

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

*I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Psalm 145:1-2

Dear St. Peter's Family,

It is hard to believe we are nearly six months into this current pandemic, and we are now headed into the fourth month of our return to a modified form of worship. We learned a few tricks of the trade when we moved to a virtual platform in March. Once we returned to in-person worship on May 31, we used our virtual platform to live-stream the service to our online congregation. We remain grateful to Brian Blacklock for stepping into his lead role with the video production. We also thank our volunteer parishioners for stepping up to form the Live-Stream Dream Team. This group will assume the live-streaming responsibility so Brian can refocus his efforts on the children's and youth ministry in our parish.

Regathering for Sunday worship was and is the priority for us, as the rest of our life and ministry flows from our worship. Although circumstances could change, beginning September 13, here is what to expect for Sunday worship in the fall:

8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I	In-person	Church Nave
9:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	In-person	Tucker Hall
11:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Virtual	YouTube

We will continue to offer meaningful and uplifting **in-person** worship, following our protocols. We will offer Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am in the church nave. We will offer Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:15am in Tucker Hall, and we intend to make the 9:15am service welcoming to families.

We will also offer a **virtual** Holy Eucharist Rite II service at 11:15am available at our YouTube Channel. It is important to note that the live-streamed service at 11:15am will not be an in-person worship service, and the service will be live-streamed from the church nave. The purpose of the 11:15am service is to provide a meaningful Sunday morning experience specifically tailored for the online congregation which is the current majority of our congregation. The clergy and a limited number of worship leaders will carry out the service to be live-streamed at our YouTube Channel.

In this edition of the Rock Road, you can read about new online Christian Formation offerings for adults (see pages 5 and 6). I encourage ministry leaders to continue to meet virtually until we have a plan approved by the Vestry and Bishop Reed for more in-person gatherings. We are going into the fall with flexible plans, and once we are able to safely turn more of our virtual gatherings into in-person gatherings, we will do so. The church has never been "cancelled" or "closed." Yes, we have had to adapt in this new abnormal, and yet we stand firm in our commitment to the mission before us. We appreciate your steadfast support and your gratitude in these challenging times. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. He is with us even now; so let us continue to know Christ and make him known to others.

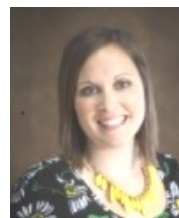
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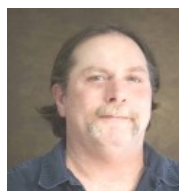
Janet Boutin,
Director, School



Felicia Lehmann,
Asst. Dir., School



Kara Joy Baker,
Choir Director



Guy Scott, Facilities
Manager



Bruce Heun,
Sexton

Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met via video conference on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened the meeting with a prayer for teachers and our schools. A couple of members of the Vestry then shared life moments.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the June regular meeting and other actions taken in the month of July. Those actions included electing Justin MacDonald to the Rock of St. Peter's Endowment Board, changing the name of the apartments to MacDonald Manor, and approving the protocols and opening date for St. Peter's Episcopal School.

The July financials had been emailed to the Vestry by the Controller, Kristie Keese. The financials had also been reviewed by the Finance Commission. We are 58% through with our budget year, and the reports showed that our overall income was at 63% and expenses were at 59%. The financial report was approved by the Vestry.

On behalf of St. Peter's Episcopal School, Mickey Horany had emailed his report to the Vestry. The School Board met on August 17, 2020. The faculty and administrators have returned to campus with new protocols in place. The administrators and faculty are ready to open school and have backup plans, if the need arises. At the time of this report, the school has five openings for students. The School Director Janet Boutin was also present in the Zoom Vestry meeting. Janet thanked the Vestry for their leadership and assistance. Janet also reported that she applied for a grant to acquire PPE equipment for the school, and was able to acquire the supplies needed. Janet reported that Open House may be on YouTube, as well as the Christmas Program, stating she did not want to cancel any of the programs at this time.

David Martin, Junior Warden, reported to the Vestry. David reported on the following:

