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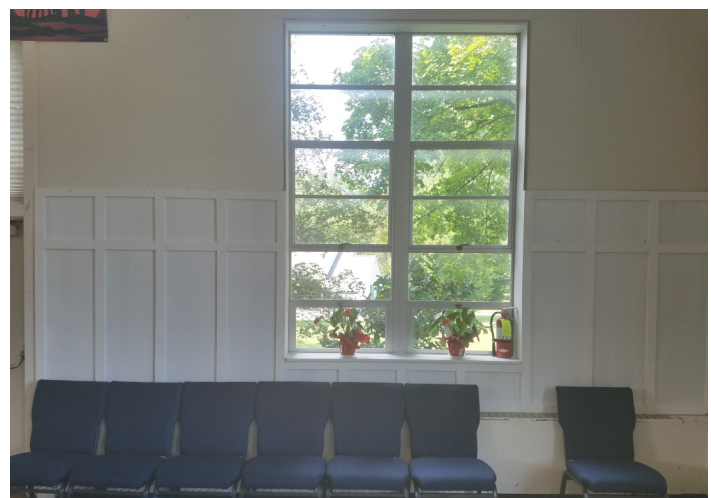
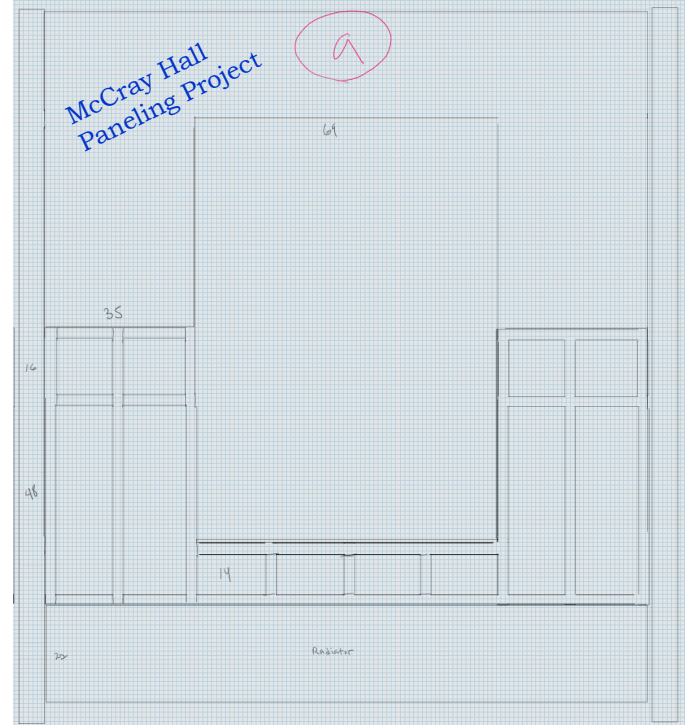
A Huge HanQ!

By Fr. Tom Simmons

I want to say a mighty **THANK YOU** to three groups of people.

- 1) The crews who made our 5th annual Independence Day parade and party such a blast. **Regina Brzozowsky** brought her enormous capacity for planning to make the party a great smooth success, organizing teams working on the float, the food, hospitality, set up and take down, parking, and promotion. Though rain forced a last minute change plans, our crews adapted and put on a great event serving 250 people dinner and leading worship with a packed house that evening. What fun!
- 2) The crew who FINALLY got our renovation of McCray Hall going, starting with Shaker-style paneling. It was a great pleasure to envision what paneling might look like, to design it, and to make it a reality with a lot of help from **Mike Volpone, Paul Kakol, Brian and Aiden Daley, Kent Bailey, Mark and Peter Staggs, Dan LaPre**, and a craftsman who wishes to remain anonymous. Because of all the volunteer help, we were able to keep the cost of this large project to the absolute minimum...and have A LOT of fun doing it together!
- 3) Our new Treasurer, **Tanya Matthews**, and the **Finance Committee** for stepping up with high motivation, skill and cohesiveness to address this year's financial challenges and opportunities. Thank you SO much for taking our church's fiduciary health seriously, and for helping us prepare for renovation, growth, and expansion of our program and facilities in the future. We are doing a significant tune-up of our fund-raising and budgeting system to better fund our ministries in the future.

I'm so impressed and proud of the people of St. Peter's. Your ownership and involvement, good cheer and hard work inspire me and make serving you a real pleasure. I'm in awe to see how the work gets done as everyone does "their thing" with all their heart. It's the body of Christ, as St. Paul described it this past Sunday in his letter to the Colossians: *We are "holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God"* (Colossians 2:19).



Treasurer's Corner

By Tanya Matthews

The Gospel reading on July 24th said...

