

The Rev. Bert Baetz,
Rector



The Rev. J. Michael
Wheeler
Assistant Priest



Ginny Stehling
Parish Administrator



Kristie Keese
Controller



David Miron, Dir.
of Music/Organist



Brian Blacklock
Children's and Youth
Minister

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen (BCP 395).

Dear St. Peter's Family,

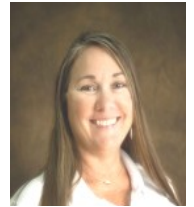
I remember when our first child learned how to stand on her tiptoes. She was still in a crib, and whether she was up from a nap or awake for the day, she would brace herself on the crib, and she would stand on her tiptoes expecting to see mommy or daddy walk through her bedroom door at any moment.

The spiritual posture for Advent is like the child standing on tiptoes in joyful expectation. We sing with expectant hearts: come thou long expected Jesus. We pray that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear *rejoice* to behold his appearing (BCP 378). We can expect Christ to come again, and this is the good news of Advent.

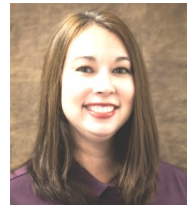
The early church stood on her tiptoes. The earliest Christians expected Jesus to come again at any moment, and they waited with hope and joy for the second coming of Christ. St. Paul wrote to the early church in Philippi, "There's far more to life for us. We're citizens of heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthly bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him" (Philippians 3:20-21, *The Message*). Yes, our God is a most generous God, and we can expect an even more wonderful life when Christ will come again.

I would encourage you to seize an opportunity to prepare yourself for the Advent of our Lord. Pray with your family around the Advent wreath. Stand on the tip of your toes when you sing an Advent hymn in church. Let yourself reclaim the joy of a child in this time of year. It is like the child waiting for the most special person in her life to walk through the door. Come, Lord Jesus, come. We will wait for you with joyful and expectant hearts.

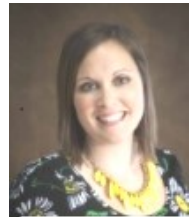
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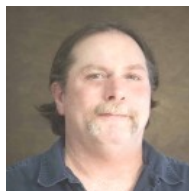
Janet Boutin,
Director, School



Felicia Lehmann,
Asst. Dir., School



Kara Joy Baker,
Choir Director



Guy Scott, Facilities
Manager



Bruce Heun,
Sexton

November Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened the meeting with prayers, and then several members of the Vestry shared life and ministry moments. Several members shared how they were inspired by *Taking the Next Step* Sunday.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the regular October meeting.

The October 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 is at 87% and expenses are at 89%. Kristie noted that while the giving was down for the month of October, the giving has increased for the beginning part of November. The financial report was approved by the Vestry.

On behalf of St. Peter's Episcopal School, Dee Elliott reported to the Vestry. Dee shared how the board is determining how to use the school endowment funds for special projects and events associated with the school. It was also reported that the school board members attended the most recent faculty meeting to express their appreciation and support of the faculty after the most recent NAEYC accreditation process.

Mickey Horany, Stewardship Commission Chair, reported to the Vestry. Mickey reported that members of the parish continue to turn in Estimate of Giving cards, and at this point, 73% of the cards returned are new or increased commitments. A letter and Estimate of Giving cards will be sent to those members of the parish who were not with us on *Taking the Next Step* Sunday. We look for more participation in our corporate effort to grow spiritually through the practice of generosity. The results of the campaign will be announced in early December. Mickey also thanked his fellow Vestry members for their help in serving the meal provided on *Taking the Next Step* Sunday.

David Martin, Chair of the Christian Formation Commission, reported to the Vestry. The Commission held its quarterly meeting on November 12. The Commission received updates on fellowship, education, and outreach. David also shared information on the upcoming events in Advent and Christmas.

Jim Hayes, member of the Endowment Board, reported to the Vestry. The Board continues to discuss a spending rate on endowment funds and will meet again in January. The Board also continues to focus on communications and sharing the purpose and gift of the endowment to the parish.

