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CORNERSTONE



Letter from the Rector



Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

Welcome to The Cornerstone. Over the past several years, we have published an annual magazine in October that celebrates significant ministries of the past year and highlights upcoming events. We realized that once a year is not enough. There is just too much to share! The Cornerstone will be published six times a year. In addition to announcing various ministries and offerings, it will give the clergy and me an opportunity to share spiritual insights and messages beyond what we can preach in sermons. I hope it will allow us to be more connected with you and for all of us to be more deeply connected with God through our shared community.

The First Letter of Peter quotes Isaiah to tell about Jesus, "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." The author of 1 Peter reminds us that Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, the stone on which our trust in God is built. It also happens that our church resides on the corner of Warson and Ladue. So The Cornerstone reminds us that all we do here as St. Peter's Church on our little corner of the world is built on our relationship with Jesus Christ. These pages show not just what we are doing, but what God is doing through us. I hope you enjoy The Cornerstone!

Peace,

Luke

St. Peter's Outreach

For the last 11 months, St. Peter's Outreach Committee has worked hard to develop a church-wide outreach mission and to create a committee infrastructure so parish outreach ministries can grow and thrive. After surveying the parish, revisiting parish outreach history, reading the book Toxic Charity, studying scripture, and meeting with community members, we are excited to present the following mission statement:

We seek to serve Christ through transformative partnerships that empower our neighbors who live with injustice and hardship as their constant companions.

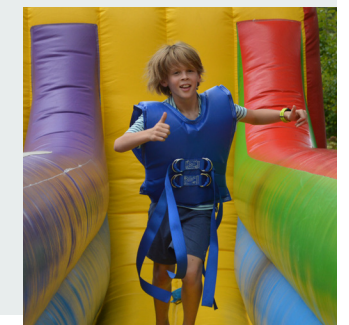
The committee envisions St. Peter's working to fulfill this mission by focusing on ministries that encompass aspects of education, health, racial justice, and sustainability, all areas in which the congregation expressed an interest. Please join us at the Rector's Forum on Sunday, October 6, to learn more about our new mission, outreach opportunities, and how you can become involved.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Liza Weiss, Chris Knight, Letah Carruthers, Bill Gilbert, Annie Vogt, Margaret Carmichael, and Tyler LaBerge.

JOIN US FOR ST. PETER'S DAY! SUNDAY, SEPT. 15





A New Trio of Anthems Commissioned by St. Peter's

BY DAVID SINDEN, ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

One of the wonderful aspects of making music here at St. Peter's is the amount of new music we sing. We are fortunate to regularly be involved in the commissioning of new music. This fall we will sing three new pieces of choral music, all of which have arrived in the Music Office in the past few months. All three pieces will be performed in October and November, and two of them will be heard for the first time right here at St. Peter's.

I lift up mine eyes unto the hills – Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

This piece was commissioned in honor of St. Peter's own Bryan Miller, "the dedicated music critic of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and a true musician." This work is a setting of the Coverdale version of Psalm 121.

St. Peter's has co-commissioned "I lift up mine eyes unto the hills" together with the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus (Philip Barnes, Artistic Director); the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City; Third Baptist Church, Grand Center; the Music Department of Washington University; and Congregation Shaare Emeth, Creve Coeur. The flexible scoring allows for this piece to be performed in a variety of performance situations by any of the co-commissioning institutions or others.

Judith Bingham (b. 1963) is a well-known composer whose carol "God would be born in thee" was commissioned by King's College, Cambridge and premiered at the 2004 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. In her music, Bingham finds a way of layering dense harmonic textures in a way that provides an unexpected musical luminescence. There is a radiant complexity to her writing.

We will sing Bingham's "I will lift up mine eyes" for the first time at St. Peter's on Sunday, October 20 when Psalm 121 is among the lessons for the day.



A selfie with David Sinden and Judith Bingham in 2017.