"For everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

The vision of the Finance Ministry is in four parts:

1. To broaden the culture of financial stewardship
2. To hold ourselves accountable to spend money well
3. To embark on disciplined fund raising
4. To communicate more about the budget versus actual on revenues and expenses

Please join us! We need tellers, advisors to the Finance Committee, members of the Stewardship Committee, and people to work on fund raising. Please pray for the financial ministries of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened!



God does hear us

One often wonders if God really does hear us when we pray. We look for signs, messages, maybe responses, even results during and after prayer, especially when those prayers are of the important nature concerning those in need of God's intervention. There are those precious times, often unexpected, when God sends us his response in disguise for us to both notice and interpret. On a recent climb up Mont Blanc in France, the second highest peak in Europe at 15,777 feet, nearing the summit and feeling God's wonders and beauty all around me above the clouds, I said The Lord's Prayer as thanks for bringing me there. As the very last word left my lips, a black and orange butterfly landed right next to my left boot on the ice at 15,000+ feet! It stayed for a few seconds and then flew off to places unknown. If there were flowers or even anything green up there I could pass it off as coincidence, but there just isn't. God heard me. Closer to home and much closer to sea level, at White Rock on the Short Hill a few years back, I thanked God for the beauty he and the Holy Spirit created there. Again exactly as the last word drifted away from my lips a red bolt came directly at me from the tree line 100 yards below. Moments later a Hummingbird hovered then landed right on



the red laces of my running shoe, stayed a few seconds, then departed to places unknown. God heard me then and sent his tiny bird emissary to confirm receipt. Two days before confirmation at St Peter's, the first ever for this then new Christian, I was at home asleep on the couch with our two dogs on the floor beside me. I had loaded up our 5 disk CD player and sometime in the

early morning the last CD played and the machine shut off. The silence woke me up. Almost immediately my body became completely immobile. I was unable to move, or talk, my body was vibrating with electricity, and there was a sense of intense fear and evil around me. I tried to call out to my dogs with no luck. I could see them on the floor beside me asleep totally unaware of my circumstances. After some long seconds of this invisible bondage and terror I said to myself "God, is that you?"

Immediately the vibrating feeling of fright vanished and I was able to move once again. I know I was awake through all this as I got up immediately and recorded the incident which I shared later with Father Tom. His conclusion was that "The Adversary" was attempting to keep me from giving my life to Jesus. God heard me once again and, thanks be to God, The Adversary lost another recruit. God hears you, hears us, and sometimes we are pleased with wonderful signs he sends to confirm it.

—Jim Schatz

My time among the Mennonites

By Fr. Tom Simmons

I'd like to tell you more about the time I spent among the Mennonites in June. I traveled to Goshen Indiana for a conference called Living from the Heart with Tony Stoltzfus. The conference was followed by a retreat for the Board, which presides over Coaching Mission International (CMI), on which I have recently accepted a seat. It was eight stimulating and exhausting days spent with wonderful people, engaged in very exciting work. The work at the conference involved reflection and training on how to work with Jesus in difficult circumstances. The work with the Board involved thinking through how to help CMI begin a new chapter in its work as an organization. All of it was hard work, and very exciting.

First let me tell you about Living from the Heart. It is one of three courses Tony Stoltzfus has developed in his MetaFormation course. MetaFormation (literally 'the form of formation') seeks to understand how change-of-heart takes place and help leaders put it into practice in their own lives and ministry.



Doing Training Jesus' Way

Jesus taught us the secret to transforming behavior: that actions spring from the heart. Changing our actions doesn't start on the outside, with discipline, but on the inside, when Jesus touches your deepest desires. The power of the MetaFormation process is that we train the way Jesus does change: from the inside out.

Think of it like this. Traditional teaching methods aren't very good at touching the heart. A seminar or classroom setting engages us at the head level, but what impacts our hearts most deeply are conflicts, romance, close friends, failure and achievement--in other words, experiences and relationships. So MetaFormation turns the classroom inside out. Instead of trying to teach *about* the heart using a talking-head approach, we create *relational experiences* that tune you in to what is going on inside.

Like Nothing You've Ever Seen

This experiential approach makes our workshops different than anything you've ever been to. You'll be caught up in stimulating learning games, take a trip to

heaven, participate in powerful, live demos where we drill down to the heart level, and repeatedly encounter Jesus speaking to you as you pray your desire. You'll teach each other instead of being taught, coach your peers, meet Jesus in works of art and music, and celebrate breakthroughs with acts of worship. We'll engage every sense and every part of you, and you will get to know your own heart like never before.

