



# The *KEYNOTER*



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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December 1st at St. Peter's begins the new Church year with the **Season of Advent**. Advent is our time in the church for preparation and anticipation. In the Episcopal Church Advent is a quiet season of reflection as we anticipate the coming of Christ. We will light candles on our **Advent wreath** in church for four Sundays, one for each week of Advent, and hold a **candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday evening, December 8 at 7pm in the church, featuring our Festival Choir and the Grace Bell Notes Bellchoir. Every Sunday in Advent we will hold a **canned food drive**; parishioners are encourage to bring nonperishable items to church to be collected and distributed to those in need.

After the 11am Service on December 22, we will begin decorating our church for the Christmas season, and all are welcome to help **Green the Church**. The Children will present a **Christmas Pageant** in the Parish Hall on that



Sunday, December 22 after the 9am service to which all are invited to attend.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a family service at 5pm with a **Blessing of the Creche** and music by Peter's Voice, and a solemn 11pm **Candlelit Christmas Eve Service** with our Festival Choir. A 10:00am service will also be held on Christmas Day. The Christmas Season lasts a full twelve days, and includes a celebration of **Christmas Lessons and Carols** at St. Peter's at 10am the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29; a Noon **Holy Eucharist on Jan. 1**, the Feast of the Holy Name, and a Solemn Eucharist on the **Feast of the Epiphany, Mon., Jan. 6** at 6pm with a Cajun supper to follow in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the many events and activities of the seasons and to invite others to participate as well.

## YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are considering making an end of the year charitable gift to St. Peter's, there are a number of ways you can give to support the life and ministry of your Parish. See page 10 for a list of suggestions.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

By Sherri Hall

We are gearing up for a wonderful Children's Pageant this Christmas season. Our first meeting will be on December 8th, following the 9AM service in the Parish Hall. **We need children of all ages.** The story this year will be told by the animals. **We will need musicians and singers also.** Bring all your talents. I will also **need parents to help with lighting and decorating.** Please join us for this wonderful event. This year we will have the pageant after 9AM service on 12/22. Please, contact Sherri Hall 301.807.4017 email [hallshome@Comcast.net](mailto:hallshome@Comcast.net) to volunteer or with any questions. Thank you.

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# A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

## KEEPING THE ANCIENT SEASONS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

As Episcopalians, we are called to an ancient observance of the church seasons of Advent and Christmas, which in this day and age may be countercultural to many secular holiday celebrations. Nevertheless, I invite you to enter into the richness of our traditions as they unfold over the next six weeks and experience the anticipation and the joy of the seasons.

We begin with the Season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas Day. Advent begins on the First Sunday of Advent – this year that falls on December 1. Advent means “coming” and during that time we focus first not on Jesus’ first coming into the world at Bethlehem, but looking forward to his Second Coming at the end of the world. The coming of Jesus Christ is not only in our past but in our future, and we as the church look ahead in anticipation and prepare ourselves for his coming again.

It is not a season of fasting and penitence like Lent, but rather a season of reflection and preparation, when we look for the light of Christ to come again. It is a season in which the decorations in the church are toned down – some greens, no flowers; and it is a time to light candles in anticipation. An Advent Wreath is our prime decoration, not a tree, and as we get closer to Christmas more candles are lit reminding us that even in our darkest times the light of Christ is coming to us.

We hear during Advent worship services the prophecies of the Second Coming, and the preaching of John the Baptist, who prepared believers for the first coming of Christ. If anything, Advent is a gradual crescendo towards Christmas, and not the full frontal assault of Christmas we experience at the shopping malls. The Advent hymns focus on the future Second Coming, the prophecies of John the Baptist and the annunciation of Christ’s birth. By the end of Advent we are yearning for Christ’s coming, yearning to sing the songs of Christmas, but we restrain ourselves. One hopes that we develop during Advent that same yearning for Christ’s coming again that we have in wanting Christmas to come.

