The Rock Road

October 2021



The Rev. Bert Baetz *Rector*



The Rev. J Michael Wheeler Assistant Priest



Ginny Stehling Parish Administrator



Kristie Keese Controller



David Miron

Director of Music/Organist



Brian Blacklock Children's and Youth Minister

Dear St. Peter's Family,

You will notice in this month's Rock Road that many of our groups are getting back together. By now, we have resumed with more programs on Sundays and especially throughout the week. Even more new ministries are being born. We are coming together in prayer, fellowship, study, and service. This year we are focusing on the Communion of Saints which only affirms the gift of togetherness we have with God and one another.

This month we have a special opportunity to come together and envision our future at St. Peter's. I invite you all to a Day of Visioning on Saturday, October 16, from 9am to 1pm (light refreshments and snacks will be provided throughout the morning). Over the past few months, your parish leadership has been working to articulate our core values and mission statement moving forward. We now want you to join us in the process of imagining our future together.

As we anticipate the Day of Visioning, I would ask you to join me in prayer for awareness of God's purpose.

Lord God almighty, we are yours and we would serve you. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes to see the world as you see it; enkindle our hearts that we may share your love for it; enlighten our minds that we may understand your will for it; and grant us grace and strength so to live in it that we may help to make it wholly yours; for the sake of him who lived in it and died for it, and lives forever with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We know that our Lord has a mission to save the world and his mission has a church. So, let us prayerfully imagine our part in God's purpose.





Janet Boutin Director, School



Felicia Lehmann Asst. Director, School



Claire Rabson Chancel Choir Director



Guy Scott Facilities Manager



Bruce Heun Sexton



Lauren Vereen

A Message from Father Mike...

BOO!!! (Well, not really)...

Fr. Bert has introduced us into a season of Celebrating the Saints (begun Sunday, September 26; see details in this edition of the Rock Road).

Sunday, October 31, we usually call Halloween. Here's a little more detail. Technically, the Church celebrates October 31 as the Eve of All Hallows (shortened as Halloween). It marks the beginning of a "sacral season" --sacred time, liturgically speaking--called the Octave of All Saints.

"Octave" is from Latin for "eighth"; i.e., the celebration of a feast over an eight-day period. The Eve of All Hallows (Halloween), as mentioned above, introduces the Octave. In its origins, it was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter provided a reminder of human mortality, a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes.

Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The Church "adopted" and "baptized", so to speak, this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Hallows Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (October 31, November 1 and November 2).

All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church Year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of Holy Baptism (itself, a kind of exorcism, in part, through the renunciation of evil and the remission of sins).

All Souls' Day continues the sacral season as the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, using the Book of Common Prayer liturgy for The Burial of the Dead. It's properly called a Requiem whereby we commend the dead to the Living God who overcame Death, Hell and the Grave, whose love triumphs over our loss and who hides the baptized one who has "fallen asleep in Christ", to await "the Resurrection of the Body and the life of the world to come", just as the Creed says.

Occasionally, people may ask us about our practice of praying for the dead. They want to know, perhaps, what we can expect of these prayers. We may ask it another way: Is it in any way profitable to those departed souls for whom we pray? is it helpful? Does it change anything? Does it somehow assist the dead who live in the nearer presence of God?

Can they--the saints--help us? Can their intercession (and especially that of the Mother of God), assist us in our transformation in Christ? Are we a Communion of Saints, or not?

Celebrating the Saints might just help us with a deeper understanding and appreciation for why we believe and practice our faith the way we do.

"Be mindful of all those who slumber in the hope of a Resurrection to everlasting life. Give them rest, O God, where the light of Thy countenance shineth." AMEN.



September Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met in Tucker Hall on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened with a prayer, and then a few members of the Vestry shared life and ministry moments.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the August regular meeting. The Vestry also approved the minutes from two actions taken over email to approve job descriptions for the Chancel Choir Director and the Children's and Youth Intern. The August financials had been emailed to the Vestry by the Controller, Kristie Keese. We are 67% through this fiscal year, and the reports showed that our overall income was at 69% and expenses were at 62%. The Chair of the Finance Commission reported that the PPP Loan was officially forgiven. The Vestry approved the financial reports from August.

On behalf of the School Board, Catie Eastland reported to the Vestry. She presented the following highlights from the School Board meeting on September 13, 2021:

School Director's Report:

- The meeting was opened in prayer by Fr. Bert
- Janet Boutin reported that enrollment is at 142. Two kinder students have moved bringing the size of kinder to 16. The school is at capacity at this time.
- A teacher has resigned since the start of school so a floater will be used to fill this vacancy. Janet Boutin is actively looking to fill the floated position.
- New parent orientation was held outdoors on September 10th, and the pictures days are September 22-24.
- The Book Fair is set for October 3rd and 4th: some COVID health guidelines will be in place for the safety of all attending. Time of event is TBA. Open House will be postponed to the spring.
- The school financials continue to remain strong and are well in the positive on the budget.
- The teachers received a pay increase thanks to the grant from the Texas Workforce Commission and these increases are already being paid.
- The next school board meeting will be held October 18, 2021.

Dave Weekley reported the School Financials had been reviewed by the Finance Commission and approved by the School board, remarking that they had a tremendous year. Their income was 139% of the budget and their expenses were only 93%, but there are two unusual items on the income that were not budgeted, a \$105K grant and \$110K in PPP, which skews the income, but if you take those out the are still 108% of budget. Dave remarked this is their fiscal year.

On behalf of the Endowment Board, Carter Crain reported to the Vestry. The Board met prior to the Vestry meeting and discussed more ideas to raise awareness of the Rock of St. Peter's. The Board wants to continue publishing articles in the Rock Road to communicate how the funds help us advance our mission. The Board suggested the idea of including information about the Rock of St. Peter's with end-of-the-year giving statements. Also, Fr. Bert shared how informational meetings pertaining to the Rock could be held in the new fiscal year in conjunction with our vision planning for the next three to five years.

On behalf of the ECW, Amy Richards reported on the following:

- ECW Board meeting will be September 30th and the General Meeting will be October 7th with the program being the Cottage Shop Style Show.
- Nominating Committee working on new Board Officers to present at the October meeting.

