

The Keynote

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Salisbury Parish

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Come to St. Peter's Ministry Fair Sept. 8th



Dick VanGelder, Fr David Michaud, Elizabeth Phillips, and Pete Evans welcome incoming freshmen at SU

Everyone is encouraged to come to the St. Peter's Ministry Fair and Sunday School Registration on Sunday, September 8th in the Parish Hall. It will take place after the 7:45am Service and go until the start of the 11:00am Service. Coffee and refreshments will be

Fall Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, September 8th, St. Peter's will return to its usual schedule of three services, but the times will be different. Services will start 15 minutes earlier than before so that we can fit all our worship within Sunday morning. Service times will be as follows:

7:45AM Rite I Said Holy Eucharist

9:00AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary music and Traditional hymns; Peter's Voice will play and lead music on the first and third Sundays of the month

11:00AM Rite II Sung Holy Eucharist – Traditional hymns and music with some chanting.

A note about the 11:00 Service from Fa-

available in the Parish Hall. Peter's Voice will make a special appearance from 10:15am to 10:45am to entertain children and families that are signing up for Sunday School.

Come and see what activities and events are planned for this year and learn about the breadth of ministries ongoing in your parish. This is your opportunity to register for Sunday School, be part of a ministry or activity that interests you, talk to ministry coordinators, and get your questions answered. Celebrate our parish's work as the Body of Christ to one another and to the world. Please spend a few extra minutes on September 8th visiting St. Peter's Ministry Fair.

At the Ministry Fair you can learn more about the following:

- Children's Sunday School
- Altar Guild
- Bell Choir
- Music Ministry
- Servers (Torch Bearers/Crucifer/Acolyte)
- Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
- Property Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Outreach Ministries
- Emergency Shelter
- Adult Education & Bible Study
- Confirmation/Inquirers Classes
- Pastoral Care Caring Team
- Eucharistic Visitors
- Comforters Group
- Stephen Ministers
- Nursery
- EYC (Teen Youth Group)
- Communications
- Scholarships
- Parsons Cemetery
- Foyer Groups
- Fellowship & Hospitality

Worship News

ther David: "At present we do not have a formal choir at the 11:00 Service, so I will work with the congregation to be a 'choir of the whole' as we sing parts of the service, which lifts up our worship in a majestic way, taking advantage of the many beautiful and moving traditions we enjoy in the Episcopal Church. It is my hope that the beauty and sacredness of this service will attract more people to come to the 11:00 service as well as the two other services."

Server Training

Youth that are interested in serving at the altar for the 9AM and the 11AM Sunday Services should participate

in server trainings, if they have not done so before, in the church at 10:15AM on Sunday, September 22nd and 29th. Torch Bearer (Elementary school ages) and Crucifer (Middle School ages) training is on September 22 and Acolyte training (High School ages) is September 29. Come by the Altar Servers table at the

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Vestry Meeting Notes

The Vestry of St. Peter’s met on August 21st at 7 PM. All were either present, or had notified the vestry that they were unavailable. Fr. David opened with a prayer, and the July minutes were approved.

Financially, July was a fair month for St. Peter’s. The anticipated reduction in summer giving, while realized, was not as extreme as it has been in previous years. Actual Sunday giving has averaged approximately \$350 less per week, but still exceeds the budgeted giving number. Average Sunday attendance was up approximately 10% from June. The Endowment continued to benefit from a relatively healthy market and from the Vestry cap on expenditures for operating expenses; it continues to increase in value. Another donation was made last month to help offset the cost of the condenser unit repair. The Finance Committee plans to begin the FY 2014 budget process within the next few weeks.

Fr. David reported that more volunteers have stepped forward to serve on various committees and that all the committees are active and preparing for the upcoming fall season.

He has also started the interview process for the Parish Secretary and has received over 130 applications. There are several strong candidates who he will interview and ask the Wardens to meet.

There were several committee reports delivered updating the vestry on their activities. These activities are reported more in depth later in this issue.

The vestry approved contracting Gillis Gilkerson to oversee repairs in the Annex to repair water damage, to improve the overall appearance of the space, and to improve the functionality of several of the doors. These repairs will be funded from the property line item in the endowment.

