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**December 2011**

# St. Peter's Key Notes

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**Dear friends,**

Happy New Year! I note for you also that the first Sunday of Advent and our New Year is also the start of the Muslim New Year—which begins with the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. They count time from that point so it is their new year 1433. And although it will now be the “holiday season,” the challenge as always is to keep it a holy time.

Advent is about hearing the good news and waiting for it to appear. The story is about ordinary people, because the angels appear to plain folks like Zechariah and Mary and later to Joseph and the shepherds. In a dark time, a star appears and guides the wise men to undertake a journey of hope. Advent is a story of the end to wars and famines and recessions. Hope is real and it is coming.

I know we are in a dark time. I have only to read the newspaper to be slapped by the reality of what is happening. We may even be looking ahead to more of the same if the pessimists are accurate in their predictions. I base this on the one true barometer of economic disaster---Vanderbilt is having a winning football season and is ranked ahead of Tennessee. How scary is that!!!

Yet, we have survived hard times. When hard times come, they help us to focus on what is real and worthy and what endures. Christmas is not about things- the gift of Christmas is the birth of Hope---the Prince of Peace---a reordering of our priorities to meet the needs of our family our nation and the world.

Join with me as we journey along this road of Hope. On November 27, let's make our Advent wreaths. On December 4 let us remember those less fortunate with our annual Metropolitan Ministry Angel Tree and “the Church has left the Building”. Let us feed the poor and bring gifts of food for the Pantry and volunteer to stay a night at the Emergency shelter at the Community Kitchen.

Let us listen to the Scriptures and to the stuff that is rattling around in us—  
-so that the Word of God can speak to all that is oppressing us. Let's give thanks and celebrate the providence of God in sending his son to be born among us in the ordinary places of our lives. And let us not neglect to care for those among us who have suffered terrible losses and who are mourning the empty places.

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# Christian Education

Join together as a parish on November 27th to create an advent wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the season. We will gather in the Bracewell Room at 10am. Bring greenery, hand clippers and your favorite Christmas cookies to share.



## Metropolitan Ministries Christmas Project

Please consider helping a person in need by selecting a name from the table in the lobby. Gifts should be returned to the church by December 4th. Gift wrapping will be available as part of December's The Church Has Left the Building.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT INFORMATION



**Children: Join us during Sunday School each week at 9:45 as we practice songs for the pageant**



**December 18th - - Dress Rehearsal**  
**Parent's help needed for costume fittings**



**Wednesday, December 21st - - Pageant Walk Through**



**Christmas Eve Pageant 5:00pm Saturday, December 24th**

**Children need to arrive at 4:15 to get in costume**



**Christmas Day Service at 10:00am**



**Please NOTE There will be TWO Sunday, January 1st Services 7:30 & 10:00am No Sunday School Classes**

## Shared Ministry

When I was a young girl, my friends and I all had the same poster hanging in our bedrooms. It was fairly simple; a rendering of a bright blue sky with rich green grass drawn on the lower half. There was a child-like drawing of a cheerful daisy sprouting forth from the grass and the caption below it said, "Bloom where you are planted." I'm sure we liked it because it was colorful and contained a happy sentiment; that pretty much covered an 8 year old's reasoning...

As an adult, I think back to that poster with a different understanding. Sometimes we may not find ourselves in very fertile soil, much less in the midst of lush green grass, figuratively speaking, nevertheless, we strive always to improve upon our daily circumstances and find both joy and satisfaction in our lives. Fortunately, God has blessed each of us with gifts beyond our wildest dreams. When we tap into those talents, our lives are transformed – we indeed *bloom*.

There are undeniable feelings of peace and joy which fill my soul when I am utilizing God's gifts to me. I'm sure many of you could guess that "*Make a joyful noise!*" is probably my favorite quote from scripture. By offering my voice as his instrument, He is glorified, and I am both blessed and humbled. Worship becomes complete through those joyful noises. Never have I felt so right and whole as when I feel God's music within me and I am able to share it. By the same token, in every area of our lives, we can *know* that we are doing God's will, and therefore using our gifts, when those feelings of rightness and peace prove vital in our actions. What some people might refer to as "a gut reaction" is an affirmation that God is leading the way and that we are living and serving as He intended. As a result, we as a community grow and are enriched, and God is glorified.

