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Dear friends,

Easter is so late this year (April 24) that my usual Lenten remarks are saved up for next month. Instead, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in pledging and in your giving from last year. We ended the year in the black, and we were able to expand our ministries in 2011 thanks to your sacrificial generosity. Giving was up 6.5 %!!!

The one area of stewardship upon which we might reflect is attendance. We had an average of 160 persons at church each Sunday –averaging 20 at the 7:30 service and 48 at the 9 AM Family Service and 92 at the main 11 AM Service. We reached a high in attendance in 2001 with an average of 220 at worship, but we are still double the attendance in 1994 when I first arrived.

As you know, I have always asked you for 2 hours on Sunday---one hour to worship and one hour to study to deepen your faith and knowledge of the riches of God's grace. We have some great offerings this Spring---the Acts of the Apostles in the Connor Library class and Christianity 101 in my class down in Adult 1 classroom. Our children and youth ministries are great as is the College and Career group and Primetimers who meet once a month for fellowship. The 11 AM Wednesday Bible Study is exploring I Samuel---Samuel, Saul and David. Part of our witness is our presence. You all are the ambassadors for Christ, so your participation as the body of Christ in worship and study and outreach is part of the foundation of the Church.

I realize that nationally, of the persons professing faith, only about 25% attend church on any given Sunday---down from 33% just a few years ago and light years away from the 1950's when 80% attended regularly. Pray about this with me and see if the habit of coming to Communion weekly will not strengthen you to meet the rapidly changing society we find ourselves in. Your best gift is yourself.

We also have some extraordinary opportunities this year to minister in Haiti, on the campus at UTC, and in the community through our food pantry, recovery groups, and to the prisons. Pick up our new Ministries Booklet and give it a read, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Check out the new venues for Adult Sunday School...

Father's Paden's class is now meeting in the newly designed classroom in Sunday School Room One, downstairs on the left before you enter the Bracewell Room

The Scripture Discussion class has moved to the Conner Library and also offers an online discussion on our website, www.stpeters.org under Christian Formation.

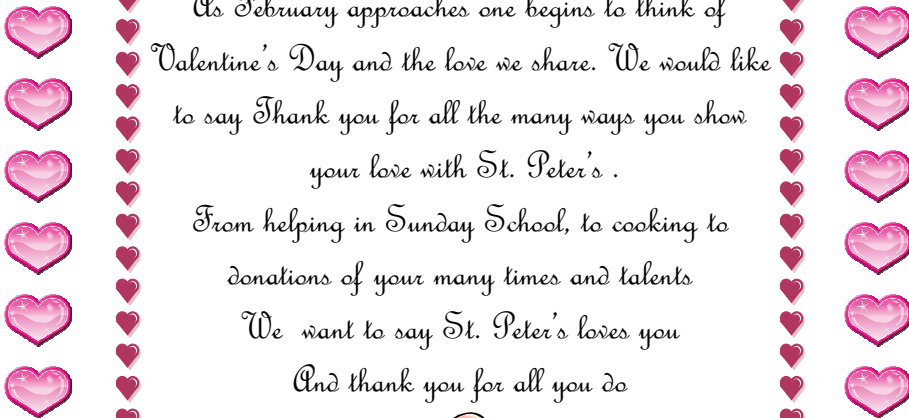
Children's Kid's Club continues to meet each week at 9:45am. In their three age-specific and exciting classrooms



Sign-Up

Please contact the church office if you would like to help with the simple soup suppers that we will have Wednesday nights during Lent. People are needed to help with set up, clean up and to prepare soup.



 As February approaches one begins to think of Valentine's Day and the love we share. We would like to say Thank you for all the many ways you show your love with St. Peter's . From helping in Sunday School, to cooking to donations of your many times and talents We want to say St. Peter's loves you And thank you for all you do



Anticipate
The Future



WITH
THANKSGIVING!

