

# The *KEYNOTER*

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## ST. PETER'S WELCOMES NEW RECTOR

On January 12 at 4pm, St. Peter's was the site of the Renewal of Ministry with the welcoming of Fr. David Michaud as our new Rector. The pictures below capture some moments from the celebration.



## Diocesan Convention

This month the Diocese gathers in its annual Convention February 21 and 22 in Cambridge at the Hyatt Regency. The delegation traveling from St. Peter's consists of Father David, Delegates Bravard Cornbrooks, Carolyn Jenkins, John Phillips and Karen Shields; and Alternates Sarah Hughes and Bob Souza.

At the business meeting on Friday, elections will be held for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Board of Managers, Provincial Synod Delegates and General Convention Deputies. Father David has been nominated for one of the four General Convention Deputy positions (he is currently the clergy First Alternate Deputy). The Convention will also consider resolutions including the process for the election of a Provisional Bishop and setting term limits for General Convention Deputies. The Diocesan Budget will also be approved at the business meeting.

On Saturday all are invited to participate in Holy Eucharist presided by the Bishop, a brunch and then an "Appreciative Inquiry" led by the Rev. Rob Voyle about the future of the Diocese. Anyone may come to the Diocesan Convention, but all are asked to register in advance. Go to the Diocesan website for more information and to access the on-line registration: [www.dioceseofeaston.org/our-ministries/diocesan-convention](http://www.dioceseofeaston.org/our-ministries/diocesan-convention). Come and see what's happening in your Diocese. Attend the Diocesan Convention this month.

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# A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

By Father David

What a great celebration we had on January 12 at the Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector service at St. Peter's! Thank you so much to all who participated in the service and who helped out in any way to make both the worship and the lavish reception afterwards so wonderful and meaningful. I feel very welcomed as your new Rector and on behalf of my family we extend our great appreciation to the people of St. Peter's for their kindness and hospitality.

The Renewal of Ministry service emphasized the shared ministry we have together as ministers – clergy and lay – in service to Our Lord, which can be seen happening in so many ways in the parish. It is only by all of us taking ownership and responsibility for the mission of this church that we will be successful as a parish in our worship, study, fellowship and outreach. The service on January 12 symbolized the shared ministry we have with one another, as well as with our Bishop and other parishes in the Diocese.

My hope is that we will continue to form and nurture bonds of affection for one another and to reach out and invite others who are seeking a church home to be part of our church family, and together to carry out Our Lord's work with each other and with those in need in our community and in the world.

The Holy Spirit is alive and at work among us at St. Peter's, and I look forward to a great future as your Rector.

# A LETTER FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

By Gil Allen

Happy Winter to all! There are 3 items I would like to highlight in this month's message. First, the Celebration of New Ministries Service on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at which Bishop Shand formally installed Father David as St. Peter's New Rector. What a glorious service and what an exciting and important event in the life of St. Peter's! Following the service there was a wonderful reception and dinner downstairs. Father David's daughters and parents were here to share the special day. Thanks to everyone who made the event so great. It was truly St. Peter's at its best.

Second, I want to thank everyone who helped with the Men's Homeless Shelter last week, especially, of course, the Days who have led this most important ministry so well. It is not an easy ministry in any way, but the weather last week certainly made clear its significance. Again, St. Peter's at its best.

Finally, we are organizing the Spring Foyer Groups. There were a number of Foyer Groups last Fall which were great fun and a wonderful way to both meet and get to know new people as well as spend time with old friends. I strongly encourage you to consider joining Foyer Groups which are a wonderful old St. Peter's tradition and one which we hope will continue to grow going forward. In the Spring we are adding "restaurant groups" and "family groups" to include children. Please e-mail Ann Allen at [ann.allen@comcast.net](mailto:ann.allen@comcast.net) to sign up and specify the kind of group you want to join.

Stay warm!