Advent ends and the Season of Christmas begins on the eve of December 25. The Christmas Season is not just one day, or even one week, but 12 days, from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. The Season of Christmas is a feasting season, because how can you contain the joy of Christ’s incarnation to just one day? We as Episcopalians are called to keep the feast all 12 days – that doesn’t mean we have to have 12 days of parties, but we are called to use all 12 days of the season to rejoice about God’s gift of his Son to the world in one way or another.

Christmas Eve greets us in the church with beautiful decorations of greenery, flowers, trees and wreaths that befit a transition into joyful time, and these decorations don’t come down until after we celebrate Epiphany on January 6. During the Christmas Season we also celebrate a number of other feasts, including St. Stephen’s Day (Dec. 26), St. John’s Day (Dec. 27) Holy Innocents Day (Dec. 28) and Feast of the Holy Name (Jan. 1). We hear the stories of Jesus’ birth, we sing all the Christmas Carols we desire, we sing once again the Gloria (omitted during Advent), and other songs of praise, and engage in fellowship and service to others.

I invite you to keep the ancient seasons of Advent and Christmas and to participate in the anticipation of Advent and the joy of Christmas. May the holy days be meaningful to you and draw you closer to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

# A LETTER FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

By Gil Allen

I have decided this month to focus my comments on the success of the Annual Stewardship Campaign and to express thanks and gratitude to Mac Peveryly and the Stewardship Committee for all of their effort, diligence and vision. While it is not yet over, and we strongly encourage those of you who have not yet pledged for next year to please do so, the Campaign to date has been a definite success with pledges received to date exceeding last year’s pledge income by more than 25%. The success of this year’s Campaign is attributable in large part, I believe, to the exceptional leadership Father David has provided since his arrival. St. Peter’s is starting to feel like its old self again. The Green Hill Sunday service and picnic were fabulous.

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# BISHOP SHAND ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION



Bishop James J. "Bud" Shand last month announced his resignation as the tenth Bishop of Easton, effective July 1, 2014. The Diocese is now beginning to plan for a transition to a new Episcopate. The Bishop is encouraging the Diocese to call a Provisional Bishop for a 1 to 2 year interim period while the Diocese discerns its future.

Bishop Shand when he completes his term will have served as our Bishop for over 11 years and is one of the more senior members in the House of Bishops. He writes in his letter of resignation that he and his wife Lynne "have been pondering the timing of this decision for some time, seeking through prayer the appropriate time to begin a new chapter in our lives. It has been a tremendous privilege and an honor to serve as your Bishop, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have been a colleague in ministry all these years. Thank you for your encouragement, support and love."

The Canons (laws) of the church designate the Diocese's Standing Committee the Ecclesiastical Authority in the Diocese in the absence of a Bishop. The Standing Committee is now working with the Bishop on this transition. A Diocesan Bishop is elected by a majority of clergy and lay delegates in a special Electing Convention. Information is still pending on what the process for searching for the next Bishop of Easton will be.

## STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

There has been a wonderful response to the Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign to fund the Parish's ministries and operations for 2014. As of the end of November, almost \$238,000 has been pledged for 2014 toward the annual giving campaign for the ministries and operations of St. Peter's. This is a 35% increase from last year's total amount pledged.

A total of 101 pledge cards have been received for 2014, a 28% increase from the 73 pledging households for 2013. Most notable is that 35 of the 2014 pledges are new pledges – households that did not pledge in 2013 but are pledging for 2014. The combination of new pledges and increased pledges has made the difference in this year's annual giving campaign. Thank you to everyone who pledged for 2014!

## MORTGAGE MOVING TO FIRST SHORE FEDERAL

By Mike Bloxham

When the Annex building was purchased in 2008 the Church took a \$450,000 five year loan secured by a mortgage on that building. A few weeks ago the Vestry requested bids from several banks requesting proposals to refinance the loan. First Shore Federal has recently established a commercial banking division and it offered a very low variable rate of 3.25% and also offered to pay all of the settlement costs usually associated with a mortgage loan. This was a very attractive offer not matched by the other banks. The new loan will be for \$368,500 and it will mature in 5 years, December 2018. St. Peter's will also be using First Shore Federal as its bank for deposit accounts. Parishioners are requested to remember the generosity of First Shore Federal when considering their own personal or commercial banking needs.