Vestry Highlights (cont'd)

- ECW Social Event on Tuesday, August 24th at Tucker Hall at 5:00 p.m. was a great success! Several seasoned and new faces were in attendance.
- Cottage Shop sales continue to be strong!

On behalf of the Organ Rebuild Ad-Hoc Committee, James Horne reported to the Vestry. James Horne reported that he and the committee recently met with David Miron, and the committee was concerned about water in the lower part where the pipes are located, noticing some staining on the floor from water, and the group is trying to figure out where it is coming from.

On behalf of the Labyrinth Guild, Amy Best reported on the following:

St. Peter's Day School worked in conjunction with the Labyrinth Guild to supply decorations for the International Day of Peace. Brochures will be supplied for each student to take home to their parents and all their teachers. Cindy Bachman will be working with Brian Blacklock Sunday, September 19 in Children's Chapel and that she will read from "A Child Walked the Labyrinth" book by another Episcopal Church within our Dioceses (Cindy will also supply a copy to share with the Vestry) and they will send "Peace Like a River" and have the children's Labyrinth in the Chapel for them to walk. Cindy stated both the 24' and children's Labyrinth will be set out in Tucker hall encouraging both indoor and outdoor walks thus the opportunity to attend walks "rain or shine" as now advertised. Cindy will have available for all the PFF group brochures to walk the Labyrinth should they so choose. Fr. Bert approved Ginny to post the International Day of Peach brochure on our email listing to all on the September 17 prior to Sunday of September 19. Paddle fans will be made shortly provided the Labyrinth Guild for all to use and keep individuals that pick one up depicting the artwork produced by Lou Ann Maxwell on one side and information for St. Peter's on the reverse side. These fans will be made available throughout the church at upcoming events. Also, Denise Cartwright is organizing a book sale again to benefit the Labyrinth Build. This has been approved by Fr. Bert and planned for November.

On behalf of the Reopening Subcommittee, Fr. Bert reported that we received a positive response to the letter sent to the parish from the Rector and Vestry coupled with the testament from Alexis and Eric Maloney. Eric Maloney shared a brief report on the status of the city, and the subcommittee will continue to work on behalf of the Vestry to make any further recommendations in terms of protocols.

Amy Richards, Junior Warden, emailed her report to the Vestry. The report included the following:

- 1. Carport Update: Structure being installed Wednesday, September 22. Guy is looking into having a security light installed as well. Guy has alerted the Tivy House Apartment's owner to make sure no one is parked in the lot on Wednesday and to not allow tenants to block access to the carport.
- 2. Replacement Trees: Have been planted.
- 3. AC Units: Installed and in working order
- 4. Sinkhole in parking lot: the work has been completed and sinkhole repaired.
- 5. Fire and Security Alarm: Security Alarm and Fire Alarm are installed and in working order for the buildings other than the sanctuary. Guy is working to get a Fire Alarm bid for the church itself.
- 6. Painting of the Sanctuary: Guy has received 3 bids for painting of the sanctuary that range from \$20K to \$50K. Amy stated she did ask Guy for his feedback since he actually met with the painters, and he has done so. The Vestry discussed the idea of putting the painting of the church on hold for until Vision Planning is finished, in the event that more comprehensive capital improvements are part of the plans.

Vestry Highlights (cont'd)



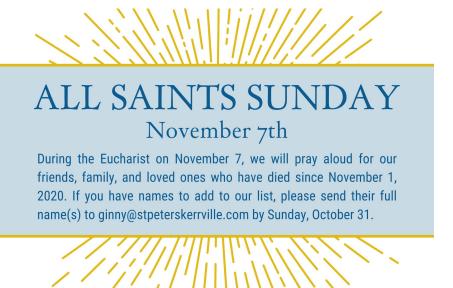
Mark Haufler, Senior Warden, reported to the Vestry. Mark Haufler reported that the Vision Planning Process has been a "ministry moment" for him. He and others have been a part of two workshops thus far: the Core Values Workshop and the Mission Statement Workshop. Mark feels like these workshops have validated what we are doing as a church. He also looks forward to the parish-wide Day of Visioning on October 16. Mark reported on his work with the Generosity Commission as we move into the fall campaign.

Fr. Bert reported to the Vestry. Fr. Bert echoed Mark's feelings and assessment of the Vision Planning Process thus far. Fr. Bert also spoke to the Generosity Campaign and invited the Vestry to take on certain responsibilities with the campaign. He provided an overview of the campaign, noting that we will once again provide a generosity devotional to every household in the parish. This year's devotional is titled *First* by Mike Slaughter and the theme has to do with putting God first in living and giving. Fr. Bert also briefly shared his experience on The Giving Path and how the laity of St. Peter's and his previous parishes have profoundly shaped his understanding of faithful generosity. Fr. Bert reported on "Back-to-the-Future" Sunday. It appeared to be a successful event in bringing the church family back together for the program year. Fr. Bert reminded the Vestry that Wednesday evening programming will resume on September 22, and he touched on the several programs being offered for children, youth, and adults. Beginning Wednesday, October 6, Fr. Bert will teach a Newcomers Class, and he has already invited ten to twelve families to join that class. Fr. Bert hopes to see more offerings develop for adults on Wednesday evenings, particularly an offering for men to compliment the current Sisters in Scripture program. Fr. Bert is currently working with staff and leaders of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to see such a program get off the ground. He asked the Vestry to pray for the men in our church, that God may quicken their hearts with devotion to the Lord.

Under New Business, the Vestry elected a Nominating Committee for Vestry and Council Delegate elections. The Nominating Committee includes the outgoing Vestry Members: Carter Crain, Mark Haufler, Amy Richards, and Kathy Voss.

The Vestry and Rector closed their meeting with the Lord's Prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 25 at 5:30pm in Tucker Hall. As always, anyone in the parish is welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the agenda and speak, however, please notify the Rector no later than the previous Tuesday, October 19, when he writes the agenda to be sent to the Vestry.



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presents:



Wednesday Family Nights!

5:30 PM

Family Dinner

© Tucker Hall

6-7:15 PMKids Programs



Nursery:

age 2 & under @ Shelton Hall Meet the Saints
Family Storybook

Family Storybook

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Books for families available \$5

Preschool & Kindergarten: Meet the Saints @ Shelton Hall

Elementary
(I-5th grade):
Meet the Saints
© Chapel



Middle School (6-8th grade)

> EYC @ Youth Room!