# NEWCOMERS BRUNCH

*Sunday, February 23rd @ 10:15AM*

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is hosting a “Newcomers Brunch” for all those parishioners who have been coming to St. Peter’s for a year or less. It is an informal opportunity to have some food and conversation with Father David, Senior Warden Gil Allen, and fellow parishioners who are new to St. Peter’s. The brunch will be held at 10:15am between the 9am and 11am worship services in the Parish Hall. Father David and Gil will go over some basic information about the parish and will any questions you might have about the parish, its activities, programs and customs, and about the Episcopal Church in general, and how you can become more involved in the life of the parish.

It is hoped that these brunches can be held semi annually as a way to help welcome those new to St. Peter’s into our parish family. Child care can be arranged for infants and toddlers. If you’re new to St. Peter’s, please come to the Newcomers Brunch! RSVP to the Parish Office: 410-742-5118; info@stpeterschurch.net.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE ANNEX

By Bravard Cornbrooks

Exciting and fun things are going on in St. Peter’s Annex! A Parents’ Meeting was held with Father David in January to find out what things families were interested in seeing happen at St. Peter’s. Lots of wonderful ideas came from this meeting for parents and for children, and some of the ideas are began to happen very quickly.

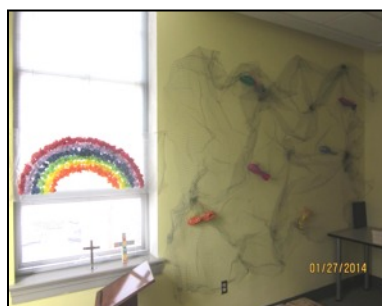
Immediately after the meeting we began to transform one of the classrooms upstairs in the Annex into a Children’s Chapel, which will be used as a worship time at the end of each lesson. We have used the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of altar, railing and lectern from the other Godly Play room. The Chapel will be used for worship and for instruction in liturgical things that are so much a part of our worship in church. They will have their own “prayer books” with a simplified worship service that they participate in, including singing, their own prayers of the people, offertory, reading of scripture, and maybe an occasional “sermon” from an enthusiastic child!

There will be a “workshop” during Sunday School this coming Sunday when children will cut out (and learn about) Christian symbols to be put on the green, purple, white, and green altar hangings in their chapel. They will also be making posters of the Apostles’ Creed, Nicene Creed, and Lord’s Prayer, which will be on the walls of their chapel. They will be making covers for their own “prayer books”, which will include short worship services for them to use on Sundays.

This is their Chapel, and they have taken a VERY enthusiastic interest in putting it together and are very excited about signing up to participate in the various leadership roles that will be available.

Thank you to all of the parents and children who are helping put this Chapel together. It is a wonderful addition to our Annex and especially to our Sunday School program!

### SCENES FROM CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL



# EYC...focus on youth

By Mary Phillips & Karen Shields

## SNAP SHOTS FROM 2014 SKI TRIP



On Thursday January 23, 2014 seventeen EYC members and family traveled to Deep Creek Lake for three days of fellowship and skiing. Travel conditions became treacherous during the evening but all travelers were blessed and made it to our cabin safely.

Friday was an excellent day for skiing. While the temperature was a balmy 3 degrees, it did not stop our crew. We had the slopes almost to ourselves and our group enjoyed wonderful conditions and fresh powder. Ski lift lines were short, allowing for a fun-packed day. Youth skiers (Connor Hall, Alex Batton, Andrew and Zac Bugas, Lydia Phillips, Byrnn Roman, Emily Della Ratta and Robyn Fielding (not in EYC yet but attended along with her brother)) were scarce during the day. We saw them for lunch break and then not again until the end of the day. Several of them did black diamond runs for the first time! They definitely gave Tom Phillips, Rick Roman, Phil Shields, Justin Shields (former EYC member), Pete Bugas and Chris Hall some competition. Needless to say - all were exhausted when we returned to the cabin.

