parental sex abuse of children was deemed unquestionable by the solipsists of the "recovered memory" craze...

There are subgroups of the transgendered, and for none does "reassignment" seem apt. One... subgroup consists of young men and women susceptible to suggestion from "everything is normal" sex education, amplified by Internet chat groups. These are the transgender subjects most like anorexia nervosa patients: They become persuaded that seeking a drastic physical change will banish their psychosocial problems. "Diversity" counselors in their schools, rather like cult leaders, may encourage these young people to distance themselves from their families and offer advice

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on rebutting arguments against having transgender surgery. Treatments here must begin with removing the young person from the suggestive environment and offering a counter-message in family therapy.

Then there is the subgroup of very young, often prepubescent children who notice distinct sex roles in the culture and, exploring how they fit in, begin imitating the opposite sex. Misguided doctors at medical centers including Boston's Children's Hospital have begun trying to treat this behavior by administering puberty-delaying hormones to render later sex-change surgeries less onerous—even though the drugs stunt the children's growth and risk causing sterility. Given that close to 80% of such children would abandon their confusion and grow naturally into adult life if untreated, these medical interventions come close to child abuse. A better way to help these children: with devoted parenting.

At the heart of the problem is confusion over the nature of the transgendered. "Sex change" is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is civil-rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder.

## **"Ecumenism of Blood"**



CUBA: "Finally!" exclaimed Pope Francis upon meeting Patriarch Kirill in the Havana airport. Not because the Russian Orthodox Church leader's flight had been delayed, but because this was the first meeting between the heads of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy's largest branch since Christianity split into West and East in 1054.

The reason: ISIS, and how persecution of Christians in the Middle East and North Africa has hit record levels. "We believe that these martyrs of our times . . . are a pledge of the unity of Christians," the primates declared...both sides hope that today's "ecumenism of blood" will become history.



## St. Peter's Vestry Retreat (May 6-8) Recap

By Jon Corbett

The term retreat engenders varying images. For some it connotes escape; to others it means something akin to a vacation with spiritual content; and still others, thinking in terms of war imagery, may take it to mean failure. In the context of our vestry retreat none of the above connotations do justice. The closest may be escape, but from what were we escaping and to what were we escaping?

It seemed for some of us, we were escaping awful DC traffic leading up to the retreat. But for all of us, we were escaping the ordinary demands of life: mowing the lawn, changing diapers, making breakfast, worrying about work, social expectations, and other daily demands of life. However, this was not a permanent escape. Nor was it an escape to absence of responsibility, but escape to a time to pray and work together as God united the vestry as a team.

We spent the weekend together on the Eastern Chesapeake Bay shore. Some of the new vestry members knew each other, others knew of each other, and some were going to become new acquaintances. I found that all of us got along. We worked well together. We enjoyed getting to know one another. We had fun together. We laughed together. All were united in a real excitement and passion to serve St. Peter's. In my experience, being

on many leadership teams in the past, this team in terms of both enthusiasm and responsibility for the task ranks very high. I am quite hopeful this will be an excellent team to meet the many demands as we move forward together as an entire congregation.

We did have fun (including watching Father Tom eat all the crab he could eat), but the primary function of the weekend was to come together as a team, to become oriented to our responsibilities, to pray heavily, and begin to work --*Ora et Labora* (pray and work) as the Benedictines would say. We prayed specifically toward vision that has been formulated in the hedgehog process. Praying together was one of the highlights for me.

Our major work was spent making solid plans and timelines for completion of the strategic five-year plan. In the months to come, there will be many exciting places where God will lead us as a congregation. More will be communicated on these fronts in months to come. It is our hope as a vestry that we are faithful stewards of what God has entrusted—that we may serve you and that you all may be enabled to see, partake, do, and take ownership of all these many exciting opportunities that God has for us as a community.