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

**27th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee**

February 11-13, Knoxville

**Election of the Fourth Bishop of the
Diocese of East Tennessee**

**February 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

College and Career—7:00pm

Tuesday

10:00 Staff Meeting—CR
6:30 pm EFM Class—CR
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

*The Kitchen is in need of
glass or china serving
dishes, canapé forks and
knives, platters, plates
and dessert dishes for
receptions and
parties.*

*We also appreciate vases
for the flower guild.
Please call the Church
office, or bring them by
the Church.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Convention—Knoxville, February
11-13
Valentine's Day - February 14
Pink Day at St. Peter's School
February 18
Newcomers' Gathering
February 23
(more information to follow)

MEETINGS

Lay Ministry—10:45 Bracewell Room
February 2
Shared Ministry—6:30pm Conference
Room
Caregivers Support Group—1:30 pm
February 17
Vestry Meeting— 6:00pm Connor Library
February 21

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

Youth Director
Contact information:

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Don't forget our
Wednesday
Youth
programs.

Wednesday Night
Youth begins at
7:00 and lasts till
8:30.

As always, we'll
have pizza, Bible
Study, and
Frisbee!



Sunday February 6th- Bigger & Better

Come with us on our annual trip to see how much we can get with how little! Curious? Come see what this activity is all about!

Wednesday in February-

Join the youth on Wednesday nights for pizza, games, and bible study as we discuss plans for our future!

Sunday February 20- Camp & Pilgrimage Meeting

This year in an effort to keep everyone advised. We will have a brief meeting for all interested in our Pilgrimage and Camp in 2011. Please plan on attending if you are interested in either trip!

College & Career In February

February 6—Make your own Pizza! Theme: Chains

February 13—Shrimp and Grits Theme: Strength

February 20—Enchilada Casserole Theme: Love

February 27—Sliders! Theme: Worry

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And speaking of radical change---we elect a new Bishop on February 12th. This is the first election in 183 years that has not a single priest from our diocese in the slate of candidates. All twelve who were nominated from the diocese either declined or were eliminated from consideration. This is an important election, for whichever nominee is elected, it will take them a few years to learn about us ---so they won't hit the ground running so to speak. Our diocese has weathered a long decline beginning with the episcopate of Bishop Tharp in 1991 when our diocese numbered 13,500 ---today we number about 6,400---and only seven of our Southeast parishes have full-time clergy. We will need to pull together with the Diocese to revitalize our beloved Church.

Prayer is powerful and the gift of the Holy Spirit is discernment---so we need to be prayerful as we conclude this search for leadership so that with God's help we choose the right person to guide us into this new decade. Part of our prayers should be thanksgiving to God for the work of Charles and Annie von Rosenberg who have led us through some contentious times.

In this period of ordinary time, we are called to be the light of the world and to reveal and witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a community, we have suffered an enormous amount of loss and illness this past year. Let us hold each other up. "And let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9)

Yours in pilgrimage and love, **Carter+**

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and The Martin Distinguished Professorship in Religious Studies Lecture Series Presents:

"Holy Lands in Classical Judaism, Christianity, and Islam"

February 1-3,2011 UTC University Auditorium, Room 206 7:00 PM

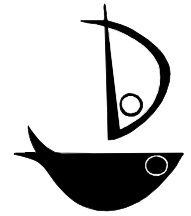
Tuesday, Feb. 1 : Jeremy Cohen, Professor of European Jewish History, Tel Aviv University

Wednesday, February 2, 2011: Robin DarlingYoung, Professor of Theology, Notre Dame University

Thursday, February 3, 2011: Suleiman A. Mourad, Professor of Global Studies Center, Smith College (Northampton, MA)

Lectures are Free and open to the Public

Questions, direction, or additional information can be found at the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga at 425-4334



Students delve into new TrailWise program

At St. Peter's, we believe that the right learning environment is essential to academic success---one in which students push themselves beyond what they thought they were capable of. With our experiential education approach, we ask them to stretch their imaginations beyond the walls of the classroom to the playing field, the stage or the garden. Here, students can enjoy learning by doing, participating in hands-on experiences in real-life settings.

From ropes courses to dramatic plays, St. Peter's frequently creates uncomfortable situations which require problem solving and perseverance. Through **TrailWise**, faculty members enable children to create rather than imitate; to analyze, not just memorize; and to question, not simply accept. *TrailWise experiences are the St. Peter's Difference.*

This year, we are proud to unveil a new **TrailWise** program for grade school students. **Medicine Bow** founder and educator **Mark Warren** becomes our "naturalist-in-residence" each month for special outdoor experiences. A lifelong naturalist and educator, Warren's accomplishments range from authoring books to developing state-wide curriculum, resulting in his being named **Georgia Conservation Educator of the Year** in 1980. Additionally, his unparalleled skills as a canoeist and archer earned him designations as the **U.S. National Champion in Open Canoe Slalom and Longbow archery** in back-to-back years.

