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SEPTEMBER PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

September is Usher Team 1: Pete J., Ron H., Joanne M., Valerie M., John M., Jim S.,
Lloyd S., Peter W., Leslie W., George W.

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
<u>Acolytes</u>				
8:00	Volunteer Needed	Neil G.	Volunteer Needed	Neil G.
9:00	Will L. Ward L. Nadia S.	Anna H. Elena H. Nadia S.	Meredith R. Megan Z. Nadia S.	Graham B. Maria B. Kate M.
11:00	Claire C. Roberta F. Sarah C.	John Pierce D. Alexa L. Valerie M.	Sarah L. Tommy M. Sarah C.	Corey K. Sarah L. Roberta F.
<u>Chalicians</u>				
8:00	Bill M.	Ed W.	Tootie K.	Mike L.
9:00	Erin G.	Jan G.	Georgeanne J.	Thad K.
11:00	Bob W.	Keith A.	Keith Alan B.	Jeff C.
<u>Lay Readers</u>				
8:00	Chris A. Sally H.	Bill S. Linda G.	Tootie K. Mike L.	Tom B. Suzanne B.
9:00	Nadia S. John C.	Kirsten K. Jan G.	Jonathan S. Megan Z.	Justine B. Maureen H.
11:00	Jennifer C. Alan B. Paddy L.	Bettie J. Jim L. Ralph H.	Bob S. Keith A. Vikkey A.	Bob W. Allen B. Rich D.
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Karen S. Anne J. Jennifer B.	Kathryn H. Diane C. Catharine G.	Katie E. Legaré H. Fernanda F. Marian L.	Jessie N. Catharine G. Nene H.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

SEPTEMBER 2011



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

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

"I just want to be happy." The phrase is familiar enough. We hear it when we're having a solemn conversation with a friend. We hear it when we're dreaming about what mysteries life holds. We hear it when we're arguing with someone we once thought we loved. But one place we don't hear this phrase is in the recently published book *Living without Enemies: Being Present in the Midst of Violence* by Sam Wells and Marcia Owen.

The book narrates the development of the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND), an organization that seeks an end to violence in Durham, North Carolina, neighborhoods. Through both successes and failures, they've learned that life isn't always going to be happy. But the book doesn't leave the reader with numbing statistics or emotional appeals. The authors leave us instead with one simple thought: "If it can't be happy, make it beautiful" (94).

Ministry often starts with a mere inkling, a slight sense that something's not right and that things could be different. Marcia Owen sensed something was not right in Durham while participating in an AIDS care team from her local church. No one wanted to visit a family because they lived in a dangerous neighborhood (and not without reason; gun violence was claiming the lives of 25 to 30 Durham residents a year), but Owen felt compelled. She kept thinking, "There are *children* in that neighborhood." It

was becoming "vividly apparent to Marcia that *all* of Durham was her community, not just those in her own neighborhood" (20).

Still how could anyone possibly make this better? Owen knew something different needed to happen. But knowing something must be done is not quite the same as knowing what should be done and how.

Enter Sam Wells. Through an unlikely friendship between a grass-roots activist and the chapel dean of a prestigious university, *Living without Enemies* was born. The book connects academic theology with the practical work of the RCND and identifies different approaches for responding to violence: *working for*, *working with*, *being for*, and *being with*.

RCND has implemented aspects of all four of these models over the years. In its early days, it *worked for* the victims of gun violence by seeking to pass legislation that would restrict eligibility for gun ownership. It *worked with* the victims of gun violence by changing the ways local newspapers reported area homicides. And the RCND has known how to *be for* the victims of homicide through years of careful attention to the intellectual issues surrounding gun violence.