Bring us, O Lord, God - Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963)

Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963) is an English composer who has a long and special relationship with St. Peter's. The dedication on the first piece she wrote for us reads: "Composed for St. Peter's Choir after I heard them perform in England, and I was struck by the beauty of their singing." The Choir will sing this piece (*The Call*) as part of the Advent Carol Service on Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m. (for details see 2019/20 Choral Services and Concerts.)

Bryan Miller has commissioned Manning to write a setting of John Donne's "Bring us, O Lord God" in memory of her father, Thomas Wade Hampton Miller, III. It is written for choir and organ, and it is the twelfth piece of Manning's to be added to the St. Peter's library. We will premiere this new anthem at the Offertory on Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 a.m.

King of glory, King of peace – Francis Pott (b. 1957)

Francis Pott had the opportunity to attend worship here in 2016 when the choir sang his unaccompanied choral work *A Meditation*, a setting of some lines by Thomas Traherne.

This new work by Pott (b. 1957) displays his full range as a composer. The work progresses from a unison, unaccompanied opening, to multi-layered entrances supported by complicated rhythms in the organ accompaniment.

These words of this new anthem, by George Herbert (1593-1633), are known to many Episcopalians through their inclusion in the Hymnal at Hymn 382. Pott's setting, however, includes a stanza that is omitted from the hymnal. "King of glory, King of peace" by Francis Pott will receive its first performance at the Offertory on Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 a.m.



I hope that everyone at St. Peter's takes a certain measure of pride that we help bring so much new music into the world. It says something about the nature of our faith that we are not always looking back to the tried and true music of the past, as important as that is, but that we engage living composers with an eye to the future. That we help to bring so much new music to life demonstrates our commitment to embodying that tantalizing imperative in Psalm 96: "Sing to the LORD a new song."

If the promise and excitement of new sacred music appeal to you, I encourage you to help support new music at St. Peter's. You might wish to commission music in honor of someone to mark a significant occasion in their life. Many people find it meaningful to commission music in memory of someone who has died. Whatever your reason for wanting to commission new music, the choir and I, and a composer to be determined, would love to make it a reality.

Episcopal Youth Community

by Fr. Joseph Wallace-Williams

Though I've only been a member of this faith community here at St. Peter's for a little less than a year, I have come to know many of you. As one of your priests, an area of ministry I have been given is with the youth of our congregation.

I am looking forward to being able to get to know each of you and others in our community this coming academic year. Moving forward, our youth group, or EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), will meet regularly on the third Sunday of every month following the 10:30 worship service. This will be a time for us to seek a deeper connection to Christ and one another through fun, fellowship, and intentional time exploring the complexities of life and asking questions of faith. Most of our meeting time will be spent in the Undercroft or Confirmation classroom from 12-2pm. It is my hope that we will not only meet on Sundays, but will occasionally meet together as a group off-campus for a game of dodgeball, top golf, movies and so on.

I want each and every one of you to know that I am available to talk at any time. I am more than willing to meet you for ice cream or pizza! And you guessed it - I don't blab and I don't judge!!!!

So come and talk to me about anything. I am here for YOU.



Tentatively mark your calendar for the following EYC dates:

- September 22
- October 20
- November 10
- December 15
- January 19
- February 23
- April 19
- May 31

Stay tuned for further information on EYC events, Confirmation, and Youth Sunday!



On the Border

2019 Youth Mission Trip to San Diego, CA

In June, a group of us traveled to San Diego, CA for our Youth Mission Trip!

WHY SAN DIEGO:

San Diego is most known as a tourist destination, boasting warm weather and beautiful beaches. Many do not realize that San Diego is located less than one hour away from the U.S.-Mexico border, which has many implications for those living in or near the city.

Serving in San Diego exposed us to the social issues present in communities located at national borders. We also learned about immigration by spending time at the U.S.-Mexico border, learning about social justice from a local non-profit fighting for the rights of immigrants.