After discussion with the families that made the initial gift, the Vestry has agreed to repurpose the Separation and Divorce Recovery endowment line item into a more general purpose Pastoral Care line item.

The meeting closed at 8:30.

The next meeting will be September 18th at 7 PM.

Worship News Continued...

Ministry Fair Sept 8th for more information and to sign up for the trainings.

Youth Sunday September 29th

It has been customary at St. Peter’s that when there is a fifth Sunday in the month that Sunday is Youth Sunday, when the youth of our church take on the many worship ministries of the church. Our first Youth Sunday is September 29th, and is being organized by Fr. David, the Worship Committee, and the Senior Acolytes. More information will be available at the Ministry Fair.

	July		
	2013 Budget projected	July Actual*	
Income			
BUDGETED GIVING			
Christmas	0		
Easter	2,400.00	0	0
Plate	27,000.00	2250	3411
Pledge	172,000.00	14,333	19486
Prior Year Offerings	1,050.00	0	0
TOTAL GIVING	205,400	17,117	22897
BUDGETED OTHER SOURCES			
Community Foundation	0	0	0
Investment Income	0	0	348
Loan From Endowment	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0
NON OPERATING REVENUE			
Organ fund donations	3900		0
Organ fund expenses	-3900		0
Parish Hall Rental	300	100	100
Transfer wash in	0	0	0
TOTAL	300	100	100
TOTAL INCOME	47500	15587.5	14121
EXPENSES			
Church Staff	47710	3976	3884
Clergy Compensation	88,023	7335	11234
Diocesan Assessment	5000	0	0
Rector's Discretionary	0	0	0
Outreach and Mission	5050	421	276
Building and Grounds	76700	6392	5221
Overhead	34,311	2859	3048
Transfer Washout	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSE	256794	21400	23663
NET INCOME**	-38,634	-3,220	-766

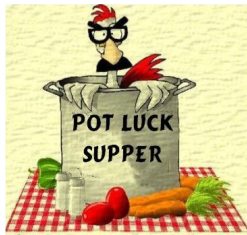
*These numbers are not the final official numbers from Jan 2013. This is presented for informational purposes only, and to provide an overview of the previous fiscal month and should not be considered an official financial document.

** Losses offset by retained earnings

FALL EDUCATION EVENTS

Adult Confirmation and Reception

Those adults who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church from another church or who wish to make a confirmation have the opportunity to do so when the Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. James Shand, visits St. Peter's on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st at 7PM. Instruction is required before being confirmed or received into the church. Any adult interested may contact Father David through the Parish Office. Father David will hold a series of Inquirers Classes at dates and times convenient for those interested. There will be information on the Inquirers Classes at the Ministry Fair. Deadline for signing up is September 9th. There is a commitment to attend six 1.5 hour classes in order to be confirmed or received.



Tuesday Evening Adult Education Class and Potluck Supper

Come to the Fall Adult Education Series and Potluck Supper Tuesday evenings beginning at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Father David Michaud will lead a series entitled "What's What in the Old Testament," exploring the basics of the Old Testament Scriptures, including: why they are part of the Christian Bible, how the Church included them as Holy Scriptures, how the Old Testament is organized, different types of literature in Hebrew Scriptures, Middle East geography and its influence on these Scriptures, and historical context of the books of the Old Testament. The five week series will be a combination of talks, Bible study, and discussions. Handouts will be provided. Open to all adults. For potluck, please bring a dish to share. Paper products will be provided. Dates: Sept 10th, 17th, 24th; Oct 1st, 8th.

Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop (Book of Common Prayer, p. 860).

Confirmation Class will be offered at St. Peter's for those baptized youth ages 14-17 who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when the Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand visits St. Peter's on **November 1, 2013**, the Feast of All Saints. The classes will be held **Sunday evenings at 6:30pm in September and October in the Parish House** and will be conducted by Father David Michaud. Attendance in these classes is required before being confirmed.

Confirmation is the adult affirmation of one's baptism, when one makes a public declaration of one's faith and desire to be part of the Episcopal Church. The classes will cover Bible studies, the Prayer Book, what we believe, liturgical practices, church organization, church history, and Christian service.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Advanced registration is required, so that enough materials can be ordered for each confirmation candidate. Parents who would like to enroll their child in Confirmation Class should go to the Parish Website and click down in the Youth section for the Confirmation page to download a Registration Form, or register at the Ministry Fair on September 8th. For more information, contact Father David.