As you ponder where you might fit in this great scheme of things, consider the soil in which you find yourself planted. What needs are evident and speak to you personally? Are you drawn to serve others through song or through bringing meals or through providing warm clothes or through companionship? In these and other areas we find outlets that identify our gifts from God. By answering those personal yearnings with action, we are sharing our ministries and pleasing God. And, oh how we bloom...

**Caroline Johnson**  
**Parish Choir**



**December Weekly  
Calendar**

**Sunday**

7:30 am Communion, Rite I  
9:00 am Family Service,  
Rite II  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Communion,  
Rite II  
12:15 pm Fellowship – BR

**Monday**

Classy Crafters– 9:30 1st &  
3rd Connor Library  
EfM 1st year 6:30 C. Library  
College and Career—7:00pm

**Tuesday**

1:00 Staff Meeting—CR  
EfM Class C. Library 6:30  
8:00 pm AA Meeting – BR  
8:00 pm Al-Anon – Adult Ed II

**Wednesday**

10:00 am Holy  
Communion/Healing– TMC  
11:00 Bible Study CR  
5:15 pm Centering Prayer CL  
7:00 pm Youth Group –YH  
7:00 pm Parish Choir

**Thursday**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
Bracewell Room  
8:05 pm NA Meeting  
Connor Library

**Third Saturday of each  
month**

10:00 am Order of St. Luke

**Third Sunday of each month**

10:15 am Alzheimer's Service



**Prime Timers**

Plan for lunch on  
Friday, December 16 at 11:30  
Details to follow.

**Stewardship Update**

Thanks to all of you who have sent  
your pledge cards. If you want envel-  
opes, have questions or need more  
information about ways to pledge or  
include St. Peter's in your estate plan-  
ning, please call Linda Palacio at  
316-6337

The St. Peter's School Book Fair will be  
open after Sunday School as well as after the  
11:00 service in the School Library  
December 4. Come and shop for gifts for all  
ages. The book fair benefits the school  
library.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

School Book Fair December 2-9, School  
Library  
Order of the Arrow 4:00PM December 3,  
Bracewell Room  
Gift return for Metropolitan Ministries Christ-  
mas gifts—Sunday, December 4  
College and Career Christmas Party –  
December 10  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
5:00 PM, December 21  
Chris Andrews Eagle Ceremony, Dec 31

**MEETINGS**

Lay Ministry—Bracewell Room Dec 14 10:45  
Caregiver Support Group Bracewell Room  
December 8 at 1:00 PM

**A Close  
Up  
Look At...**

Youth Director  
Contact information:

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.org  
Don't forget our  
Wednesday  
Youth  
programs.  
Wednesday  
Night Youth  
begins at 7:00  
and lasts till  
8:30.  
Pizza,  
Bible Study,  
and  
Frisbee!**

**S P Y**

**Sunday December 4th-** confirmation  
1@ 1:30pm- lunch provided

**Wednesday December 7th-** confirma-  
tion 2 @ 7:00pm- dinner provided

**Sunday December 11th-** confirma-  
tion 3 @1:30pm- lunch provided

**Sunday December 18th-** confirmation  
4 @ 1:30pm- lunch provided

**Sunday December 18th-** Youth  
Christmas Party from 4pm -7pm.  
Please bring three cans for  
our food pantry and a white  
elephant gift, (\$5.00limit)



College and Career in December  
December 5 meet at St. P at 7:00  
December 10—Christmas Party! TBA  
December 19—College and Career  
Off the 26th  
Thanks to all in the parish who prepared our Thanksgiving  
feast. It was delicious!



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Let us remind ourselves of the story and its meaning---let us brave the cold to hear the Lessons and Carols at Sewanee and put a log on the fire and gather the family and tell the old stories. The real things have no price tag.

The children will present their pageant on Christmas Eve at 5 PM---practice is on Wednesday, Dec 21, at 5 PM and the children are fitted for their costumes during Sunday School on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Midnight Mass will be at 10 PM and it will begin with music, incense and candles.

Christmas Day is Sunday but we will have only the one service at 10 AM---quietly and without music . The following Sunday is January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day so we will have no Sunday School and services will be at 7:30 AM and 10 AM. No nursery.