Lou Ann Maxwell, member of the Budgeting Committee, reported to the Vestry. The Committee has been meeting since October and will present a budget to the Vestry in January for a vote.

Lou Ann Maxwell, member of the Vestry and Delegates Nominating Committee, reported to the Vestry. The committee has several communicants in good standing on the slate, and nominations will close December 29.

Stephen Drane, Junior Warden, reported to the Vestry. Stephen is continuing to investigate options on relocating the green container on Jefferson or an alternative for a storage shed. He also reported that he is working on repairs to the bell tower.

Lou Ann Maxwell, Senior Warden, reported to the Vestry. Lou Ann reported on a couple of items of business related to payments from a bequest to the church and church-owned mineral rights. She also shared her ministry moment in writing. Lou Ann wrote:

Fr. Bert reported to the Vestry. Fr. Bert thanked the Vestry for their service on *Taking the Next Step* Sunday. He appreciated their part with serving at the brunch and their overall support and involvement in the campaign. Fr. Bert said he received significant positive feedback on the devotional used during the Taking the Next Step campaign. The devotional was written by Robert Schnase, and Fr. Bert plans to use more from Schnase on certain spiritual practices of fruitful congregations. Fr. Bert also reminded the Vestry about the Vestry and Staff Christmas Party cohosted by the Rector and Senior Warden at the Maxwell home.

Under New Business, David Martin and Lou Ann Maxwell reported on a list of capital repairs needed on campus. The list was presented with estimated costs for each project. The Vestry took action to proceed with certain projects giving the Finance Commission oversight and discretion in how each project can be funded from the appropriate sources.

The Vestry held an executive session. Following the executive session, the Vestry and Rector closed their meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 16, 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, December 10, when he writes the agenda and then sends the agenda to the Vestry.

Let's Keep Our Eyes on the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment

As we approach the end of the year, the members of our parish's Endowment Commission are pleased to share with you the good progress the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment is enjoying. Please recall that during the past year we have made a concerted effort to bring to your attention the significant importance of our Endowment in providing financial security for our parish for years to come. As our endowment grows, our ability to increase our ministry grows, too.

In February of this year our Endowment Commission established a 10-year goal of \$8 Million for our endowed funds. At year end 2019, our endowed funds stand at approximately \$2,476,000. Aggregate growth for the past 36 months has been 25% when including contributions to the endowment and appreciation in the value of underlying assets. We were fortunate to have received parishioner contributions to the endowment of over \$100,000 during both this year and last. With generous contributions from parishioners and a reasonable rate of return on invested funds, we should be able to reach our 10-year goal of \$8 Million. If we reach that goal, our financial concerns are over. A 5% yield on funds of that amount will yield \$400,000 annually -- a sum clearly sufficient to accommodate any budgetary shortfalls. Our recent stewardship campaign, Taking the Next Step, focused entirely on our need to give, not on the St Peter's need to meet a budget. You should know that, in recent years we have not met our budget through our stewardship campaign and our endowment has covered the short fall. However, it has not been at a sustainable spend rate. If we meet our 10 year goal short falls will be a thing of the past, and we can increase our outreach.

It is important that you know that the members of your Endowment Commission are consistently monitoring the manner in which your funds are being invested and insuring that the spend rate on those funds is consistent with prudent investment practices.

Thanks to all of those who have strengthened The Rock of St. Peter's Endowment—either with direct contributions or through estate provisions. Both are important. Both help us prepare for a future we cannot see. Should you wish to discuss the manner and means of giving to our Endowment, please contact one of the members of our Endowment Commission. They are listed below. All of these folks join me in wishing you a wonderful Advent and Christmas.

Rock of St. Peter's Endowment Board

Carter Crain
Bill Crumrine
Jim Hayes
Karen Kilgore
Granger MacDonald
Ross Rommel
Dave Weekley
Herb Williamson

Update on the Organ Rebuild - 11-19-19

An ad-hoc committee of Rebecca Williamson, David Martin, Stephen Drane, Rev. Bert Baetz, and myself, David Miron, has been meeting about design issues with the organ. We met Tuesday, November 19, to discuss the progress of the organ rebuild project, and want to share this information with the parish.