Foyer Groups

There is still time to sign up for St. Peter's fall Foyer Groups. A Foyer Group is like a supper club for church members and is a great way to get to know other members of St. Peter's in a relaxed setting with a *simple* meal. Eight people are assembled into a group (four couples or a combination of couples and singles). Once a month, for four months, a different member of the group hosts a dinner at home for the other members of the group. The host provides a main dish and beverages with the others bringing an appetizer, a salad, a dessert, etc.

Groups will be contacted by mid September with the intention of having a dinner in September, October, November, and December. We hope to continue with new groups in the spring. Sign up forms will be available in church and at the September 8th Ministry Fair. You can also sign up by sending your name(s), telephone number, and email address to the Foyer Group Coordinator, Ann Allen, at ann.allen@comcast.net.

September Birthdays



1-Sep	Joan Davis Eileen Johnson
2-Sep	Frank Turcol Abby Berthiaume Richard Wootten
3-Sep	Molly Stephens Kevin Beauchamp
7-Sep	Evan Justice
8-Sep	Robby Causey Noah Salvat Ethan Justice
11-Sep	Dee Palmer
12-Sep	Carroll Banks Price Phillips
13-Sep	Zachary Robinson
18-Sep	Dane Foust
23-Sep	Marcy Thiele
24-Sep	Stephen Bedard
25-Sep	Florence Wootten Jordan Robinson
26-Sep	Elsie Wood Peter Richmond
27-Sep	Corrinne Donoway
30-Sep	Timothy Kerrigan Leonard Robinson



St. Peter's Outreach Mission The Joseph House Kitchen

In February 1984, the soup kitchen at the Joseph House Crisis Center on Boundary St. 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 4th 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!



Come and hear THE MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR—Maryland's Goodwill Ambassadors At St. Peter's Salisbury on Friday, November 8, 2013, 7:30 PM,

Free Will Offering taken

**The sound of angels
Voices of eager and creative young boys
Boys who love to sing**

Many years ago, countless American churches had boychoirs—some large and some small—but all driven by the great tradition of boys singing that dates back over 1,500 years. As society changed, so did our expression of church music—giving way to mixed choirs of children, and choirs of adult men and women. But, the ancient tradition lives on due to the unending efforts of organizations like the Maryland State Boychoir.



- Boys of all races from age 7 to age 18
- Boys who love to play sports and get covered in dirt
- Boys who enjoy theater
- Families of all financial backgrounds
- Parents who dream for the best for their sons
- Musicians who love their work

- Countless volunteers
- Standing room only concerts

Your Help is Needed!

Host families are needed to house the boys--usually one or two in a home. This local cooperation makes the tour possible and is a growing experience for the boys. The boy(s) will go home with you after the concert and would enjoy a simple snack before bedtime. What they need most in your home is a shower and some rest. In the morning you will feed your guest(s) breakfast and provide a simple bagged lunch. An extra lunch for one of the staff or chaperones not staying with families would also be appreciated. In the morning at 8:00 AM the boys are returned to St. Peter's. The Boychoir may do a background check on a family or family members. There are a few other common sense guidelines.

If you are able to minister in this way, please contact the Parish office to obtain the Host Family application or stop by the Music Ministries Table at the Ministry Fair on September 8.



**ORGAN DEDICATION
CONCERT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013,
7:00 PM
WITH CONCERT ORGANIST
JOHN WALKER**

**Don't miss this historic celebration at St. Peter's!
A free will offering will be taken**

Member of the Organ Faculty at Peabody Conservatory of Music, Dr. John Walker is also Minister of Music Emeritus at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. Earlier positions have included distinguished tenures in similar positions at Shadyside Presbyterian Church and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and at The Riverside Church and Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

His active performance schedule has taken him throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. He has performed three times at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, as well as other cathedrals and churches in England, France, Holland, Switzerland, and Sweden. In Taiwan, he has performed frequently at the National Concert Hall in Taipei and as soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra.

