April 2020



## The Rock Road



Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we

The Rev Bert Baetz Rector



The Rev. J. Michael Wheeler Assistant Priest



Ginny Stehling Parish Administrator



Kristie Keese Controller



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who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP 133).

The situation with the coronavirus changes on a daily basis, and these changes tire us and tempt us to fear without faith. In these such days, I am reminded of a most tumultuous time in the life of the disciples, which happened to be at the first Easter.

Three days prior to Jesus's resurrection the world as the disciples knew it had been turned upside down. The disciples had put their trust in Jesus, and then everything changed. Jesus was arrested and taken away from them. Their world had been disrupted and it was spinning into chaos. We can understand why we strip the altar on Maundy Thursday and leave in darkness. It is the most confusing night in the church year.

On Good Friday, the disciples might have awakened feeling like Jesus had a chance to live. Jesus had been sentenced to death, but he *could* have been released. It was either Jesus or Barabbas, and Barabbas was the crowd favorite. So, Jesus would be crucified. It was one more dramatic change for the disciples. Their Lord had been taken away from them, and he had died.

As the events of Easter unfold, we can understand why the disciples locked themselves in a room because of fear. They probably thought, "What next?" I am sure the disciples were wearied by the changes and chances of this life. But, on Easter, here came our God in his changeless love for the world (John 3:16). Jesus, raised from the dead came to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Even on Easter, he entered their chaotic world, and he met them in their fear. He, the one who had been raised from the dead, was right there with those who had been wearied by the changes and chances of this life.

God's changelessness must be his will to raise the dead and bring peace into a world of fear. Nothing will separate us from this love of God. Yes, these are "uncertain" times for many, and there are "uncertain" times for all of us wearied by the ever-present changes and chances of this life, but I am reminded of what we say even in the midst of death. At the graveside, while earth is cast upon the coffin, we say, "In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother/sister."

Even as I write this article, I am not sure what we might read in tomorrow's news, but I will rest in a sure and certain hope. On this day and always, may we hope for the risen Lord to come among us and say, "Peace be with you."

Faithfully.

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



Janet Boutin, Director, School



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Kara Joy Baker, Choir Director



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Bruce Heun, Sexton

#### **STAY CONNECTED!**

In a concerted effort to slow down the spread of the coronavirus, we have temporarily suspended public worship and in-person programs at St. Peter's. That said, we will stay connected as a church family. We are a community of Christians knit together in love (Colossians 2:2). So, even at a physical distance, we will want to stay connected with one another.



Below you will find the contact information for Ministry Leaders, and please be in touch with your respective Ministry Leader to learn how ministries are carrying on and groups are staying connected. If you have questions, call the church office. We are here for you. I am reminded how two thousand years ago St. Paul struggled with not seeing his fellow Christian brothers and sisters "face to face", but he was confident that our hearts are knit together in love. Let this be true with our church today.

#### **Ministry Group**

News, Reviews, & Special Topics Spiritual Formation Contemplative Prayer Path of Life

- Sisters and Scripture Friday Book Study Youth Sunday School Chancel Choir Praise Team Acolytes
- Altar Guild Eucharistic Visitors Greeters St. Paul's Guild Ushers

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#### **March Vestry Highlights**

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened the meeting with a prayer, and he welcomed the Rev. Jerry Kramer and a few other guests to the Vestry Meeting.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the February regular meeting.

The February financials had been emailed to the Vestry by the Controller, Kristie Keese. The financials had also been reviewed by the Finance Commission. The reports showed that our overall income was at 25% and expenses were at 16%. The financial report was approved by the Vestry.

After approving the February minutes and the February financials, the Vestry was then invited into a conversation with the Rev. Jerry Kramer about his ongoing ministry with *Love for the Least*. By way of introduction to the conversation, Fr. Bert shared that so far our parish has collected \$3,824.80 to support *Love for the Least* and that another \$1,500 from our Outreach Designated Funds will go to support Love for the Least. Fr. Jerry and the Vestry were certainly encouraged by that generous support from our parish. Fr. Bert then asked Fr. Jerry to share with the entire group how our parish can be relevant to the ministry carried out through *Love for the Least*. Fr. Jerry spoke to a number of ways in which our parish can have an ongoing relationship with *Love for the Least*, and members of the Vestry asked several questions that will likely keep our conversation going with him. Fr. Jerry closed his time with a prayer and then left the meeting with Fr. Mike walking Fr. Jerry to his car. The Vestry was grateful to have the time with Fr. Jerry.