For more information, contact Brian Blacklock: 281-619-4447 or brian@stpeterskerrville.com



Middle School EYC started the year with a HUGE bang!

We invited 10 of our students to grab snow cones at Ohana's one Friday afternoon....and ended up with a whopping 36 students! We are excited for this year and can't wait to see what wonderful things God has in store for us!



SP3C.ops Introduces: Kourtney Doster

Hi! I'm Kourtney Doster and I am serving as the new children's and youth ministries intern here at St. Peters's. I am so excited about this opportunity and can't wait to get to know the youth in our church! As a child, I lived in Kerrville and attended pre-school right here at St. Peter's! My family then relocated to the Midland area and I graduated high school in 2019 and then attended Howard College. I grew up showing livestock and rodeoing and was able to compete on Howard's rodeo team. While there, I obtained my Associate of Science Degree. I am currently enrolled at Schreiner University and I am studying Communications. I am a member of the Schreiner cross country team and participate in their college rodeo program. I spend my afternoons working at St. Peter's Episcopal Pre-School and in the summer I work as a counselor at Camp Mystic. These different experiences and opportunities have helped prepare me to love our church's students well and bring them to know the Lord on deeper level in the Episcopal tradition. If you see me running around the church with our students, please stop me and introduce yourself...I can't wait to meet you!



Family WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. PETER'S

5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist - Rite II
5:30 PM	Wednesday Family Dinner, Tucker Hall
6:00 PM	Nursery opens in Shelton 3 (suggested donation is \$5 a person)
6:00 PM	Preschool and Kinder, Shelton 2
6:00 PM	Elementary (1st - 5th grades), Chapel
6:00 PM	Middle School, Youth Room
6:15 PM	Sisters in Scripture, Church Parlor
6:15 PM	Men's Group (Prayer, fellowship, and study) Library
6:15 PM	Newcomer's Class, MPR off Tucker Hall (begins October 6)

Sisters in Scripture

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Lisa Earl, Leader - lisaearl29@gmail.com

The women in Sisters in Scriptures come together for prayer, fellowship, and study. Sisters in Scriptures is a woman's bible study geared toward young women and moms. This fall, we will be reading <u>The Well Watered Woman</u> by Gretchen Saffles. Please join us on Wednesday evenings!

Sundays

Celebrating the Saints - Adult Christian Formation Begins September 26 at 10:30 AM in Tucker Hall Led by the Clergy

This new class is an exploration of the riches of God's glorious inheritance made real in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. The saints witness to us what the life of faith looks like, lived out in real time, and they challenge us to live out our own discipleship more fully and fearlessly. In our journey with the saints, we also learn something about our history as we look at monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists, and more, and learn how dozens of different people in different places and times, with different gifts and backgrounds, have taken their place in proclaiming the kingdom of God.

Nursery 9AM - 12:30PM Shelton Hall, Room 3

Contact: Mayra Sifuentes, Childcare Staff Mayrastar0123@gmail.com

Brian Blacklock, Children's and Youth Minister Brian@stpeterskerrville.com



Weekly Zoom Bible Study with Fr. Bert

Tuesdays 11 am-12 pm

All are welcome! This fall the group began a 12-week study of the Book of Isaiah, using the Knowing the Bible Study Guide available for purchase at Amazon. Email Fr. Bert at bert@stpeterskerrville.com for your Zoom link or find related links in your weekly parish email.

PFF (Prayers, Fellowship & Football) – Tucker Hall

Tuesdays 12-1 pm

P.F.F. is a men's lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilem at (281) 723-9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.

Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Susan Parker, leader

Everyone is welcome! Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. We are affiliated with Contemplative Outreach LTD and World Community for Christian Meditation. For more information, please contact Susan Parker at 830-257-3918, or email her at parkers710@gmail.com for location information.

Path of Life - Multipurpose Room in Tucker Hall

Wednesdays 10:30 am - Noon

Becky Purl and Betty Mosty, leaders

Path of Life (POL) Path of Life (POL) is studying "The Gospel of John" by Max Lucado. Everyone is welcome to join this caring, sharing and fun Bible study.

Friday Book Study - Church office 2nd floor Audio-Visual Room

Fridays 11 am - Noon, Susan Parker, contact person

The Friday Book Study group meets in the AV room on the second floor of the church office, and also via Zoom. The group is studying Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor is an Episcopal priest who has been teaching the world's religions at the university-level for 20 years. In this study we will learn more about our personal Christian faith as we learn about other religions. Contact Susan Parker, parkers710@gmail.com or 830-257-3918 for more information, and for the Zoom link.



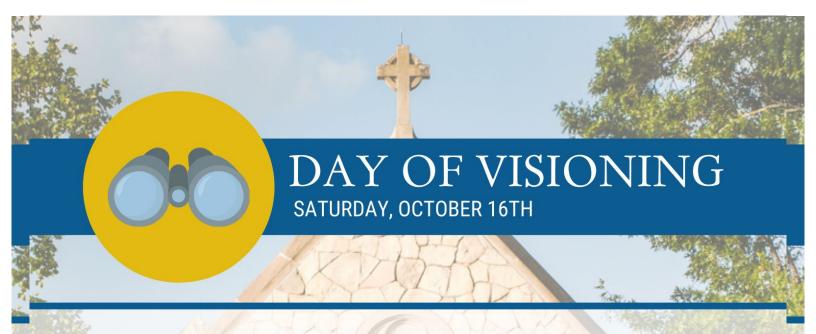
Claire Rabson was born in 1954 and raised in Houston, Texas. She holds a degree in music from Texas A&I Corpus Christi. While living in Corpus Christi, she met her husband David, and they have been married for 46 years. They reside just outside of Kerrville between Ingram and Hunt, and have lived in the area since 1982.