The Courses

We offer three courses, each covering a different gateway to the heart and feature a different *Taste of Heaven* encounter:

- ***Transforming the Heart***: Encountering Jesus in our direct relationship with him
- ***Relating from the Heart***: Encountering Jesus in our relationships with one another
- ***Living from the Heart***: Meeting God in our life circumstances

This third course is the one I participated in. I found this material extremely fresh and insightful. From a technical point of view the whole thing was very well-thought out, based on my doctoral research into adult learning and human change theory. From a personal point of view the work of those three and a half days helped me better understand a painful season in life, and learn to respond to it in a much better way. What a gift!



Living from the Heart is about meeting God in your life experiences, from the earth-shaking to the every day. Applying the MetaFormation principles to your story infuses it with purpose, helping you understand how God is leveraging everything you experience to move you toward your destiny.

Living from the Heart covers:

- Getting to know the God who causes every experience to work for good
- Learning the *Calling Journey* model and creating a timeline of your own journey
- Meeting God in suffering
- Using transformational coaching to bring life in the midst of pain
- Reframing techniques that help you and others take on God's perspective

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- Learning to hear Jesus speak to your desires through life circumstances

We dig into your life and find the hand of God all over it, then show how to lead others into meeting God in every circumstance. You'll learn powerful transformational coaching techniques from a master coach that bring God's perspective to difficult situations. Presented using an innovative mix of demonstration and debriefing, learning games, and hands-on practice, this workshop shows how to engage God in a way that makes all things work together for good.

Next let me tell you about CMI.

CMI Exists So that all nations will be impacted through Christ-centered coaching



Coaching Mission

International is committed to the vision that every mission worker, leader, and organization experience the transformative power of coaching. We believe that one of the most powerful ways to increase mission effectiveness is to invest in leaders who are already on the front lines, reaching the nations with God's love and transforming power. CMI provides these leaders with the proactive support, encouragement, and feedback they need to complete their calling; factors which too often mission organizations are unable to adequately provide. In addition, we provide multiple training opportunities to equip individuals to serve as missions coaches, to empower missions leaders to use coaching skills themselves, as well as to help sending organizations raise up coaches internally.

Our Vision:

CMI's vision is that every frontline missionary, missions leader, and mission organization will be empowered by the transformational impact of cross cultural, Christ-centered missions coaching.

Our Mission:

We multiply coaching for missions. We serve global missions by coaching mission leaders to greater effectiveness, mature character, multiplication of service and the fulfillment of their callings through cross cultural partnerships.

Our Story

Coaching Mission International was founded to come alongside missionaries and mission organizations with the support, accountability and leadership development that professional faith-based coaching can bring.

CMI was born as a result of an invitation by Youth with a Mission (YWAM) to bring coaching to their leaders in Asia. In 2004, an initial group of six top mission

leaders received professional coaching and coach training. These strategic leaders became passionate about the impact coaching had on their own lives and caught a vision for how it could impact others in their organization. YWAM South Asia issued a challenge to the group's trainer, Tina Stoltzfus Horst: make coaching available to all 2000 of the South Asia field staff!

A Part in God's bigger Story

Coaching Mission International has grown due to the grace of God. He has always supplied our needs and has, at many times in our history, met us in miraculous ways. He has given us a passion to support missionaries as they grow in character, ministry effectiveness, and relationship with God in order that they may complete their calling to invite others around the world into that life changing relationship with our Father.

A Platform for Others

CMI continues to look for opportunities to partner with others to further the impact coaching can have in the missions community. We desire to be a platform for others to learn about coaching and to create networks of relationships empowering others to develop and coaching and training programs within their organizations.

A Part for Everyone

Rather than build a big organization providing coaching services to others, we desire to act as consultants sharing our experience and knowledge to help others build their own coaching programs. Empowering others will be the most effective way to multiply services so that every frontline missionary, missions leader, and mission organization experiences the transformational impact of cross cultural, Christ-centered missions coaching.

What is your Part in this Story?

If what you have read of our story resonates with you, then maybe there's a part for you in this story as well. What might that be? Check out ways to get involved, get training, get coaching, or start supporting the missions coaching movement financially. Join with us as we write the next chapter of the missions coaching story in God's bigger story ... together!

That's where my involvement began. It started with a passion for coaching in 2009, which grew into a desire to be trained as a coach in 2011, which became an academic pursuit in my doctoral dissertation applying coaching to helping preachers improve their preparation and delivery of sermons. And now I have accepted an invitation to help CMI build their organization and support their staff for its next chapter.



One Heart at a Time

Mission Accomplished—Guatemala 2016

By Bob Loker

A fourteen member team from St. Peter's spent a week in Guatemala in mid-June hosted by Todd and Maureen Erickson and Redeemer's House Ministries. Team members included **Mark and Nancy Baker, Hayes Baker, Kelly Cockrill, Pam Pierce-Johnston** (see article by Pam on pg. 7), **Anne Schultz and Bob Loker** from St. Peter's. Other team members included **Carly Webb, Hannah Snyder, Haley Alcock, Lucy Dickerson, Sara Ruscitella, Andrew Battleson and Becky Loker**. This was the fifth year in a row that St. Peter's has sent a team to Guatemala.

