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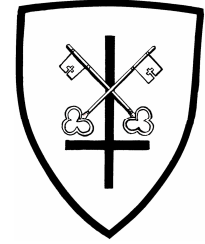
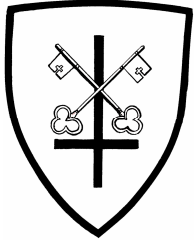
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SEPTEMBER PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

September is Usher Team 1: Pete Johnson, Ron Hershner, Joanne Marshall, John Matthewson, Jim Saunders, Lloyd Stoessell, Peter Wages, Leslie Willard, George Wilkes

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
<u>Acolytes</u>				
8:00	Need Volunteer	Corey K.	Need Volunteer	Neil G.
9:00	Kirsten K., Michael F., Roberta F.	Alison B., Tommy M., Megan Z.	Elsie G., Kirsten K., Sarah L.	Corey K., Graham B., Michael F.
11:00	Neil G., Meredith R., John Pierce D.	Claire C., Sarah C., Alexa L.	John Pierce D., Ward L., Will L.	Meredith R., Emily L., Alexa L.
<u>Chalicians</u>				
8:00	Tootie K.	Jessie N.	Bill M.	Mike L.
9:00	Kathi A. Jan G.	Sue B.	Georgeanne J.	Thad K.
11:00	Keith A. Alan B.	Jeff C.	Jim L.	Judith L.
<u>Lay Readers</u>				
8:00	Lee M. Tom G.	Bill M. Chris A.	Suzanne B. Tom B.	Tootie K. Mike L.
9:00	Kirsten K. Steve C.	Megan Z. Thad K.	Jan G. Sarah L.	Jonathan S. Justine B.
11:00	Larry S. Gail H.	Carol K. Lorraine G.	Len N. Nora S.	Jim L. Lynn W.
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
Weekly Team	Katie E. Legare H. Fernanda F. Marian L.	Jessie N. Catharine G. Nene H.	Suzanne B. Linda G. Sharon J.	Nan W. Pat M. Fran D.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

SEPTEMBER 2010

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE RECTOR

Because of a very important announcement, this month the article usually found on the front page of the Key has been replaced by a letter from the Rector, Senior Warden, and Building Committee Chair.

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Peter's:

In July the vestry made two very important decisions about the future of our building at St. Peter's. First, the vestry approved the recommendation of the Building Committee to hire Cox Graae + Spack Architects to help us begin Phase 1 of our building/renovation program. The firm has been hired to produce three design concepts within the range of 1.5 to 3.5 million dollars to present to the parish in early 2011, the year we celebrate our parish's 50th anniversary. Second, the vestry hired John Compton as a consultant to assist us in raising funds for whatever the parish ultimately decides to do, either add to or renovate the existing building. Mr. Compton will work with the people of St. Peter's to help and guide us through this fund-raising. Upon the completion of a successful capital campaign we will begin Phase 2 of the Building Program, the completion of detailed building plans and construction.

These two decisions were the culmination of the work of the vestry and three separate committees who worked tirelessly to bring us to this point: the Vision Task Force, the Building Planning Team, and the Building Committee. The Vision Task Force began its work asking all the

members of the parish, "Who is God calling us to be/become?" From that process it became clear that the current building at St. Peter's makes it a challenge to fulfill our corporate dreams for our future ministry and our common life together in our church home. Based on the report of the Vision Task Force, the vestry authorized the formation of a Building Planning Team to begin to gather preliminary information from the parish about our current needs for our physical plant and the fellowship and ministries that could be improved, expanded, or made possible by either reuse of our existing space or the construction of new space. In April 2010 the vestry appointed a Building Committee to come up with a plan about what we might build. The Building Committee decided that the most efficient use of time and money would be to hire an architectural firm to help us gather information from the parish that will lead directly to the production of the design. To be clear the work of the Vision Task Force and the Building Planning Team was to help us to determine **whether** we needed to build or renovate existing space and to assess the desire of the parish to implement such building. The task of the Building Committee is to decide with input from the parish **what** finally we want to build.