But the real heart of the RCND began to take shape in the moments when those methods failed and all that was left to do was *be with* those affected by

DATES TO NOTE:

- 1 - SOME
- 3,10,17,24 - Icon Writing
- 4 - Return to Regular Service Schedule (8am, 9am, 11am)
- 4 - Welcome Back Potluck
- 5 - Office Closed
- 6 - First Tuesday Meetings
- 7,14,21,28 - Youth Choir Practice
- 7,14,21,28 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 7,14,21,28 - Children's Choir Practice
- 7,14,21,28 - Adult Choir Practice
- 7,21 - Godzilla
- 8,15,22,29 - Thursday Ears
- 9,30 - Meals on Wheels
- 10 - Sunday School Teacher's Training
- 11 - Sunday School, The 10 Spot, and Godly Play Resume
- 12 - AFAC Family Bagging Night
- 12 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 12,26 - Prayer Group
- 13 - Mom's Group
- 13 - Lunch Bunch
- 13 - Second Tuesday Meetings
- 20 - Vestry Meeting
- 24 - New Godly Play Teachers' Training
- 25 - St. Peter's Family Concert
- 25 - Bananas

gun violence. They created Reconciliation and Reentry Teams that offer support and community to persons newly released from prison. They started monthly lunchtime conversations during which people share a meal and resources. They began to hold prayer vigils at homicide locations. They overcame fear of people and places affected by violence and began to create spaces to grieve and begin to heal *with them*. RCND learned that people of faith are called to “be *in* the problem, to be with the problem—to expect transformation and to expect to be transformed through that process” (64).

The *being with* model may be a tough sell in a world that reveres the skills of the professional. Frank Stasio, in a recent NPR “The State of Things” interview with Wells and Owen, says as much. Wells responds:

I wouldn’t be promoting *being with* if I felt there was any danger that the whole world was going to be converted to the notion of *being with*. The whole society is structured—the people we reward in society, the people with the big salaries—those are all

working for people. That’s the way our whole society is set up. But we’ve got some major issues in our society that actually *working for* doesn’t touch and possibly even makes worse. And those are really fundamentally issues of isolation. *Being with* is fundamentally about overcoming isolation.

The *being with* model of ministry won’t fix a problem or make pain go away. It won’t cure a disease or bring back the victims of gun violence. It won’t bring happiness into a situation full of grief and suffering. But it can let us know that we are not alone, that the God-with-us never leaves us on our own. And that may not always be happy, but perhaps it can be beautiful.

Peace,



Elyse Gustafson, M.Div.
Assistant to the Rector

PARISH NEWS

FIRST GODZILLA OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: SEPTEMBER 7

Godzilla, St. Peter’s youth group for 6th through 12th graders, will start up again on September 7 from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. We’ll kick off the new year right with get-to-know-you games and plenty of food. We’ll also hand out calendars for the upcoming school year. This year we will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. (the time will be consistent for every meeting). We will eat dinner together on the first Wednesday. Parents, there is a sign-up sheet for providing dinners on the youth board in the narthex. Please sign up ASAP! Thanks!

THURSDAY EARS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

The Thursday Ears, a wonderful group of folks who read short stories together, will begin again September 8, meeting from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. We will be discussing our summer reading, *A Lesson before Dying* by Ernest Gaines, on September 8 and 15. You are welcome to join us. We will also begin a new book of short stories on September 22. If you would like to join us for the first time, please see Nikol about getting a copy of the new book for \$10. Everyone is welcome!

THE TEN SPOT: SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attention Senior Highers! Our Sunday School class, the Ten Spot, will begin on Sunday, September 11, at 9 a.m. in the Godzilla room. We’ve got an excellent new program planned in which we’ll see what different superheroes (yes, that’s right: superheroes!) have to teach us about the Christian faith. Join us for time with friends, good conversation, and—of course—plenty of Oreos! See you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

Just a reminder that the first meeting of Sunday School is September 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. If you have not registered yet we will have a table set up in the Sunday School wing the first few Sundays. On the first day, students will go to their classrooms and meet their teachers, then the teachers will take them to a special event for all Sunday School students Pre-K through Grade 6. Welcome, and thank you for sending us your children.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 5-10

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) hosts Family Bagging Nights on the second Monday of each month. These nights are specifically designed for children ages 5 to 10 to teach them about the importance of volunteering and caring for the poor. Elyse will be bringing a group from St. Peter's to attend the Family Bagging Night on September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will meet at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. and carpool to the AFAC facility (2708 South Nelson Street). AFAC can only handle 25 people, and **the spots fill up fast!** Sign up ASAP either in the narthex or by e-mailing Elyse at egustafson@saint-peters.org. Once you're signed up, Elyse will register you with AFAC. Hope you can join us!