To date, this work has been completed:

- Uninstalled, labeled, and packed all the components
- Redesigned the layout and structure
- Rebuilt the wind system
- Built structures for main and single wind chests (where the pipes sit)
- Installed about half of that structure
- Built most of the other structural parts
- Installed some; the structures are being installed from the back forward and floor up

In addition, we were given a 'free' organ from a church in San Antonio that was closing (which has a value of about \$30000). I spent about 6 weeks disassembling and packing this organ. I'm planning to incorporate most of the parts into our organ. This more than doubles the number of lower-pitched voices in the organ, allowing me to accompany hymns with more body and without as many of the higher-pitched stops that are difficult for people with hearing assistance devices.

The thing on most people's mind is: when will I be finished? My original estimate, with some changes approved by vestry, would have placed completion about November 21st. As in any rebuild (think an old house), I encountered unexpected things, and so most of the work has taken 30-40% more time than expected. Together with the time spent disassembling the free organ, and a slight amount of additional time to incorporate those parts into this rebuild, I anticipate parts of it will be playable before the end of this year and in time for Christmas Eve. Final completion with full operation is anticipated by March 15.

I understand, as music director, how much all of us want to have the organ back in worship. This rebuild will significantly enhance the worship life of the parish, and this work should not need to be repeated in our lifetimes. As an organ builder and organist, knowing how I am redesigning the instrument in this process, I know it will be worth waiting for!

David Miron

**New Adult Sunday Morning Class
Dec. 1st, 8th, and 15th at 10:15 in Tucker Hall!**

The Magi in Scripture,
Culture, and Art

We are excited to have Dr. Charlie McCormick, president of Schreiner University, lead us in a 3-week class exploring the history, legend, and representation of the wise men (or Magi). Though they only occupy a few passages of scripture, their cultural impact is vast. Marco Polo writes about his visit to their graves, the Medicis of Florence cast themselves in local performances as the Magi, and poets, artists, and musicians have made these three the centerpieces of their work.



During the Christmas season of 2005, a pastor at the church Dr. McCormick was attending exhorted the congregation to not simply go through the motions of that Christmas season. Instead, the pastor argued, make it an exceptional season through study and reflection. Dr. McCormick decided to take his pastor seriously, and for over a decade now, he has been studying the wise men or Magi.



Charlie McCormick, PhD.
President,
Schreiner University

For three weeks in December, we will explore the history, legend, and representation of these wise men in their many contexts. We are fortunate to have Dr. McCormick with us in Advent, and he hopes the class will help you see this Christmas season with brand new eyes.

Dr. McCormick has been the president of Schreiner University since the beginning of 2017. He came to Schreiner in 2009, has been in higher education since 1999. McCormick received his bachelor's degree in English from Abilene Christian University, his M.A. in anthropology from Texas A&M University and his Ph.D. in folklore and folk life from the University of Pennsylvania.

Charlie has been married to his wife Cayce for over 25 years, and they have two daughters.

MEET THE REAL ST. NICK!

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019

JOIN US AT ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- Dinner @ 5:45PM
- Special visit with St. Nick at 6:15PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!



2019 Downtown Christmas Walk *A Kerrville Holiday Tradition*

Bundle up! Come sing & celebrate with your neighbors!
Tuesday, December 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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| 5:30-5:50 | First Baptist —Washington @ Barnett
Guest Preacher: Dan Schoen —"Missionary at Large" |
| 6:00-6:20 | First Assembly of God —Washington @ Jefferson
Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Green —1 st Assembly |
| 6:30-6:50 | First Presbyterian —Washington @ Jefferson
Guest Preacher: Ms. Natarsha Sanders —Dir Fam Min, 1 st Pres |
| 7:00-7:20 | Notre Dame Catholic —Water btwn Washington & Tivy
Guest Preacher: Rev. John Uhl —Grace Covenant Presbyterian |
| 7:30-7:50 | St. Peter's Episcopal —Main @ Tivy
Guest Preacher: Rev. David Payne --First United Methodist |
| 8:00-8:30 | Light refreshments/fellowship hosted by St. Peter's |

There is no cost for this event, but consider donating your love offering in support of local food pantries (checks payable to Kerr Ministerial Alliance)

Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Deck THE
with
SPAGHETTI AND

Halls!
MEATBALLS!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11TH
ALL AGES WELCOME



It's time to visit the Giving Tree
in our church Narthex!