Redeemer's House runs an after school program for children in the town of Santiago Zamora and runs two feeding stations for undernourished children in remote Mayan areas in the Highlands. In addition they work alongside Iglesia Refugio, a church plant in a squatters' community that has sprung up alongside an abandoned railroad track in the center of Guatemala City. The people here live in shacks made from corrugated metal. Our team also ministered at Hogar de Esperanza (Hope for Home), a ministry to disabled children supported by the Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Our team did a family photography project in Santiago Zamora on a Sunday afternoon after church. Most families have never had a family picture taken so we took pictures, printed them on the spot and framed them for the families. During the week we taught a vacation Bible school, helped with an after school program and served at the feeding stations.

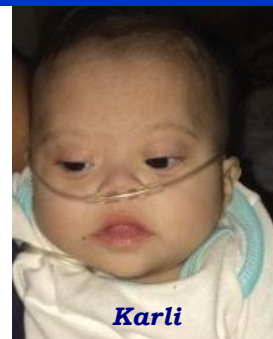
We brought down in our luggage over \$1000 in supplies for the mission, including books for the after school program, health items, and craft supplies. We also brought "walking around money". These were funds donated by team members, church members and friends and family. During the week the team tried to follow Christ's pattern of seeing a need, feeling compassion and answering that need. On our last night in Guatemala we met as a team, listed needs and, as a group, prayed together to determine which needs we were called to address. That was a rich experience. Here are some of the needs we meet:

We allocated \$2000 to buy a year's supply of formula and physical therapy for **Cheyli**, a five year old girl in the village suffering from cerebral palsy. (We have been supporting Cheyli for the past three years.)



Five-year-old Cheyli

We gave Hogar de Esperanza \$850 to purchase two oxygen machines. One is for **Karli**, a six month old girl with Down syndrome and a severe heart problem. The other is for **Dora**, a fourteen year old girl with severe scoliosis.



Karli



Dora

We gave Rami and Shirley, pastors at El Refugio, \$1250 for Shirley to see a dermatologist for treatment of a severe grease burn on her arm that has been infected for three months in spite of several rounds of antibiotics.

We bought tables, white boards and pilas (multi-purpose cement sinks used in South America) for the feeding stations and Iglesia El Refugio, and donated funds for an outreach soccer project at El Refugio.

We gave Todd \$775 to be used for ministry at his discretion.

We enjoyed some recreational time; meals out, morning coffee on the town square, and a hike up an active volcano. Our final night in Guatemala we were able to witness a powerful manifestation of God's glory. From the roof of our home in Antigua we viewed a beautiful, fiery, dramatic and thunderous eruption of Volcano El Fuego. A fitting close to our trip!

Our trip was totally self-supported with no expense to St. Peter's. The participants each covered \$1700 in transportation, insurance, food and lodging expenses. All of our ministry expenses were covered by generous donations. Profit from our fall Guatemalan handcraft sale also helped finance our ministry. We brought back many beautiful items this year so please support our fall sale!

Thank you St. Peter's parishioners, Diocese of Virginia, Loudoun Missions Foundation, team members, friends and family. Your financial and prayer support made this ministry possible. ♦

(See more pictures on the cover.)

Being “a person of Jesus”

I recently returned from travelling with the Small Missions team from St. Peter's Episcopal Church to Guatemala on a short-term mission trip to serve the children and families of several Mayan villages – some very rural and some not so much, and those villages that, while not huge urban areas, they weren't necessarily really rural either – betwixt and between the contrast of the other. The images captured through my lenses during those seven days are eternally etched in the core of my being. The primary purpose for our trip was to be ‘a person of Jesus’ and to be acutely aware of identifying the needs of others and then acting compassionately.

I felt that I had a relationship with the Lord before traveling to Guatemala, but what happened over those seven days would change my life.

I prayed before embarking on my trip as well as daily, asking the Lord to speak to me to tell me how he wanted to use me so that I could be a ‘person of Jesus’. I also asked others who were supporting my journey to pray for me as well.

During the course of those seven days, we visited several villages, Santiago Zamora, Pinito, Chuitzuyut, and Patzutzun, ministering to the children and families. Each village was uniquely different from the next. I witnessed and heard things that moved me and would forever change my life. I witnessed the presence of Christ on numerous occasions and countless acts of love. But most assuredly, I saw where Christ was working through and within me. In particular, one of the days during our mission, we went to Hope for Home – a rural village ministry that provides assistance to children with special needs, providing a loving and healing home for them.