Claire brings significant musical experience to St. Peter's. She started directing church choirs when she was nineteen, sang soprano with the San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers for ten years, and is a member of the Texas Choral Directors Association. She is most excited to serve as Chancel Choir Director at St. Peter's because she thoroughly enjoys the formal worship services. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is familiar to Claire, as she has sung and participated in several past services, and is friendly with several parish members. She feels "delighted" to be directing the St. Peter's Choir, and believes that God gave her a gift, so she gives that gift back to him.

We are so excited for Claire to share her musical gifts with St. Peter's! Welcome aboard Claire!







Join us!

OCTOBER 16th | 9AM - 1PM | Tucker Hall

Everyone is encouraged to join your fellow parishioners for a day of envisioning our future. Bring your family – youth are welcome to participate, too!

Light refreshments will be provided throughout the morning, as we work together, imagining the future of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Nathan G. Jennings

WHAT IS THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS?

Saturday, October 30, Tucker Hall 8:30am – 11am

Who are the Saints? And what is Communion? In our creed, we say we believe in the communion of saints. In our worship, we join our voices of praise with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven. So, who can we identify to be Saints and what exactly is Communion? Join us on Saturday, October 30 to explore these two questions with teachings and discussions led by the Rev. Dr. Nathan G. Jennings, Professor of Liturgics and Anglican Studies and Director of Community Worship at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. If you would like to join us for the morning, please RSVP to rsvp@stpeterskerrville.com. A light breakfast will be offered before the teachings.

About the Rev. Nathan G. Jennings, PhD

The Rev. Nathan G. Jennings, PhD, a native of Austin, returned to his hometown when he joined the faculty of Seminary of the Southwest in 2005. Jennings is also the Director of Community Worship and has served as the Chair of the Anglican Studies Program at Seminary of the Southwest since 2008. Jennings is interested in liturgical theology, Christian Platonism, Ancient Near-Eastern studies, asceticism, hermeneutics and the way these disciplines intersect and inform one another.

His first book, Theology as Ascetic Act: Disciplining Christian Discourse, published in 2010, represents a light revision of his doctoral dissertation and argues that Christian teaching and reflection are embodied acts analogous to, and part of, Christian asceticism. His second book, Liturgy and Theology, Economy and Reality, Wipf and Stock 2017, argues for a Christian metaphysical realism, presenting liturgy as a cosmic gift economy whereby God renders cosmos out of chaos. He is currently working on a book that will provide an outline of sound liturgical decision-making. In teaching, Jennings reflects on liturgy theologically as that which enables participation in God and God's work in the world. In addition to the required liturgy and Anglican studies courses, Jennings offers elective seminars in Liturgical Theology, Hermeneutics, and occasional seminars on Anglican Divines.





NEW SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERING

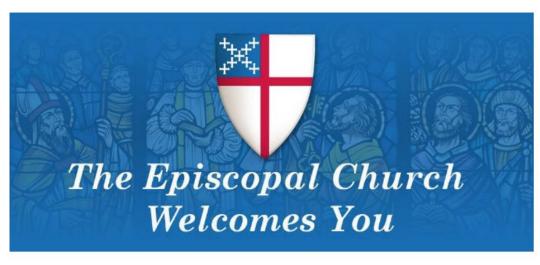
CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Sundays at 10:30 AM in Tucker Hall Led by the Clergy

This new class is an exploration of the riches of God's glorious inheritance made real in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. The saints witness to us what the life of faith looks like, lived out in real time, and they challenge us to live out our own discipleship more fully and fearlessly. In our journey with the saints, we also learn something about our history as we look at monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists, and more, and learn how dozens of different people in different places and times, with different gifts and backgrounds, have taken their place in proclaiming the kingdom of God.

SCHEDULE

Oct. 3	Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob	Nov. 7	Luke the Evangelist
Oct. 10	Blessed Virgin Mary	Nov. 14	Perpetua and her Companions
Oct. 17	Mary Magdalene	Nov. 21	John Chrysostom
Oct. 24	Peter and Paul	Nov. 28	Patrick and Brigid
Oct. 31	"Mystic Sweet Communion" with guest		
	teacher the Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings		





Newcomers Class Begins Wednesday, October 6 at 6:15pm

Are you new to St. Peter's during the past year or so?

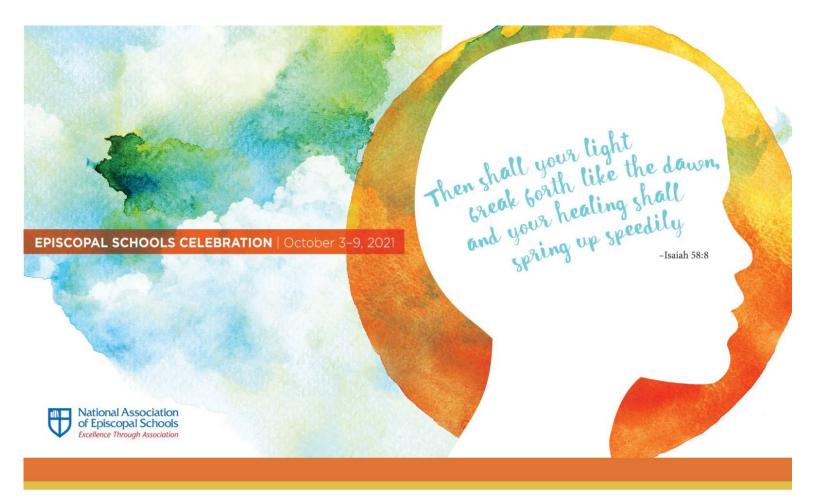
Well, this is a class for you! Please join Fr. Bert for this four-week class on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 6 at 6:15pm. Following the Wednesday dinner, the class will meet in the Multipurpose Room connected to Tucker Hall. You will find the class schedule below. If you are interested in this class for all newcomers to St. Peter's, please email Fr. Bert directly at bert@stpeterskerrville.com.

Oct 6 - Introductions

Oct 13 - The Story of Christianity

Oct 20 - The Story of the Episcopal Church

Oct 27 - The Story of St. Peter's Episcopal Church



Episcopal Schools Celebration (ESC) celebrates the ministry of the nearly 1,200 Episcopal schools and early childhood education programs throughout the Episcopal Church. Whether it is at school, the parish or cathedral or at a diocesan-wide service or event, ESC is the time to give thanks and to proclaim to your community and the Church the good news that is your school!