- **Miscellaneous Carpentry/painting:** This is complete.
- **HVAC:** An air conditioner that serves two classrooms in the school has been replaced. Another classroom unit has some refrigerant leaks and Lee Underwood is looking at it.
- **Hail Damage:** The May 27 storm did some damage to various buildings on St. Peter's campus, most of it is fairly minor. The insurance company provided a lengthy report. The standing seam metal roof's had some dents/dings, but this is considered cosmetic damage and is not covered by insurance. The insurance company provided payment to replace the **Shelton Hall** membrane roof and the **apartment complex carport roof**. The fiberglass shingle roof for the **school courtyard sandbox structure** needs replacing. Insurance money was previously received for this, so it is recommended to replace this too. I recommend we move forward to replace these three roofs.
- **Audio Visual work for streaming church services:** There are several pieces of work that comprise this project:
 1. Hill Country Telephone Company (HCTC) will provide the fiber for internet service from the office to the church nave.
 2. DW Electric has dug a trench and run conduit underground from the office to the school building so that the fiber can run underground in conduit.
 3. Aaron Yates is providing the hardware and software and set up of the audio visual equipment for the digital recording and streaming.
 4. Seth Weatherford is building a wood finished screen and countertop to conceal the "mission control" center, located behind the choir area
 5. Nick Boland will run the Cat 6 cable from mission control center to the two camera locations (preferably in the crawl space below the church), and set up the video equipment in the new booth.
- **Lighting:**
 1. Next week, DW Electric will work on installing new circuits for the new lighting that will highlight the Nave baptismal font and organ pipes.
 2. The lighting consultant will follow up with installation of those lights and additional bulbs.
- **Carport for Bus:** A preliminary schematic plan has been proposed, and will be reviewed by the school and appropriate personnel and committees, and an estimate will follow.
- **Interior Sanctuary painting:** This will follow sometime after the A/V and lighting work in the Sanctuary are complete.

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- **Church van hail damage:** The van was taken in to have the roof prepped and painted, but upon closer inspection, the body shop said the roof had more significant damage. The body shop will contact the insurance company to discuss the additional work based on the new assessment, and we will see if the insurance amount will change.
- **New altar for Tucker Hall:** Stephen Drane created a very beautiful handmade wood altar and liturgical accessories, which are being used in Tucker Hall for the current services. Great job!

Mickey Horany, Senior Warden, reported to Vestry. Mickey Horany had emailed his report to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Mickey reported that back to school plans are well underway and we are anxiously waiting to see how that goes not only at St. Peter's but all KISD and area schools. The Bishop has sent detailed information on the next phase of re-opening and allowing more in person gathering. Mickey reported that both he and Fr. Bert have discussed what that may mean to us presently, and in the near future, specifically in regards to possible the re-opening of the Cottage Shop, 12 Step meetings, and other in-person ministries and fellowship. Mickey reported, in his and Fr. Bert's conversations, we have concluded we need to see how the school openings work out and that may help guide us on how to proceed. That is, if in-person school is successful with no surge in positive cases in those settings then it would signal that moving forward with more gatherings may be warranted and safe. Mickey stated, and of course, the opposite results may signal continued caution is needed. Mickey said that we will wait a short time and see.

Mickey stated it was reported previously we continue to be in a sound financial position. We are very grateful to the faithfulness of our parishioners with their tithes and offerings during this time. Mickey reported that both he and Fr. Bert feel some of that is a result of the positive response to our "Taking the Next Step" generosity campaign last fall. Mickey stated that as we remember there was an emphasis on the "spiritual nature" of stewardship and "the need of the giver versus the need of the Church to receive". Mickey stated that we want to continue that message this fall, which is just around the corner. Mickey stated, that in that regard Fr. Bert has spoken to Hiram Wilson and he has agreed to chair the effort. Mickey reported that we will definitely use a devotional similar to the last one in our campaign. Mickey stated that he and Fr. Bert will be meeting with Hiram to flesh out how the fall effort will work, and Mickey is sure there will be opportunities for the Vestry to be involved.

Mickey wished to thank those members who have stepped up to help in the in-person services as ushers and taking of the collections. Mickey said he will pass out the Vestry of the Day schedule as a reminder of who is on duty in the coming months. Mickey stated, again during this modified time we hope whoever is comfortable being in Church will be on duty, but all the rest of us will step up wherever needed. Mickey thanked all for their continued faithful service.

Fr. Bert reported to the Vestry. Fr. Bert wanted to share his gratitude to Stephen Drane for his gifts to the church which include the altar, the credence table, the missal stand, the candlesticks, and the processional cross we are now using in Tucker Hall. All of these things were made from one pecan tree. Also, the cross we use for the adoration of the cross on Good Friday was made from the same pecan tree. The tree comes from Stephen's childhood home. We can all feel blessed by these furnishing, and Stephen's fine craftsmanship.

Fr. Bert wanted to speak to some of the plans for fall, the worship and the programs. He reported in terms of worship his plan is to go back to three services, with the third service being a strictly virtual service (see the cover article for more details). Fr. Bert reported that he has plans for Adult Christian Formation at the 10:15 a.m. time, and he will partner with Sam Hunnicutt at Trinity Junction for a couple of offerings (see pages X and Y for more details). Fr. Bert reiterated what Mickey had said about plans more additional gatherings for in-person formation and fellowship. Fr. Bert also stated that he would be meeting with Brian Blacklock this week to discuss ideas for our children's and youth ministry. He and Brian will continue with virtual Children's Chapel and discuss other ideas for gatherings, if and when we are able to lift some of our current restrictions.