Each child receives lots of love from Daryl Fulp and his wife Wanda, as well as top quality medical care, therapy and education while also learning of the love of Jesus Christ. During our orientation, Daryl asked us to give pause to those children we would without thought be naturally drawn to – the youngest and cutest but instead, be drawn to those children that maybe otherwise we would shy away from. Those words rang deep within my heart. Without giving it any thought, I would have been drawn to the youngest and the cutest. Instead, I asked the Lord to guide me to the child he wanted me to spend time with. That's when I made eye contact with Raphael.

Raphael is a 12-13 year-old young man with cerebral palsy who is confined to a wheel chair. It appears from his physical state that the condition is pretty severe. He wears a bib and drools, his hands and arms are drawn towards his body from the rigidity and tightness of the muscles. He has little control of his head because of weak neck muscles, so his head rest somewhat on his chest. I don't know whether he suffers from visual impairment as his eye movement seemed to indicate that might be the case, and so I

took advantage of connecting with him on other sensory levels. In my broken Spanish, I told him my name and that I was so glad to be spending this time with him. I asked him if he would like for me to take him outside and then



proceeded to figure out how to take the brake off of the wheelchair and maneuver it out of the room and down the hall and ramp to the courtyard. I told Raphael that he was very trusting of me as I wasn't very skilled at maneuvering the chair. We navigated the room and the hall with ease and once in the courtyard, we parked and that's when the magic happened. I held Raphael's hand, stroking his fingers and hand as we spent time our together.

As I knelt next to Raphael's chair, I looked at his curled socked feet and thought, like Jesus and the foot washing of his disciples, one way for me to really show my love and the love of Christ was to massage Raphael's curled feet. I asked him if he would like for me to massage his feet and I don't know whether he understood me and it really didn't matter as I felt that through this humble act, I was honoring and bestowing love on Raphael in a way that fully demonstrated God's love. I truly believe that he tried to verbally respond as I stroked and massaged his feet and I believe I saw him trying to smile.

During the remainder of our time together, I alternated between talking to Raphael, holding and stroking his hands and massaging his feet.

When I met Raphael and was moved to express my love and the love of Christ through the act of human touch, little did I know that while I thought I was helping him, the truth is...he was helping me. Raphael helped me to truly be ‘a person of Jesus’ because I saw the need, and then acted compassionately.

I am extremely grateful for the assistance provided by the Loudoun Missions Foundation to support my participation on this trip and endeavor to continue to walk in the steps begun during my seven days in Guatemala through every encounter, interaction, and conversation.

The core of my being and my path is eternally altered. I am a witness to God's grace and am on the path to a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Abundantly Thankful and Blessed,

—**Pam Pierce-Johnston**

Youth Ministry: 2016-17 Sunday Formation and event Calendar

By Jon Coate

What a whirlwind this last month has been – Kristin and I never really stopped talking about our shared experiences in youth group, well beyond the point at which we could reasonably call ourselves youths – and now, to our delight, we have found ourselves with the incredible opportunity to reconstruct and relive many of those memories. Except we now get to do so from the other side, as we now step in as Co-Directors of Youth Ministries. Since I started in early July, I have been hard at work, developing a new curriculum for Sunday morning formation and creating a calendar full of exciting events. I would like to take a brief moment to share some of what I have been working on, and what the future holds for the youth ministry here at St. Peter's.



*Commissioning of Co-Directors of Youth Ministries,
Jon & Kristin Coate—July 24, 2016*

Sunday Formation:

One of my favorite things about high schoolers is their unrelenting desire for substance. Paul repeatedly talks about milk and solid food, that in our spiritual infancy we drink milk, but as we grow in the maturity of faith and the demands of the Gospel, we must turn to solid food. And teenagers are hungry, not for platitudes and easy clichés, but for real engagement with serious questions. Before we know it, they'll be graduating and moving into freshman dorms, and it is crucial that the education we provide here at St. Peter's is sufficient for that road ahead. The solid foundation has been laid, and now it is time to build up, to fortify these structures against the storms that will come. With that said, the high school formation will start from that solid foundation and build upwards, emphasizing those simple ancient disciplines of prayer, worship, and the reading of scripture.

For 2016-17, we will examine our foundation. From 1942 to 1944, C.S. Lewis gave a series of radio talks which were later compiled into the work we now know and love as *Mere Christianity*. In *Mere Christianity*, Lewis makes a case for Christianity, showing why he turned his atheism in for faith and makes an effort to show what Christianity is all about, at its core. It is far too easy to be consumed or perplexed by the thousands of ecclesiastical and theological differences in the universe of Christendom, but Lewis takes us past it all to give us a vision of what Christianity is in its most simple sense. This book serves as an inspiration and resource for the course I will teach this fall,

Simple Christianity. 9th–12th grade will all be assembled together to explore two main questions: *what* is Christianity at its core, and *why* Christianity? This class will be engaging, fun, and accessible; most of all, it will be solid food.