On behalf of St. Peter's Episcopal School, Mark Haufler had emailed his report to the Vestry. The St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Day School Ministry Covenant has been finalized and reviewed by the Chancellor, Richard Mosty. The Covenant was presented to the School Board and approved by the School Board with three minor amendments. The 2020-2021 school calendar was presented and approved by the School Board. School enrollment remains at 140 with a capacity of 141 students. The Scholarship Committee will consist of Lynda DeMasco and Polly Horany. Smart Board upgrades and fundraising options were also discussed at the School Board meeting. Mark shared the dates for several upcoming activities at the School. Mark shared that a search will be underway for new members of the School Board. Lynda DeMasco will lead the search. The financials are strong in the school with revenues significantly higher than budgeted, due to full enrollment and higher than budgeted income in special services (after school care). The expenses are also slightly lower than budgeted, and the cash position of the school remains strong.

Jim Hayes reported on behalf of the Endowment Board. He reported on the Board's developments in establishing a new scholarship fund in the Rock of St. Peter's. He anticipated the gift for the new fund to be given to the church later in the week. Please see the article in this edition of the Rock Road pertaining to the newly established Charles and Pam McCaskill Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Eric Maloney reported on behalf of the Safe Campus Committee. Eric shared how he and committee members are still looking into ways in which we can keep the school safe and church members safe during worship services. He is working with members of the committee and his co-chair, Catherine Kern.

David Martin, Junior Warden, reported to the Vestry. David reported that the Tucker Hall and Vesting Room porch re-roofing project has been completed. He also reported that Seth Weatherford's repair work with the three stained glass windows almost complete. David also reported on a few additional miscellaneous projects and the approved "to-do" for the lighting project, the painting, and the bus carport and storage building. The storage building plans are currently being reviewed for a portable building.

Mickey Horany, Senior Warden, reported to Vestry. Mickey reported on a few highlights from Diocesan Council, and he reiterated points from the Vestry Retreat about our ministry of hospitality at St. Peter's. Fr. Bert said he would follow up with the Vestry in forwarding the email from the DWTX with highlights and videos from Diocesan Council.

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Fr. Bert reported to the Vestry. Fr. Bert spoke to the variety of programs offered in Lent, and he also reassured the Vestry that he is paying close attention to the information and communications from the DWTX pertaining to the coronavirus. Fr. Bert shared with the Vestry that he has settled on a fresh St. Peter's logo, having worked with a design company from Waco: Hole in the Roof. He plans to soon incorporate the logo into our communications and efforts to grow our Newcomers Ministry. Fr. Bert plans to consolidate the feedback from the Vestry from the Vestry Retreat and then report that information back to the Vestry.

Under Old Business, Fr. Bert publicly thanked Lou Ann Maxwell for her hard work in developing and drafting the Church and School Covenant. While others have been involved in the process, Lou Ann has dedicated a great of time and thought to the final version of the Covenant. The Church and School Covenant was approved by the Vestry.

Also, under Old Business, the Vestry approved a revised version of the Tucker Hall Usage Agreement that more closely aligns with the church's mission. The revised Agreement does not allow for non-members of the parish to rent Tucker Hall – only church members and non-profit organizations. The agreement also has updated usage fees, deposits, and clean-up charges. Please see the Parish Administrator for a copy of the revised contract if you are considering using Tucker Hall.

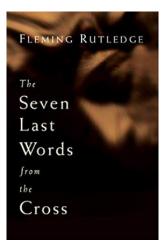
Toward the end of the meeting, the Rector expressed his gratitude to the Vestry for their dedication and showing up to important meetings and events in the life of the parish. The Vestry and Rector closed their meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was then adjourned.

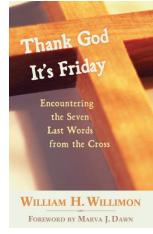
The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 20, at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room of Tucker Hall. As always, anyone in the parish is welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the agenda and speak, however, please notify the Rector no later than the previous Tuesday, April 14, when he writes the agenda and then sends the agenda to the Vestry.