THE MOMS GROUP IS BACK!

The Moms of St. Peter's will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. New moms, veteran moms, and children are welcome to join us for a **special brunch** in the chapel on September 13 to start off the new year. Sign up in the narthex or RSVP to Elyse at egustafson@saint-peters.org. Hope to see you there!

TRAINING FOR NEW GODLY PLAY TEACHERS, SEPTEMBER 24

Would you like to help with a fun program that requires minimal commitment? We are looking for a few new Godly Play teachers. Training is September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please speak to Scott Radloff or the Rev. Ann Martens if you are interested.

OCTOBER 2, PREVENTION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TRAINING

On October 2, from 5 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter's, we will hold the diocesan **Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Training for people who work with children**. This class is required by the diocese and our insurance for all who work with children or youth or go on mission trips of which children or youth are a part. Furthermore, because of a recent change made by the diocese, the training is good for **ten years** only. So if you had the class more than ten years ago and you work with children or youth (including youth groups) or plan to go on a mission trip, please register to take this class. A light supper will be provided. Sign up with Kathi A.

THANK YOU TO ANGELA STYLES

A big thank you to Angela Styles for cleaning out and organizing our Sunday School craft closet. Angela spend a Sunday afternoon tackling the closet—clearing out, purging, organizing and labeling the craft supplies. It looks magnificent! (Now if we can only keep it that way...)

BIBLICAL HEBREW CLASS BEING FORMED

The Bible is both a religious and cultural foundation of incalculable influence and—especially read in its original languages—one of the world's most impressive literary achievements. Much of the Bible was originally written in Hebrew, so learning some Biblical Hebrew can reveal new views of Scripture. In addition, Jesus was a Jew, and to be a follower of Him implies learning something about the people of the Old Testament—their culture, their language, and their way of understanding the Scriptures.

The Hebrew alphabet is only a small hurdle. The grammar is systematic, mostly built around three-letter roots, and it's not complicated. If you are interested in joining a Biblical Hebrew class taught by Father Craig on Monday evenings this fall, please let him know.

This is planned as a very introductory course of about 8 to 10 classes to help you learn the alphabet and how to read a few passages from the Old Testament. When the initial classes are done you will have to the chance to evaluate whether you would like to continue to meet for further instruction.

יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Num 6:24*

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

ALL LEVELS YOGA IS BACK FOR THE FALL

Yoga is held here at St. Peter's every Thursday morning from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the chapel beginning September 8. Please join us for this wonderful mind-body exercise. The class is ongoing and includes stretching, breathing and relaxation. If you have any questions or would like to be included on our e-mail list, please contact the parish office for Karin's contact information or see your mailed or e-mailed version of *The Key*.

BRIDGE CLASSES TO RESUME AT ST. PETER'S ON SEPTEMBER 12

Gene, gold life master and experienced Northern Virginia professional bridge instructor, will be offering bridge lessons at St. Peter's starting Monday, September 12. Assuming sufficient interest, two options will be offered for students who would like to enroll in fall classes:

1. **5:00 to 7 p.m.—Defense Series for Beginner Students.** Last winter and spring, Gene taught beginner students at St. Peter's the fundamentals of the American Modern Standard bidding system. In this next level class, Gene will teach beginners how to defend against opponents' trump and no trump contracts. The class will begin with a brush up on material covered this past spring.
2. **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.—Slam Bidding and Advanced Defense.** This series, designed for experienced duplicate and social bridge players, will focus on slam bidding—how to evaluate combined hands during the bidding to move toward slam when you don't have the necessary 33–37 points, how to use cue bidding to ask for aces (which and when) and how to defeat seemingly cold contracts by using suit preference and other signals.