## PROPERTY NOTES

By John Atkins

The Property Committee works all year long on a continuous basis. Some of the things that occur on a regular or scheduled frequency are weekly cleaning, changing light bulbs, mandatory inspections of elevator, kitchen, smoke detectors, and boiler, minor carpentry repairs and review of maintenance billings. The Property Committee keeps an extensive list of items that need to be addressed. For example, due to a change in the Fire Code we had to modify our Fire Suppression System over the kitchen range. This required a full day's work with an outside contractor. Another example, was the installation of a sink in the closet in the Harrington Room to facilitate coffee service. Two days of work with both an electrical and mechanical contractor was involved. Recently, the privacy scree was shortened and reinstalled in front of the pew adjacent to the Baptismal Font. An outside contractor did the cutting. The securing of the screen to be accomplished by members of the Property Committee. Additionally, we repainted the interior walls in the hallway to the catacombs in the Annex. This was done by the Property Committee and a volunteer. Of course, most of this gets accomplished with when parishioners get involved. THANK YOU!!

# EYC...focus on youth

By Mary Phillips & Karen Shields

The EYC would like to express their sincere appreciation for the support they received from their annual Pre Thanksgiving Bake sale on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Baked goodies were available after the 7:45 and 9 am services and before the 11 am service. Hopefully we helped parishioners out as much as they helped us.

A group of EYC spent several hours in the blustery and frigid afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> helping a parish family with yard work. After two hours and 54 lawn bags full of leaves we left their yard in spectacular shape for Thanksgiving. It was so gratifying to be able to give back to our parish family in some small way.

The EYC will be hosting another café night on December 1<sup>st</sup>. After several days of Thanksgiving goodies and leftovers, hopefully everyone will be ready for something a little

different – Italian! Plus – after having company, traveling, or spending several days cooking – this will be a nice way to let someone else take care of you. We will be serving parmesan chicken with pasta, salad, garlic bread and, of course, desserts. Beer and wine will be available for purchase as well.

Our painting in the catacombs is still ongoing and has moved into the final stages. Just a few more sessions and we should be finishing up our masterpiece.

The Annual EYC Ski Trip has been scheduled for January 23-26 (which is a long weekend for local public schools). We have a number of youth and families that will be going. We are almost at full capacity and need a final commitment from any additional youth / families interested. Please, contact Mary Phillips or Karen Shields no later than Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

## *EYC PICTURES FROM SERVICE WORK ON A BLUSTERY AND FRIGID DAY*



# FAMILY ADVENT CALENDARS

By Bravard Cornbrooks

There were a lot of beautiful Advent calendars made by families on Sunday, November 24! We had families with children of all ages (pre-K through High School) making Advent calendars to take home for observing the days of the Advent season. Each family made a calendar and were given Scripture readings and candy to put in each pocket to mark the days of Advent as we await the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day.

There were also materials available to make Advent wreaths to take home for those who enjoy making wreaths with fresh greens from their yards. It was a wonderful way to begin the season together as a church family.

Special thanks to Anne Potterton for cutting out the all the materials for the kits, and also to Shayna Askey for helping with the refreshments!



## SCENES FROM FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR PROJECT ON SUNDAY, NOV. 24, 2013

# QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

*This is a regular feature in the Keynoter written by Fr. David regarding questions about our worship at St. Peter's.*

## Q. Why don't the ministers process out down the aisle during the last hymn anymore?

A. There is both a practical and a liturgical reason why the servers and the celebrant now leave the sanctuary during the organ Postlude and exit the side door rather than go down the aisle. First the practical reason: One of the areas of concern identified by the Vestry when I arrived as your priest in May was the need for the congregations to get to know one another better through more regular fellowship opportunities. The leadership decided to commit to having a coffee hour in the parlor after every service. The question was, how can the congregation be encouraged to attend the coffee hour?

The answer is for the celebrant and servers at the altar to set a good example. By processing out at the end of the service through the south door to the Parish House and the parlor and having me as your priest greet people at the south door entrance, we set the example and encourage those leaving to use that door and to stop off for fellowship at coffee hour, rather than using the tower door. This change has worked remarkably well with people staying and having fellowship in the parlor; coffee hour has now become a regular part of our Sunday worship experience.