When the parish was given an opportunity to develop a plan to return to a modified form of worship, a subcommittee was formed to develop the plan. The subcommittee includes Fr. Bert, Mickey Horany (Senior Warden), David Martin (Junior Warden), Richard Mosty (Chancellor), and Eric Maloney (Chair of the Safe Campus Committee). Eventually, the subcommittee will develop a plan for more additional in-person gatherings and present the plan to the Vestry for approval and submission to the bishop's office.

Under New Business, the Rector and Vestry appointed the McCaskill Endowment Scholarship Committee. The Charles and Pam McCaskill Endowment was established earlier in the year for the purpose of providing scholarships for certain educational and formational pursuits. The Rector and Vestry have the responsibility of appointing the Committee that will award scholarships. The Rector and Vestry appointed the following parishioners to the Committee: Barbara Cordova, Lynda DeMasco, Scott Herman, Karen Kilgore, Bob Kinnan, Jenny Ligon, and Pam McCaskill. The Vestry also elected Barbara Cordova to serve as Chair of the Committee.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 21, at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room of Tucker Hall (or by video conference). 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, September 15, when he writes the agenda and then sends the agenda to the Vestry.

A Message from Father Mike...

Anglophile Alert!

If you're a fan of English history, perhaps you've discovered British novelist Hilary Mantel's trilogy of the rise and fall of Thomas Cromwell, the son of a Stepney blacksmith who rose to highest office during the reign of King Henry VIII: *Wolf Hall* (2009), *Bring Up the Bodies* (2012) and the newly-published *The Mirror and the Light* (2020). Mantel won the prestigious Booker Prize (among others) for her first two books and is shortlisted again for the award when the next Booker is scheduled to be announced this November. It's hard, almost impossible, to imagine her not winning for a record-setting third time. Booker-nominated books are generally regarded as the "best-of-the-best" reads, but, in my estimation, Mantel's three historical novels soar to the level of magisterial. Each builds upon the other, but each one can be read independently, as well, with equal parts pleasure. I am merely pages from finishing 'Mirror', trying to find reasons to delay its ending, such is my lingering delight with her brilliantly-conceived stories and characters. In a lifetime of avid reading, I can think of few other books to rave about so enthusiastically...(well, perhaps, the Bible!).

My reading tastes run in all sorts of directions, and with COVID-19, I've been able to satisfy my pursuits more voraciously. Having read Mantel's first two novels when they were published, this last one hits all the highlights of those and builds and climaxes to a smashing conclusion. Every note in my literary taste buds are ignited: history, political intrigue, Church-State entanglements, monarchical dynastic rivalries, perfection of language and dialogue, incomparable settings and unforgettable character delineation.

As a teaser, you might want to watch the 2015 British dramatic adaptation of *Wolf Hall* (available on Netflix). Mark Rylance intuitively portrays the magnetic, ultra-serious Cromwell; Damian Lewis is perfectly cast as the mercurial king, as is Claire Foy as Anne Boleyn, the first of Henry's serial wife murders (Foy, as Elizabeth II, in *The Crown* series); Joanne Whalley proves the pious and ever-suffering Queen Catherine, Henry's first wife and daughter of Their Most Catholic Majesties Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. This ill-fated marriage launches the most consequential royal divorce in European history and is the historical setup for Mantel's work of literary gratification. As with everything else these days, one may Google the books and get the overview of each one.

Contrary to (outdated and disproven) conventional scholarly Protestant histories, the ordinary religious English subject (clerics included) was not clamoring for ecclesiastical overreach, doctrinal upheaval and papal overthrow. This largely occurred "from above", i.e., politically, motivated as much by Cromwell's royal and personal ambitions than by the grievances of the faithful. Martin Luther was utterly despised by Henry--until he wasn't--which means, until newly-minted Continental Lutheranism became quasi-conveniently adopted by the king's amenable-to-annulment (divorce) Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer. So, the Old Order of Christendom comes tumbling down, dismantled by Lord Cromwell's (monstrous) orchestrations. Oddly (to me), the author type casts Cromwell rather sympathetically (try selling that to the Irish!).

Inevitably and fittingly (sorry! :)), Cromwell finds himself ignominiously 'shortened' in the Tower, a la Sir Thomas More, Queen Anne, et al., in Henrician due course. From there on, our own religiously and politically derivative history as Anglicans (Episcopalians in the U.S.) has been indelibly impacted by the folks who inhabit this unforgettable Mantel-ian achievement.

This is compelling reading for serious readers. I found it great fun, too, laughing aloud numerous times at the twists and fates of our forebears. And cringing at the Machiavellian brutality of it all...!