The eight-week lesson series will cost \$120 per student, 40 percent of which is a tax deductible contribution to St. Peter's Episcopal Church as host organization. (Note: This contribution does not count as part of a parishioner's pledge or other commitments.) Please contact Gail H. if you have questions or would like to enroll in either of these classes.

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 are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two topics to choose from each Sunday.

How You Can Participate

If you have an idea for a topic, feedback on a past topic or would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact Jonathan S.

Schedule for September

September 4—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: Practical Spirituality: Ways to Pray—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

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

September 11—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Option II: Writing in the Dust—Led by Catharine G.

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

September 18—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: Eucharistic Life: Theology of Giving—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

Option II: Stewardship Campaign Kickoff—Led by the Stewardship Committee

September 25—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: Meet the New Organist—Led by Jim S.

Option II: TBA

COMMISSION NEWS —

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS—WHY WOULD I GIVE? AND, HOW MUCH?

Why would I give money to the church? In some ways it's an interesting question, because, as St. Peter's giving statements note, "other than 'intangible religious benefits,' no goods or services [are] received by the donor." I'm not going to get anything for my money.

In fact, giving to the church is not giving to get something. It's not some sort of dues. It's not payment for goods and services. It may be giving out of thanksgiving, it may be giving to participate in God's kingdom, it may even be giving in obedience to the instructions in Scripture, but it's not giving to get.

This year it's easier than some years at St. Peter's to see this distinction between giving out of thanksgiving and giving "to get." The New Legacy Campaign is a good example of giving "to get." We are giving money to get goods and services from architects and construction workers so that we can get an improved building. Obviously, the ultimate point of having the improved building is to better support the mission and ministries of the church, but the giving to the capital campaign is giving to get something.

What can we "get" from God with our money? God already freely gives us life, the universe, and everything. He gave us his only son. We can't defray God's costs with our money; we can't buy either God's love or our own life. God will go on freely showering us with love no matter what we do. We can't buy God's favor. What we can do (indeed, what it may be hard for us *not* to do) is to be thankful for the gifts God bestows on us and want to praise God and express our love for God.

One way we do that is by participating in and supporting God's church and its work. St. Peter's is God's church; it is a community of God's people called together in Christ, transformed by God's grace, and sent out to serve God's purpose in the world. Those purposes include everything from worship, fellowship, and pastoral care among ourselves to care for the hungry, poor, and lonely in the wider community.

Once I'm ready to give to God through God's church, the next question is, "How much?" Proportional giving is key here. "Proportional giving" as it is described in the Bible is not a matter of giving God what is left over after I have met my own needs. It is a matter of deciding ahead of time how much (what proportion) of my wealth I will dedicate to God and then meeting my own needs with what is left after that. (Perhaps you've heard the saying, "Give God what's right, not what's left?") If I think I can make it on 95 percent of my income next year, then I pledge 5 percent to the church and budget the 95 percent for my other expenses.

The Bible helpfully provides at least one answer to the "How much?" question in the instructions to tithe—to give a tenth of our income. There's a lot written about money and gifts in the Bible, and it's not all straightforward. If you were at the Adult Forum on Acts earlier this summer you'll know we talked about the earliest Christian community and that the answer to the "How much?" question there seemed to be quite straightforward: Give all that you have.

COMMISSION NEWS (CONT.) —

The 10 percent goal of the tithe is an appropriate goal, one that only a few households at St. Peter's probably achieve. It's a goal that I am still working toward in our household. The point of responding to the "How much?" question with a discussion of proportional giving is that one way to make a gift to God through the church a meaningful expression of thanksgiving, a meaningful avenue for participating in God's kingdom, and a meaningful response to the good news of the Gospel is by thinking of it as a gift "off the top," an offering that the Old Testament regards as sanctifying the remainder, the portion off of which we will live.