Dinner Friday night was pizza and boy was there a surprise included. The pizzas were gargantuan and they almost didn't fit into the truck to bring them home! We had never seen pizzas of this size before! We relaxed after dinner with a movie then off to bed so we could be at it again in the morning.

Saturday was another great skiing day. Conditions were great - snow fell most of the day, at times hard enough that

Mary Phillips and Karen Shields (manning our tables in the lodge while avoiding damaging knees and ankles) couldn't see the top of the slopes, which meant the skiers couldn't see the bottom when they started out. The lines were longer waiting for the ski lift, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirit. A great time was had by all. And to top off the day, several people also went tubing.

Saturday Night ended with the traditional Duct Tape competition, which has the adults against the youth. This year's theme, provided by Fr. David, was to pick a symbol of a Saint or biblical figure. The youth chose to depict St. Andrew as a fisherman. Andrew Bugas did the honors with a fishing pole and fish made of duct tape and a miter hat made of gold duct tape. The adults chose to depict Simon the fisherman and made a net of duct tape complete with fish. Chris Hall was creative with his addition for the net of an Atlantic Cutless (which he caught while fishing recently). To determine the winner, we sent pictures of the finished projects to Fr. David for judging. As you may have guessed the youth were chosen as the winners!

We would like to thank all of St. Peters parishioners for their endless support of our café nights, bake sales, breakfasts and car washes which help us to fund this wonderful weekend of fellowship and fun.

We are already looking forward to a ski trip for 2015!

# QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP:

## *The Sanctus Bell*

Written By Father David

Since I have been serving as your priest at St. Peter's I have been asked this question many times: why do we ring the Sanctus Bell at Holy Eucharist and what is the significance of when it is rung?

The Sanctus Bell has been used in the liturgy since Medieval Times. Originally when the liturgy of Holy Eucharist was said in Latin by the priest in the Western Church – a language that few understood, the bells signified the times in the liturgy in which the congregation was to pay special attention to what the priest was doing. In fact, during the Middle Ages members of the congregation typically did not receive Holy Communion and were content on gazing at the consecrated bread and wine. The bell sounding at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy) told the congregation to pay attention, and then when rung at the point when the bread and the chalice were elevated cued them when to look at the sacred body and blood of Christ.

The English Church inherited these customs from the Medieval Church, and many Anglican churches continued to sound the bell at the Sanctus, the elevation of the bread and wine, and at the words of invitation, even though the priest said the service in English and the Prayer Book encouraged the congregation to receive both bread and wine at Communion.

In our theological understanding as Episcopalians of the liturgy of Holy Communion, it is the assembled congregation (not the priest himself) that transforms the Real Presence of Christ to the elements of bread and wine during the Prayer of Consecration. The priest's role is that of presider of the congregation, the one who speaks for and who leads the congregation. It is the combination of the many parts of the Prayer of Consecration said for the people – the remembrance of God's saving acts, the saying of the words Jesus said at the Last Supper, the invoking of the Holy Spirit at the epiclesis, the pledge of obligation and the petitions – that together bring Christ's Presence among us.

While the Roman Catholic Church teaches that the priest alone resacrifices Christ on the altar and consecrates the bread and wine at the saying of Jesus words: "This is my Body," "This is my Blood," our Anglican belief is that it is the assembled congregation through the totality of actions in the Prayer of Consecration that consecrates bread and wine. I believe it would not be appropriate to ring a bell during the prayer at Jesus' words about his body and blood, since they are of no greater weight than the other important parts of the prayer, and if sounded at that time would diminish the rest of the prayer.

Rather, it is at the conclusion of the Prayer of Consecration when I lift up bread and wine in the final doxology to which the people respond "Amen!" that is the point in which the Sanctus bell is rung, indicating that Christ's Presence is with us in the bread and wine. To me, the ringing of the bell at the conclusion of the Prayer of Consecration is theologically more appropriate with our Anglican understanding of the Real Presence of Christ which is brought forth by the people assembled in His Name.