#### **Recommended Reading** For Holy Week:

Coupled with the St. Peter's Lenten Series, here are two books Father Bert recommends in preparation for Holy Week:







<u>The Seven Last Words from the Cross</u> by Fleming Rutledge

and

<u>Thank God it's Friday:</u> <u>Encountering the Seven Last Words</u> <u>from the Cross</u> by William H. Willimon

#### Thoughts in These Times

It's very strange to attempt to write in the midst of a vacuum, while one waits with a mixture of anticipation, some anxiety-apprehension, much lack of knowledge, and yet feeling that a great deal is potentially (probably) at stake. These covid-19 times feel as quiet as they do frenetic; waiting, waiting, waiting. Seige mentality comes to mind, something I try to beat back. So, I pray. Watch the endless news cycles. Search my Android for numbers and statistics. Call my children and loved ones, all scattered around, some in what are now being called "hot spots", which doesn't comfort me.

I go to bed at night peacefully enough (sort of) but wake with the same thoughts first thing in the morning. Not a planned trip or a special dinner to shop for and cook with my wife; not a great film to see or even a busy day at the church. No, it's shorter than that. Things are a bit blunted. Narrower. More immediate. We all know that we're all consumed with the same thoughts all day long, all night long. It's not just in our conversations. It's in our eyes and new and awkward unspoken mannerisms. For now.

For how long? Who knows? But I think I know what you and I might do as Christians who believe in Good News over and against bad news: Call a church member and check in with them, especially if they are confined and/or alone. Send notes of encouragement. Drop off a meal, if possible. Pick up their meds. Give to the Christian Assistance Ministry (and St. Peter's...must keep that going!). Plant a flower or vegetable and watch it grow, oblivious to our anxieties.

Pray the Lord's Prayer often. Forgive everyone everything, for we must. Read the Scriptures, pondering God's Word as did our Blessed Mother, even when told a sword would pierce her heart. Confess and make amends. Receive Holy Communion as often as possible. It's Lent, for goodness sake. We know how to do these things. These aren't genius ideas; just practical ways of being saints in these times.

And when these times become different times, we'll have new times. Some, interesting. Some, sad. Some, hilarious (hopefully!). Some, routine and familiar. We'll be who we've always tried to be--Christians alive in the Risen Christ and heralds of the eternal Good News: "It is I. Do not be afraid!"

Peace be with you,

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#### PAM AND CHARLES McCASKILL ESTABLISH NEW ENDOWED FUND In the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment

It is with great pleasure and deep gratitude that we announce that our parishioners Pam and Charles McCaskill have established an endowed fund in their names in the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment. The McCaskill Endowment will provide scholarship aid to children desirous of attending the St. Peter's School; to St. Peter's youth desirous of attending Diocesan programs at facilities such as Camp Capers, Mustang Island and Duncan Park in Colorado; and, to various young adults seeking higher education at colleges and universities. This week the McCaskills funded their new endowment with a \$100,000 contribution. They intend to make further significant contributions to their endowed fund during their lifetimes and through estate planning by way of which they have provided for substantial bequests to be made to the endowment from their estates upon their deaths. The establishment of this new endowment is deeply appreciated and will provide meaningful scholarship aid to our youth for generations to come.

The McCaskill's decision to create such an endowment is indicative of the growing awareness amongst St. Peters' parishioners of the very important role our Rock of St. Peter's Endowment plays in the life of our parish. That awareness was sparked by an initiative that was undertaken two years ago by our St. Peter's Endowment Commission to heighten our parishioners' understanding of the many ways in which a strong and well-funded endowment can ensure that we accomplish our mission of knowing Christ and making him known to others.

By creating their new endowed fund, the McCaskills have joined two other parishioner families who established endowed funds in the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment during the past two years.

Last year the MacDonald Family elected to assume the parish's \$475,000 debt that stemmed from the acquisition of the Jefferson Street Apartments adjacent to Tucker Hall. Then they established an endowed fund in the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment into which the revenue from the apartment complex will flow in future years. The cash flow off the apartments has already generated \$25,000 for this fund.

Two years ago another parishioner family, that wishes to remain anonymous, created a new endowed fund entitled The Get With It Fund. The income generated by this fund is to be applied to parish operations as deemed appropriate by the Vestry. This parishioner family is funding this endowment with a \$1,000,000 gift that is being paid incrementally over a period of 10 years in the amount of \$100,000 annually. Those payments commenced two years ago.

The foregoing gifts indicate our parishioners' growing awareness of the benefits of a strong endowment and the inestimable benefits such a strong endowment can have on the life of our parish. So please keep the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment in your thoughts when you consider annual or testamentary giving. We are well on our way to establishing a very strong endowment that can serve as the financial lifeblood of this parish for generations to come. Please help us to make our goal a reality.