Unless we plan our gift as particular portion of our wealth, we are likely to fall prey to figuring it out as a payment for goods and services or an attempt to match what we think other people are giving. We can be deceived in this business of trying to match other people's gifts—our gifts only become equal expressions of gratitude if they represent equal proportions of our wealth. When each of us sees our gifts to the church as a joyful and thankful dedication to God of a particular proportion of our wealth, we can all receive with equal joy those "intangible religious benefits" promised on our giving statements.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR 2012

With summer over and autumn just around the corner, St. Peter's comes alive in September. It's a time of transition as parishioners return from vacation and the Sunday School begins its year. You can see St. Peter's moving ahead on many fronts with many programs; it's an exciting time of year and it's the time when we start looking toward the year ahead. St. Peter's Stewardship Committee has been working over the summer planning the pledge drive to fund St. Peter's ministries in 2012.

Here's what to expect:

- "Stewardship Sunday" will be September 18. On that day we will have packets available at church for each parish household. The packets will include a pledge card for 2012 and a narrative budget describing the parish's ministries and how they have been funded in 2011. Vestry members will be handing them out after each service on September 18. Please plan to pick up your packet on that day or from the church office the next day. We will mail any uncollected packets, and we are trying to limit our postal expenses by handing out as many as possible at church.
- On September 25 the Adult Forum will cover budgetary matters and the stewardship of money in the parish.
- October 16 will be "Commitment Sunday." On this day we will bring all the completed pledge cards forward with the offering and celebrate the conclusion of the campaign. Vestry members will begin making follow-up calls on those whose pledge cards have not been received.

In 2011 about 70 percent of active parish households completed a pledge card. If we add about 20 "new" pledging households, we will raise that percentage to 80 percent for 2012. If you have been putting money in the collection plate but have not filled out a pledge card before, this would be a good time to make the change. It is much easier for the church to plan and commit to ministries for the coming year knowing how much income to expect. In addition, the act of proportional giving—of committing to return a certain proportion of our wealth to God in thanksgiving for our blessings—affirms and strengthens our faith in God's abundance.

If you have any questions about pledging to St. Peter's, the Rector, the Senior Warden, or I would be happy to discuss them with you. You can reach any of us through the church office.

Catharine

2012 Annual Pledge Campaign Chair

COMMISSION NEWS (CONT.) —

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

In August we welcomed home the missionaries from South Africa. It was a marvelous, awe-inspiring trip for all. Everyone will have a chance to hear a complete report from the missionaries at an upcoming Adult Forum—stay tuned.

On September 6 at 7:30 p.m. the Mission Commission will be meeting. (We don't meet every month, so please try to make it on the 6th.) We will discuss, among other things, the South Africa mission trip, an upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2012, a "Stock the Shelter" drive in October to help Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN) get ready to run Arlington County's Emergency Winter Shelter, and a mission to be undertaken by a parishioner with the medical ship run by YWAM (Youth With A Mission, out of Australia). We will also start to plan the 2012 budget.

Beginning on September 12, the Families with Young Children (FYC) group will participate in family bagging night at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). (This is the center in south Arlington to which we take our Sunday food donations each month; sign-up for that in the Narthex.) Family bagging night is when children as young as five can come with their families to bag food at AFAC. See information about it elsewhere in the *Key*; contact Elyse Gustafson if you are interested in going.

As mentioned above, a group of parishioners, led by Glenn M., is organizing a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2012. Sign-ups will begin soon and we will need non-refundable deposits with each sign-up. The plan is to continue with work started in recent years on a school. The school we have helped with is constructed in a way that allows for a second floor to be added; that could be a focus of the next project.

A-SPAN is an organization in Arlington (our parishioner Kathy S. is Executive Director) and it administers Arlington County's Emergency Winter Shelter (EWS) from November 1 through March 31 each year. (Our church cooks and provides one dinner for the shelter each week; sign-ups in the Narthex.) A-SPAN could use some help getting the shelter stocked so we will be having a drive for toiletries, socks and underwear during the month of October. Look for the collection bin and other announcements. Also, the annual mini-walk for the Help-the-Homeless Drive will be held with A-SPAN at church on October 2.

Please note that the annual CROP Walk, sponsored by Church World Service generally and in Arlington, specifically, by Arlington Interfaith Council, is planned for Saturday, October 15. Contact Peter W. if you want to sign up; sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. This is an approximately 10K walk through Arlington and raises money for food and hunger programs. We usually send a team every year; some people run the course and others walk it.