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 3RD FOR EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 3rd, we will take up a second collection to benefit the scholarship program at St. Peter's School. We will also have the honor of hearing Mrs. Mary Katherine Duffy, the Deputy for Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of West Texas, speak at all three services.

Mary Katherine Duffy served 17 years as the HOS at St. Alban's Episcopal Day School in Harlingen. In 2019, she retired and begin serving as the Bishop's Deputy for Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of West Texas where she supports our 29 Episcopal schools and serves as a resource for training and development. She is also the proud daughter of St. Peter's parishioners Jim and Kay Hayes.



Episcopal School Sunday is also the day of our School Book Fair. Please come by Tucker Hall from to browse and support our school! The Book Fair is a fundraiser for SPPA, and proceeds will help build up our school library and add books to all classrooms.

Putting God First in Living and Giving

In 2020 the focus of the Generosity Committee was "Love the Lord, Love Your Neighbor" which helped all of us to answer, "what does being made in God's likeness have to do with being generous". This year the committee has purchased the 28 day devotional "first" which will help all of us to have a better understanding of "grace is unfair"; how we need to look past people's differences and to give generously to those in need. The devotionals will be handed out the first two Sundays in October in preparation to start our series beginning October 17th. For those who continue to worship remotely (Youtube) your devotional will be mailed the week of October 11th. The goal is to have all our members, whether they worship from home or in person, read a page a day and record their reflection.

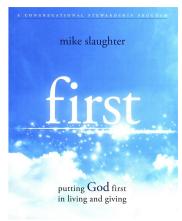
Our Devotional Series will start the third week of October.

October 17 Naming our Idols

October 24 Work, Money, and Debt

October 31 Be Faithful, Save, and Give

November 7 Heart Giving



A Stewardship program to align money, work and debt

The readings will start by helping us to identify our idols and acknowledging the power they have over our lives. As Dane Tune's Sunday school class once studied how the movie "the Matrix" got us to debate what is real and what is not. In week two we will visit how God has given us each different ability.

In 2020 we facilitated Zoom meetings during the weekdays to review the questions and share thoughts among the readers. This year we will have four group sessions following the Wednesday Family Dinner - from 6:15 PM and lasting about an hour or till the discussion plays out. We will start each session with a short video which will expand on the weekly theme, and have volunteers share with the group their experiences. Then the group discussion will follow. Below are the dates:

Wednesday October 20th
 Wednesday October 27th
 Wednesday November 3rd
 Wednesday November 10th
 6:15 PM Following the meal
 6:15 PM Following the meal
 6:15 PM Following the meal

FROM THE LABYRINTH GUILD

Prayer at the Beginning of a Labyrinth Walk

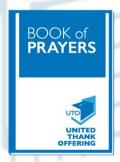
Alone in Your sight at the labyrinth's mouth I stand: let it swallow me as I enter here the circle, enter with humility, enter with penitence, enter with grace, this path to what is holy, sacred center, Spirit of God. At each turn let fall my sins, fall from my heart, fall from my mind, fall from my anguished soul: I here abandon them. Lord, the way to You is neither straight nor easily discerned-I turn and turn again, turn from my desires, turn from grief, turn from guilt. There are times I wander,

almost aimlessly, and times I think that I am almost close to finding You. close to Your mercy, close to Your mind, close to Your will, and then I turn again, away. Walk with me, Lord, walk with me along these paths, away from sin, towards the center, center of knowing, center of believing center of eternal love. Here let me linger in the heart of the Mystical Rose before You send me out again on a new journey, journey of faith, journey of hope, journey of love, where at every turn I may follow in Your gentle way,

and turn, ever and again, to You: inspired, healed, renewed.
Then, send me out into the world in peace, to love You, Lord, with gladness, and to follow You with singleness of heart.

By: Ms. Alice Baird St. Peter's Episcopal Church Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Above poem and others found in below Book of Prayers provided by the 2018-2021 Board of the United Thank Offering.



International Day of Peace Preparations











(Left) Students at St. Peter's School create doves to decorate the Labyrinth and inside Tucker Hall for International Day of Peace

(Above) Decorating Crew of Labyrinth Guild members







PLEASE JOIN THE E.C.W.

(EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN)

FOR THE FALL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th
TUCKER HALL
MEETING AT 10:30

ENJOY A **STYLE SHOW** FEATURING OUR VERY OWN **COTTAGE SHOP!**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
AFTER THE PROGRAM

MAIN AT TIVY STREET KERRVILLE, TEXAS 78028 830-257-0290



AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Join us on October 7th for the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Fall Style Show!

Come see our models work the runway in fall clothing from the shop, and browse the table centerpieces that will feature different items from the shop available for purchase at the luncheon. Some of the items will be a Fall Wreath, Designer Purses, Boots, Cookbooks, Fall Floral Arrangements, Casserole Dishes, Puzzles, Baskets, a Table Water Feature and many other items sold in the shop. You won't want to miss this luncheon!

Profits from the Cottage Shop benefit our Church, School, and Community, including but not limited to scholarships, Rosemary's Helping Hands, the Greeting Committee, contributions to the diocese, and our many outreach programs.









From left to right: Beverly Schwehm, Mary Bess Peterson, and Brian Blacklock prepare for the Fashion Show. Brooksie Bledsoe, Brian Blacklock, and Dawn Hatch are pictured in the last photo on the right. Come out and support our models on October 7th!

We are hoping to open The Cottage Shop in late October on Thursdays as an additional sales day from 9-4:30. Currently, we have our morning Sales Team, but are in need of several additional volunteers for our afternoon team and anyone who would like to be on our Thursday Sub List. You can contact Marsha or Margaret at the shop to volunteer or with questions. Come join us for a fun day!

COME SEE US!

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Friday** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Receiving on Mondays

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Consignments by appointment only.

Donations gratefully received without an appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Join Fr. Bert's Weekly Zoom Bible Study!

TUESDAYS AT 11AM

This fall the group began a 12-week study of the Book of Isaiah, using the **Knowing the Bible Study Guide** available for purchase at Amazon.

CLICK HERE TO JOIN!

The group meets over Zoom and all are welcome!



WHAT?

The Episcopal Church Women committee that provides meals

WHO?