Youth Group meetings and events:

I have created a calendar with all the meetings and special events we have planned for the program year, 2016-17. I hope this will be a huge help, for planning purposes. All youth in the high school age range are welcomed and encouraged to participate. We will hold regular **Youth Group meetings in the Youth Room every two weeks** – this will be an informal and fun setting where we can unwind and enjoy the last moments of the weekend, share some food and laughter, and have a little Bible study. For the first few months, I will be doing a series on the Stories of scripture, where I will share some of the lesser known narratives from the Bible in an accessible and engaging storytelling format – after which we can discuss those stories, their meaning, and the characters involved.

We will also have **monthly Movie Nights** and other exciting adventures where we can share a little fellowship. Some of these adventures will be a great opportunity to get involved with youth group if you haven't participated before, or to invite some friends!

I'm so very excited to begin this new adventure here with the youth at St. Peter's. I am always available for questions, comments, or concerns – do not hesitate to text, email, or call if you want to talk about the youth ministry here at St. Pete's.

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Youth Group

Biweekly, Sundays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Youth Room

July 31

August 14

August 28 – *night before first day of public school, meeting informally if people want to come*

September 11 – *see special events*

September 25

October 9

October 23

November 6

November 20

December 4

December 18 – *see special events*

No youth group on January 1, New Years

January 15

January 29

February 12

February 26

March 12

March 26

April 9

April 23

May 7

May 21

Youth Movie Night

Fourth Friday of every month
7:00 – 9:30 pm *(depending on length of film)*
Youth Room *(unless stated otherwise)*

July 22

August 26

September 16***

October 28

December 16***

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

*** These dates don't fall on the fourth Friday for scheduling purposes

Youth Special Events

August 17 : Hershey Park

September 11: 3pm, Hiking, youth group on the mountain

October 8: 6pm, Corn Maze *[optional, 4pm, pressing fresh apple cider, location TBA]*

December 18: 7pm, youth room, White Elephant party

February 4: 8pm, Village Lanes, Bowling

May 20: Trip to DC zoo

VBS July 2016: DEEP SEA DISCOVERY



"This is the best VBS!" said Sarah Staggs, right after the skit and on her way to the bible center. What a wonderful compliment! Sarah's words and other positive remarks provided by the kids and parents, most from outside our St. Peter's family,

reinforces the positive impact that our VBS provides to the Purcellville community.

This year our theme was Deep Sea Discovery and the kids dove into God's Word to see that He has been with His people every step of the way! We learned from Genesis that "God is with me wherever I go!"

Each day or session had its own theme which was reinforced through song, bible, craft, science, skit and even snack; GOD KNOWS ME, GOD HEARS ME, GOD STRENGTHENS ME, GOD LOVES ME, and GOD SENDS ME. Each day our Bible Center teachers lovingly broke down these themes in a way for each age group to understand. **Bible Center Leaders—Tamara Tyler, Cindy Coffey, Clarissa Staggs, Dan LaPre and Deana Czaban**—provided amazing, hands on instruction to these children. We are blessed to have these talented and caring individuals in our midst!



The VBS Skit is always one of the most anticipated parts of the week and this year **The VBS Players—Megan Czaban, Henry Simmons and Madigan Voss**—directed by the incredible **Liz Tuohy** did not

disappoint! This talented group began rehearsing in June, all of them, and their parents, juggling hectic sports and school schedules to make it to rehearsal once a week. Each day the kids and volunteers were treated to another exciting day on the research vessel, anticipating what S.A.M., the undersea robot would find next! Our actors and director were successful at building excitement, making us laugh and helping to bring each day's lesson into focus.



Regina Brzozowsky brought our craft center to life! She began preparation early in the spring and her organization and dedication are greatly appreciated! Each day a new craft, also reflecting the day's theme, was created. Craft is a huge component of VBS and parents often comment on the crafts and how excited their children were to bring home each new days accomplishment! **Laura Stark, Megan Smith and Olivia Smith** assisted Regina as youth volunteers. Each young lady provided hands on help to our campers.

It was all hands on deck in the Snack Center!!! **Krista, Aubrey and Addie Winger** all helped to purchase the necessary snack items and organize



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them for the **Snack Center staff—Jennifer Moore, Pat Pearson** and all of the teachers and staff helped get the food prepped and served! **Jeb North and Megan Czaban** were there to help the adults and together prepared and served snacks to nearly 40 children and

breakfast to over 20 volunteers! Special thanks to those in the congregation, who purchased bananas, goldfish, juice boxes, watermelons, trail mix, yogurts and other snacks for the campers and those who took the time to prepare delicious breakfast items for the staff! I think I ate my way through VBS 2016!