COMMISSION NEWS (CONT.) —

A JOYFUL NOISE: MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S

The music program will be led by **Don W.** (Director of Music, Adult Choir & Handbell Choir) and **James S.** (Organist, Youth & Children's Choir). The Cherub Choir will continue under the leadership of volunteers Jay and Maureen Harris.

The 2011-2012 season will begin with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7, and the choirs will sing for the first time this season on Sunday, September 11. No audition is required for any of St. Peter's groups – all are welcome! Write stpetersmusic@gmail.com with any questions. A full calendar and more information may be found at www.stpetersmusic.org.

GROUPS

Adult Choir

- Led by Don
- Typically sings at 11 a.m.; sings at 9 a.m. once a month
- Rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30

9AM Choir (New!)

- Led by Don
- All singers who attend the 9 a.m. service are invited
- Sings once a month at the 9am service
- Rehearses twice a month, immediately after the 9 a.m. service

Handbell Choir

- Led by Don
- Rings once a month at the 11 a.m. service
- Rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12)

- Led by Jim
- Sings regularly at the 9 a.m. service
- Rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:10 p.m. (before Godzilla!)

Children's Choir (grades 2-5)

- Led by Jim
- Sings regularly at the 9 a.m. service
- Rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:50 p.m.

Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

- Led by Jay H.
- Sings occasionally at the 9 a.m. service
- Rehearses Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. (right after Sunday School)

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Wednesdays

- 6:10-6:45 pm – Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
- 6:30-7:25 pm – Handbell Choir
- 6:50-7:25 pm – Children's Choir (grades 2-5)
- 7:30-9:00 pm – Adult Choir

Sundays

- 8:30-8:50 am – Pre-service rehearsal for Youth & Children's Choir
- 10:00-10:30 am – 9AM Choir (twice a month)
- 10:30-11:00 am – Pre-service rehearsal for Adult Choir
- 11:00-11:30 am – Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S (CONT.) —**SPECIAL ANTHEM FOR SEPTEMBER 11**

The Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and new 9 a.m. choir will begin the season at the 9 o'clock service on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The choirs will come together to offer a special anthem written shortly after 9/11 by St. Peter's organist and Children's Choir and Youth Choir director, James S. The anthem, "With One Dream," is a hymn of hope that celebrates compassion and unity in a time of crisis and is a commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11. Adults who would like to join the Youth and Children's Choirs at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11 are also invited to come to rehearsals (see schedule above) on Wednesday, September 7. All those singing on Sunday, September 11, will meet at 8:30 a.m. that morning for a final run-through.

CONCERT'S AT ST. PETER'S 2011-2012 PRESENTS**A CONCERT BY
THE WITMAN FAMILY**

Sunday, September 25
4:00 p.m.

Trumpet, piano, guitar, and vocals – bring *your* family!



ST. PETER'S CHURCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2011

(as of 8/15/2011 – check www.saint-peters.org for periodic updates)

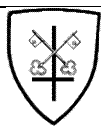
September	October
1 So Others Might Eat, 5:45AM	2 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Training for Prevention of Sexual Misconduct with Children, 6-9PM
4 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Regular worship schedule resumes: Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Family Service), 9AM; Adult Forum(s), 10AM; Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11AM Welcome Back Potluck Supper, 6PM	5 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM Godzilla, 7-8:45PM So Others Might Eat, 5:45AM
7 Choir rehearsals begin: Youth Choir, 6:10-6:45P Handbell Choir, 6:30-7:25PM Children's Choir, 6:50-7:25PM Adult Choir, 7:30-9PM Godzilla begins, 7-8:45PM	9 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost AFAC Family Bagging Night, 6PM Moms Group, 10-11:30AM Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM Meals on Wheels St. Peter's Pedalers' 50/50 Anniversary Ride
8 Thursday Ears begins, 10:15-11:15AM	14 Meals on Wheels
9 Meals on Wheels	15 St. Peter's Pedalers' 50/50 Anniversary Ride
10 Sunday School teacher training, 9AM-1PM	16 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Animals, 5:30PM Lunch Bunch, 12 noon
11 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Godly Play begins, 8:50AM Sunday School begins, 10AM AFAC Family Bagging Night, 6PM Moms Group Kick-Off Brunch, 10-11:30AM	18 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM Godzilla, 7-8:45PM
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13 Moms Group Kick-Off Brunch, 10-11:30AM	23 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost God's Peace-Loving Hippie Bananas, 5:30-7:30PM
14 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM	26 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
16 Women's Bible Study resumes, 7:30AM	30 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Taizé service, 7PM
18 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM Godzilla, 7-8:45PM	
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25 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. Peter's Concert Series, 4PM God's Peace-Loving Hippie Bananas begins, 5:30-7:30PM	
28 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM; Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM	
30 Meals on Wheels	