The liturgical reason for the servers and the celebrant not to process out until after the Dismissal (e.g., "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!") is that no one should move until the Dismissal is given -- the Dismissal is not only for those seated in the pews but for everyone who is involved in worship, including the servers and the celebrant. The act of leaving the altar and heading for the doors takes place as a result of being dismissed, and the servers and celebrant are to do that with everyone else. In addition, the blessing by the priest is associated with the Dismissal and both are to be given together, not separated by the last hymn. In fact, the rubrics (directions) in the 1979 Prayer Book say that the last time a hymn may be sung is before or after the post-communion prayer (BCP p. 409), not after the blessing or the dismissal. Plus, both the blessing and the dismissal should be properly given by the celebrant facing the people, and not yelled from the back of the church. The organ postlude that is played immediately after the Dismissal is the appropriate "exit" music by which the altar party and everyone else leaves the church, rather than the closing hymn.



## OBSERVING ADVENT AT HOME

By The Rev. David Michaud

An Advent Wreath in the home is a wonderful way to celebrate the season of Advent. A typical wreath features a circle of greenery with four candles, symbolizing the four weeks of Advent. The candles may be one color such as purple, red or blue, or three candles of purple and one of pink, with purple being the color of the season and pink being lit on the Third Sunday of Advent. Why pink? To symbolize Gaudete Sunday, so named because the ancient church intreat that used to be said at the beginning of that Sunday's service begins: "Rejoice (*Gaudete* in Latin) in the Lord always," and the color vestments the priest wore were pink to symbolize the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas season. In our family, it has been a tradition on Advent Sundays to put the Advent wreath in the center of the dining room table and for family members to take a turn each Sunday before the meal lighting the appropriate candles and leading the prayers. There are no prayers in the Prayer Book specifically for Advent Wreaths. While many families use prayers from elsewhere, create their own prayers, or just silently light candles, in our family we use the **Daily Devotions for Families for Early Evening** found in the Prayer Book, page 139, lighting the candles after the scripture reading and substituting for the concluding collect the appropriate Advent Collect (found on pp. 211-212 of the BCP and in that Sunday's church bulletin).



# THE MUSIC CORNER

By Bruce Horner, Music Director



*“What unique characters inhabit our choir rooms and choir lofts! They are busy and lazy, experienced and rookie, self-assured and hesitant, expert and clueless. They overlook our flaws and search for them. They sing in our choir because of us and in spite of us. They come out of conviction and out of habit. They strive for God’s glory and for self-gratification. They are our soul mates and our enigmas. They are a lot like us and they couldn’t be more different.” - Wayne Wold, Assistant Professor of Music and college organist at Hood College on *The Care and Nurture of the Church Choir**

Beneath all of the diversity in our church choir musicians is a common, profound and transcendent foundation—a gift of faith and baptism that demands a response. God, through Christ, forgave us, saved us, called us and connected us to Him. *And we just are not able to be quiet about it.*

What we did not get as we accepted our new life was ability to sing, to learn, to work hard, to rehearse when it was not convenient, to hang tough when it is time to build and regrow. But in our calling as musicians, we did get the focus expressed in Robert Lowry’s hymn: “All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?”

Many at St. Peter’s have earnestly spoken to me with words expressing how wonderful it would be to have a regular choir again. This usually comes with the memory of the church’s strongest years with full attendance, a sense the “St. Peter’s was the place to be,” generous giving, a full choir loft with paid section leaders and the singing of master choral works. Our choral library reflects the music choices of those years.

As your Music Director, I share the calling of Jesus to “Feed my sheep,” the nourishing being one result of effective choral music in the church. I would like to be a major force in the return of a choral tradition to St. Peter’s. The return may be slow, tedious and necessitate radical personal involvement. What then, is the crossroads that will get us there? Is it a joint thrust of new beginnings of a children’s choir ministry—along with a Festival Choir that expands into a regularly rehearsed choir that serves constantly in worship? Will you as a church member or musician support the conditions, allocation of resources and individual choices needed to get us to this happy place?