## ALTAR GUILD MINUTES

By Laura McCarthy

The Altar Guild of St. Peter's Church met for its Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Eighteen members were present as well as Fr. David Michaud and Odette Lineweaver (who cleans the linens).

The meeting started with an opening prayer led by Fr. Michaud. The ladies were invited to partake of the buffet luncheon. Ruth Anne Oartel thanked everyone for being a part of the Altar Guild.

The first topic of discussion was the declining membership and how the teams were currently organized. After discussing several options, it was agreed that Team #1 would combine with Team #6 to be the "new" Team #1. That would leave five teams. A new schedule will be developed and distributed to everyone. Ann Chaffinch commented that while she has enjoyed helping out while Ruth Anne recovered from eye surgery, she was going to have to back off again to focus on personal issues. Linda Smith has graciously agreed to be Co-Directress.

# THE MUSIC CORNER

By Bruce Horner, Music Director

The Christmas music presentation the St. Peter's children in December was wonderful wasn't it, from the artfully engaging script and clever sets to the great solo and ensemble work of the kids? I am so grateful to the parents, teachers and our church community for their commitment and support to the production!

Father David shared the interest that emerged unsolicited in his recent meeting with parents in our parish, where good discussion took place regarding opportunities for our children to participate in children's choir activities. I have also been dreaming of choir and singing activity for our children that will enable them to grow in faith, learn about worship and be a valued component of our ministry life.

A lot of research has been done on choir singing and its effects on childhood development. A 2009 study by Chorus America reaffirmed that singing in childhood is likely to have an enormous influence on the choices individuals make later in life. Several of the study's major findings for young singers include:

- The majority of parents surveyed believe multiple skills increased after their child joined a chorus. Seventy- one percent say their child has become more self-confident.
- 70% say their child's self-discipline has improved.
- 69% state their child's memory skills have improved.
- More than 80% of educators surveyed—across multiple academic disciplines—agree with parent assessments that choir participation can enhance numerous aspects of a child's social development and academic success.
- Educators also observe that children who sing are better participants in group activities, have better emotional expression, and exhibit better emotional management.

We, as a church community, value singing because we come to own the truths of our faith that we learned from singing the songs of our walk with God—for a lifetime. In the music, our children are nurtured as young members of the "Family of God." We want them to have the joy of expression of our life in Christ that we find in hymns and spiritual songs. Let's do this. Let's do it as collaboration, not just a program

## **Festival Choir at Lent and Easter**

First Sunday in Lent with The Great Litany, Sunday March 9, 2014, 11:15 service

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 2014, 7:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, 11:15 Service

Watch for the publication of rehearsal times.

## ***Altar Guild Minutes continued from page 5***

Fr. David discussed the installation service scheduled for Sunday. He encouraged as many Altar Guild members who could be there to participate. Fr. David will be changing the liturgy each season and will let us know what we need to do differently for each season. His hope is that, as Episcopalians, we don't get so used to doing the same thing over and over that we become stagnant. Also, the changes will help keeping us thinking about why we do the things we do. The recent Epiphany service was well attended and the dinner afterward provided an opportunity for fellowship. During the season of Lent, Fr. David will lead a study called "The Mysteries of the Liturgies" on Tuesdays at 6:00 with a pot luck dinner. He will also hold several services during Holy Week including: three services for Ash Wednesday, three services for Palm Sunday, an evening Maundy Thursday service, a noon service on Good Friday, an evening service for Easter Vigil and three services on Easter Day.

Deb Souza suggested that the Altar Guild donate something in memory of Elise Wood. Many ideas were shared and it was agreed that Deb would follow up on some of those ideas and report back her findings.

Ruth Anne Oartel was elected as Directress and Linda Smith was elected as Co-Directress.