THE BIG ISSUES IN SAN DIEGO:

Immigration: Due to its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border, San Diego is home to many immigrants from Central and South America. Many residents of San Diego have family across the border in Mexico, and as a result are deeply invested in border issues.

Homelessness: The city is home to one of the country's largest homeless populations. This has put a strain on the city's social services and forces the local government to come up with creative approaches to serving this population.

GIVING US PERSPECTIVE...

We all have our own perceptions of urban problems.

During the week, we had a chance to share what we were learning about in San Diego and in our country. Specifically in the areas of poverty, racism, immigration, climate change, and being a part of the ongoing work God is doing to bring about the kingdom.

As Mateo put it after visiting the border:

"We went on a hike along the border. This was one of the more controversial activities of our day. We interacted with both border agents and staff members of Border Angels. It was interesting to hear both viewpoints. As Christians we must balance the values of treating thy neighbor as thy self and keeping our community safe. It's important for us to have dialogue instead of people just voicing strong opinions without listening to the other side."

I hope you will join us next summer!!

Remember, I love you, but God loves you more,

Fr. Joseph

Sunday School and Beyond



Each Fall St. Peter's Sunday School classrooms are such a wonderful place of learning, service and excitement. The Nursery is a joyous time with little friends exploring our well-equipped, bright and sunny classroom. Families begin their Sunday morning with Children's Chapel in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 am, and the children take part in the service by being readers, ushers and acolytes. Kindergarten through Grade Three use the Holy Moly Curriculum from Augsburg Fortress Press during their 10:30 am class. We also learn the history of our church, the life of St. Peter, Baptism, The Lord's Prayer, the Episcopal Shield, and different parts of the sanctuary. Fourth Grade children receive their



own Connect Bible, which is used for the Fourth and Fifth Grade curriculum. Grades Six and Seven have a blended experience of worship and being in the classroom, with a greater emphasis on worship. We encourage our Middle Schoolers to take an active role in worship by serving as acolytes, choristers, ushers and lectors. Our young children in the parish lead by example in Christian Service and this Fall we will continue our Children's Ministries of Sandwich Making for the homeless at Sunshine Ministries, Blessing Bags for those in need, and Caring Cards for parishioners.

Parents!

- October 6, 13 and 20 we will be introducing a new Family Education Series called Faith at Home. It will be a series designed to help parents identify ways through which they can model a life of faith for their children. We will meet at 9:15am in Grace Chapel.

indaba

[in-dah-bah] ☀️ Zulu, South Africa

(n.) A gathering for purposeful discussion, with a goal of discovering deeper convergences that might hold us together in difference, building better understanding and a stronger community.

ואהבת לו כמוך

V'ahavta lo camocha.
And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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Join us at St. Peter's as we come together in community to worship, eat, and share in purposeful discussion on the common concerns of our shared life.

CHOOSE FROM 3 COURSES:

"8 HABITS OF LOVE"
WITH
FR. JOSEPH

"SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE NIGHTLY NEWS"
WITH
REV. KELLY

"AGING AND SPIRITUALITY"
WITH REV.
SUSIE SKINNER

JOIN US FOR 4 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

SEPT. 25 • OCT. 2 • OCT. 9 • OCT. 16

Learn more and register online at stpetersepiscopal.org

GIVING OUT OF — GRATITUDE —

Fundraising as a Ministry

And be thankful...whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:15, 17

What would stewardship efforts be like at St. Peter's Church if we looked at fundraising as a ministry? If we came to it as we come to all the ways that we serve Christ and the Church, with deep and abiding gratitude for all the gifts God gives, a gratitude that moves us to act?

In a spirit of gratitude, we are called to serve God and grow in our relationship with God each and every day. At St. Peter's, we continue to enrich our formation and fellowship programs, serve one another and our community, and warmly welcome those seeking a church home.