A robust Festival Choir is a possible indicator of the potential success of a weekly-rehearsed ensemble in the future. Your participation as a singer would be a vote yes. So, where will your voice be for lessons and carols and Christmas Eve Candlelight this year?

## FESTIVAL CHOIR AT ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### **Advent Lessons and Carols Service, Sunday Evening, December 8**

Rehearsals: Wednesday, December 4, 7:00-8:30 PM,  
Rehearsal: Saturday, December 7, approx. 9:45-11:00 AM

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11:00 PM, December 24**

Rehearsals: Sunday, December 15, 10:15-10:45 AM, parts rehearsal  
Wednesday, December 18, 7:00-8:30 PM

### **Christmas Lessons and Carols Service, 10:00 AM, December 29**

Rehearsals: Saturday, December 28, 7 approx. 9:45-11:00 AM

Music for all Festival Choir events is available from Bruce Horner in advance. It is necessary to have a count of participants. Please, contact Bruce or email [intunerbh@gmail.com](mailto:intunerbh@gmail.com) with your availability to attend rehearsals/performances. Note that some rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings because of preparations with handbells on Thursdays.

# OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

By Bill Day

This month St. Peter's Church Outreach Committee is asking the congregation to support through a canned food drive a different ministry each week in the Salisbury community that helps those who are hungry and without food. Four particular organizations are identified:

## **Advent I: JOSEPH HOUSE**

Joseph House has been helping the poor on the Eastern Shore since 1977, administered by the Little Sisters of JESUS and Mary. Ministries include Joseph House Crisis Center, Joseph House Workshop and other special programs including help to the Village of Hope shelter. St. Peter's volunteers prepare and serve a noontime meal at Joseph House monthly, led by Jean Richmond and Nancy Reddish. This month the parish is asked to support Joseph House with food donations or contributions on the first Sunday.

## **Advent II: CHRISTIAN SHELTER**

The Christian Shelter is located on Barclay Street off Church Street in Salisbury to provide temporary emergency shelter, meals, and spiritual direction and counseling to those in crisis. The shelter receives no governmental financial support; rather it receives most of its support from local churches of all denominations, Christian groups, businesses and civic organizations. St. Peter's outreach on the second Sunday asks for food and contributions in support of the Christian Shelter.

## **Advent III: MARYLAND FOOD BANK**

The Maryland Food Bank, located on Owens Branch Road in Salisbury, is a private, non-denominational non-profit organization that distributes food to more than 140 food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and food programs throughout the Eastern Shore. These organizations feed and distribute food to homeless, unemployed and low-income people; as well as children and families in crisis situations. Most of the food is unmarketable or un-sellable products from the food industry with the balance collected in community food drives. On the third Sunday of December, St. Peter's is asked to support the Maryland Food Bank.

## **Advent IV: HOPE And LIFE OUTREACH (HALO)**

Hope And Life Outreach (HALO) is a non-denominational, Christ centered, faith based ministry to provide programs and services for those in need. Working with more than 60 churches and businesses in the community, HALO reaches out those in need by offering food, clothes, shelter and support. The Emergency Shelter on South Boulevard in Salisbury has overnight beds for 51 women and children. The Day Facility offers a safe, structured place where homeless individuals and families can come during daytime hours. HALO Cafe provides 3 meals, 7 days a week, to those hungry men, women and children in our community. St. Peter's outreach will support HALO with food donations and contributions collected on the fourth Sunday of December.

## **\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\* COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM (ESP)**

Remember that St. Peter's Church will be hosting the homeless men overnights from 18 to 24 January 2014. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

## **A LETTER FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN** continued from pg. 2

The Organ Dedication Concert and the Boy's Choir Concert were first class events in the St. Peter's tradition. The Church dinner with the Bishop on All Saints Day felt like old times. Foyer Groups are meeting and having a great time. The EYC Café Nights are not to be missed. The Coffee Hours after every service are a wonderful time for fellowship. And – most important of all - Father David has accepted the call to be our Rector. St. Peter's has indeed turned the corner and the success of the Campaign is just further evidence of that. As we begin a new year, let us all renew and strengthen our commitment to St. Peter's.