Using **Reflection Riding** in their monthly sessions as their "classroom," Warren encourages students to reconnect with nature to learn skills used in primitive society that are relevant today These skills include: gathering and assessing information, collaboration, innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

Recently, students experienced "SURVIVOR" first-hand with Warren by foraging for simple food. After collecting plentiful acorns, they learned to gently crack, peel and slice the acorn "meat" before cooking. Of course, they got to taste the [bitter] fruits of their labor! Never missing an opportunity for learning, Warren informed them that many of their ancestors used methods such as these simply in order to survive!

**The mission of
St. Peter's
School:**

**Entwined by
common**

**purpose, the stu-
dents, teachers,
parents, and
friends of St.**

**Peter's
Episcopal School**

**create an educa-
tional
environment
that**

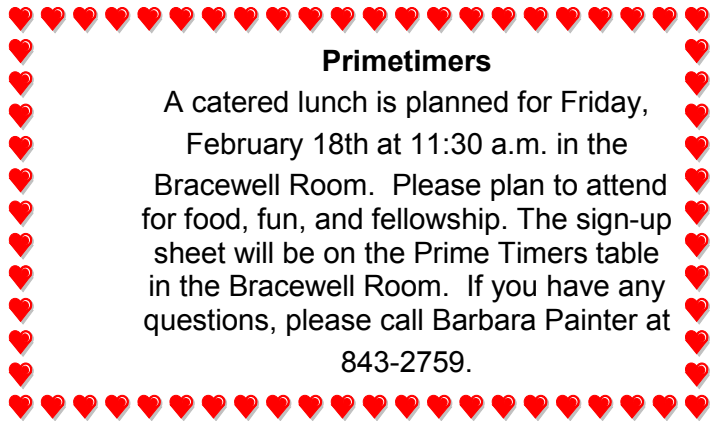
**nurtures love of
learning, joy of
service,**

and a lively faith.

**St. Peter's
School is**

**open to three
year-olds
through fifth
grade
students.**

**The school's web
site is saintpe-
tersschool.net.**



Primetimers

A catered lunch is planned for Friday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Bracewell Room. Please plan to attend for food, fun, and fellowship. The sign-up sheet will be on the Prime Timers table in the Bracewell Room. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Painter at 843-2759.

Janet Dean McBirney Childs died on 2 January 2011 in Woodbury, Georgia. Janet was a founding member/worker At St. Peter's. Please remember Janet and her family in your prayers.

St. Peter's Vestry Members

Frank Pinchak	Senior Warden	842-2984
Chip Stansbury	Junior Warden	842-7052
Jacqueline Hoover	Clerk	847-9546
Ruth Wilson	Outreach	842-7306
David Dalton	Financial Oversight	265-2706
Bo Chamberlain	Fellowship	876-9944
Telky Murphy	Worship	624-4124
Chuck Lee	School Liaison	877-8635
Beth Janney	Fellowship	843-1305
Ed Colucci	Stewardship	875-2775
Barbara Painter	Senior Ministries	843-2759

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

St. Peter's Keynotes, and Rota are now on-line. Go to the church website www.stpeters.org



DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY
Every Sunday is- Food Pantry Sunday. Please leave your gifts in the basket in the foyer 

February Birthdays Flower: Violet Birthstone: Amethyst

- 01—James Greever, III
- 01—Sandra Vredeveld
- 02—Bonnie Rodgers
- 04—Donna Frederick
- 05—Catherine Spratt
- 06—Richard Spratt
- 07—Nicole Barner
- 07—Bruce Johnson
- 08—Christopher Garner
- 09—Steve Hunt
- 09—Jackie Brewer
- 09—Anita Morris
- 09—Suzy Marland
- 09—Rev. Carter Paden
- 10—Karin Gilstrap
- 10—Kim Steele
- 12—Telky Murphy
- 12—Julia Saunders
- 13—Rodney Randall
- 14—Janice Joralemon
- 16—Joe Cannon
- 16—Fonda Harwell
- 18—Frank Pinchak
- 18—Alexandra Wills
- 19—Terry Topping
- 20—Sue Cox
- 23—Ashley Smith
- 26—Marina Rodgers
- 26—Ethel Stephens
- 27—Marc Cromie
- 27—Steve Topping
- 27—Carl Schow
- 28—Casey Bridges
- 28—Ashley Kline