Laura McCarthy collected "dues" from 10 members for a total of \$235.

# OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

## Joseph House Kitchen

By Judy Day

This month, as our featured Outreach Ministry, we are highlighting a local feeding program for the hungry that St. Peter's supports, the Joseph House Kitchen.

In February, 1984, the soup kitchen at the Joseph House Crisis Center on Boundary St. was opened. Sister Mary Elizabeth, of the Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary, founder of Joseph House, required a space in which to minister to, and provide services for the poor. A warehouse near the old Campbell Soup Company was available, but she did not have the funds to move forward. A local philanthropist, the late Bill Riordan, came to the rescue – asking only that a soup kitchen be included in the plans- and so the Joseph House Kitchen became a reality. St. Peter's Church has been involved since the beginning.

Once the warehouse was remodeled to suit the needs of the sister's ministry, many local churches volunteered to provide hot meals for the needy, and a schedule was devised to serve a lunchtime meal every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. St. Peter's has the distinction of having been the first church to serve a meal, on the opening day of the Joseph House Kitchen.

Since this opening, many members of our parish have served in this ministry, which requires a hot meal to be prepared in St. Peter's kitchen, then transported to the Joseph House, where a crew of volunteers has prepared the dining area, and is ready to serve the waiting crowd. Our schedule is to serve lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. Meals usually begin around 10:30 AM, and rarely are there fewer than 100 hungry people, with many requesting second helpings (and even thirds!) Things wrap up by noon, and we are usually completely finished by 12:15PM.

There is a small budget for this outreach mission, but it is often inadequate, and donations are always gratefully accepted. These can be left at the church, earmarked for the Joseph House Kitchen. The Kitchen crew could also use more volunteers, and would be thankful for any help that comes their way! Volunteers normally work 2 to 3 hours, and generally only 4 or 5 times a year, so it is not a huge time commitment. Many of our volunteers have been serving at this mission for the entire time the Kitchen has been open, almost thirty years! They could really use a break!

If you think you would be interested in this ministry, you may contact Nancy Reddish (410-742-7758), Jean Richmond (410-749-7240) or Judy Wyatt (410-749-1349). We would LOVE to hear from you!

## Community Emergency Shelter Project

By Bill Day

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The Community Emergency Shelter Project thanks the congregation for their outstanding support of the shelter from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.

St. Peter's hosted 30 different homeless men during some extreme cold (morning temps 8 deg, daytime temps 20deg with wind). They were provided shelter, a warm bed, a good dinner, breakfast and a bag lunch for the next day.

Thanks to the 16 men who stood watchstander duty overnight and to the many people who were at the desk for check-in/registration. Thanks to the many people who prepared and served dinners, including our talented chef parishioners, a group of people from St. Alban's, a troop of girl scouts, and our own EYC folks. Thanks to the guys who helped set up at the beginning and clean up at the end. Finally, thanks to those who contributed to the cost, and because of your generosity, no funds were needed from the church operating budget.

The CESP shelter is a major part of St. Peter's Church outreach to those in our community less fortunate than we, and because of you, it was successful. Thank you.

# VESTRY NOTES

By Laura McCarthy

The Vestry of St. Peter's Church met on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for their regular meeting. Nine members were present with five members absent. A quorum was established.

The December Vestry Minutes were approved as presented. There was no correspondence to review.

Sean Fahey reported we ended the year with a \$15K loss versus the \$40K that was expected at the beginning of the year. December giving was fair and Christmas helped to increase income. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> there was \$39K in the checking account. Part of that money will be needed for expenditures that are typical for January. The remainder may be used for other uses. The Treasurer's Report was approved with minor corrections needed in one of the spreadsheets.

During the past month, Fr. David briefed the Vestry on his pastoral ministries and on the Jan. 5th Parents' Meeting.