The Rev. Bert O. Baetz, III - Rector Mickey Horany - Senior Warden Richard Mosty - Chancellor James Hayes - Endowment Board Member Ross Rommel - Chairman Endowment Board Member



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

## WORLD LABYRINTH DAY A Global Celebration of the Labyrinth

#### May 2, 2020- "WALK as One at One"

In its 12<sup>th</sup> year, World Labyrinth Day is a time for people across the world to walk as one at one PM on labyrinths to create a wave of rolling peace. Last year, an estimated 5000 people participated in at least 35 countries around the world.

With the Corona virus and social distancing recommendations, The Labyrinth Guild is aware of concerns. The Labyrinth walk at 1PM on Saturday, May 2 will continue with whoever wants to show up. As our labyrinth is outdoors and open 24/7, we will carry on.

Our Plan is to start at noon with a dedication of the canvas labyrinths and refreshments. At the least, we will walk the labyrinth at one. Any changes will go out in an email from the church. Peace.

**SAVE THE DATE-** 9/19/2020 – THE LABYRINTH GUILD has been planning for a Twenty Year Celebration of the Labyrinth at St. Peter's. Cindy Bachman is the force behind all planning, putting together with Father Bert a Rededication Ceremony and reception for that Saturday. More to come on that event.

#### LabyrinthSociety.org/world-labyrinth-day Share your walk, tag posts #LabyrinthDay on social media

## Have you tried ONLINE GIVING?

Instructions for logging into St. Peter's ONLINE GIVING:

Go to the church website: www.stpeterskerrville.com

CLICK **Resources** CLICK **Give to St. Peters** In the Donate Now box, CLICK **Sign in** Enter email & password CLICK **My Account** 

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From the dropdown, you can view giving history, update personal information and recurring payment information. In addition, you can change your password in the Account Info section.

If you forgot your log in credentials, please email <u>kristie@stpeterskerrville.com</u> for instructions and password resets.



#### \*COVID-19\* UPDATE\*

We have many fun and exciting events on the church calendar ahead. Will they all happen? I am hopeful, yet remain unsure. Please keep these dates penciled in your calendar and we commit to keeping you informed as adjustments are needed.

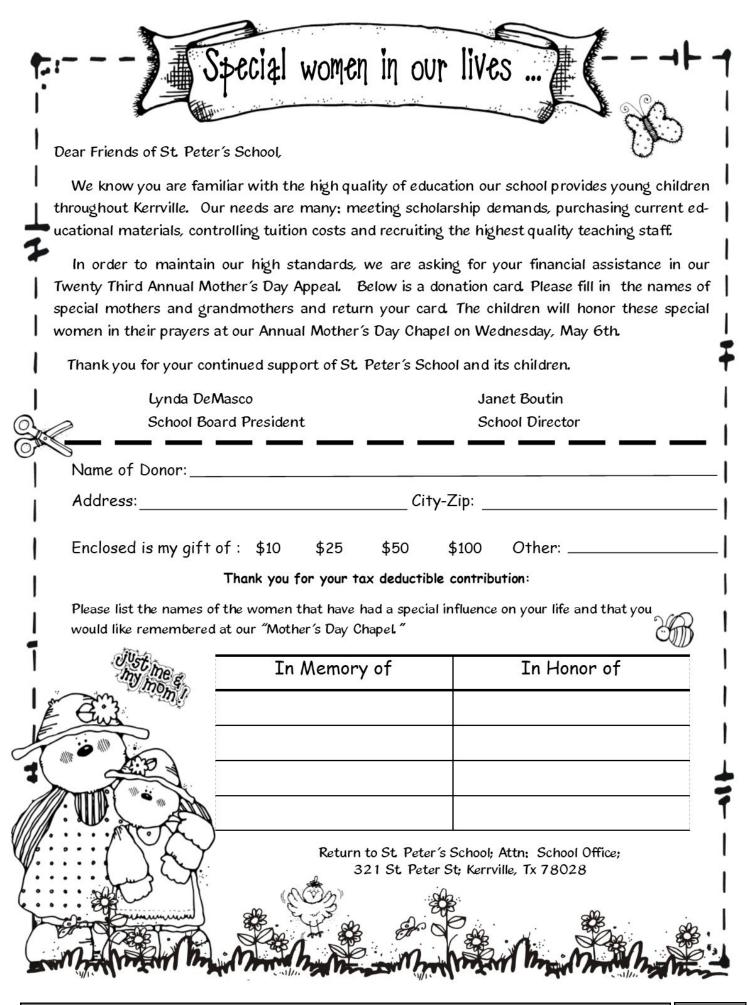
As a parent, youth program director and parish minister I understand these times are trying. There is so much that we just don't know and so much that we cannot control! As I write this, I am waiting on Kerrville ISD to unfold their plans following spring break. Will they extend spring break? Will parents be in charge of online learning? SO many questions come to mind! By the time you read this, I'm sure we will know the answers to those questions, but I guarantee we will still have more questions than answers. With so much up in the air, I think it's time to stop. Take in a deep breath. And focus on what we DO know. What do we know?