I would also like to thank **Tait Simmons**. Tait is always willing to assist us with the very important job of overseeing Kiss and Ride at the end of each day! Believe me, no small task! Other members of the congregation helped with set design registration, moral support and behind the scenes help...they are **Keith Brzozowsky, Carl Sheys, Tim Hall, Mike Volpone, Renee Geiger and Eckard Holdorf**.

Special thanks also to **Wanda Juraschek** for her creative and cheerful program design, in addition to keeping the participant and volunteer lists in good order. Wanda always provides moral support and keeps us on task! Not always an easy thing to do



Of course, not VBS would be as successful without the help of **Assistant Director Deana Czaban!** Deana is always willing to decorate, bake, run to Michaels or whatever is needed to make VBS a success. We would be lost without her! This year, on top of it all, she taught a class too!



When all was said and done, over 40 members of the St. Peter's community, many of them young people, helped to provide snacks and meals, donated money or props, taught bible classes, directed the play, helped to move furniture, manned the registration desk, purchased and organized the craft area, led the musical program, printed marketing materials, served food, vacuumed, cleaned and decorated.... And on and on and on!

Thank you, thank you to all for your tireless dedication and support of this worthwhile event! I also encourage new faces to get involved next year... talk to the people listed in this article, I think that you will find contributing your talents to VBS is especially rewarding.

— **Kathleen Voss**, Director of Children's Ministries

TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in D I R 1

The opposite of play W O 2 K

One-of-a-kind 3 N I Q U E

A hug and a K I 4 S

Sour T A R 5

To speak very loudly Y E 6 L

Immediately N 7 W

Bees live in a H I 8 E

A dandelion is this W 9 E D

I 1 2 3 4 5 in your unfailing 6 7 8 9 ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed;
I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



SUNDAY AUGUST 28

**Bring your backpack (or briefcase)
to be blessed by Father Tom and
start the year off right!**

St. Peter's **AUGUST** SERVING SCHEDULE 2016

		August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
		12 Pentecost	13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost
LECTORS	Early	Erin Schellhase	Mark Baker	Bryan Field	William Lawrence
	Late	Mark McKinley	Kyle Voss	Linda Stoutenburgh	Liz Tuohy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	NA	James Hall, Sophiann Nunaley	Peter Schellhase, Terry Duhring	Buddy Andrews, James Hall
	Late	NA	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	Randy Stoutenburgh, Tom Coate	Lauren Hunt, Dave Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	NA	Buddy Andrews	Tanya Matthews	Br. John
	Late	NA	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	Br. John
INTERCESSORS	Early	Dell Nunaley	Sophiann Nunaley	Peter Schellhase	HL
	Late	Randy Stoutenburgh	Traci Eddinger	Marty Thompson	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker	Josh, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews
	Late	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Rick & Tricia Smith, Justine Phelan, Buddy Andrews	Eckard & Keri Holdorf, John & Debby Caulfield	Bill & Beth Gibson, Judy Didoha, Alexis Didoha, Zan Shah	Paul & Gail Donohue, Don & Krista Winger
	Late	Brian & Amanda Daly, Dan & Una LaPre	Ryan & Amanda Walsh, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Jimmy & Traci Eddinger, Joe & Rebecca Babb	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Paul & Sherri Kakol
USHERS	Early	Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt	Dick Wilhelm, Laurraine Landolt	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Mark & Nancy Baker
	Late	Tred & Debi Parry, Mark & Katie McKinley	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Steve & Anne Schultz, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger
GREETERS	Early	Joe Matthews	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot
	Late	Eamon & Jenn Coy	Traci Eddinger	Jim Heim	Dan LaPre
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	TBD	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Jean Kuhns, Wynell Schatz, Mari Campbell, Chris Lafferty, Justine Phelan, Laurraine Landolt	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Wynell Schatz, Mari Campbell	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Wynell Schatz, Mari Campbell

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!

AUGUST Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

8-3 Bill & Ruth Ensor
Rick & Tricia Smith
8-9 Tom & Michelle Adair
8-14 Tred & Debi Parry
8-16 Steve & Anne Schultz
8-17 Sonny & Mary Hoeltzel

BIRTHDAYS:

8-1 Ben Curtis
Sean Parry
Posey Simmons
8-3 Olivia Smith
Ayden Young
8-5 George Simmons
8-6 Steve Flowers
Ryan Walsh
8-8 Judi Novak
Michael Wagstaff
8-10 Joe Matthews
8-11 Tim Hall
8-13 Colin Donohue
Sonny Hoeltzel
8-14 Marlin Cockrill
Nik Holdorf
Nolan Ramsey
8-15 Caitlin Donohue
8-18 Barbara Kuhler
Tamara Tyler
8-19 William Nunaley
8-21 Paul Donohue
8-22 Zan Shah
8-24 Buddy Andrews
8-25 Renee Geiger
Chandler Parry
Mandi Walsh
8-26 Chris Hunt
8-28 Adriana Erickson
Scott Harris
James Nunaley
Vijay Shah
Kelly Wyatt
8-29 Ciara Donohue
Stephanie Purnell
8-31 Sarah Jane Simmons

Mark Your Calendar!