On September 19, David Cox and Bill Spack, principal architects of Cox Graae + Spack will be introduced to the parish at the Adult Forum to be

DATES TO NOTE:

- 2 - SOME
- 4,11,18,25 - Icon Writing
- 5 - Welcome Back Potluck
- 6 - Office Closed
- 7 - 1st Tuesday Meetings
- 8,15,22,29 - Adult Choir Practice
- 8,15,22,29 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 9 - Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10 - Meals on Wheels
- 11 - Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
- 12 - Sunday School Begins
- 12 - Godly Play Begins
- 13 - Finance Committee
- 13,27 - Prayer Group
- 14 - 2nd Tuesday Meetings
- 19 - Families With Young Children Gathering
- 21 - Third Tuesday Lunch Group
- 21 - Vestry Meeting
- 22 - Godzilla
- 26 - God's Peace Loving Hippie Bananas Meeting

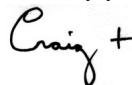
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held in the nave of the church. We hope that you will make every effort to attend. Over the fall months the architects will meet with the Building Committee as together we seek greater input from the parish that will help the architectural firm produce three conceptual studies by December 2010 or early January 2011. When the conceptual designs are finished we will begin working with John Compton, our capital campaign consultant, to help us assess the level of financial support for the building improvements or additions from the members of the parish. If support is strong, we will begin our capital campaign at a time yet to be determined during our 50th Anniversary year in 2011.

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact one of us. This is an exciting time at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We continue to hope and pray for God's blessing on our work and ministry together.

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D., Rector



Kathleen Argiropoulos, Senior Warden



Tony Poole, Chair of the Building Committee

PARISH NEWS —

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S NEW ASSISTANT!

Elyse G., M.Div., will be joining the St. Peter's staff this month as Assistant to the Rector for Youth, Families with Young Children, and Young Adults. She visited St. Peter's in June and attended the Parish Picnic, so she's already met some of us. There will be more opportunities to get acquainted with her this month, starting with a "Meet Elyse" Adult Forum on September 12th, her first day on staff. She and members of the Search Committee will lead an informal session to introduce her to the parish. Stop in and say hello if you can.

GREETINGS FROM ST. PETER'S NEW ASSISTANT

Hello St. Peter's!

My name is Elyse, and I will be joining you this September as the new assistant for youth, families with young children and young adults. I grew up in the Chicagoland area and studied Theology and International Relations at Wheaton College. This past May, I graduated from Duke Divinity School with a Masters of Divinity and a certificate in Anglican Studies.

I am also a graduate of Army ROTC and am serving as Army Reserve officer. I spent this past summer completing the chaplain basic officer course at Ft. Jackson, SC. If you enjoy stifling heat, 5 a.m. wake-up calls, and fire ants, then chaplain school just might be something for you to consider. Besides fire ants, I enjoy reading, swimming, and live music.

I am thrilled to be joining the team at St. Peter's. I think we have a lot to learn from each other, and so I am very much looking forward to meeting you!

Until then,
Elyse G.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —**WELCOME BACK POT LUCK SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 5:30 PM**

Been gone for awhile? No food in the fridge? Back-to-school shopping and time got away from you? Fear not! Come to St. Peter's at 5:30 on Sunday night September 5th and catch up with your friends. Bring a dish to share or just come as you are, but be there or...be where?

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

Sunday School teachers, please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll meet and talk about the upcoming Sunday School year and then get ready for the first day. Sunday School begins on September 12.

THE RETURN OF GODZILLA!!!!

Mark your calendars! Godzilla meetings for the year will start on **Wednesday September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.** here at St. Peter's. All youth ages 6th grade-12th grade are welcome to attend! Bring a friend, bring some faith, and, as always, Katelyn and Jared will bring the cookies!

GOD'S PEACE LOVING HIPPIE BANANAS ARE PEELING OUT!

Calling all 3rd through 5th graders! The Bananas are your youth group! We meet each month on the fourth Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's. If you are a rising 3rd grader, please come join us and see what all the fun is about! We have dinner, then enjoy all sorts of wacky fun and games! Here is our schedule for the year... we look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Sunday, September 26!

Mark your calendars: September 26; October 24; Holiday Party, either December 12 or December 19; April 24; May 22. During January through March there will be NO MEETINGS due to the church play.

If you have any questions contact Ward L. or Tommy A.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Peter's Parents,

Welcome back to school! The first day of Sunday School will be September 12, 2010. If you have not yet registered for Sunday School please do so by either filling out the registration form found in this month's *Key* or by filling out a form at the registration table that will be set up starting the first Sunday of September.

On the first day of Sunday School we ask that you go downstairs with your child or children at 10:00 a.m. to find their classrooms and meet new teachers and classmates. After the meet and greet, the children will go with their classes to a musical presentation by Kofi for the remainder of the Sunday School period. The classes with older students (grades 5/6, 7/8, and 9-12) will remain in their classrooms for the entire Sunday School period.

We are growing, and have many new families enrolling and new teachers as well. In order to accommodate our class sizes, we have made a best guess for each room based on current and expected enrollment. We will be evaluating how the classes are working over the first few weeks, and will make adjustments if necessary. We ask that you please be patient with us during this time, as the first few classes may seem a little excited.