We know that we have a Creator who loves us. A God who sustains us. He gave his son as a ransom for many. We know that the Bible tells us that there is nothing we can do to earn God's favor. We can rest in the finished work of Christ on the cross. THAT is good news, my friends! The Christian gospel is not about our climb to piety. It is about God's descent into our world, our hurt, our failures and our confusion. We are unconditionally loved and saved not because of something we have done, will do or even could do. "It is finished," proclaimed Christ on the cross! Scripture does not promise an easy or safe life, but it does proclaim the Good News. In that, we can find peace amongst the chaos.

That being said, St. Peter's will comply with the physical distancing recommendations from our Bishop and local authorities. We are now offering digital gatherings to encourage social, faith based community despite our physical distance. Check out our new YouTube channel. How great is that! After we work out our kinks in the new system for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, please stay tuned for more offerings for our children, youth and families. Please be patient as these methods are new for us, as well. We commit to doing our best and will continue to serve you, our parish and the local community!

In the mean time, don't be a stranger. Feel free to reach out to me via email, text or phone call if you have any great ideas, suggestions or just want to chat. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any needs that the church can help with.

God Bless, Brian Blacklock (281) 619-4447



## Adult Sunday School Offerings

We have temporarily suspended our in-person gatherings. These classes and programs will resume as soon as possible. Use the contact information on page 2 of this issue of the Rock Road to STAY CONNECTED!



#### **NEWS, REVIEWS & SPECIAL TOPICS**

AV Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the church office

Sundays, 10:15am-11:10am

#### Dane Tune, leader

A continuing, usually provocative, sometimes controversial and never dull examination of current events in both religious and secular worlds with an eye to the moral and ethical content of these events. This class is designed to raise both the ethical and moral issues in our contemporary culture and to provide our thought about appropriate religious and specifically Christian responses to them. While the subject is carefully prepared, the class encourages full discussion from the participants.

#### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

Church library

Sundays, 10:15am-11:10am

#### Susan Clark, leader

The spiritual formation group chooses and studies books on many different subjects related to our Christian faith. The class begins with prayer and then members enjoy a lively discussion of the chapter read for the day. Everyone's opinion matters and is respected by the group. Everyone is welcome so grab a coffee and pastry and come be part of the group!

#### THROUGH THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: BAPTISM, DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION (continues through April 5)

#### Multi-Purpose Room

Sundays, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 10:15am - 11:00am

#### Fr. Bert and Fr. Mike, teachers

The life and destiny of the Christian begins and ends in what the Church calls the Paschal (Easter) Mystery, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God. Our baptismal union into Christ's death, burial and resurrection grants forgiveness of sins and new life in the Holy Spirit (Catechism, BCP 858). Join us in this class to explore the life each of us has in Christ.



## **Sundays for Children**



We have temporarily suspended our in-person gatherings. These classes and programs will resume as soon as possible. Use the contact information on page 2 of this issue of the Rock Road to STAY CONNECTED!

#### NURSERY (year round)

 Ages:
 0-2 years

 When:
 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

 Where:Shelton Hall Room 3
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 Contact:
 Mayra Sifuentes, Childcare Staff

 Mayrastar0123@gmail.com
 Brian Blacklock, Children's & Youth Minister

 brian@stpeterskerrville.com

Our church nursery is in Shelton Hall Room 3. Children ages 0-2 will be cared for and supervised by our Childcare Staff.