This Fall, we will conduct our Annual Giving Campaign to fund the operating budget. Not only does this funding allow us to be good stewards of our facilities and our programs, it allows us to be able to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. In other words, our annual campaign funds all the ministries of the parish. Let's approach stewardship for 2020 as a ministry, a ministry foundational to every other ministry in which we engage. A ministry of fundraising is about more than meeting a monetary goal. It is about growing in our relationship with God. And it is about deepening our trust in God through Christ, who gave all he had to show us the way to God's kingdom. A ministry of fundraising is about traveling the way of Jesus, together, out of gratitude for all we have been given.

How can our parish and each one of us readily show our gratitude and in return, build God's kingdom?

Ministry Minute: St. Peter's Cares



AN OCTOBER OPPORTUNITY

This fall, for the first time, St. Peter's Cares annual training is open to all members of the parish as we explore the subject of EMPATHY and learn to be empathetic listeners.

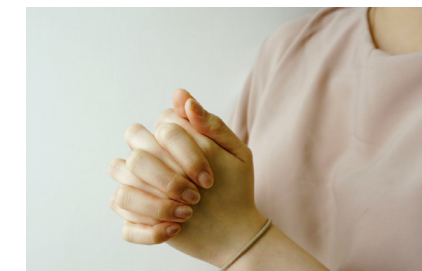
We practice empathy when we meet another person without assumption or judgment, offering instead the openness, compassion and acceptance that comes from realizing their experiences are uniquely their own. Empathy is vital to loving and supporting one another, and loving and supporting one another is fundamental to being the Body of Christ. Come learn more!

Our 2019 training session meets on Wednesday, October 23rd, 6-9 p.m., and repeats on Saturday, October 26th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Rebecca Buell Emerson, Executive Director of Our Community Listens, and other leaders from the Truly Human Leadership initiative at Barry-Wehmiller as our trainers. And we are doubly pleased to welcome back Chris and Sandy Knight as our chefs extraordinaire for each session!

Learn how to be an empathetic listener by coming to training on October 23rd or 26th! Please RSVP to Kelly at kcarlson@stpetersepisopal.org.

*"Above all, maintain constant love for one another. . . . Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:8-10*

Serving one another with the gifts we have received through God's grace – a perfect description of the ministry of St. Peter's Cares. The members of St. Peter's Cares respond when fellow parishioners need a meal, a ride, or a prayer (or all three!). St. Peter's Cares launched in 2015. Since then our Shepherds and Ministry Team Members have fulfilled hundreds of requests.



NEED A RIDE, A MEAL OR A PRAYER? THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

It is easy to make a request to St. Peter's Cares by leaving a voicemail at 314-993-2306 ext 125 or sending an email to shepherd@stpetersepisopal.org. Within 24 hours a Shepherd will respond to your message and coordinate with a Ministry Team leader to fulfill your request. While St. Peter's Cares is designed to meet short-term needs that arise during challenging times, the Transportation Team tries its best to meet the ongoing needs of parishioners unable to drive who want to attend church on Sunday mornings.

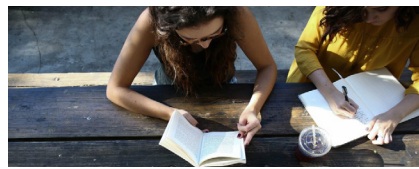
ST. PETER'S CARES NEEDS YOU!

To be responsive to every request received, St. Peter's Cares always needs new members to join its three teams. Members of the Meals and Transportation Teams serve when they are able and no one carries too much of the load. The Prayer Team welcomes new members to join in daily lifting prayers and needs to God. Each new member of St. Peter's Cares receives initial training in pastoral care, including preserving the confidentiality of fellow parishioners.

Join a St. Peter's Cares Ministry Team by talking to the Reverend Kelly Carlson!



Upcoming Events



YOUNG ADULTS BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE)

Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Young Adults BYOB will meet at Fallon's Irish Bar & Grill, 9200 Olive Blvd, #116.