All teachers will be given class rosters, which include contact information as well as any allergy information. The teachers will contact your family directly for anything that concerns your individual classes. If you do have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.

I cannot wait to meet all of you and look forward to a wonderful year.

Sara M.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.)—

ALL LEVELS YOGA IS BACK FOR THE FALL

Yoga is held at St. Peter's every Thursday morning from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the chapel beginning September 9. Please join us for this wonderful mind-body exercise. The class is ongoing and includes stretching, breathing and meditation. If you have questions or would like to be included on our e-mail list, please contact Karin Caffi, kcaffi@cox.net or 703.536.3705.

ACOLYTES AND YOUTH READERS

Please consider participating in our worship services this year as either an acolyte or a youth reader. While we only had one of last year's acolytes leave us for college, we have eight acolytes who are unable to serve on a regular basis this year that are willing to act as substitutes. This leaves us with only nineteen acolytes available to cover the scheduled services. While we would like to have youth servers at every service, we are very appreciative of the Chalicists who also perform acolyte duties at many of the 8 a.m. services. There will be an Acolyte Training Session during the fall, so watch the Goldenrod for that announcement once we have a date and time set. Returning acolytes are asked to attend the training to assist in training those who are new while reviewing their duties and learning any changes our Clergy feel are necessary.

We have a group of youth readers who are scheduled to read the lesson at the 9 a.m. service. Details of the lessons are sent out in advance to give the readers adequate time to review and practice their reading. There are currently eight youth members of our parish that participate in this ministry, and more are always welcome and can be added at any time.

Patti C. will be taking over the scheduling duties for the acolytes and youth readers starting in October. If you would like more information about our acolytes or youth readers, please contact any of our clergy members, Patti C., Keith A., or Lisa L.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will recommence on Friday, October 15, at 7:30 a.m. We will journey with Paul. We will read his letters in the order they were written—with a special focus on Paul's developing understanding of the significance of Christ's death and resurrection.

ADVANCED GODLY PLAY TRAINING

Becki Stewart will be with us again to conduct Advanced Godly Play training on Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This training is for experienced Godly Play leaders and promises to be a fruitful time for us. If you have worked with Godly Play prior to this year, this training is for you! Please let the Rev. Ann Martens or Scott R. know if you are able to attend.

FREQUENT FLYER MILES DONATIONS

If you have any frequent flyer miles you won't be using in the next few months, please consider donating them to the South Africa mission. We are looking for creative ways to reduce travel expenses so that anyone with a heart to serve can participate in the mission, regardless of cost. For more details, please contact Anna F.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION BOOK CLUB

Starting this fall, the South Africa mission committee will begin a series of book club readings open to anyone interested in learning more about the country and its interesting history. This is a fun and informative way to prepare yourself for the mission and the trip of a lifetime. Group Leaders and times will be announced in September...stay tuned. The books featured are:

The Covenant by James Michener

A comprehensive historical overview of South Africa's colonial roots highlighting the Dutch, French Huguenot, San, African and British influences in modern South Africa. It is written in Michener's unique historical fiction style and although a lengthy book, it goes at an easy and fast clip. Great for history buffs!

Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela

A wonderful profile of the global icon who challenged an unjust regime, sacrificing 27 years of his life in prison, and changed not only South Africa's history but the world. A children's companion is also available. Wonderful for those who enjoy biography.

Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

A literary classic that first drew the world's attention to the unjust situation in South Africa. It highlights how the forces of urbanization and industrialization collided with apartheid and impacted an African family. Also made into a wonderful movie. A short novel and quick read for those who love good fiction.

We Are All the Same by Jim Wooten

A compelling and personal tale of one boy's life dealing with AIDS while keeping his grace and humor. ABC News correspondent Jim Wooten spent time with the boy and his adoptive mother chronicling this poignant story about the tragedy of AIDS and HIV in South Africa and the courage of this young boy to compel the governmental authorities to deal with the crisis. A quick read that gets to the heart of the purpose of our mission. Ideal for those interested in non-fiction and social justice.

COMMISSION NEWS —

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Thanks to the great generosity of St. Peter's parishioners we were able to gather many, many housewares and small furniture items for homeless families moving to more permanent housing in the District. These items were donated through the Transitional Housing Corporation (an offshoot of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington). We collected throughout August and even though many folks were traveling, the collection drive was tremendously successful.

Please be on the lookout for an Adult Forum focusing on informing parishioners about the many activities happening at St. Peter's. Mission Commission will be there enthusiastically promoting the volunteer opportunities available to you.