## Stephen Ministry

By Kristin Coate

### What it is:

- Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one lay caring ministry that serves members of the church and the community. Stephen Ministry training equips and empowers lay caregivers ("Stephen Ministers") to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

### How it's done:

- To start a Stephen Ministry, the church selects and sends leaders in the congregation to a Leadership Training Course - a week long conference where the Stephen Leaders receive in depth training that teaches the resources used to lead Stephen Ministry, develops the key skills for leadership, and gets people excited about the ministry.
- A church that wants to start a Stephen Ministry program selects leaders in the congregation to become "Stephen Leaders" and travel to a week long conference where they receive in depth Leadership Training.
- The Stephen Leaders return to their congregations and conduct 50 hours worth of training to the Stephen Ministers. A Stephen Minister will get paired up with a Care Receiver, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers meet with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Stephen Ministry is a fantastic opportunity to care for those around us, not only within St. Peters, but within the community at large. During the inevitable times of trial, transition, and loss, a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, empathize, and encourage with Christ's love and care can be tremendously powerful.

For more information, please visit their website [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)



## Guatemala 2016

By Bob Loker

The Guatemala team is putting finishing touches on preparations for the mission trip to Guatemala beginning June 18th.

We are grateful for the supplies of craft materials and health products that St. Peter's parishioners have donated. We have used some of our cash contributions to buy Spanish language books for Redeemer's House, our host mission. We are also taking down a large quantity of ThickenUp. ThickenUp thickens liquids and pureed foods and makes it easier for the disabled children to swallow.



*Learning the Bible*

Among other activities, the team will be teaching Bible, working at a children's feeding station, and helping out with an after school program in several different locations. We will also be doing a family photography project and purchasing textiles from local weavers for sale at St. Peter's in the fall. All profits are then given to Redeemer's House.

I recently returned from a week's training in Orlando with StoryRunners, a ministry of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ). StoryRunners equips missionaries to teach the Bible transculturally to oral learners. Most of the people we teach in Guatemala learn orally. In fact, in the rural areas many of the pastors have only a sixth grade education. The team will be adopting some of it's training for oral learners.



*Family Photo*

I will stay in Guatemala an extra week to train pastors and church leaders to disciple with a focus on reaching oral learners. That week will be sponsored by the International Missionary Network which ministers in the highlands and also in isolated villages on the Atlantic Coast.





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY News

## Sunday School

It has been a wonderful year for the Sunday School! We successfully completed year two of the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. This year, our theme was Weaving Together the Family of God, how we became God's People and the personal encounters that Jesus had with people on earth. We also went "off book" on a few occasions during the year, to further explore the Ten Commandments, the Birth of Christ and the meaning of Easter.

We are so grateful for the hard work of all of our talented teachers; **Krista Winger, Carla Ramsey, Tamara Tyler, Jane Navarro, Deana Czaban, Renee Geiger and Gail Donohue**

**Our final class of the year will be June 12th at 9:30 AM.** We will host an **Open House** with refreshments in the Sunday School Atrium, at that time! All are welcome. Our Sunday School program will start again in September. Have a happy and healthy summer!



## Vacation Bible School 2016!

We are ready to go, are you? **VBS is June 27 - July 1 from 9:00 AM- noon.** Bring your fins and snorkels, as our theme this year takes us under the ocean! At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, kids dive into God's presence by delving deep into His Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way.

**Register your children at: [www.vbs.stpetes.net](http://www.vbs.stpetes.net)**

**We are still in need of teens and adults to volunteer!** There is a specific need for adult helpers in our snack center. Young people in grades 6 and up are welcome to assist as volunteers at VBS. Remember helping at VBS can count as community service hours for the schools.

**Please contact Kathleen Voss at [dcm@stpetes.net](mailto:dcm@stpetes.net)**

## Family Fellowship Dinner

Our first Family Fellowship Dinner held on May 15th was a great success! Not only did we have a super group of families attend, but the new ovens in the kitchen worked like a charm!!! Many thanks to Deana Czaban, Barbara Verdile and Sophiann and Dell Nunaley, for helping to prepare and serve our delicious dinner.

We hope to make our family dinners a regular occurrence at St. Pete's. It is a terrific way to meet other families at the Church and to contribute ideas for children and youth ministry.