Aug. 2 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
Aug. 3 MORNING PRAYER 11:30am
Aug. 6 Men's Breakfast 7am
Aug. 7 MORNING PRAYER 8 & 10:30am
Aug. 9 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm
Aug. 14 Youth Group 7pm
Aug. 15 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
Aug. 16 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
Aug. 17 Youth Group Trip to Hershey Park
Aug. 18 TOL Dinner *(hosted by Women's Fellowship Group)*
Aug. 20 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
Literary Guild 5pm
Aug. 23 Pastoral Care Team 5pm
Aug. 24 Guatemala Trip Presentation 7pm
Aug. 26 Youth Movie Night 7pm
Men's TGIF 8pm
Aug. 28 Healing Liturgy
Newsletter Deadline
Backpack Blessing
Youth Group 7pm

The Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers from the 10:30am service.

Please contact Bobbie Wilhelm for more information or to volunteer.



Revised Common Lectionary Readings for AUGUST

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
7	12 Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	50:1-8, 23-24	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 12:32-40
14	13 Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	80:1-2, 8-18	Colossians 3:18-4:1	Luke 12:49-56
21	14 Pentecost	Jeremiah 1:4-10	71:1-6	Colossians 4:2-5	Luke 13:10-17
28	15 Pentecost	Jeremiah 2:4-13	81:1, 10-16	Colossians 4:7-18	Luke 14:1, 7-14



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Vestry Ministry Mtg	3 MORNING PRAYER	4 Next Step Community	5	6 Men's Breakfast
7 MORNING PRAYER Adult SF Class	8	9 Vestry Exec Mtg	10 HOLY EUCHARIST	11 Next Step Community	12	13
14 HOLY EUCHARIST Adult SF Class Youth Group	15 Mt. Calvary Guild	16 Vestry Mtg.	17 Youth Group Trip HOLY EUCHARIST	18 TOL Dinner Next Step Community	19	20 Men's Leadership Mtg. Literary Guild
21 HOLY EUCHARIST	22	23 PC Team Mtg.	24 HOLY EUCHARIST Guatemala Trip Presentation	25 Next Step Community	26 Youth Movie Night Men's TGIF	27
28 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy & Backpack Blessing Youth Group	29	30	31 HOLY EUCHARIST	SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on September 11th! Registration will be available, on line in mid-August. Please consider making the effort to enroll and encourage your child to attend Sunday School this year! We welcome new families with children in grades pre K – 8th grade to join our program. I am happy to meet with you personally if you have questions or concerns about the program.		

KEY: 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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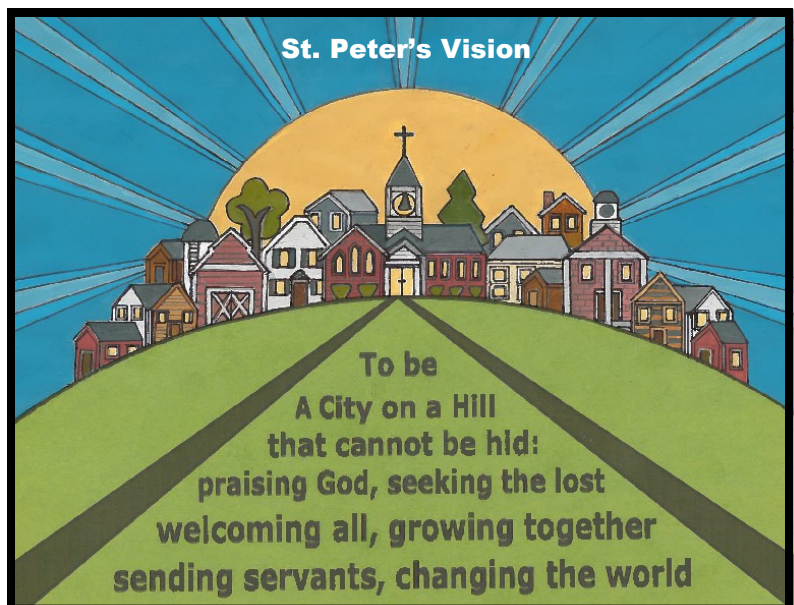
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