**PRE-SCHOOL** (during the school year)

Ages: 3-4 years

When: 9:15 am and 11:15 am

Where: Shelton Hall Room 2

Contact: Brian Blacklock, Children's & Youth Minister

brian@stpeterskerrville.com

Preschoolers are invited to attend our lectionary-based child care. Parents may drop their little ones off in Shelton Hall Room 2 before service begins. Kids will hear a story relating to the weekly Gospel reading, practice a memory verse, and either play a game or make a small craft. Children with parental permission will be escorted to "big church" to join their parents in time for the Peace and Holy Communion. Children without permission will join the nursery in Shelton Hall Room 3.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (during the school year)

Ages: Pre-school – High School When: 10:15 am Where:Pre-School - Kindergarten, Shelton Hall Room 2 1st -5<sup>th</sup> grade, Chapel 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth Room Contact: Brian Blacklock, Children's & Youth Minister <u>brian@stpeterskerrville.com</u> Jennifer Ligon, Children's Ministry Coordinator Carter Crain, Children's Ministry Volunteer

We are pleased to offer Sunday School to all of our children and teenagers. We will join the parish as it follows Bishop Reed's invitation to study the Book of Acts. We will break up the book in small manageable 4-6 week series with breaks to study Advent and Lent.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (year round)

Ages: Kinder - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

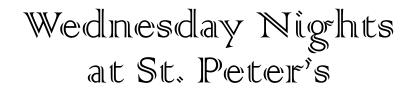
When: 9:15 am Service

Where: Chapel

Contact: Brian Blacklock, Children's & Youth Minister

brian@stpeterskerrville.com

We are pleased to offer Children's Chapel in our newly restored Chapel. At the gospel hymn, school aged children will process from "big church" to the chapel where they will partake in a child oriented liturgical service complete with songs, a Gospel reading, lectionary-based lesson, our children's creed and a brief Prayers of the People. Children will return to "big church" to join their family in time for the Peace and Holy Communion.



#### Wednesdays During Lent (March 4 - April 1)

Wednesday Holy Eucharist has been temporarily canceled, As well as our Lenten Series Soup Suppers.

#### 6:30 pm - Lenten Speaker Series

March 4 - The Rev. Jerry Kramer March 11 - The Rev. Beth Wyndham March 18 - The Rev. John Newton, Rector, St. Michaels's, Austin March 25 - The Rev. Shanna Neff, Rector, Church of the Messiah, Gonzales April 1 - The Rev. Kelly Koonce, Executive Director, Life After Loss

Please tune in to our <u>New St. Peter's YouTube Channel</u> to hear these messages each Wednesday evening during Lent.

Electronic users, click here for our new channel:



#### SISTERS AND SCRIPTURE – Church Parlor (Resumes after Lent)

6:30-7:30 pm, Lisa Earl, Leader - lisaearl29@gmail.com

The women in Sisters and Scriptures come together for prayer and study. This year the group will study *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Sisters and Scriptures is a woman's bible study geared toward young adult women. Please join us on Wednesday evenings!



## Class Offerings

Throughout the week

We have temporarily suspended our in-person gatherings. These classes and programs will resume as soon as possible. Use the contact information on page 2 of this issue of the Rock Road to STAY CONNECTED!



#### Path of Life – Multipurpose Room in Tucker Hall Wednesdays 10:30 am - Noon Becky Purl and Betty Mosty, leaders

Path of Life (POL) will be studying the book <u>Walk in Love</u> – a journey through the Book of Common Prayer guided by two Episcopal priests. It is a look at the practices and beliefs found within the Episcopal faith. Books will be available for purchase at the first class, September 11, 2019. Everyone is welcome to join this caring, sharing and fun Bible study.

#### Contemplative Prayer – Church office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room Tuesdays 2-3 pm and Fridays 10-11 am Susan Parker, leader

St. Peter's sponsors two contemplative prayer groups. 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 information contact Susan Parker at parkers710@gmail.com or 257-3918.

#### Friday Book Study – Church office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Audio-Visual Room Fridays 11 am – Noon

#### Susan Parker, contact person

This group reads and discusses books that stretch our faith and help us to grow. Some of the authors we have read include Richard Rohr, Ronald Rolheiser, Ilia Delio, John Spong, Diarmuid O'Murchu, and Belden Lane. The groups is led by a facilitator. Discussion is encouraged; the group is ecumenical. The group is studying *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe* by Richard Rohr, OFM. Contact Susan Parker at parkers710@gmail.com or 257-3918 for more information.



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#### Church Periodical Club Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Ingathering

The Church Periodical Club—dedicated to the Ministry of the Printed Word throughout the world—was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Drake Fargo, wife of a member of the Wells, Fargo Express firm. Mary Ann and her friends in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, "sent bundles of church periodicals, prayer books, and Bibles via the Wells Fargo Stage Coach Line to clergy and laity, missionaries and Indians in the Dakotas, and the 'far west'" (http://www.churchperiodical.com/historyorganization.html).