**Join us to pray for our nation and its leaders.**

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church**

([www.stpetes.net](http://www.stpetes.net))

**will host our 5<sup>th</sup> annual**

***Independence Day***

***Prayer Service***

**at 7 pm on the 4th of July**

**Lt. Col. Oliver North** will read The Declaration of Independence  
We'll sing patriotic hymns and pray for our country

**Come early to enjoy a first-rate BBQ dinner  
at 5:30 hosted by Monk's BBQ**

([www.monksq.com](http://www.monksq.com))

***Fun & Games for the whole family!***

*Donations will be accepted for food and live bluegrass music.*

**All are invited.**

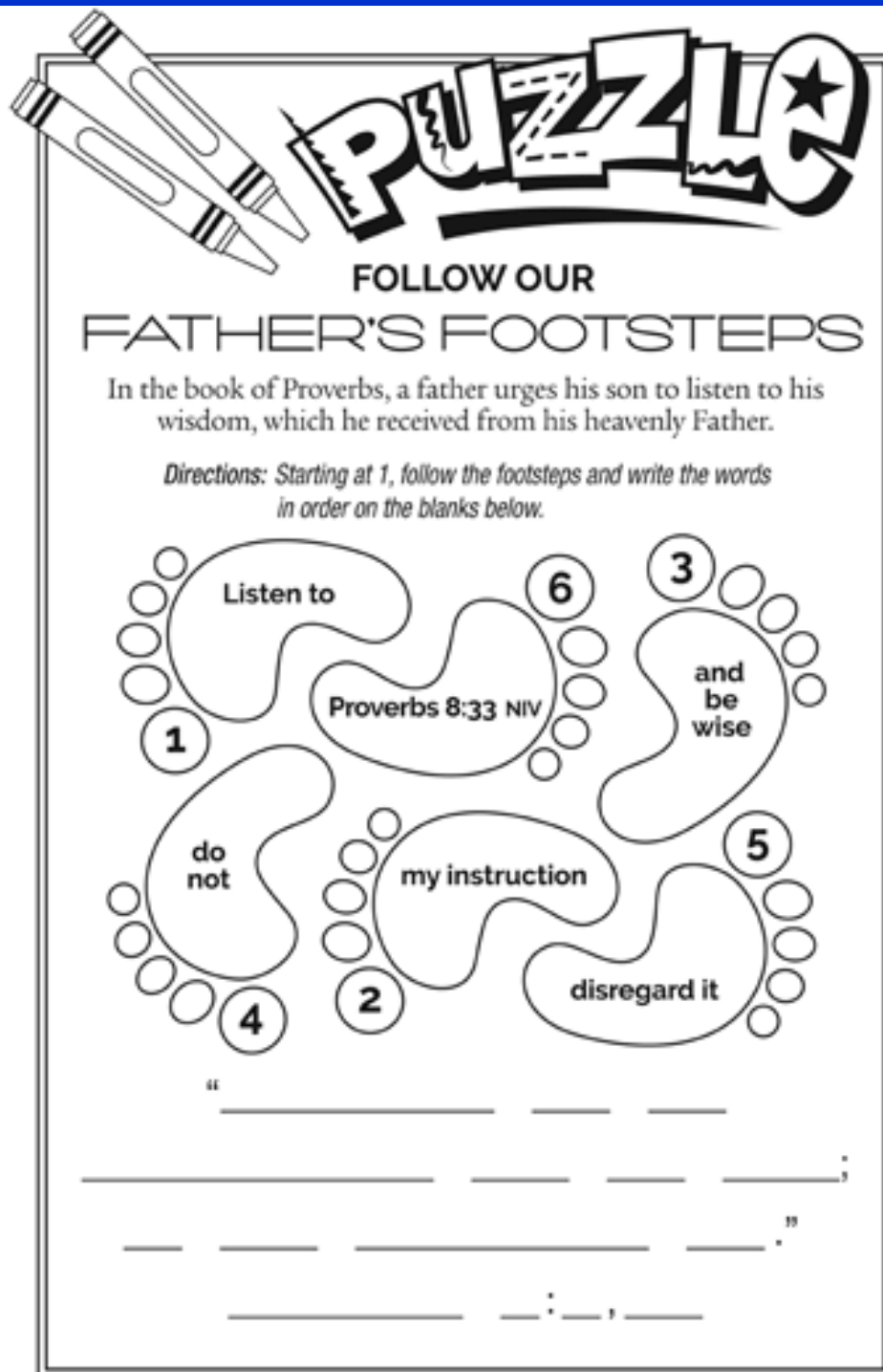


**What you need:**

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

**What you do:**

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it."  
Proverbs 8:33, NIV



# St. Peter's JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE 2016

		June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
		3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Drew Lavan	Erin Schellhase	William Lawrence	Mark Baker
	Late	Jon Corbett	Eamon Coy	Dan LaPre	Mark McKinley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Paul Donohue, James Hall	Buddy Andrews, Sophiann Nunaley	Judy Hall, Peter Schellhase	NA
	Late	Tom Coate, Dave Hunt	Lauren Hunt, Randy Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt, Dan LaPre	NA
SUB DEACON	Early	NA	Tanya Matthews	Tim Hall	NA
	Late	NA	Linda Stoutenburgh	Tom Coate	NA
INTERCESSOR	Early	Paul Donohue	Dell Nunaley	Peter Schellhase	HL
	Late	Marty Thompson	Randy Stoutenburgh	Traci Eddinger	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker	Josh, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley
	Late	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Lexi Eddinger, Grace Falatko	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Jim & Wynell Schatz, Martha Ballinger, Marina Liburdi	Bill & Beth Gibson, Larry & Linda Turner	Buddy & Sally Andrews, Scott & Becky Harris	Peter & Erin Schellhase, David & Carla Ramsey
	Late	Steve & Anne Schultz, Joe & Rebecca Babb	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Paul & Sherri Kakol	Ollie & Betsy North, Bill & Renee Geiger	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh, Harold & Ann Neely
USHERS	Early	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Bill & Beth Gibson	Todd & Pam Johnston	Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