# VESTRY NOTES

By Laura McCarthy

The Vestry of St. Peter's Church met on Wednesday, November, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for their regularly scheduled meeting. All members were present except Laura McCarthy who was ill. Mary Phillips and Richard Culver took notes.

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

The month of October saw large expenditures due to maintenance issues. We received over \$3,100 to help pay for air conditioning repairs. We are trending to have a large cash surplus by year end. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Fr. David reported he will have some schedule time off in December and the end of January/early February. There have been two baptisms and a funeral in the past month and there is a baptism coming up in January, a wedding coming up in December followed by one in the Spring. He is continuing with pastoral visits to parishioners. Fr. David is currently the Chair of the Grants Committee for the Diocese and was recently asked by Bishop Shand to be part of the Diocese Worship Committee. Additionally, Fr. David has been nominated as Deputy for General Convention which is scheduled for the Summer of 2015. The first Southern Convocation is scheduled in December with the second one to be hosted by St. Peters on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry was asked to be present if possible. Fr. David addressed the Bishop's letter of resignation.

Gil Allen reported that a letter has been sent to Bishop Shand notifying him that Fr. Michaud has been called as St. Peter's Rector. Fr. David's contract will be re-written accordingly. There will be an Installation of New Ministry service on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee has been busy with several events the past month. Upcoming events include a Newcomers Brunch in January and Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Andy Booth has been working on a possible bus trip.

The Church's investment funds have increased in value approximately \$55,000. No withdrawals have been made this year. The Stewardship Campaign was very successful. The Finance Committee had previously projected a budget of \$236,000 and 2014 pledging will cover all but \$1,700 of that amount.

Upcoming Outreach efforts include Children's Home Foundation Sunday on November 24<sup>th</sup> and the collection of canned foods for various organizations for each Sunday in December. We are hosting the Emergency Shelter in January.

Parsons Cemetery has met its goal of establishing a million dollar endowment with the Community Foundation.

Eucharistic Ministers have been regularly taking communion to shut-ins on the third Sunday of the month. We are working on adding the first Sunday of the month to the schedule which will be handled by recently trained Eucharistic Ministers.

A sink and new counter have been installed in the Harrington Room closet. This will be very helpful to have for Sundays' coffee hours. The Episcopal Church signs on Rt. 13 and Rt. 50 have been cleaned/restored. The resurfacing of the parking lot has been postponed due to the weather.

Upcoming worship services include Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a.m., Advent Lessons and Carols on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with St. Albans, Christmas Eve services at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. and Christmas Lessons and Carols on December 29<sup>th</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> noon service and January 6<sup>th</sup> Solemn Eucharist Service for Epiphany with a dinner to follow.

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# VESTRY NOTES *continued from page 8*

	Income		
Christmas	0		
Easter	2,400.00	0	0
Plate	27,000.00	2250	1319
Pledge	172,000.00	14,333	21,903
Prior Year Offerings	1,050.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>205,400</b>	<b>17,117</b>	<b>23,222</b>
Community Foundation	0	0	0
Investment Income	0	0	0
Loan From Endowment	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Organ fund donations	3900		0
Organ fund expenses	-3900		0
Parish Hall Rental	300	100	100
Other Income	0	0	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>47500</b>	<b>15587.5</b>	<b>23,722</b>

Church Staff	47710	3976	4442
Clergy Compensation	88,023	7335	9025
Diocesan Assessment	5000	0	0
Rector's Discretionary	0	0	0
Outreach and Mission	5050	421	790
Building and Grounds	76700	6392	16340
Overhead	34,311	2859	4698
Transfer Washout	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>256794</b>	<b>21400</b>	<b>35295</b>
<b>NET INCOME**</b>	<b>-38,634</b>	<b>-3,220</b>	<b>-11573</b>

REPORTED BY SEAN FAHEY

\* 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.

Fr. David asked the Vestry to conduct a review of Goals and Objectives from six months ago in January. Sean Fahey presented the proposed 2014 budget. He said income has returned to historic levels of several years ago. The Vestry will vote on the 2014 budget at the December meeting.