The dancing group will no longer be renting the parish hall on Thursday evenings so that time frame is now available for other activities. The Southern Convocation meeting will be held at St. Peter's on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. David will be on vacation from January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>. While he is gone, the Rev. Laura Dorsey will be substituting. He will also be going to New York February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> as part of his General Convention duties. He will be running for Deputy of General Convention. Additionally, Father David will be giving the opening invocation at the Maryland State Senate.

The Vestry reviewed the various Committee reports. The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee has been extremely busy, especially with the recent dinner following Fr. David's installation. It will soon be time to organize Spring Foyer Groups (including trying one for families) and a Newcomer's Brunch on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The DC Trip has been postponed until September. More information will be forthcoming. Mike Bloxham discussed the Endowment Fund Allocations for 2014. Typically 5% of the earnings from the Endowment are earmarked for the various ministries of the Church. These monies could be used in total or part during 2014 or they can be saved for use at another time. Requests should be made in writing and must be approved by the Vestry before funds are disbursed. The Men's Shelter will be held at St. Peters from January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was a discussion about the additional cash at year end and what could be done with that money. The Vestry approved the payment of \$10K toward the Diocesan Assessment in January and to increase the overall annual payment to \$12,500 and to also put \$2,500 into the Property & Equipment Fund of the Endowment.

In the interests of time, the review of the Goals and Objectives was deferred to the February Vestry Meeting.

Dave Etling had sent in a request to allow the Young Life group to utilize a portion of the Educational Annex for their activities. This request is to be reviewed by the Property and Outreach Committees for a recommendation to the Vestry.

The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and the tentative date for the Vestry Retreat is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

*These Vestry Notes were submitted by Laura McCarthy, Registrar. A complete copy of the January 15<sup>th</sup> Vestry Minutes will be made available once the minutes have been approved at the Vestry's next meeting in February 2014.*





# TREASURER NOTES

By Sean Fahey

	Budget 2013	Jan-Nov	Dec	Actual	Delta
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$205,400	\$217,634	\$37,907	\$255,541	\$50,141
<b>Other Sources</b>					
<b>Community Foundation Income</b>	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	\$9,100	\$6,745	\$3,170	\$9,915	\$815
<b>Loan from Endowment</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Sources - Other</b>	\$2,160	\$2,332	\$584	\$2,916	\$756
<b>Total Other Sources</b>	\$18,760	\$4,995	\$4,082	\$18,475	-\$285
<b>Total BUDGETED INCOME ***</b>	<b>\$224,160</b>	<b>\$226,711</b>	<b>\$41,661</b>	<b>\$268,372</b>	<b>\$44,212</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$224,160</b>	<b>\$226,711</b>	<b>\$43,475</b>	<b>\$270,186</b>	<b>\$46,026</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Total CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION</b>	\$50,655	\$47,634	\$4,445	\$52,652	\$1,997
<b>Total CLERGY COMPENSATION</b>	\$88,023	\$84,442	\$6,007	\$90,449	\$2,426
<b>Total DIOCESAN APPORTIONMENT ***</b>	\$5,350	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total OUTREACH &amp; MISSION ***</b>	\$6,011	\$6,896	\$553	\$7,449	\$1,438
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD</b>	\$114,912	\$111,318	\$15,103	\$126,421	\$13,509
<b>Total Building and Grounds</b>	\$78,200	\$80,895	\$7,111	\$88,006	\$9,806
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$264,951</b>	<b>\$258,862</b>	<b>\$26,248</b>	<b>\$285,320</b>	<b>\$22,369</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$40,791</b>	<b>-\$32,151</b>	<b>\$17,227</b>	<b>-\$15,134</b>	<b>\$23,657</b>

\* These numbers are not the final official number from Jan. 2013. This is presented for informational purposes only and to provide an overview of the previous fiscal month and should not be considered an official document \*\*Losses offset by retained earnings.