Mark your calendars for the annual Church World Service Crop Walk on Saturday, October 16, 2010. St. Peter's participates through the Arlington Interfaith Council's walk and donates \$50 for every walker who participates on our team. The walk is about six miles and starts at around 8:30 a.m. at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church. More details will soon be available.

ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. are designed to serve our community by stimulating our thinking and actions in the Christian faith, exploring timely issues in our church and the world, and as an occasion for discussion about the ongoing activities in missions, worship, education and stewardship at St. Peter's. Topics range from aspects of our faith and worship, to books of the Bible, figures in Christian history, ethical dilemmas and contemporary issues of interest to our community. Discussion leaders come from within our parish community or sometimes are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two complementary forums to choose from each Sunday. Please contact Jonathan Sullivan with ideas, feedback or to volunteer to lead a discussion.

9/5 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Option I: My Favorite Spiritual Books, Led by The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

Option II: Introduction to Godly Play, Led by Scott R.

9/12 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Option I: Inquirer's Class – The Holy Bible: Introduction to The Old Testament, Led by The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

An overview of The Old Testament and its teachings for those wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church

Option II: Getting to Know the Assistant to the Rector for Youth, Families with Young Children, and Young Adults, Led by The Search Committee and Elyse G., M.Div.

9/19 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Plenary Session: Building Committee--Meeting with the Architects.

9/26 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Option I: Inquirer's Class – The Holy Bible: Introduction to The Apocrypha, Led by Elyse Gu., M.Div

An overview of The Apocrypha and its place amongst scripture.

Option II: History of St. Peter's: The Years Before There Was A Building, Led by Anita W., Fred W. and Adelaide C.

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

**St. Peter's 2010-2011 Concert Series Features
"Heavy Metal" Opening Fanfare**

Concerts at St. Peter's begins its new season on Sunday, October 10, 2010 with our own versatile Don Witman and his fellow instrumentalists in the Braddock Brass Quintet. The event is the first in the yearlong concert series that will also feature the annual Messiah Sing-Along, talented youth, an organ recital, and a St. Peter's birthday celebration.

Braddock Brass Quintet

October 10, 2010

4:00 p.m.

20th Annual *Messiah* Sing-along

December 12, 2010

7:30 p.m.

The concert series continues in December with our annual Advent tradition, now in its 20th year. The sing-along of Part I of G.F. Handel's *Messiah*, closing with the ever-popular Hallelujah Chorus, includes chamber orchestra, and soloists and chorus from St. Peter's.

St. Peter's 50th Anniversary Celebration

January 30, 2011

4:00 p.m.

In recognition of the founding of St. Peter's in 1961, 50 years ago, the January concert will feature great moments from past St. Peter's music presentations as well as birthday surprises.

***Godspell* - A St. Peter's Youth Production**

March 5 & 6, 2011

7:30 p.m.

The popular retelling of the Gospel, based on the Book of Matthew, will be this year's youth offering presented by our kids with many St. Peter's mentors, musicians, and helpers.

Organ Concert

June 5, 2011

4:00 p.m.

The closing concert of the season will feature our own organist Emily Koons and the magnificent St. Peter's pipe instrument.

Concerts at St. Peter's are informal, and nursery care is provided. Post-concert receptions add to the experience. Come as you are and bring a friend—or maybe two!



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Please complete the form and e-mail (ndestatte@saint-peters.org),
fax (703) 536-6608, mail, or bring it to the parish office.

Sunday School Registration 2010-2011

Student (1) _____
Last name *First name* *Middle I.*

Date of Birth *Grade* *School attending*

Allergies (please list)

Student (2) _____
Last name *First name* *Middle I.*

Date of Birth *Grade* *School attending*

Allergies (please list)

Student (3) _____
Last name *First name* *Middle I.*

Date of Birth *Grade* *School attending*

Allergies (please list)

Student Address: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Home Number: _____ **e-Mail Address:** _____

Parent/Guardian & Emergency Contact Information

Mother/(Guardian): _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Father/(Guardian): _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Other Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

I understand that this emergency information will be made available to St. Peter's Episcopal Church to help ensure the safety of my child/youth at St. Peter's-sponsored events.

To the best of my knowledge, this information is complete, accurate, and current.

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The Reverend Ann Martens, *Assistant Rector*
Don Witman, *Director of Music*
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Senior Warden: Kathi A. (2010)
Junior Warden: Barret H. (2011)
Register: Paul S.(2010)
Sue B. (2011)
Margaret C. (2011)
Jeff C. (2012)
Katie E. (2012)
Catharine G. (2010)
Gary G. (2011)
Peter M. (2012)
Gwyneth R. (2012)
Jack S. (2010)

Volunteers:

Treasurer: Don C.
Key Editor: Rob G.

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