The Property Committee submitted a Fee Schedule for various uses of the church property (i.e., weddings, funerals, etc.). The schedule was approved by the Vestry.

Gifts of \$1,700 were donated to St. Peters in memory of Susan Tontonoz. Fr. Tontonoz has requested the money be used to purchase a new thurifer and boat. The Vestry approved this purchase.

Ann Phillips has requested that \$2000 in donations made in memory of Lay Phillips be used to purchase a new silk frontal for the altar. This will be custom made and ready for use by Easter. The Vestry approved this purchase.

An omnidirectional microphone was stolen during a recent event. The replacement of this microphone will be \$199. The Vestry approved this purchase.

The next Vestry meeting will be December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## PARSONS CEMETERY

By Rick Fahey

Parsons cemetery has reached an important milestone. Some years ago Bob Taylor concluded that the cemetery needed a \$1,000,000 endowment to maintain it if there was no other income. In October the endowment passed that mark. The growth of the endowment has been the result of a good market and donations, particularly from the Parsons and Reeves families. To allow the endowment to grow, the committee has postponed some major capital projects such as paving but has still worked hard to make it the most attractive cemetery in the area. We will continue to build the fund to assure that we honor the words on the front entrance "to be cared for in perpetuity by Saint Peters Episcopal Church".

If you are unfamiliar with the cemetery, take a look and make sure you drive back to the lake. It is on North Division street just past the Newtown area.

*Merry Christmas*

# PETER'S VOICE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aside from the Sunday services that Peter's Voice performs here at St. Peter's Church, they are also very active in the community. Please, see the following schedule for their community performances.

12/1	Barnes and Noble in Salisbury - 2:00PM
12/9	Gull Creek in Berlin - 6:00PM
12/11	Brandywine Retirement Center in Fenwick, DE - 6:00PM
12/15	Republican Club Dinner in Salisbury - 5:00PM
12/18	Mallard Landing in Salisbury - 6:30PM

## Year End Giving Opportunities *continued from Page 1*

If you are considering making an end of the year charitable gift to St. Peter's in addition to your pledge, there are a number of ways you can give to support the life and ministry of your parish. Gifts of cash, stock and other assets can be received by the church and designated for certain funds, ministries and needs. Below are some opportunities for giving. Checks can be made out to *St. Peter's Church* with the fund or need listed on the memo line. Contact the Parish Office for more details and other giving options.

**St. Peter's Endowment Funds** – Make a gift that keeps on giving, year after year. Gifts to the endowment are invested; part of the investment return is used to fund ministries in our parish for years to come. You can make an *unrestricted endowment* gift, or designate your gift to one of these endowment funds: *Anderson Youth, Music Enrichment, New Ministries, Property & Equipment, Pastoral Care, or St. Peter's Scholarship*. More information about these funds is available from the Parish Office and from the Parish website:

<http://www.stpeterschurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Endowment-Funds-Definitions-2013.pdf>

**Emergency Men's Shelter** – Gifts help to purchase needed supplies during St. Peter's week to host the shelter Jan. 18-24.

**Altar Guild Fund** -- Donations support the work and supplies needed by the Altar Guild for our worship.

**EYC Youth Group Fund** -- Contributions support our youth group's activities and trips.

**Parish Annex Mortgage Reduction** – Gifts help reduce our \$368,000 mortgage.

**Parish House Decorating** – Donations help the Decorating Committee continue to update and transform the decor in the Parish House – from new desks and chairs to mini blinds and paint; request their **wish list** from the Parish Office or go to the website: <http://www.stpeterschurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/2013-Wish-List.pdf>

**Music Ministries Fund** – gifts help support music ministries in our parish, and efforts to bring more events like the Organ Concert and the Boychoir Concert to St. Peter's.

**Property Projects:** The Property Committee has identified a number of projects and upgrades to our buildings and grounds that would benefit from a gift – contact the Parish office or go to the website for a list of Property Projects that could benefit from your donation. More information about these funds is available from the Parish Office and from the Parish website: <http://www.stpeterschurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Property-Wish-List-Dec-2013.pdf>

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** – donations to this fund help the Rector support those in our parish and our community who need help in crisis.