	Late	Joe & Nissa Clavelli, Mark & Katie McKinley	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Ben & Anna Curtis	Steve & Anne Schultz, Tred Parry, Jim Heim	Jenn & Eamon Coy, Ben & Anna Curtis
GREETERS	Early	Bill Gibson	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot
	Late	Jon Corbett	Steve Schultz	Traci Eddinger	Jae & Andrea Lee
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, TBD	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis, Kat Clavelli, Wynell Schatz	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi, Sharon Purnell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi, Sharon Purnell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi, Sharon Purnell

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!

## JUNE Anniversaries and Birthdays

### ANNIVERSARIES:

6-1 Bill & Renee Geiger  
 6-5 John & Debby Caulfield  
 6-7 Harold & Ann Neely  
 6-9 Dan & Una LaPre  
 6-20 Dave & Gail Hunt  
 6-24 Joan & Charlie Baldi  
 6-25 Joe & Rebecca Babb  
 Carl & Nancy Sheys

### BIRTHDAYS:

6-1 Steve Czaban	
6-2 Rick Cockrill	
6-5 Annie Bailey	
Carrie Marie Burden	
6-7 Tait Simmons	6-19 McKenzie Clark
6-9 Andy Coy	Drew Lavan
Beth Gibson	6-20 Tom Adair
Briana Tyler	Sharon Purnell
6-10 Amy Cassidy	Sarah Staggs
Terry Duhring	6-21 Maile Cassidy
Bryan Field	Rick Smith
Bob Loker	6-25 Claire Marsh
Carl Sheys	Bennett Ramsey
6-12 Jane Navarro	Nate Thompson
6-13 Andrea Lee	6-27 Ricky Cockrill
6-14 Danny Burden	Kirsten Jenkins
Judy Didoha	6-28 Jennifer Moore
Rohan Shah	Melissa Nordstrom
6-15 Steve Schultz	6-30 Drew Collins
6-16 Theresa Beeton	Dave Ramsey

## Mark Your Calendar!

Jun 1 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm  
 Jun 4 Men's Breakfast 7am  
 Children/Youth Ministry Retreat 9am  
 Jun 5 4th of July Planning Mtg. 9:30am  
 Youth Group Cook-Out 5pm  
 Jun 7 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm  
 Jun 12 Sunday School Open House 9:30am  
 Jun 14 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm  
 Jun 16 Mission Trip Packing 4pm  
 TOL Dinner (*hosted by Men's Breakfast Group*)  
 Jun 18 Mission to Guatemala Departs  
 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am  
 Literary Guild 5pm  
 Jun 19 Newsletter Deadline  
 Jun 20 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am  
 Jun 21 Vestry Mtg. 7:15pm  
 Jun 22 Morning Prayer 11:30am  
 Jun 25 VBS Set Up  
 Jun 26 MORNING PRAYER 8 & 10:30am  
 Healing Liturgy  
 VBS Set Up 12pm  
 Jun 27 VBS 9am  
 Jun 28 VBS 9am  
 Pastoral Care Team 5pm  
 Jun 29 VBS 9am  
 Jun 30 VBS 9am