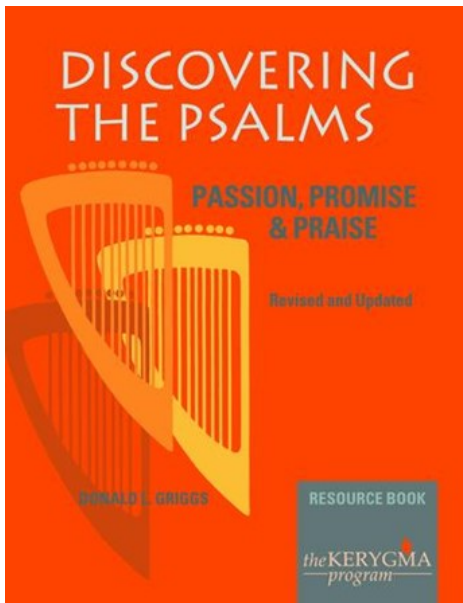
Do yourself a favor in these sequestered times: read these novels!

O God, save us,

Mike+

Online Sunday School with Fr. Sam - Discovering the Psalms

Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 10:15am (via Zoom)



You are invited to join an **online** study of the Psalms with the Rev. Sam Hunnicutt. Since our joint VBS was such a success, this fall St. Peter's will partner once again with Trinity, Junction, for a Sunday morning Adult Christian Formation class.

This will provide a great opportunity to learn together, share thoughts and ideas, AND perhaps even make some new friends. There is no fee for the course per se. There is a Student Resource Book available for purchase, and should you have a heart to join this study, we strongly encourage everyone you to make the purchase. The cost of the Resource Book is \$20.

If you would like to purchase the Resource Book through the St. Peter's church office, please email Fr. Sam at saustinhunnicutt@gmail.com, and he will coordinate with our office.

You may also choose to order and purchase the book on your own. To do that go to: kerygma.com and order the **Discovering the Psalms Resource Book** with your credit card.

Please note that a generous soul has offered to cover the cost for anyone in our parish for whom this would create financial hardship. This can be handled discreetly between Fr. Sam and the individual.

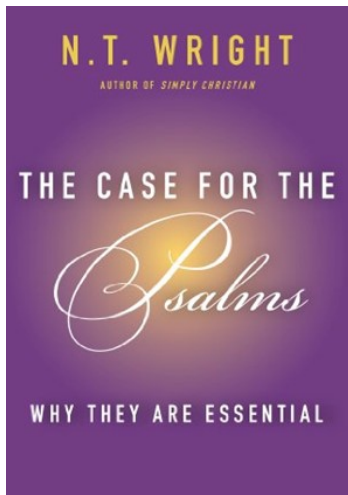
Fr. Sam will lead this study online (via Zoom) on Sundays at 10:15am, and here is how you can participate in this online offering:

- 1) Notify Fr. Sam by email that you want to participate in the course. Fr. Sam will then be able to "invite" you by return email to attend the meeting a few days before September 13. This will consist of an email to you with a link to click on that will connect you to the meeting on the morning of the 13th.
- 2) You will want a reliable internet connection (if you're viewing this on your home computer, you likely have a reliable internet connection).
- 3) You might want use a computer, laptop or tablet, (we don't recommend a smartphone -- too small) with a camera and microphone, that is capable of running the ZOOM Cloud Meetings software or app. Apps are free from Google Play or from the Apple App Store.
- 4) On your computer or laptop, you'll need to download the ZOOM software from this site: <https://www.zoom.us/>

If you've never used ZOOM, don't be scared away by the technology. Take a chance, make some mistakes, learn, adapt! It's really a fun and fascinating way to meet and study together. Fr. Sam wants you to know that although he has participated in a number of online ZOOM meetings, he has never hosted one, so he will be on a learning curve too. He says, "LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER, TROOPS!"

Online Book Study with Fr. Bert - The Case for the Psalms by N.T. Wright

Tuesdays at 11am (via Zoom) - Sept. 15 through Oct. 20



You are invited to join an **online** book study of *The Case for the Psalms* with Fr. Bert. We have accepted Bishop Reed's challenge to study the Psalms, and what a year to study the Psalms which have been the daily lifeblood of God's people for centuries.

In his book, "Wright seeks to reclaim the power of the Psalms, which were once at the core of prayer life. He argues that, by praying and living the Psalms, we enter into a worldview, a way of communing with God and knowing him more intimately, and receive a map by which we understand the contours and direction of our lives."

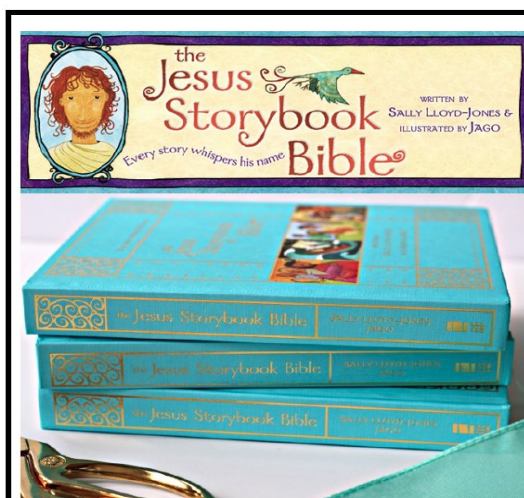
The book study led by Fr. Bert will take place on Tuesdays at 11am over Zoom, beginning September 15. You can purchase a copy of *The Case for the Psalms* at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or another online bookstore.