Giving Tree

to benefit
St. Peter's
Episcopal School

Choose a "wish list" ornament from the tree, then
place that gift beneath the tree by Dec. 11th!
These items will be delivered straight to
St. Peter's classrooms!

There is no need to wrap your wish
list items, but please label them with
teacher's name!

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Deadline to order your Christmas Poinsettias is Friday, December 13th!



• Christmas Poinsettias •



It's time to order thanksgiving and memorial Christmas poinsettias for our altar. These beautiful plants will be on display on the altar during Christmas week services. **Poinsettias are \$15 each** and are wrapped in colorful foil paper.

Fill out your order form, then drop it off, along with payment, to the front desk in the church office.

OR

Place it in the offering plate on Sunday!

Thank you



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM		
Name:	Phone:	
	# of plants	Total cost
TOTAL (# of plants X \$15.00)		\$ _____
PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:		
<i>In memory of:</i>		

<i>In thanksgiving for:</i>		

Deadline for inclusion in Christmas bulletins is December 13th.

Please drop off your order and payment in the church office, or place in the offering plate on Sunday.

Waiting in Anticipation for The King is Coming

by Brian Blacklock

Advent is a time of joyful, holy expectation. Of waiting. Of preparation for the King who is coming to reconcile a broken world. Wait. How does one wait? Who has time for waiting these days? There are feasts to prepare. Lights to be hung. Presents to procure. There are things to be done, so let's get going. Go! Go! Go!

I am not going to fight what this season has become. For it is a season of preparation, joy and celebration. Rightfully so, but I propose that we all schedule in a little time to stop, wait and anticipate. For the King of all Kings is coming and that should command our attention.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Now that's a gift, y'all!

There are many methods and traditions on how to wait as a family during this advent season. One quick google search will supply endless pictures, crafts and ideas for your folly. Perhaps you have a family tradition that goes back generations? Awesome. If you're short on ideas or time that is ok, too. We created advent wreaths and passed out a brief 4 week plan for you to use with family or friends back in November. If you like it, use it!



Here is the tradition my father passed on to me. Feel free to elaborate on it. You may add songs, questions, discussion time or collects.

Step 1: GATHER

Grab your kids. No kids in the house? No problem! Grab your spouse, a friend or neighbor. I grew up a mile from my cousins, so we gathered at their coffee table each week for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Set aside a time. I personally like 7pm on Sunday evening.

Step 2: READ

If you have the booklet we handed out, use it! It will walk you through a brief liturgy as you light an additional candle each week. No booklet or wreath? No problem! Open up your Bible to Luke chapter 2 and read it aloud. If you have kids, let them read the story.

Step 3: PRAY

As we anticipate and celebrate the coming of Christ, keep your prayers focused on Him and His finished work on the Cross. We are forgiven, not because of what we have done or can do. We are forgiven because of Christ's finished work on the cross. There is rest and hope found in Him. Don't know what to pray for? No problem! Jesus laid it out for us in Scripture. Recite the Lord's Prayer together.

Step 4: REJOICE

God is good, so let's end in celebration! Don't have a guitar or piano in the home? No problem! A Capella is just fine when it comes to singing Christmas carols around candlelight. Joy to the World, O Come All ye Faithful, The First Noel, Away in A Manger. It's not complicated. Pull up the lyrics on your iPhone and sing.

Side note: the theology found in the lyrics of these classics are great teaching tools for children!

There you have it. A once a week gathering for 4 weeks. Throw in a 5th session on Christmas Day if you'd like. You can do this in as little as 5 minutes or draw it out to over half an hour. Your choice!