ECW Volunteers

WHEN?

A meal is delivered to someone who is ill or has returned home from the hospital

HOW?

If you know of someone who needs assistance, call **Dee Elliott (830-329-5122)**. Dee will contact the person in need. If the person in need would like a meal delivered, Dee will call a volunteer on the Rosemary's Helping Hands Committee to help.

WHY?

St. Peter's family wants to make sure that everyone who has a need for this ministry is assisted, not only by our prayers, but also helped by a meal being delivered to them.

Congratulations!

We celebrate Fr. Sam Hunnicutt's ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church, Junction!

Fr. Sam was recently installed as the Rector of Trinity. We thank God for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Sam may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you, and always rejoice in your glory.







JOIN US FOR THE BEST TIME!



Our group was established to create a positive sociable gathering once a month for all ages, sexes, denomination, races, and nationalities.

We are the Local Community/Neighborhood Best Timers and meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM for lunch.

Our group is strictly a social get together that has NO fees or charges (only what you personally want to order for lunch!).

Meet us at BrewDawgg on October 21st, 11:30 AM!
Scheduled lunch time is used for booking/reserving space with facility.
RSVP to Lynda Griffin: lk.grffn@gmail.com or 830-896-5163







St. Jerome's Jots



St. Jerome's Guild is excited to host a review by Karen Kilgore of <u>The Lion</u>, <u>the Witch and the Wardrobe</u> by C.S. Lewis. Please join us at 3:00 PM in Tucker Hall on Wednesday October 6, and bring a friend. Short business meeting will take place after Karen's review.

SAVE THE DATE!

At **3:00 PM on Wednesday November 3**, St. Peter's Director of Music and Organist, David Miron will present a review of The Hymnal 1982, the hymnal used by the Episcopal Church. Look in the Sunday bulletin, the November Rock Road and your email for more information about this program.

My Dearest St. Peter's Family,

Thank you so much for the festive send off and GORGEOUS James Avery bracelet. I have worn it every day since! I am so grateful for your love, support, and prayers, as our family begins this new chapter. Our time at St. Peter's was an immense blessing to me and my family. I am honored to have worked and created meaningful worship experiences with gracious servants of God for the People of God.

St. Peter's is truly a special place, with special people. Thank you for loving me and letting me love y'all. Nothing but blessings and love always, I pray for y'all.





PRAYER NEEDS

- For Naji and his groups: for them to have an intimate relationship with Jesus as the True Vine
- That Jesus would appear in dreams and visions to the Yezidi and Kurds of N. Iraq, Iran, and Syria.
- to help him raise up more local leaders.

PARTNERS,

- For our new Believers among all 16 Unreached People groups: more love for God and neighbor and abiding in Christ.
- For our Iranian women and new baby. One just recently prayed to receive Jesus.
- For our leader of the Syrians, he has about 10 groups, and For all our leaders and team: Love for Jesus would increase, abiding time would be intimate, we would hear from Jesus and obey; love and pursue holiness.

OUR MISSION

We are Christians committed to supporting Jerry & Stacey Kramer and Love for the Least. Love for the Least is a MOVEMENT, moving with God in sharing the Compassion of Christ with an Unreached World. They are specifically working with orphans in Africa and North India and refugees in the Middle East.



FINANCIAL PROVISIONS NEEDED

Donations gratefully accepted at LovefortheLeast.org For more information, or to be added to the prayer initiative email list, please contact Abby at abby.blacklock@me.com.



OCTOBER USHERS



9:15 Services			
October 3rd	Barbara Jansen Larry Baird		
October 10th Hiram Wilson Nellwyn Sadler			
October 17th	Sarah Hilburn Junior Hilburn		
October 24th	Amy Richards Nellwyn Sadler		
October 31	Andy Bachofen Hiram Wilson		

11:15 Services

Mark Haufler John Murray Jerry Timko



FRIDAY BOOK STUDY



We are meeting on Fridays 11 AM to noon in the AV room, and also on online with Zoom.

We are studying Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor is an Episcopal priest who has been teaching the world's religions at the university-level for 20 years. In this study we will learn more about our own faith as Christians as we look at other religions.

Contact Susan Parker for more information and Zoom numbers. Parkers710@gmail.com or 830-257-3918



Lange of the Contemplative Prayer

We begin with a brief sacred reading, which leads us into a time of silence that lasts about 20 minutes.

The goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys.

We are affiliated with Contemplative Outreach LTD and World Community for Christian Meditation.

For schedule information contact Susan Parker at <u>parkers710@gmail.com</u> or 257-3918.



The DOK meets the 3rd Thursday of each month 11AM - 12 PM

Monthly Meeting Thursday, October 21st 11AM

If you have any questions, or need information, please contact:

Imelda Horne

830-896-5992 | mel_iam72207@vahoo.com

OR

Sarah Baetz 832-361-4176

PATH OF LIFE

Path of Life meets in the MPR on Wednesdays at 10:30AM.

> We will be studying "The Gospel of John" by Max Lucado.

All are welcome!



A Modified Return to Worship and Congregational Life:



Diocesan Protocols and Guidelines

Bishop Reed issued guidelines in May 2021 providing us room to begin lifting certain restrictions and revising our protocols. In anticipation of Sunday worship, the Vestry then approved the following protocols, which remain in use at this time:

- Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer *required* to wear a mask or physically distance indoors or outdoors on church premises.
- Masks and 6-feet distancing are expected and strongly encouraged for individuals who are not fully vaccinated indoors.
- We have resumed passing the offertory plates
- We are using the pew kneelers during worship.
- Almost all pews are now available for seating. A front section of the Nave will continue to offer space for distancing, should you wish.
- We are using the altar rail when taking Communion, and wine will be offered by intinction.

Other changes to our protocols will be made known as they are available.

Would you like us to bring Holy Eucharist to your home?