The CPC, an affiliated and growing mission organization of the Episcopal Church, continues to serve by supplying reading, study, reference, teaching, and devotional materials free to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. Wherever the Episcopal Church is at work—at home or abroad, in inner city or seminary or distant mission outpost—CPC books, periodicals, weekly church bulletins, and other reading materials are there as well.

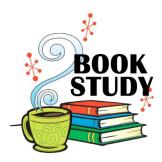


The work of the Church Periodical Club is financed by the contributions of individuals and parishes. Supporting CPC is one of the most effective ways of carrying out Christ's command: "Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:19 KJV).

On *May 3*, a special collection will be taken up at all three services during the offertory for the use by the Church Periodical Club's National Books Fund Program. Last year's contribution of over \$300.00 by our parish helped fund \$14,980.60 for 7 domestic parishes and programs, as well as over \$24,000.00 for African parishes, schools and colleges, and two dozen Tanzanian seminary (or other Christian training center) students. We would like to present more to the fund this year. Please donate!

For more information on the CPC's National Books Fund visit http://www.churchperiodical.com/national-books-fund-history.html.

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#### FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

Friday - 11 am to Noon in the Audio-Visual Room in the Office Building.

> Anyone is welcome please join us!

*The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe* by Richard Rohr, OFM, is the book the group will be studying beginning February 28. Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America, writes of *The Universal Christ*, "Here Fr Richard helps us to see and hear Jesus of Nazareth in what he taught, what he did and who he is – the loving, liberating and life-giving expression and presence of God. In so doing, he is helping Christianity to reclaim its soul anew."

Bono, of U2, writes, "Rohr sees the Christ everywhere, and not just in people. He reminds us that the first incarnation of God is in creation itself, and he tells us that 'God loves things by becoming them.' Just for that sentence, and there are so many more, I cannot put this book down."

The Friday group meets Fridays, 11-12, in the Office Audio-Visual Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Susan Parker at 830-285-3874 or <u>parkers710@gmail.com</u>.



#### THE COTTAGE SHOP

(830) 257-0290 Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9-5pm or Saturday, 9-1pm

Our shop has been closed the last 2 weeks due to recent concerns regarding the coronavirus.

Thank you for understanding, as we care for ourselves and our community!

Stay tuned as we continue to monitor the situation. We hope you will soon be able to

#### Shop, Donate, & Volunteer!

#### Attention: Graduating Seniors!

Here is a friendly reminder that **ECW scholarship applications** are due on Sunday April 19, the Sunday after Easter.

You can mail your application to: Barbara Cordova, 151 Paradise Ave. Kerrville, TX 78028, or you can leave your application in the church office in an envelope addressed to Barbara Cordova.



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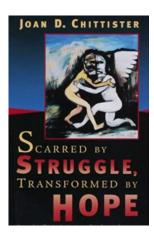
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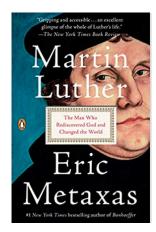
Please join St. Jerome's Guild on Wednesday, April 1, for a book review by Father Bert Baetz.

We will meet in Tucker Hall at 2:00 to hear Father Bert review <u>Scarred by</u> <u>Struggle Transformed by Hope</u> by Joan Chittister. We hope to see you there!

#### IN MAY:

On Wednesday, May 6, St. Peter's member Victoria Wilson will offer her review of <u>Martin Luther:</u> <u>The Man who Rediscovered God</u> <u>and Changed the World</u> by Eric Metaxas.





#### From Amazon.com:

From number one *New York Times* best-selling author Eric Metaxas comes a brilliant and inspiring biography of the most influential man in modern history, Martin Luther, in time for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

On All Hallow's Eve in 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther posted a document he hoped would spark an academic debate but that instead ignited a conflagration that would forever destroy the world he knew. Five hundred years after Luther's now famous *95 Theses* appeared, Eric Metaxas, acclaimed biographer of the best-selling *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* and *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*, paints a startling portrait of the wild figure whose adamantine faith cracked the edifice of Western Christendom and dragged medieval Europe into the future. Written in riveting prose and impeccably researched, *Martin Luther* tells the searing tale of a humble man who, by bringing ugly truths to the highest seats of power, caused the explosion whose sound is still ringing in our ears. Luther's monumental faith and courage gave birth to the ideals of faith, virtue, and freedom that today lie at the heart of all modern life.