Let us be a church that rests. And waits. In anticipation, for the King is Coming.



ST PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT
Quiet Day

December 7, 2019
7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Light Breakfast

Prayers from the Daily Office

Teachings from the Clergy: Four Symbols in Advent

Quiet Time for Prayer and Walking the Labyrinth

Closing Lunch

RSVP PLEASE: RSVP@STPETERSKERRVILLE.COM

For food and childcare purposes, please let us know if you plan to participate.

320 St. Peter St. - Kerrville, TX 78028 - 830.257.8162

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We welcome those who recently participated in our Newcomers Class. Please join the Rector, Staff, and Vestry in warmly welcoming the following people into our parish family.

Jon and Donna Wilems
Dick and Dawn Hatch
Bob and Debra Hayes
Robert and Nancy Hunt
Gladys Jenkins
Mary Staudt
Hollis Myers
Dona and Diane Nunley

Welcome!

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:



Rayleigh Elizabeth Gregory
Nicholas Robert Remschel
Mary Kathleen MacDonald

THE COTTAGE SHOP

(830) 257-0290

Hours are:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9-5pm
or Saturday, 9-1pm

**Christmas things are
in the shop -
reminding us to get shopping!**
*We are blessed and thankful
for a successful year!*



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Fall In-Gathering

Sunday,
Dec. 1, 2019!

Remember to
Bring your UTO Offering!

Adult Sunday School Offerings

New Class Offering for Advent!

THE MAGI IN SCRIPTURE, HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ART Dr. Charlie McCormick, Teacher

Sundays in Advent from 10:15 - 11:10 am, in Tucker Hall
****More details are on page 5 in this Rock Road!****

INTO THE WORLD: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Multi-Purpose Room, Tucker Hall

Sundays, 10:15am-11:10am

Sam Hunnicutt, leader

Christian Formation through Bible study...

“Throughout the Bible God calls a people together, promises to be present with them in love, and sends them into the world to live for God. The Book of Acts is the continuation of this story that began with the call of Abraham and Sarah and has not yet ended. Acts holds a pivotal place in the Bible’s story. If the Gospels link the promises God made to Israel with the coming of Jesus, then the Book of Acts links Jesus to the church which bears his name.” (*From the introduction of, “Into The World: The Acts of the Apostles.”*)

**This class will resume
Jan. 12, 2020!**

NEWS, REVIEWS & SPECIAL TOPICS

AV Room 2nd 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!

Sundays for Children

NURSERY (year round)

Ages: 0-2 years
When: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Shelton Hall Room 3
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, Shelton Hall Room 2
K-5th grade, Chapel
6-12th grade, Youth Room
Contact: Brian Blacklock, Children's & Youth Minister
brian@stpeterskerrville.com
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: Kindergarten- 5th 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.

Wednesday Nights at St. Peter's

5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist

5:45 pm - Wednesday Night Supper (no supper on Dec. 18th!)

Join us for our weekly fellowship dinner.

Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

6:30 pm - Nursery opens in Shelton 3

6:30 pm - Sisters and Scripture, Church Parlor (Resumes Jan. 9)

6:30 pm - Kings Kids, Youth Room

SISTERS AND SCRIPTURE – Church Parlor (Resumes Jan. 9)

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!

**** Coming January 8th ****

THE EPISCOPAL WAY - MPR, Tucker Hall

6:30-7:30 pm, Bert Baetz, Leader - bert@stpeterskerrville.com

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and/or desire to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, then this is the class for you.

Stay tuned for more information about this inquirers class!



Our annual St. Peter's
"Friendly Beasts" Christmas Pageant
will take place Sunday, December 15th,
during the 9:15 am service.

If you have a child or grandchild that would like to participate, please contact Lisa Earl at lisaearl29@gmail.com.

Be sure to include your name and your child's name and age, and preferred role in the pageant in your email. Also, we always need lots of help, so any middle school or high school youth who would like to help with the pageant and me an "animal or angel" team leader, please also contact Lisa at the above email.

**This is a special tradition at St. Peter's
and we can't wait to see you there!**

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa, or email Brian Blacklock at brian@stpeterskerrville.com.