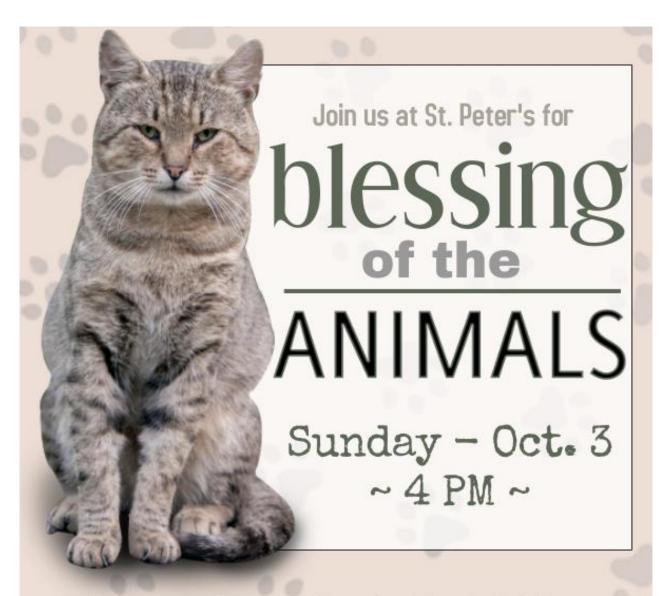
We would be glad to bring you Holy Communion at your convenience. You are an integral member of our church family, and we want you to be able to share in our sacramental life at St. Peter's.

Our Eucharistic Visitors are ready to bring Holy Communion to your home. They will follow all safety protocols to keep you safe. They will stay on the porch or come inside, whichever you would prefer. They will check in with you, share what is going on at church, pray with you, and then safely share with you the consecrated bread.



We are happy to provide this ministry to you. Please call or email Dave Weekley to schedule a Home Communion visit.

Dave Weekley | dweekley2K9@hctc.net | 830-377-2233



Bring your furry and scaly friends & join us under the St. Peter's School pavilion Sunday afternoon beginning at 4pm.

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Questions? Call the church office 257-8162

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FUND NAMES

Current Year Giving (general giving to operating fund)

Supper (Wed. Night Supper, suggested donation \$5)

Church Event (Special Luncheon/Dinner/Social Events, or other church-sponsored "event" (not coffee or Wednesday supper)

CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry donation)

Rector Disc Fund (Rector Discretionary Fund)

Assoc. Rector Discretionary Fund

Youth Minister Discretionary Fund

Youth Fundraiser (Goods Received)

Youth Fund (No Goods Received)

Memorial (Memorial Fund)

Flower Fund (altar flowers, poinsettias, easter lilies)

Rock of St. Peter's (Endowment - Get With It, Maintenance,

Benevolence, Burney Music)

Facility Use Deposit (Tucker Hall usage)

Christmas

Lent

Easter

Thanksgiving

Tract Rack (payment for bible study materials, Day by

Day, or any other publication)

Other (contact office)

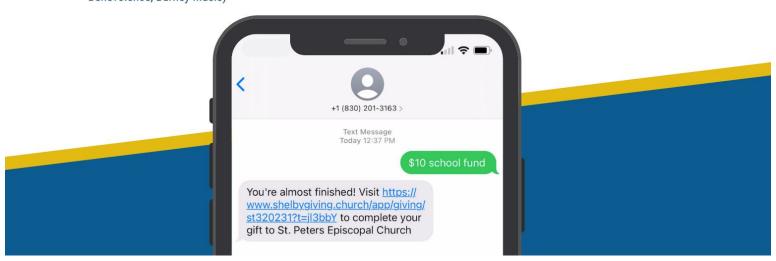
School Fundraiser (book sale or other fundraiser where

you are purchasing something)

School Fund (general donation)

Love for the Least

General Outreach (Blessings in a Backpack, etc.)





St. Peter's Episcopal School 1969 - 2021/22



This will be our 53rd year of educating young children. Please read all about the School on the Church website (www.stpeterskerrville.com). Our monthly on-line newsletter, "The Kid Konnection", highlights school events, health/safety info, PTO news, teacher bios, NAEYC articles, photos of school events and more. Join the Church Facebook to see more photos.

Over the summer, our staff participated in classes focusing on the needs of young children. Topics included: Preventing Abuse/Neglect, SIDS/Shaken Baby Syndrome, Emergency Preparedness, Early Intervention, Managing Challenging Behaviors, Supervision of children, Professional Development and more. I would like to thank Hill Country Crisis Council, KPD, Kerr EMS, DSHS, TDFPS, KISD and Alamo Colleges for leading these sessions. NAEYC preschools, like ours, strive to stay on top of the latest trends and early childhood studies.



Janet Boutin, School Director

830-257-0257

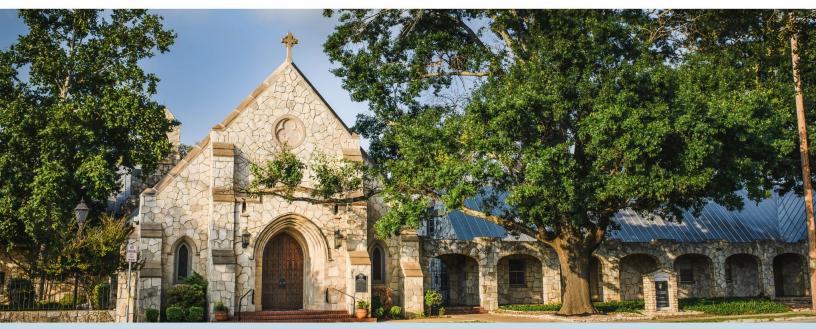
E-mail: stpeterskerrville@hotmail.com

Staff Member/Position	Years of Service	Staff Member/Position	Years of Service
Rosetta Abrahams, 2's Teacher	37	Aaron Riley, Maintenance	8
Janice McCutcheon, P.E. Teacher	36	Julie Murray, 4's Teacher	8
Delilah Lee, Administrative Assistant	28	Brad Shearhart, Music Teacher	7
Janet Boutin, School Director	23	Lisa Earl 4's Teacher	7
Sonya Vasquez, 3's Teacher	20	Toni Sullivan, Wobbler Teacher	4
Barbara Davila, 4's Teacher	19	Rebekah Strickland, 2's Teacher	3
Priscilla Lozano, Aide	18	Evelyn Arredondo, Aide	3
Melissa Aldrich, 4's Teacher	16	Chelsea Moseley, 2's Teacher	3
Maria Martinez, 3's Teacher	16	Lisa Carabajal, Aide	2
Danielle Molina, 3's Teacher	15	Kylie Nidever, 2's Teacher	2
Linda Riley, Kindergarten Assistant	14	Kamryn Maberry, Aide	2
Paige Fletcher, Kindergarten Teacher	14	Adriana Perez, Student Aide	2
Felicia Lehmann, Assistant Director	11	Kourtney Doster, Aide	1
Sandra Sosa, 3's Teacher	10	Hannah Lehmann, Student Aide	1
Ella Brown, Librarian	9	Katie Murray, Student Aide	1
Pam Haynes, Aide	9) P b
nank you for your support			

over the past 53 years!