The Bishop comes (our new Bishop George Young) for his first visit on January 8<sup>th</sup>. He intends to be at all three services and Confirm at the 11 AM service. It is the first Sunday after the Epiphany or the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord---so that is a perfect time to renew our Baptismal Covenant. If you wish to be Confirmed or received on that day---see me or Matt so you can be prepared.

Listen to the angels sent to us ordinary people bearing the message from God: "Fear Not, for we bring glad tidings of great joy"

**May God bless us all as we journey on together,  
Love, Carter+**

## Christmas Eve Service Times

Family Service 5pm

Traditional Rite II 10pm

## Christmas Day Service Time

Rite I 10am

# St. Peter's School News

## Fruits of the Spirit

Kindness and love are cornerstones of our Episcopal School identity. Our Positive Peer Relations program---affectionately nicknamed "PPR"--is designed to make sure we live these values every day, in every interaction. Where better to turn for guidance than to our Scripture? In Galatians 5:22-23, it is written,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Here at St. Peter's School, second grade teacher Meredith Ruffner spearheads our PPR program for all grade levels. She uses daily devotions, weekly quotes, and monthly projects to emphasize a different Fruit of the Spirit each month. Here's our calendar for this year:

**August and September – Self Control**

**October- Kindness and Goodness**

**November- Patience**

**December and January- Peace**

**February- Love**

**March- Gentleness**

**April- Faith**

**May- Joy**

Mrs. Ruffner and the other teachers make exemplifying these values fun! The school year kicked off with a Fruit cocktail party following a chapel service which introduced the Fruits of the Spirit. An end of the year Fruit cocktail party with the addition of colored goldfish crackers is planned to emphasize our school's theme...

**"We may be fish of all sizes and colors,  
but here we all swim together."**

*The St. Peter's school family thanks the parishioners, vestry and clergy of St. Peter's Church for all the kindness and love you show us. Your support makes our school a better place. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year!*



**The mission of  
St. Peter's  
School:  
Entwined by  
common  
purpose, the  
students, teach-  
ers, parents, and  
friends of St.  
Peter's  
Episcopal School  
create an  
educational  
environment  
that  
nurtures love of  
learning, joy of  
service,  
and a lively faith.**



**St. Peter's Vestry Members**

Frank Pinchak	Senior Warden	842-2984
Chip Stansbury	Junior Warden	842-7052
Telky Murphy	Clerk	432-7838
Julie Novak	Christian Ed/Prayer	667-1386
Ruth Wilson	Outreach	842-7306
David Dalton	Financial Oversight	265-2706
Scott Steele	Fellowship	313-4294
Beth Janney	School Liaison	843-1305
Linda Palacio	Stewardship	316-6337
Barbara Painter	Senior Ministries	843-2759
Jennifer Norred	Lay Ministry	843-4893
Rick Mathis	Worship	774-1997

St. Peter's e-mail communication tool is called **Fishernet**. If you have prayer requests, changes to your e-mail address, or would like to be added, please contact the church office- 877-2428 or at [conniewillett@stpeters.org](mailto:conniewillett@stpeters.org)

St. Peter's Keynotes, and Rota are on-line. Go to the church website [www.stpeters.org](http://www.stpeters.org)

*The Staff and Clergy of St. Peter's Church wish you a happy and blessed Christmas*

**DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY**

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Please leave your gifts in the basket in the foyer



- 01—Bucky Wolford
- 02—Cynthia Herrell
- 02—Trey Johnson
- 02—Clint Wolford
- 06—Marjorie Bogart
- 06—Phyllis Lundien
- 06—Helen Masiulis
- 06—Helen Mullenix
- 08—Daniel Prince
- 08—Chip Stansbury
- 09—Jean Bice
- 10—Morgan Andreae
- 12—Chele Roberts
- 14—Tracy Dougherty
- 14—Robert Feaster
- 14—Julie Thurman
- 15—Susan Harris
- 16—Julia Wallace
- 16—Wyatt Williamson
- 17—Tim Andrews
- 17—Allison Schoolfield
- 18—Paula Hurn
- 18—Devin Mathis
- 18—Cody Smith
- 19—Tami Chamberlain
- 19—Kincaid Mills
- 20—Jacqueline Hoover
- 21—Llewellyn Boyd
- 21—Michael Collier
- 21—Ginger Merrit
- 22—Amber Ledbetter
- 22—Odell Leinart
- 23—Matt Harbison
- 23—Sabrina Merrit
- 24—Brent Blalock
- 25—Jackson Harris
- 26—Sarah Paden
- 27—Bruce Mullinex, Sr.
- 27—Robert Poole
- 27—Jean Waldorff
- 29—David Andreae
- 29—Deniece Schow
- 29—Chuck Topping
- 30—Pat Curtis