The Altar Guild is in need of someone to arrange flowers for the altar once every 6 weeks. No training is necessary. If you are interested, Please call Ann Boyd at 267-8287

Bridge Refugee Services

is in urgent need of some essential furniture and household items. **Twin Beds** (mattresses, box springs, frames). They are completely out and this is one of the most urgent needs. **Kitchen Tables and Kitchen Chairs.** **Dressers/Chests of Drawers.** **Full and Queen Beds** (mattresses, box springs, frames) **Couches** **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** **Alarm Clocks-** completely out of these. **Pots and Pans-** getting very low. **Mixing/Serving Bowls** **Can Openers-** completely out of these as well. **Mops and Brooms-** completely out. **Laundry Detergent** **Cleaning Supplies** **Waste Baskets** **Toiletries** (Shaving cream, feminine products, razors, etc) **Call The Bridge at 954-9288 if you can help.**

Did we miss your birthday? We want to add you to our list. Call 423-877-2428 or write 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		February 6, 2011	February 13, 2011	February 20, 2011	February 27, 2011
7:30	Altar Guild	Bonnie Rodgers, S. Topping	S.Topping	Cherie Adkins, June Crigger	Debbie Stephens, S. Topping
	Lay Eucharistic Minister	Joe Marland	K.Lanza	Carter Lynch III	John Joralemon
	Sound System	Frank Pinchak	Frank Pinchak	Frank Pinchak	Frank Pinchak
9:00	Altar Guild	Susan Harris Julie & Brian Horton	S. Topping, J. Brewer	Lanza, Strunk, Murphy	S. Topping, J. Brewer
	Lay Eucharistic Minister	Tim Andrews, Danny Hurn	Rob Norred	Jaye Harris	Sarah Poole
	Greeters		John & Graham Parker	Barbara Painter	
	Sound System	Marianah Hurn	Marianah Hurn	David Wills	David Wills
11:00	Acolytes	T-Cole Janney T-Mark Colbert C- Jack Harris Jr. Dakota Farless	T-Alise Abshire T-Ethan Steele C-Chris Andrews Sr. Dakota Farless	T--Ethan Steele T-Mackenzie Topping C--Marcus Hurn Sr--Jenny Hannah	T-George Brandt T-Matthew Andrews C--Mark Colbert Sr--Dakota Farless
	Altar Guild	T. Radcliff, T. Wall, MA Northern	R.Smith, C. Willett, A.Swafford, S.Self	T.Collier, T.Radcliff, A. Swafford	V. Rinkel, L.Elkins, S.Reid
	Lay Eucharistic Minister (L.E.M.)	O. Leinart, J. Hoover	Joani Koch	Susan Self	Telky Murphy
	Element Bearers	Fonda & Patty Harwell	Myron & Ernestine Rogers	Ron and Gail Abston	Connie & Charlie Willett
	Fellowship	Claire Brant	Ed Colucci	Danny and Paula Hurn	Connie Willett
	Greeters	Tilda Wall		Marcia Martin	Betty Rogers
	Lector/ Intercessor	H.Hamilton, M. Rogers	Ann Spratt, True Radcliff	Caroline Johnson, Jenny Norred	C.Trieber, Bill James
	Sound System	Richard and Sam Weems	John Trieber	Richard and Sam Weems	John Trieber
	Tellers Vestry Rep.	B. Painter, Fonda Harwell	T. Radcliff, K. Randall, R. Wilson	Ed Colucci, Charlie Willett, C.Stansbury	Ron Abston, B. James, T. Murphy
	Ushers	Norman & Linda Elkins Gene Roberts	Ron Abston, Ed Colucci Bob Hoover, Chip Stansbury	Odell Leinart, Myron Rogers, Charlie Willett, Gary Frederick	David Andreae, B.James,Chuck Lee, alternate
	Lay Eucharistic Visitor (L.E.V.)	Brooks Northern	Joani Koch	Sarah Poole	Anne Garland
SATURDAY		February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
	Altar Guild	J. Marland, S. Topping B. Rodgers, J. Brewer	R.Smith S.Topping, T.Collier J. Brewer	C. Adkins, J. Crigger T.Collier, S. Topping, J.Brewer	S.Topping, L.Elkins, V.Rinkel, S.Reid, J.Brewer

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