November

- 2 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
Godzilla, 7-8:45PM
- 3 So Others Might Eat, 5:45AM
- 6 **All Saints Sunday, special service schedule in effect:**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8AM; Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9AM;
Annual Meeting of the Parish, 10AM; Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:15AM
Tea for Ladies of the Parish ages 7+, 4PM
- 8 Moms Group, 10-11:30AM
- 9 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
Meals on Wheels
- 11 Meals on Wheels
- 12 Contemplative Advent Program (Session 1) 9-11AM
- 13 **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
- 14 AFAC Family Bagging Night, 6PM
- 15 Lunch Bunch, 12 noon
- 16 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
Godzilla, 7-8:45PM
- 19 Contemplative Advent Program (Session 2) 9-11AM
- 20 **Last Sunday after Pentecost—Christ the King Sunday**
- 24 Thanksgiving Day: Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10AM
- 27 **First Sunday of Advent**
Advent Event, 10AM
God's Peace-Loving Hippie Bananas, 5:30-7:30PM
Contemplative Advent Program (Session 3) 7-9PM

December

- 1 So Others Might Eat, 5:45AM
- 2 Nicholas Fest, 6:30-9:30PM
- 4 **Second Sunday of Advent**
- 5 Contemplative Advent Program (Session 4) 7-9PM
- 7 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
Godzilla, 7-8:45PM
Meals on Wheels
- 10 Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 9-11AM
Contemplative Advent Program (Session 5) 9-11AM
- 11 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Pageant, 9AM
Messiah Sing-Along, 7:30PM
Moms Group, 10-11:30AM
- 13 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
- 17 Contemplative Advent Program (Session 6) 9-11AM
- 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11AM
All-Family Christmas Extravaganza, 5:30-7:30PM
Lunch Bunch, 12 noon
- 20 Choir Rehearsals: Youth, 6:10-6:45PM; Handbells, 6:30-7:25PM;
Children, 6:50-7:25PM; Adults, 7:30-9PM
- 24 Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist Rite II, Family Service, 5PM;
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Candlelight Service, 8PM;
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Candlelight Service, 11PM
- 25 **Christmas Day**
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10AM
Meals on Wheels
- 30



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Sunday School Registration 2011–2012

Student (1) _____
Last Name First Name Middle I.

Date of Birth Grade for 2011–12 School Attending

Does your child have any Allergies or Special Needs (please list)

Student (2) _____
Last Name First Name Middle I.

Date of Birth Grade for 2011–12 School Attending

Does your child have any Allergies or Special Needs (please list)

Student (3) _____
Last Name First Name Middle I.

Date of Birth Grade for 2011–12 School Attending

Does your child have any Allergies or Special Needs (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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 2011						
4 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am HE, Rite II 10:00am - Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II 6:00pm - Welcome Back Potluck	5 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	6 7:30pm - First Tuesday Meetings	7 6:10pm - YC Practice 6:30pm - HC Practice 6:50pm - CC Practice 7:00pm - Godzilla 7:30pm - AC Practice	8 10:15am - Thursday Ears	9 11:00am - Meals on Wheels	10 9:00am - Sunday School Teacher Training 12:00pm - Icon Writing
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