* Office staff speaks Spanish fluently





WORSHIP SCHEDULE

"We give glory to God by knowing Christ and making Him known to others."

St. Peter's has begun a modified return to public worship, following certain guidelines set forth by our Diocese. Those guidelines are available on our website.

SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM
9:15 AM
The Holy Eucharist - Rite One, in the Nave
The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two, in the Nave

11:15 AM The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two, in the Nave, and streaming on

our <u>YouTube Channel</u>

WEDNESDAYS:

5:00 PM The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two in the Nave, and streaming

See our website: www.stpeterskerrville.com for links to current worship services.

In addition, past worship services and offerings are available on YouTube. Our Youtube channel link is on our home page - or search in YouTube for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville!



STAY CONNECTED

Beginning late last year, and into 2021, our Diocese and Vestry have approved protocols for a modified return to congregational life. Ministry groups are once again meeting in all areas of the campus, with most restrictions eased for all vaccinated individuals. As always, please contact Ginny in the church office to schedule a meeting room and time.



Below you will find the contact information for Ministry Leaders. Please be in touch with your respective Ministry Leader to learn how members of your ministry group are engaging with another, virtually or in person.

If you have questions, call the office. If you need support from your clergy, please contact Fr. Bert or Fr. Mike. We are here for you. Remember that we are knit together in love.

Ministry Group	Leader/Contact person	Contact info.
Clergy	The Rev. Bert Baetz	bert@stpeterskerrville.com
Clergy	The Rev. Mike Wheeler	mike@stpeterskerrville.com
News, Reviews, & Special Topics	Dane Tune	danetune@yahoo.com
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Rock Roadies	Polly Horany	<u>horanypr@me.com</u>
Prayers, Fellowship and Football (PFF)	Jon Wilems	<u>pjwilems@gmail.com</u>
Community Best Timers	Lynda Griffin	<u>lk.grffn@gmail.com</u>
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Rebecca Williamson	rwwilliamson@gmail.com
The Cottage Shop	Margaret Galloway	margaretgalloway41@gmail.com
Love for the Least Partners	Abby Blacklock	abbyblacklock@me.com
Hamburger Ministry	Ross Rommel	arossrommel@gmail.com



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Birthdays

Lynda	DeMasco	1-Oct	Bettye	Jackson	13-0ct
Kim	Cone	1-Oct	Jeanne	Pike	13-Oct
Marc	Cordova	2-Oct	Acia	Cagle	13-Oct
Micah	Fore	3-0ct	Tony	Cordova	14-Oct
Evelyn	Jewell	3-0ct	Wright	Roussel	15-Oct
Beaux	Cook	4-Oct	Gordon	Purl	15-Oct
Constant	Masterson	5-0ct	Amy	Ives	15-Oct
Barbara	Davila	6-Oct	Jackie	McClintock	15-Oct
Lynn	Hecht	6-Oct	Lyla	Lockhart	16-0ct
Calvin	Smajstrla	9-Oct	Jim	Brown	16-0ct
Jack	McClintock	9-Oct	Linda	Kelly	17-Oct
Randy	Baetz	9-Oct	Eloise	Baetz	17-Oct
Brandon	Grissom	11-Oct	Bebe	Hyde	18-Oct
Knox	Ligon	11-Oct	Dave	Weekley	18-Oct
James	Horne	11-Oct	Neal	Vereen	18-Oct
Tyson	Hale	12-Oct	Florence	Murray	19-Oct
Chris	Alvarez Chedzoy	12-Oct	Steve Ann	Kalinec	20-Oct
David	Baker	12-Oct	Dee	Shoultz	22-Oct

Richard	Mosty	23-Oct
Bob	Parmley	23-Oct
Serenity	Lewis-Lockhart	24-Oct
Charlene	Stacy	26-Oct
Betty	Capshaw	26-Oct
Sarah	Jons	27-Oct
Rita	Self	28-Oct
Polly	Horany	28-Oct
Helen	Miller	29-Oct
Stephen	Cordova	29-Oct
Willow	Raymond	30-Oct
Imelda	Horne	30-Oct
Fred	Henneke	31-0ct
Bob	Edwards	31-0ct
Melissa	Leonard	31-0ct
Livia	Fore	31-0ct

Happy Anniversary! Saphronia & P.J. Jons 11-0 Emily & Trev Ruse 14-0



Saphronia & P.J.	Jons	11-0ct
Emily & Trey	Russ	14-0ct
Rita & John	Self	15-Oct
Jennifer & Drew	Imel	25-Oct
Tamra & Marc	Sherron	25-Oct
Mendy & Chris	Clark	26-0ct





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FELICIA LEHMANN, SCHOOL ASSISTANT DIR.
DAVID MIRON, DIR. OF MUSIC/ORGANIST
KARA JOY BAKER, CHANCEL CHOIR DIR.
GUY SCOTT, FACILITIES MANAGER
BRUCE HEUN, SEXTON
KRISTIE KEESE, CONTROLLER

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St. Paul's Guild



	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
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	Harmer	Rita Self	Jane Quein
10	LouAnn	Paula Karl/	Dave Weekley/
	Maxwell	Susan Parker	Kay Hayes
17	Dave	Amanda MacDonald/	Doug Holmes/
	Weekley	Amy Ives	Susan Parker
24	Kim	Rita Self/	Herb Williamson/
	Chatalaine	Paula Karl	Jana Drane
31	Deidra	Susan Parker/	Fred Henneke/
	Harmer	Amanda MacDonald	Nicia Oakes





6-Rita **13**- Kim **20**-Nicia **27**- Jana