#### Please join St. Jerome's Guild in Tucker Hall at 2:00 PM on Wednesday May 6, for Victoria's review.

## **BEST TIMERS**

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## April 23 ~ 11:30 am At **Sake Home Cooking**

845 Junction Hwy.

Kerrville, Texas



All ages are invited to our social hour luncheon each month RSVP to Lynda Griffin At <u>lk.grffn@gmail.com</u> Or (830) 896-5163

## We have the **BEST** time!

#### Coming up:

May 28 - Brew Dawgz June 25 - The Boat July 23 - Soaring Dragon

#### APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

\*\*Should we be able to come together to worship, these are the ushers scheduled.

#### 9:15 Services

- 5th Barbara Jansen Larry Baird Hiram Wilson
- 12th Sarah Hilburn Junior Hilburn Andy Bachofen
- 26th Sue Whinnery Doug Whinnery Nellwyn Sadler

#### 11:15 Services

Jerry Timko Kevin DeVore Karen Weber Doug Holmes

<u>April 19th</u> Annual Picnic at Camp Mystic

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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#### **GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

#### THURSDAY, MAY 7th

**TUCKER HALL** 

**GATHERING AT 10:00** 

#### **MEETING AT 10:30**

#### LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW



# Presentation by the St. Peter's Labyrinth Guild

\*All women of the church are invited!!

## **Reasons to Celebrate in April!**

### Happy Birthday to you:

| David     | Motley      | 1-Apr  |
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| Brandy    | Weatherford | 3-Apr  |
| Kevin     | DeVore      | 4-Apr  |
| Sandra    | Chapman     | 5-Apr  |
| Callie    | Hilderbran  | 5-Apr  |
| Lois      | Underwood   | 5-Apr  |
| Justin    | Leonard     | 6-Apr  |
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| Jo-An     | Evans       | 6-Apr  |
| Brody     | McRae       | 8-Apr  |
| Paxton    | McRae       | 8-Apr  |
| Кау       | Reichenau   | 10-Apr |
| Rosemary  | Romero      | 10-Apr |
| Helen     | Eisaman     | 11-Apr |
| Bobby Joe | Poindexter  | 14-Apr |
|           | Alvarez     |        |
| Alizah    | Chedzoy     | 15-Apr |
| Melissa   | Fields      | 15-Apr |
| Herb      | Galloway    | 15-Apr |
| Julianne  | Hunnicutt   | 15-Apr |
| Gail      | Brown       | 16-Apr |
| Susan     | Roberts     | 16-Apr |
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| Catherine | Kern       | 17-Apr |
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| Mary      | Schmidt    | 18-Apr |
| Valerie   | Stinnett   | 19-Apr |
| Beck      | Wofford    | 19-Apr |
| Clay      | Lehman     | 20-Apr |
| Elizabeth | Schneider  | 21-Apr |
| Bunny     | Bond       | 23-Apr |
| Bill      | Crum       | 23-Apr |
| Caroline  | Williams   | 23-Apr |
| Frank     | Bachman    | 24-Apr |
| Susan     | Balentine  | 24-Apr |
| Mary Kate | Motley     | 24-Apr |
| Fred      | Cannon     | 25-Apr |
| Kristy    | Vandenberg | 25-Apr |
| Rachel    | Boland     | 26-Apr |
| Abby      | Maloney    | 26-Apr |
| Maryallen | Meriwether | 26-Apr |
| Mark      | Haufler    | 29-Apr |
| Frank     | Call       | 30-Apr |
| John      | Murray     | 30-Apr |
| Robert    | Ward       | 30-Apr |
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| lm             |    | Palm Sunday     | 915AM           | Mills Ligon/Susan Parker/Imelda Horne |
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|                | 9  | Maundy Thursday |                 | Ted Whittier/Susan Parker             |
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| ĒŔ             |    |                 | 9:15 AM         | Imelda Horne/Amy Ives/Mills Ligon     |
|                |    |                 | 11:15 AM        | Lynda Devore/Kay Hayes/Jim Hayes      |
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|                | 26 | Sunday          | 8:00 AM         | Kin Chatalain/Ted Whittier            |
|                |    |                 | 915AM           | Susan Parker/Amanda McDonald          |
|                |    |                 | 11:15 AM        | Paula Karl/Dave Weekley               |
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Holy Baptism