**Friends in Need**

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 1:00PM in the Bracewell Room. We will prepare Christmas gifts for our homebound parishioners.

Remember to bring in your used cartridges from your printers for the Community Kitchen.



Thank you for your generosity to our Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. We helped thirty three FAMILIES with food for the holidays.

**Sock Ministry**

On the second Sunday of each month, we will have sock Sunday. On December 11 Please bring in new socks for the Community Kitchen and Metropolitan Ministries. There is a great need for socks for men, women and children.




**Did we miss your birthday?**

We want to add you to our list. Call 423-877-2428 or write [conniewillett@stpeters.org](mailto:conniewillett@stpeters.org) to add or remove a name.

**"All things were created by Him, and for Him."**

Colossians 1:16

You were made by a loving God for His special purpose.

SUNDAY		December 4, 2011	December 11, 2011	December 18, 2011	Christmas Eve & December 25, 2011
7:30	Altar Guild	Topping, Rodgers	Topping, Kline	Adkins, Topping	
	Lay Eucharistic Minister	Joe Marland		Carter Lynch	
	Sound System	Frank Pinchak	Frank Pinchak	Frank Pinchak	
9:00	Altar Guild	Harris, Cayden, B. Horton	Brewer, Topping	Strunk, Murphy	
	Lay Eucharistic Minister	Tim Andrews, Danny Hurn	Rob Norred, C.Cooper	C.Cooper, T.Murphy	
	Greeters		John & Graham Parker	Barbara Painter	
	Sound System	Marianah Hurn	Marianah Hurn	David Wills	
11:00	Acolytes	T-Ethan Steele T-Cole Janney C- Jack Harris Jr. Dakota Farless	T-Alise Abshire T-John Harwell C-Chris Andrews Sr. Dakota Farless	T--Ethan Steele T-Mackenzie Topping C--Marcus Hurn Sr--Jenny Hannah	<b>December 24th, Christmas Eve</b>  5:00 service—S.Topping, J.Brewer, J. Marland, J. Hatcher
	Altar Guild	Norred, T. Radcliff, S. Hannah T. Wall	Willett, Swafford, A. Morris	S. Miller, S.Self, A. Swafford	<b>December 25, Christmas Day</b>  10:00 service—Connie Willett, T Wall
	Lay Eucharistic Minister (L.E.M.)	O. Leinart, J. Hoover	Susan Self	Joani Koch	
	Element Bearers	Scott and Kim Steele	Gail & Ron Abston	Jaime and Mark Porter	
	Fellowship	Scott Steele	Ann Swafford, M.A.Northern	Paula and Danny Hurn	
	Greeters	Tilda Wall	Sheila Miller	Marcia Martin	
	Lector/ Intercessor	Caroline Johnson, M.Rogers	Ann Spratt, C. Stansbury	Rardy Spratt T. Radcliff	
	Sound System	Richard and Sam Weems	John Trieber	Richard and Sam Weems	
	Tellers Vestry Rep.	B. Painter, Fonda Harwell	T. Radcliff, K. Randall, R. Wilson	Ed Colucci, Charlie Willett, C.Stansbury	
	Ushers	Norman & Linda Elkins	Ron Abston, Ed Colucci Scott Steele, Chip Stansbury	Odell Leinart, Myron Rogers, Charlie Willett, Gary Frederick	
	Lay Eucharistic Visitor (L.E.V.)	Brooks Northern	Joani Koch	Sarah Poole	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>December 3</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 24</b>
	Altar Guild	Marland, Topping, Rodgers	Hatcher, Brewer, Kline, Topping	Adkins, Topping, Brewer, Norred	All Altar and Flower Guild Members

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please make arrangements for your own replacement Thanks!