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Order Form

During Children's Chapel, the students of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School hear a story from the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones. You may purchase this book through us at a discounted price of \$15.

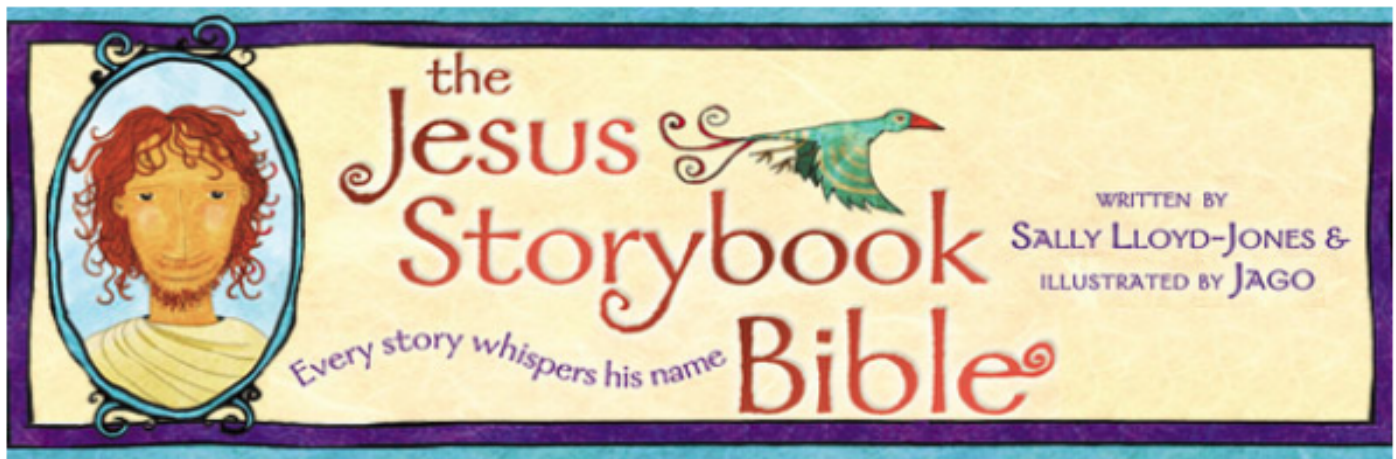
Your Name: _____

Pay Now / Pay on Delivery (circle)

Cash / Check (circle)

Child's Name(s) for personalized note from Fr. Bert : _____

***please print and turn in to church office by Sep. 15th



Every story whispers HIS name...When was the last time you dusted off that big book on your bedside table and opened it up? Perhaps, once upon a time, while on a whimsical adventure you randomly opened to a page in hopes of gleaming an encouraging note. Or perhaps you thumbed through the pages on a mission to find that one or two verses that prove your point in an argument. Many have ventured to the Holy Bible in utter despair and in great need of hope, comfort and rest.

Just as numerous as the reasons we approach The Bible, are the notions that surround its purpose. Some of us have been taught that the Bible is a collection of ancient fables that teach us good ways to live. Some see the Scriptures as a collection of fairy-tales that point to grandiose ideology on who we are and where we came from. Is it a love letter? A technical manual for appropriate living? Is it historical truth? Or a scientific document? Some say The Bible is completely relative, totally up to any individual's interpretation.

So what is it? Why is it important? As Episcopalians, should we care?

My bent is The Bible is not a collection of abstract moral principles, but rather an anthology of the events showcasing God's wonderful works throughout human history. The Bible unfolds the story of the coming messiah, Jesus Christ. It progressively reveals more and more about *HIM* through each and every story, old testament law and Pauline epistle. EVERY STORY WHISPERS HIS NAME!

The fundamental truths surrounding our shortcomings, God's grace and Christ's completed work on the cross are important to highlight as we guide our children through God's Word. The Jesus Storybook Bible does an excellent job of telling these stories while communicating how they all point to one thing. The MAIN thing. Jesus Christ.

This school year, Fr. Bert and I will teach from the Jesus Storybook Bible as we lead our church and school's children through God's redemptive-historical narrative. We will continue to offer these lessons through our videos online each Sunday for our church and on Wednesday's for our pre-school. If you don't already have YOUR VERY OWN copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible, let me know! We are selling hardcover copies at a discounted price. Each copy will be hand signed by our very own, Fr. Bert Baetz. And if you don't have children in your own home, that's ok, too! These make make great gifts for friends and family. There is no better gift than the promise of hope found in Jesus Christ. Everyone loves a good gift and everyone could use some *good news*!