**Undesignated:** Gifts with no designation will be used by the Vestry where the need is greatest.

Have an idea for a gift designation that you don't see on the list? Contact the Rector or the Wardens about your idea. Thank you for your generosity.



# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



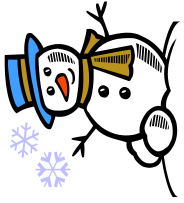
Below is the this year's schedule of special services. Please, check future issues of the Keynoter for further information.

Sun., Dec. 8	7PM	Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight in the Church
Sun., Dec. 22	10:15AM	Children's Christmas Pageant in the Parish Hall
Sun., Dec. 22	12:30PM	Greening of the Church in the Church
Tues., Dec. 24	5PM 11PM	Christmas Eve Service w/Peter's Voice in the Church Christmas Eve Service w/Festival Choir in the Church
Wed., Dec. 25	10AM	Christmas Day Service in the Church
Sun., Dec 29	7:45AM 10AM	Holy Eucharist-Rite I in the Church Christmas Lessons and Carols in the Church
Wed., Jan. 1	Noon	Feast of the Holy Name in the Church
Mon, Jan. 6	6PM	Solemn Feast of the Epiphany in the Church

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Shafiq Gaddis		
5	Christopher Todd	Beverly Smith	
6	Patrick Palmer	Kole Heberle	Andrew Booth      Suzanne McKee
8	Bradley Taylor		
9	Norris Matthews		
11	Daniel Souza		
12	Angela Della Ratta		
13	Skee Kelly	Marjorie Jones	Bell Parrish
14	Joseph Gord		
18	Johnathan Lynch		
19	Tara Smith		
22	Ruth Kirchmier	Ian Donaway	Nancy Vance
23	John Murrell	Robert Scheibe	
28	Marylyn Booth	Ellen Bloodsworth	
29	Rachel Palmer	Thomas Bugas	Phil Shields
30	Robert Davis	Tanner Jennings	
31	Mark Todd		





# DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist I 9AM Holy Eucharist II 10:15AM Children's Sunday School 11AM Holy Eucharist II	2 NO COMFORTERS MEETING	3	4 7AM Men's Bible Study 8:15AM Property Comm. Meeting 12PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 Peter's Voice Practice	5 10AM Worship Comm. Meeting 1PM Peter's Voice at Dove Point in Salisbury 2:30PM Dancin Shore 6:30PM Bulletin Folding 7PM Bell Choir Practice	6	7 9AM Advent Lesson & Carols Rehearsal
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist I 9AM Holy Eucharist II 10:15AM Children's Sunday School 11AM Holy Eucharist II 7PM Advent Lesson & Carols by Candlelight	9 10AM Comforter's Meeting @ Home of Anne Phillips 6PM Peter's Voice at Gull Creek in Berlin	10	11 7AM Men's Bible Study 8:15AM Finance Comm. Meeting 12PM Holy Eucharist 6PM Peter's Voice at Brandywine in Fenwick, DE	12 2:30PM Dancin Shore 6:30PM Bulletin Folding 7PM Bell Choir Practice	13	14
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7:45 AM Holy Eucharist I 10AM Christmas Lesson & Carols Service	30 10AM Comforter's Meeting	31 9AM Joseph House Kitchen 10:30AM Joseph House Lunch	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Jan 1 Noon Holy Eucharist <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, Dec. 1: EYC "Italian Night" Fundraiser** EYC will host "Italian Night" in the Parish Hall from 5PM - 7PM. Menu includes Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drink & Assorted Desserts. Carryout available. \$10/Adult & \$5/Child.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** See page 11 of this publication for a listing of our special services.

**Sunday, Jan. 12: Celebration of Ministry Service** Father David Michaud will be installed as Rector by Bishop Shand in the church at 4PM.

*For a complete and up to date Church Calendar, visit the Parish website @ [www.stpeterschurch.net](http://www.stpeterschurch.net)*

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