On the eve of the millennium, he appeared on nationwide television in Taiwan during a four-hour marathon concert at the National Concert Hall. He has been a featured artist at the National Convention of the Korean Association of Organists, presenting hymn festivals, recitals, and workshops in Seoul. He has appeared frequently with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas, even sharing one concert billing there with The Grateful Dead.

Dr. Walker has recorded frequently on the Pro Organo, Gothic and JAV Recordings labels. *Pipedreams*, the nationally syndicated program of Minnesota Public Radio, has often broadcast performances by John Walker. In October 2006 *Pipedreams* titled its entire program "*Walker on the Wild Side.*"

As a student of Herbert Nanney, John Walker earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Stanford University, where he was also Assistant University Organist. He holds two Master of Music degrees *cum laude* from American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, where he also served as a faculty member. Dr. Walker was the 1984 alumni recipient of the Professional Achievement Award from Westminster College. In 1999 he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach and to perform in Taiwan.

A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, John Walker is currently Vice President of the AGO, having previously served the Guild in numerous other capacities. He has been recitalist, clinician, and service organist at conventions of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Montreat Conference on Worship and Music, the Mo Ranch Conference on Music and Worship, the Richner-Strong Institute for Church Music at Colby College, and the Lake Junaluska Conference of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians, as well as at regional and national conventions of The American Guild of Organists.

Pastoral Care Committee Updates

St. Peter's Pastoral Care Committee has been hard at work these past few months. If any of the following ministries looks like something you feel called to, please let Fr. David or Laura McCarthy know of your interest.

Caring Team

A list of parishioners is being developed so whenever there is a need identified within our parish, we can assist quickly. When a need arises, Laura will send an email (or make a phone call) to everyone on the "Caring Team" list advising of the need and the person who is in need. If you are able to help out at that time...great! If not, you may be able to help the next time. Laura coordinates the schedule and keeps in touch with everyone as time progresses. Right now the committee has formally heard and/or received permission from the following parishioners to be included on the "Caring Team": Marilyn Booth, Betty & Pete Evans, Megan Fenoglio, Mary Grauer, Nancy McFadden, Bill & Judy Wyatt, Joan Davis, and Lynne Peverly. Some folks may have been missed along the way so, if you do not see your name, please email or call Laura and you will be added to the list.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) assist the Priest with services on Sunday. Fr. David held a training session in early August and two parishioners were trained with several others taking a "refresher." With three services to cover, we would like to have at least four trained LEMs available who can serve at each service time. The following people have been trained as LEMs: Linda Smith (Coordinator), Amanda Jenkins, Julie Milliken, Laura McCarthy, Bill Day, Art Johnstone, and John Phillips. If you think you would like reading scripture out loud, leading the Psalm, reading the Prayers of the People, and assisting Fr. David by serving as the Chalice at Eucharist, please talk to Fr. David, Linda Smith, or Laura.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) take communion to members of the parish who otherwise can not make it to church for regular services. Fr. David held a training session in August and St. Peter's is pleased to add four new trained LEVs to our pastoral care team. Bravard Cornbrooks, Mary Grauer, Nancy McFadden, and Laura McCarthy join Sally Thrash and Tom Clarke. Sally and Tom have been a LEV team for a long time. They take communion on the third Sunday of each month to six or so parishioners. With the addition of four LEVs, we will be able to reach more people on different Sundays in the month. If taking the Body and Bread of Christ to our fellow parishioners sounds like something you are called to do, please talk to Fr. David or Laura McCarthy. The training is easy and fun and the rewards are endless! Or, if you are not able to attend church on a regular basis and would like communion brought to you, please call Fr. David and he will set you up with an LEV team on a Sunday and time of your choosing.

Stephen Ministry

Trained Stephen Ministers are lay people who step in to walk alongside a person who is going through a difficult time in their life. Often in a crisis situation, such as an accident, sudden illness, or death of a loved one, the Priest of a church will be there to help through the first critical hours. But what happens when the "emergency" is over and it is time to go back to one's "regular" life...a life that may have changed in ways never before imagined? That is where Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers are highly trained (about 50 hours of training) to be hands and feet and ears and eyes of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the **Cure** Giver; Stephen Ministers are the **Care** Giver. Stephen Ministers commit to meeting with their Care Receivers at least once a week for an hour at a time for a couple weeks, a few months, or even more than a year depending on the situation. All you need is a willingness to just "be present" with your Care Receiver. You do not have to know the exact right thing to say or do; you just have to be willing to "be." If this ministry sounds interesting to you, please contact Laura McCarthy for more information. If you, or someone you love, might benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Fr. David.