Class Offerings

Throughout the week



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 Walk in Love – 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 2nd 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 2nd 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. September 6 we will begin discussion on *Atoms and Eden: Conversations on Religion & Science* by Steve Paulson. Contact Susan Parker at parkers710@gmail.com or 257-3918 for more information.



ST. JEROME'S JOTS

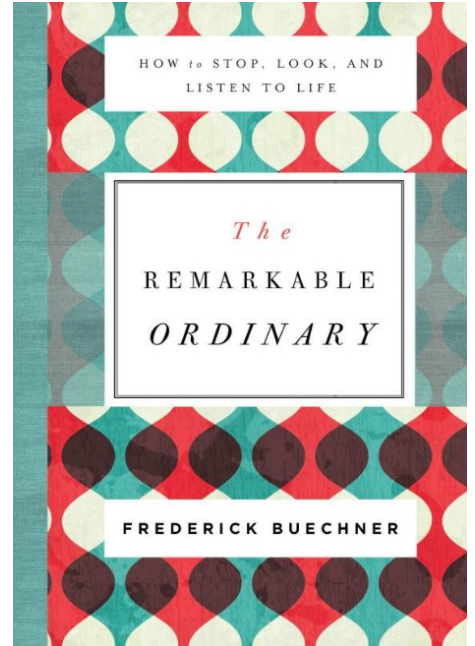
Season's Greetings!

The next meeting of St. Jerome's Guild will take place on Wednesday, **January 8, at 2:00 PM in Tucker Hall.** Our own St. Peter's member Ted Whittier will present a review of The Remarkable Ordinary: How to Stop, Look, and Listen to Life by Frederick Buechner.

From the Amazon website:

Your remarkable life is happening right here, right now. You may not be able to see it – your life may seem predictable and your work insignificant until you look at your life as Frederick Buechner does. Based on a series of mostly unpublished lectures, Frederick Buechner reveals how to stop, look, and listen to your life. He reflects on how both art and faith teach us how to pay attention to the remarkableness right in front of us, to watch for the greatness in the ordinary, and to use our imaginations to see the greatness in others and love them well. As you learn to listen to your life and what God is doing in it, you will uncover the plot of your life's story and the sacred opportunity to connect with the Divine in each moment.

This sounds like a perfect read to begin the new year! We hope to see you on January 8. **In the meantime, please visit the church library and perhaps find an inspirational book for your Advent reading.**



A Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8th 5:00 pm

presented by the
St. Peter's Chancel Choir

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
320 St. Peter St.
Kerrville, TX 78028

Festive Reception to follow

FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

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

Anyone is welcome - please join us!

We are discussing *Atoms and Eden: Conversations on Religion & Science* by Steve Paulson.



On the book jacket: "Here is an unprecedented collection of twenty freewheeling and revealing interviews with major players in the ongoing--and increasingly heated--debate about the relationship between religion and science.

"In *Atoms and Eden*, the Peabody Award-winning journalist Steve Paulson explores this complex subject with a host of intellectual luminaries, including Richard Dawkins, Karen Armstrong, E.O. Wilson, Sam Harris, Elaine Pagels, Francis Collins, Daniel Dennett, Jane Goodall, Paul Davies, and Steven Weinberg. The interviewees include Christians, Buddhists, Jews, and Muslims, as well as agnostics and atheists. Collectively, these engaging and intellectually rich conversations cover some of the most profound ideas and debates of our time: the Big Bang, the nature of consciousness, the meaning of God, and much more."

WANTED: HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Peterson Hospital Auxiliary is looking for caring, compassionate volunteers to join its auxiliary.

Currently, new volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Gift Shop, Information Desk, Parking Lot Shuttle Drivers and Surgical Waiting Room Liaisons.

If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Judy Jones at (830) 258-7630 or at jjones@petersonhealth.com



Thank you for supporting the Labyrinth Guild! Our recent book sale brought in over \$1200!