REPORTED BY SEAN FAHEY; TREASURER

# PROPERTY NOTES

By John Atkins

As said before the job of the Property committee is never ending. In the tasks that we can use some extra people we are always open to helpers. How about some of the younger people signing up and coming out bright and early to shovel snow. We have one painter but we always could use help so as not to burn out our best volunteers. Another younger person to help change light bulbs. Believe me it is a never ending task. Also how about a group that will make themselves available on Clean Up days. Another should be coming up in March or April. When you see something wrong please let us know so that it may be corrected as expediently as possible. Why did not someone recognize that the copper thieves had been at it again. They got us for 3 connections to the street drain from the downspout from the roof. Currently the committee is reviewing a proposed use for our Annex space. The Altar Guild wants larger, if possible, metal label holders for the horizontal drawers in the sacristy. Can you help? How about a carpenter to install some shelves in the Harrington Room closet or the closet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom. Your input is appreciated.

# WANTED ...

The Sunday School program is in need of some caring adults to help with Sunday School. We currently have a "Safeguarding God's Children" policy in place at St. Peter's, which means that there must be 2 adults with each group of children at all times.

You do not have to have a child in Sunday School, nor do you have to commit to this every week (unless you choose to). We just need some folks who would be willing to do any number of things that they would feel comfortable doing, such as: Storytelling (can be read), helping with craft, game, or other activity, assisting with the Chapel Services, working the laptop with the Power Point parts of stories, being the "extra" person in the room to help take children to the bathroom, etc.

This is a wonderful opportunity in ministry, and it is also a way for children to get to know other adults in the church and for adults to get to know our wonderful children.

If you think you would like to be a part of this very special ministry, please contact Bravard Cornbrooks at 410-749-0245 or [ebcornbrooks@comcast.net](mailto:ebcornbrooks@comcast.net). Thank you!

# SPRING FOYER GROUPS

By Ann Allen

*Come one, come all! Singles, Couples, New Folks, Long-time Parishioners.*

**Foyer Groups** consist of 6 - 8 adults that gather monthly for dinner and socializing. The dinners will give us a chance to get to know people from St. Peter's in a setting away from church. Participants are placed in groups that will stay together for the months of February through May.

**Home Groups** gather each month at a home and a person/couple will host and provide the drinks and simple entree. Others in the group will provide the balance of the meal.

**Family Groups:** If you'd like to be part of a group that includes your children.

This Spring we'd like to try a new twist: **Restaurant Group(s)**, for those who would prefer not to entertain in their homes or who just want to try something different. Each month a different person/couple will be the host and make the arrangements for a restaurant. Participants will pay for their own dinners.

*There are only 2 "rules" for the dinners:*

- *No discussion of church business*
- *The evening should end by 9 PM.*

**There will be a sign-up sheet during coffee hour on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, or you can e-mail Ann Allen at [ann.allen@comcast.net](mailto:ann.allen@comcast.net) or call her at [410-546-9068](tel:410-546-9068).**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Kathleen McLain	09	Lydia Phillips	22	Catherine Haselnus
04	Ann Chaffinch	15	Sarah German	24	Stephen Willey
	Derek Foust	16	Margaret Staples	26	Peggy Scheibe
	Bruce Franz	18	Madeline Bedard	28	Jane Whitmore
05	Mattie Maull		Andrea Matthews		
06	Peter Evans		Betty Wootten		
07	Alana Power		Emily Holland		
08	Gail Stephens	19			

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Thurs., Feb. 13:** Southern Convocation Meeting @ 7PM in the Parish Hall.

**Mon., Feb. 17:** Parish Office CLOSED in observance of President's Day

**Sun., Feb. 23:** Newcomers Brunch @ 10:15AM in the Parish Hall

EYC Fellowship @ 6:30PM in the Catacombs

**Fri., Feb. 21-22** Diocesan Convention @ 8AM - Hyatt Cambridge, MD

**Sun., March 16:** EYC Cafe' Night @ 5PM in the Parish Hall

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