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A Stewardship Meditation: Sacramental Giving

A “sacrament” is an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. In the sacrament of Holy Communion we know that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, and we who receive them sacramentally receive Christ into our lives. We can also choose to live in a sacramental way, through following Christ’s commandments and modeling our lives on his life. In that way, we become visible signs of the Body of Christ in this world – our lives become a sacramental example to others.

So what is “sacramental giving?” It is the act of giving that gives us an understanding and insight into God’s grace and giving to us. Jesus teaches us that God’s love is unconditional, and that it is given without strings attached. His forgiveness is available for all who repent and come to him. All that we have is a gift from God. We as Christians are called to give back to God a small portion of what we have been given.

Often times we may give to get something in return. But when we give back to God, we expect nothing in return for ourselves. We give in gratitude for the abundance God gives to us. When we give to God, we don’t expect a “thank you” from God, because our giving is our “thank you” to God.

To give without expecting anything in return, to give unconditionally back to God and God’s church gives us insight into God’s giving of his love to us unconditionally, with no strings attached. When we increase what we give back to God so that it begins to hurt or causes us to shuffle around our spending priorities we may be tempted to renege or to place conditions or restrictions on our giving. Yet when we sin and turn away from God, does God renege on his love for us, or does God place conditions on the love he gives to us? Certainly not; God is always there for us, especially when we are at our worst.

Similarly, when we give back to God and God’s church unconditionally and even in tough times, we gain insight into God’s unconditional love for us. We experience through our giving God’s true grace – that even in tough times God’s giving to us is abundant and unconditional. So when we give unconditionally we are engaged in sacramental giving.

In October, St. Peter’s will begin the annual Stewardship Pledge Drive when each household will be asked to make a commitment to give back unconditionally to God’s church for 2014. What if you thought about your pledge in 2014 as sacramental giving? Consider the spiritual insights you will experience by giving in this manner. Consider how freeing sacramental giving would be for you if you are used to controlling all your giving. Through sacramental giving to God, you give up control to Him, and trust in Him.

What has God blessed you with this year? How will you say “thank you,” and give back unconditionally a portion of what God has given unconditionally to you? Consider how spiritually fulfilling sacramental giving can be in your spiritual journey.

-Fr. David Michaud

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!!!

Children's Sunday School Classes begin on Sunday, September 15th at 10:15AM. Parents are asked to escort their children to the classrooms so that the classes can begin on time. Classes should be finished by 11AM.

The Pre-K / Kindergarten group (Godly Play) will be taught on a rotation basis by Kathy Willey, Anna Shields, Melissa Kilmer, and Nancy McFadden. Godly Play is a Montessori based program that uses props to teach Bible stories. It is often supplemented with music and crafts. This year, these classes will be held on the second floor of the annex.

The 1st – 5th graders will be using the Tru Story program with new materials and videos. They will be divided into 2 age-appropriate groups (1st-3rd and 4th & 5th). Anne Potterton, with Tom and Jennifer Robinson will be working with these children. **We are looking for a couple more people to help with this group so that no one will have to do this every week**, so if you feel called to this ministry, please contact Bravard Cornbrooks at 410-749-0245. Tru Story is an interactive program using power point, videos, games, and crafts to teach Bible Stories in a linear fashion. These classes will be on the second floor of the annex.

The Middle School and High School groups will be taught by Sheri Hall and Nancy Burdett, and they will be using a new and exciting program called “Head to Heart.” This program is an interactive, fast paced way to teach youth about God, using games readings, and small group discussion. These classes will be held in the catacombs in the church annex.



Pastoral Care Request

*Do you know someone who is going to the hospital or needs some pastoral care?
Please fill out the form below and return it to the church*

Today's Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Your phone: _____

Person to help: _____

His/Her phone: _____

Reason: _____

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