**Storybook Bible
Order Form !**

Remaining Hopeful,
Brian Blacklock

September Ushers

10:00 Service

Sept. 6: 11:00 Ushers

9:15 Services

Sept. 13: Sarah Hilburn
Hiram Wilson

Sept. 20: Larry Baird
Barbara Jansen

Sept. 27: Andy Bachofen
Nellwyn Sadler

ECW

The ECW has been taking a break, like everyone has since the virus, and we're following the bishop's guidelines about meeting in groups.

October was to have been our very popular style show but will have to be rescheduled. We will wait for the Cottage shop to open and we have permission to gather.

Hope everyone is well and I look forward to seeing everyone again!

- Marianne Crain

The Cottage Shop

830-257-0290



According to diocesan guidelines, the Cottage shop will remain closed at this time. We will let you know when this situation changes!

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

Thank You

BEST TIMERS

Watch your email for updates! If we are able to meet, our September 24th location is yet to be determined...



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!

Special Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting

**Thursday, September 3, 2020
12 Noon (via ZOOM)**

For the first time since it opened in January 2018, Magdalene House is full, with four women residing in the House, and a waiting list.

Three key women who serve with Dave Weekley and Stockton Williams on the Board of Mercy Gate Ministries, which oversees Magdalene House, will speak to us at our Brotherhood meeting on Thursday Sept. 3rd. at noon by way of Zoom. Chae Spencer is the Executive Director of Mercy Gate Ministries and spends time at the House with the women almost daily. Aubri Reed is the Secretary of the Board and leads the Child Sex Trafficking Awareness and Identity efforts. She has started the Kerr County Coordination Team with law enforcement and other non-profits and is on Governor Abbott's Human Trafficking Task Force. Karla Solomon is a trafficking survivor, and now advocates for victims, and is also on Governor Abbott's Task Force. She also spoke to us at one of our St. Peter's Magdalene House Board Meetings. We are grateful and blessed to have them speak at our meeting. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent out a few days before. If you are not a Brother and would like to attend, please let me know and I will add you to the email invitation list.



James Horne
e-mail: mel_jam72207@yahoo.com

The Order of the Daughters of the King

We continue to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month via ZOOM and are doing a study by Rev. Becca Stevens' book, "Letters from the Farm".

Eleven Admitted in Kerrville, Texas

On January 12, 2020, on the Baptism of our Lord, the St. Peter Chapter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville, Texas, admitted 12 Daughters. The Reverend Bert Baetz officiated the service and special guests included Kim Najera, Diocesan Assembly President, and Kathy Paulo, National Membership Chair.

A donation was given to the Endowment Fund of The Order in memory of and in thanksgiving for Daughter Jane Elwood, wife of Reverend Elwood, who died last year.

Pictured are: (front row, l-r) Leslie Eastland and Mary Ellen Cook; (middle row, l-r) Sarah Hilburn, Sandra Chapman, Kay Hayes and Marla Coffee-Key; (back row, l-r) Barbara Jansen, Abby Blacklock, Heather Stebbins, Beverly Dodds and Reverend Dick Elwood (retired).



This article appeared in the "The Royal Cross" a National/International quarterly magazine of the Order of the Daughters of the King. The magazine spotlights articles around the provinces and we were featured in Province VII. Not featured in the picture were Amy Best and Patricia Barham.

The Twenty-Year Anniversary Celebration and Rededication of the St. Peter's Labyrinth

Due to safety concerns, this will be a private
gathering on September 19, 2020.
You will be able to view a recording of this event
at a later date!



How many questions were you able to answer from last month's Rock Road Labyrinth Guild quiz? Here are the answers.

1. Our design is modeled after the Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth.
2. Beverly Clark designed and built the Labyrinth, her initials are in a rock embedded in the Labyrinth. Next time you walk the labyrinth look for this rock.
3. The Labyrinth was begun in 1999 and completed for the Millennium New Years Eve walk December 31, 1999 sponsored by the Labyrinth Guild.
4. Bishop Folt's presided over the dedication of the Labyrinth Saturday, September 16th (**WHAT YEAR?**) at 2 pm with special music and liturgy followed by a reception in the parish hall.
5. Our design originates from Chartres, France.
6. Since the Labyrinth is not a maze, we cannot use the term paths in the plural. There is only one path. The term circuits refer to the number of times the path goes around the center.
7. Our Chartres Labyrinth contains eleven circuits.
8. The Labrys of the Labyrinth are the double-axe or butterfly figures between the turns of the path. In the Eleven-Circuit Medieval Labyrinth there are ten labrys.
9. The Lunations of the Labyrinth are the outer cusps and foils that encircle the Chartres-style Eleven-Circuit Medieval Labyrinth. There are 28 per 1/4 of the outer circle.
10. The Petals of the Labyrinth in the Chartres style Labyrinth has six in the center. Symbolic of the six days of Creation, they also symbolize the rose and the lily.