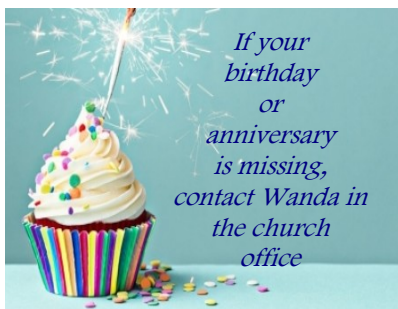
## 2016-17 VESTRY

### VESTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

WARDEN: Tom Coate  
 JR. WARDEN: Joe Matthews  
 REGISTER: Peter Schellhase  
 TREASURER: To Be Determined

### VESTRY MINISTRY AREA LEADERS:

COMMUNION: Linda Stoutenburgh  
 COMMUNITY: Jon Corbett & Ron Clark  
 COMMISSION: Traci Eddinger & Dell Nunaley  
 SUPPORT: Jim Heim



## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for JUNE

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
5	3 Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-24	146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
12	4 Pentecost	1 Kings 21:1-21a	5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
19	5 Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-15a	42	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
26	6 Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62



# The Month of June

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed


Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Mission Team Mtg. MSSG	2 Choir Next Step Community	3	4 Men's Breakfast VBS Skit Rehearsal Children/Youth Ministry Retreat  <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
5 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Bible Study Youth Group	6	7 Vestry Ministry Mtg	8 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> MSSG	9 Choir Next Step Community	10	11 VBS Skit Rehearsal  <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
12 <i>Program Year Ends</i> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS Open House Choristers & CS Bible Study	13	14 Vestry Exec Mtg	15 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> MSSG	16 Mission Trip Packing TOL Dinner Next Step Community	17	18 VBS Skit Rehearsal Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild  <b>Mission Team Departs</b>
19 <i>Father's Day Newsletter Deadline</i> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> AF Class Bible Study	20 Mt. Calvary Guild	21 Vestry Mtg	22 <b>MORNING PRAYER</b> MSSG	23 Next Step Community	24	25 VBS Skit Rehearsal  <b>VBS Set Up</b>

**Pray for our Mission Team in Guatemala**

26 Healing Liturgy <b>MORNING PRAYER</b>  <b>VBS Set Up</b>  Bible Study	27	28	29	30		
	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9AM-NOON</b>					
		PC Team Mtg	MSSG	Next Step Community		

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



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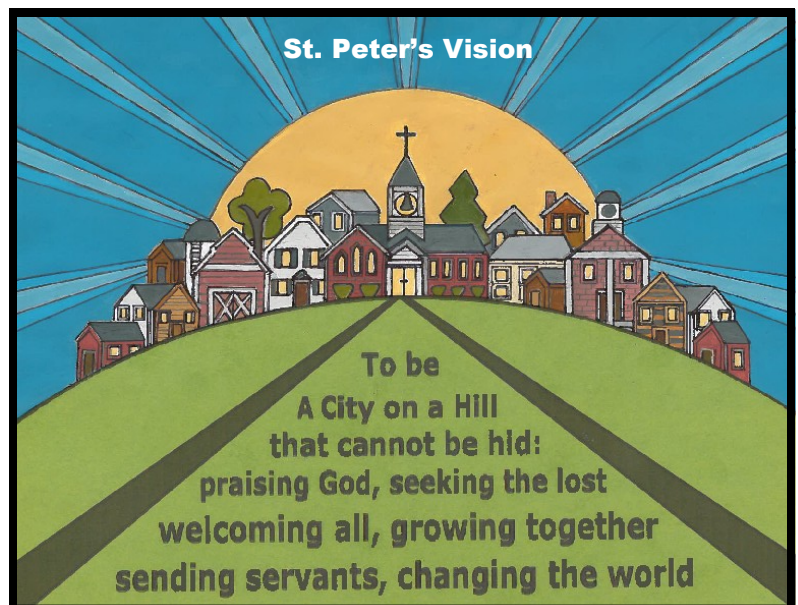
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