All proceeds are going towards the labyrinth rededication celebrating the labyrinth's 20 year anniversary on September 19, 2020. Father Bert has confirmed with Bishop Folts for the rededication. In addition, Beverly Clark, the builder, will be join us that day!

SAVE the DATE: 9-19-2020, and stay tuned for further information on this community-wide event!

Anyone interested in serving on the Labyrinth Guild or the 20 year Anniversary event committee, please contact Denise Cartwright, dencart@aol.com or 832-428-4696

20th Anniversary Event: 9-19-2020!



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th

TUCKER HALL

GATHERING AT 10:00

MEETING AT 10:30

LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

The Children of St. Peter's School will be performing their Christmas Program

*All women of the church are invited!!



BEST TIMERS

Meet us Dec. 19 ~ 11:30 am

At **Branding Iron
Restaurant** (YO Hotel)
2033 Sidney Baker St.
Kerrville, Texas



All ages are invited to our
social hour luncheon each month

RSVP to Lynda Griffin

At lk.grffn@gmail.com OR (830) 896-5163

We have the BEST time!

Coming up:

January 23 - China Bowl

February 27 - Schreiner Cafeteria

DECEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

9:15 am services

Dec. 1 Gail Brown
David Brown
Nellwyn Sadler

Dec. 8 Barbara Jansen
Larry Baird
Hiram Wilson

Dec. 15 Sarah Hilburn
Junior Hilburn
Andy Bachofen

Dec. 22 Sue Whinnery
Doug Whinnery
Nellwyn Sadler

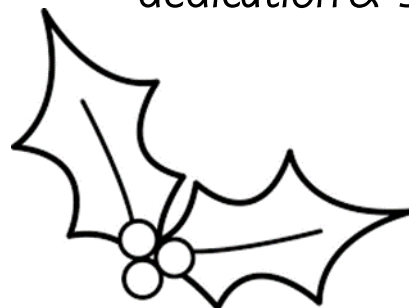
11:15 am services

Jimmy Wheat
Herb Williamson
Karen Weber
Stephen Drane

10:00 am Dec. 29

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Stephen Drane

*Thank you for your
dedication & service!*



We are the promise of the future . . .



Year End Scholarship Drive

November 12, 2019

Dear Friends of St. Peter's School,

We are off to another great start of school. As many of you know, we are an outreach offering a safe, Christian education to the young children of Kerrville. Because we are an outreach, we offer scholarships to attend our pre-school. Here's a few facts you might want to know: Number of students enrolled: 142; % of Episcopal students: 18%; % of students receiving a partial scholarship: 18%.

The demand for scholarships is higher than ever and we need help to fill that need. Your donation will help a child be part of our diverse early childhood program. Our program exposes children to Children's Chapel, Spiritual Enrichment, P.E., Library, Music, community service and early development screenings for vision, hearing, speech and motor skills. Our program is NAEYC nationally accredited and strives to offer a "Great Beginning" to every child's education.

We are counting on your support. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Lynda DeMasco
School Board President

Janet Boutin
School Director



Please fill in and return to St. Peter's School.

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Donation Enclosed: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____

Thank you for your tax deductible contribution — St. Peter's School Board

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Celebrating with you in December!

Happy Birthday to you:

Peggy Ann	Eastland	1-Dec	Margaret	Galloway	12-Dec	Donald	Jackson	21-Dec
Larry	Spillman	1-Dec	Lynda	Griffin	12-Dec	Loretta	Munson	21-Dec
James	Boyer	2-Dec	Lori	Schreiner	12-Dec	Jim	Barkley	22-Dec
Nadine	Tune	3-Dec	Gayle	Bingham	14-Dec	Elaine	Nelms	22-Dec
Fronie	Shelton	4-Dec	Whitten	Bosworth	14-Dec	Heather	Stebbins	23-Dec
Sadie	Harwood	5-Dec	Ann	Jackson	14-Dec	Charles	Mcllvain	24-Dec
Amy	Best	6-Dec	Sean			Ken	O'Neal	24-Dec
Barbara	Blackbird	6-Dec	Michael	O'Fiel	14-Dec	Peggy	Richter	25-Dec
Katie	Poindexter	6-Dec	Jennifer	Ligon	15-Dec	Vicki	Wilson	26-Dec
Chris	Simone	6-Dec	Tracy	Hilderbran	16-Dec	Michael	Cosgrove	27-Dec
Danny	Wheat	6-Dec	Grant	Baehre	17-Dec	Doug	Holmes	27-Dec
Nicholas	Boland	7-Dec	Gloria	Harris	17-Dec	Johanna	Roussel	28-Dec
Steve	Schulte	7-Dec	Anna	Herman	17-Dec		Alvarez	
Traci	Hale	8-Dec	Annie	Key	17-Dec	Nancy	Chedzoy	29-Dec
Brent	Ives	8-Dec	Laura	Beene	18-Dec	Lyla	Earl	29-Dec
Collyn	King	8-Dec	Barbara	Cordova	19-Dec	George	Hyde	29-Dec
Wayne	Milberger	10-Dec	Jerre	Williams	20-Dec	Margaret	Ricks	29-Dec
Creed	West	11-Dec		Alvarez		Phyllis	Sherman	31-Dec
			Gabriela	Chedzoy	21-Dec			

H A P P Y *Anniversary*

Beverlee & Paul	Smith	12-Dec	Cornelia Ryon &	
Johanna & Wright	Roussel	15-Dec	Robert Ward	28-Dec
Sarah & Bert	Baetz	22-Dec	Lou Ann & Greg	Maxwell 29-Dec
Debra & Bob	Parmley	23-Dec	Janet & Mike	Smajstrla 29-Dec
Jana & Stephen	Drane	27-Dec	Leslie & Stockton	Williams 30-Dec



Holiday Service Schedule:

December 8th	Sunday Services at 8, 9:15, and 11:15 am Lessons and Carols at 5 pm, reception after
December 15 and 22nd	Sunday Services at 8, 9:15, and 11:15 am
December 24th	Christmas Eve services at 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm Caroling starts 15 min. prior to each service.
December 25th	Christmas Day service at 10 am
December 29th	Sunday services at 8 am and 10 am

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JANET BOUTIN, SCHOOL DIRECTOR
FELICIA LEHMANN, SCHOOL ASSISTANT DIR.
DAVID MIRON, DIR. OF MUSIC/ORGANIST
KARA JOY BAKER, CHANCEL CHOIR DIR.
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BRUCE HEUN, SEXTON
KRISTIE KEESE, CONTROLLER

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CATHERINE KERN, CLERK
LOU ANN MAXWELL, SR WARDEN
ERIC MALONEY

2021
DEE ELLIOTT
JIM HAYES
MICKEY HORANY
DAVID MARTIN

2022
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1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Rita Self/Kim Chatalain
	Advent 1	9:15AM	Amy Ives/Mills Ligon
		11:15 AM	Fred Henneke/Jana Drane
4	Wednesday	5:15 PM	Paula Karl
8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Deidra Harmer/LouAnn Maxwell
	Advent 2	9:15PM	Rita Self/Susan Parker
		11:15 AM	Herb Williamson/Susan Parker
11	Wednesday	5:15 PM	Kay Hayes
15	Sunday	8:00 AM	Dave Weekley/Deidra Harmer
	Advent 3	9:15 AM	Imelda Horne/Andy Bachofen
		11:15 AM	Kevin Devore/Lynda Devore
18	Wednesday	5:15 PM	Imelda Horne
22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Charlie McIlvain/LouAnn Maxwell
	Advent 4	9:15AM	Paula Karl/Ted Whittier
		11:15 AM	Nicia Oakes/Doug Holmes
24	Christmas Eve	Early	Kay Hayes/Susan Parker/Jim Hayes
		Late	Herb Williamson/Nicia Oakes/Dave Weekley
25	Christmas Day	1000AM	Ted Whittier
29	Sunday	8:00AM	Kim Chatalain/Charlie McIlvain
		9:15 AM	Eric Maloney/Rita Self
		11:15AM	Jim Hayes/Kay Hayes