True or False Answers:

1. False - A Labyrinth has one way in and one way out leading to the center such as our Labyrinth. Some Labyrinths have dual entries but that's a topic for discussion at another time. Mazes, in contrast, have dead ends and are meant to confuse.
2. False - Labyrinths are found all over the world, ancient and new.
3. False - Labyrinths have various amounts of circuits depending on the size.
4. False - Labyrinths have a plethora of shapes found in ancient times and new.
5. True - Labyrinth Journey is an app.
6. False - We all walk at different paces, easiest place to pass is on a turn.
7. False - Stopping is allowed, some like to meditate when a thought occurs at a specific point in a walk.
8. False - Our labyrinth is open 24/7.
9. False - There is a brass plate on the side of the Labyrinth asking for folks not to climb on the wall. There is not a guard rail installed at the top for this very reason.
10. True - A carved octagonal cover stone bearing the shape of the Chartres Labyrinth is on the Main Street side of the Labyrinth wall where you can follow the path with your finger.

Dear St. Peter's Family,

This year we celebrate the twenty year anniversary of our St. Peter's labyrinth, and for the past twenty years, no doubt our labyrinth has helped us in accomplishing our mission at St. Peter's. It has always been our purpose to give glory to God by knowing Christ and making him known to others.

A labyrinth is different from a maze in that a labyrinth does not lead you in the wrong direction or down fruitless paths. When you take your first step on the labyrinth, you are always moving toward the center, which in our case is Jesus Christ. Since the stones were set twenty years ago, a cross has been at the center of our labyrinth, representative of the Christ at the center of our lives. Jesus is always inviting us down the path, to follow him. Jesus tells us that he is the Way (John 14:6).

Many of us have walked the labyrinth at various stages in our own spiritual pilgrimage. Perhaps we have had moments when we felt farther from the center, but we Christians are always invited to take one step closer to the center, trusting that we are no less on the Way. Though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil; for we trust that God is with us along the way, his rod and staff will always comfort us. The labyrinth has been and will continue to be a tool for us to *know* Christ.

It seems fitting that our labyrinth was designed by somebody who came into the midst of our parish through another outreach ministry of our church, St. Peter's School. Beverly Clark was inspired to join St. Peter's Episcopal Church when her son was attending St. Peter's School. Once Beverly joined the parish and became active in the life of the parish, she had a vision for the labyrinth. Others joined Beverly in the vision for the spiritual tool that would become a gift to the greater community.

Quite often in the week, I see people walking the labyrinth. Some of them are parishioners, and many others are not. Perhaps those walking the labyrinth are fellow citizens of Kerrville or folks just passing through the Hill Country. Regardless, we can celebrate the fact that we are clearly inviting others onto our campus where we find sanctuary.

On September 19, a few of us will gather to rededicate the labyrinth in celebration of the twenty year anniversary. We will record the rededication and the video will then be available to all at our YouTube Channel. We ask that you join us in prayers of thanksgiving for our labyrinth. We give thanks for the labyrinth and the twenty years in which it has provided a tangible tool to help us know Christ and to make him known to others. May the Lord bless the next twenty years and all those who walk in the Way.

Faithfully,



St. Peter's Episcopal School

1969 - 2020/21

This will be our 52nd 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.

In October 2019, our School earned NAEYC re-accreditation. This mark of distinction puts our school in the top 8% of early childhood centers in the U.S. We are very proud to have maintained accreditation since 1989.

I would like to acknowledge all of our staff for their efforts in the accreditation process and thank them for their years of service.

Janet Boutin, School Director

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Staff Member/Position	Years of Service	Staff Member/Position	Years of Service
Rosetta Abrahams, 2's Teacher	36	Julie Murray, 4's Teacher	7
Janice McCutcheon, P.E. Teacher	35	Brad Shearhart, Music Teacher	6
* Delilah Lee, Administrative Assistant	27	Lisa Earl, 4's Teacher	6
Janet Boutin, School Director	22	Tysie Martinez, Aide	5
Sonya Vasquez, 3's Teacher	19	Toni Sullivan, Wobbler Teacher	3
Barbara Davila, 4's Teacher	18	Krystal Mata, 2's Teacher	2
Melissa Aldrich, 4's Teacher	15	Rebekah Strickland, 2's Teacher	2
Maria Martinez, 3's Teacher	15	Kim Stevens, 2's Teacher	2
Danielle Molina, 3's Teacher	14	Callie Earnest, Aide	2
Linda Riley, Kindergarten Assistant	13	Evelyn Arredondo, Aide	2
Paige Fletcher, Kindergarten Teacher	13	Chelsea Moseley, Aide	2
Felicia Lehmann, Assistant Director	10	Kaylee, Lackey, Aide	2
Sandra Sosa, 3's Teacher	9	Lisa Carabaja, Aide	1
Ella Brown, Librarian	8	Julie Boles, Aide	1
Aaron Riley, Maintenance	7		

* Office staff speaks Spanish fluently

Thank you for your support over the past 52 years!

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

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.

Worship Schedule through September 9, 2020

Sundays:

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist - Rite One, in our sanctuary

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two, in Tucker Hall**

**You may also watch this service streaming live on our YouTube channel.

10:30 am - Children's Chapel - Watch on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Wednesdays:

7:00 pm - Evening Prayer – Watch on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Worship Schedule beginning September 13, 2020

Sundays:

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist - Rite One, in our sanctuary

9:15 am - The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two, in Tucker Hall

10:15 am - Sunday School - Online Psalms study - See pg. 5 of this newsletter.

11:15 am - The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two, streaming on our [YouTube Channel](#)

10:30 am - Children's Chapel - Watch on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Wednesdays:

7:00 pm - Evening Prayer – Watch on our [YouTube Channel](#).



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!

In a concerted effort to slow down the spread of the coronavirus, we have temporarily suspended most in-person programs and gatherings at St. Peter's. That said, we will continue to 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, let's 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, virtually or otherwise. If you have questions, call the church office. We are here for you. We can be 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.

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It's September - Happy Fall!

Happy Birthday to you:

Jacob	Leonard	2-Sep	Sue	Nidever	14-Sep	Virgie	Folger	21-Sep
Joy	Pruett	2-Sep	Beverly	Schwehm	14-Sep	Gary	Thorne	21-Sep
A.J.	Shafer	3-Sep	Bryant	Truitt	14-Sep	David	Brown	23-Sep
Tom	Murray	5-Sep	Marsha	Hofland	15-Sep	Donna	Bryant	23-Sep
Saphronia	Jons	6-Sep	Peyton	Ives	15-Sep	Walker	Richards	23-Sep
Donna	Raymond	6-Sep	Sophia	Shelton	15-Sep	Karla	Corkran	24-Sep
Ruth	Weems	6-Sep	Macrae	Sherron	15-Sep	Ross	Rommel	24-Sep
Don	Corkran	7-Sep	Steve	King	16-Sep	Dane	Tune	24-Sep
Diane	Davis	7-Sep	Sandy	Magee	17-Sep	Larry	Eskridge	25-Sep
Philip	Earnest	7-Sep	Baylie	DeVore	18-Sep	Caitlyn	Harris	25-Sep
Charlotte	Furtwengler	7-Sep	Adam	Furtwengler	18-Sep	Wynn	Kilgore	25-Sep
Owyn	Furtwengler	7-Sep	Morgan	Mosty	18-Sep	Rich	Dodds	26-Sep
Fran	Cox	8-Sep	William	Harwood	19-Sep	Britt	Eastland	26-Sep
Elsie	Kappler	8-Sep	Haley	Hilderbran	19-Sep	Vivian	Fore	27-Sep
Stockton	Williams	9-Sep	Julia	Cosgrove	20-Sep	Lee	Freedle	28-Sep
Sharon	Cannon	10-Sep	Richard	DeVona	20-Sep	Lou Ann	Maxwell	28-Sep
Keane	Wofford	10-Sep	Beth	Johnson	20-Sep	Greyson	Russ	28-Sep
Paul	Schoenfeld	12-Sep	Walter	Schellhase	20-Sep	James	Scogin	28-Sep
Nancy	Mills	14-Sep	Mike	Wheeler	20-Sep	Phil	DeMasco	30-Sep
			William	Allen Jr.	21-Sep			



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Anniversary

Heather & Michael	Stebbins	3-Sep
Bob & Shirley	Trees	3-Sep
Constant & Neill	Masterson, III	6-Sep
Ellen & Paul	Schoenfeld	18-Sep
Helen & Fritz	Miller, Jr.	19-Sep
Misty & Patrick	O'Fiel	19-Sep
Beverly & Rich	Dodds	26-Sep
Judy & Paul	Oshipp	28-Sep
Karla & Don	Corkran	29-Sep

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JANET BOUTIN, SCHOOL DIRECTOR
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DAVID MIRON, DIR. OF MUSIC/ORGANIST
KARA JOY BAKER, CHANCEL CHOIR DIR.
GUY SCOTT, FACILITIES MANAGER
BRUCE HEUN, SEXTON
KRISTIE KEESE, CONTROLLER**

VESTRY

**2021
MICKEY HORANY, SR. WARDEN
DAVID MARTIN, JR. WARDEN
DEE ELLIOTT
JIM HAYES**

**2022
CARTER CRAIN
MARK HAUFLE
AMY RICHARDS
KATHY VOSS**

**2023
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