ST. PETER'S DAY

Sunday, September 15

We will celebrate our patronal feast during both worship services. Then the party will continue in the garden with a festive picnic, music, bounces house and games for the kids, and fellowship for all. Bring a side or dessert to share!



SANDWICH MAKERS

Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 9:15 a.m.

Gather in the kitchen to assemble sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

Next date: Sunday, Oct. 27

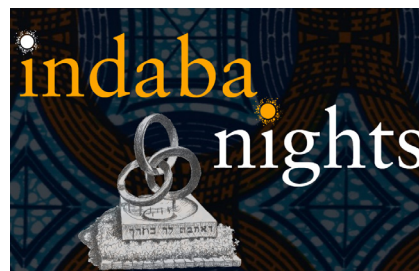


EYC - EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 12:00 p.m.

EYC will meet regularly on the third Sunday of every month following the 10:30 worship service. This will be a time for us to seek a deeper connection to Christ and one another through fun, fellowship, and intentional time exploring the complexities of life and asking questions of faith.

Next date: Sunday, Oct. 20



INDABA NIGHTS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Indaba Nights is an invitation to increase understanding, deepen relationships, and build a stronger community here at St. Peter's by spending time together in worship, fellowship, and deep discussion. Choose from three courses and register online. The cost is \$10 per evening.

Next: October 2, 9, and 16



HOLY EUCHARIST AT THE GATESWORTH

Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to gather with parishioners who reside at the Gatesworth for a monthly celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Worship happens on the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in Club West, across from the Bistro in the West Wing of One McKnight Place.

Next date: Thursday, Nov. 7



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, Oct. 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

Whether your beloved pet is furry, feathered, or of the scaly variety, all are invited to St. Peter's annual blessing of the animals. We will gather on the front lawn on a beautiful Saturday morning to give thanks to God for these special members of our family.

Upcoming Events



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Wednesday, Oct. 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

Parishioner Sabine McDowell will lead a discussion of the book *Breathing Under Water* by Richard Rohr over supper on four Wednesday evenings. We will explore ways to incorporate Twelve Step spirituality into our life even if we do not struggle with addiction.

Next: Oct. 23, 30, and Nov. 6



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 5:00 p.m.

In this service, we hear music from just before and just after the turn of the last century. The canticles are the Evening Service in B minor by T. Tertius Noble. The anthem is *Hail, gladdening light* by Charles Wood. Sung by the St. Peter's Singers.

Next date: Sunday, Nov. 10



HALLOWEEN HOWL

Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

Dress in your Halloween best for pumpkin painting, music, and trick-or-treating around the upper circle. This year, furry friends are also invited to join in the fun! All ages are welcome for this Halloween Spooktacular! Parishioners are welcome to bring blankets or lawn chairs and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters, then stay for the Choral Concert.



ST. JOHN'S PEACE MEAL

Saturday, Oct. 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to cook and/or serve dinner for St. John's Peace Meal at St. John's Tower Grove, contact Bill Gilbert, turkgobble@aol.com or 314-283-5288. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.



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Saturday, Oct. 26 @ 9:00 a.m.

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CHORAL CONCERT

Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

A masterpiece of the choral repertoire. French composer Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) elevates ancient plainsong melodies with post-impressionistic harmony and builds on sacred tradition to create an ecstatic piece of liturgical music. The St. Peter's Choir with orchestra; Nicholas Bideler, organ. This concert is free and all are welcome.

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A NOTE FROM THE VESTRY



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is a great honor to serve as your new Senior Warden at St. Peter's, following Ginger Dutton's move to Tennessee with her family. Thanks to all of you who have been so kind and supportive. We have a tremendous amount of positive momentum at St. Peter's, and I am very excited about the upcoming year. My hope and prayer is that we continue to draw closer as a church family, that we recognize and embrace the many blessings that we have, and that we continue to do God's work in support of our mission and ministry.

Jeanie Davis
Senior Warden

The James F. Nickel Memorial Fountain

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James F. Nickel, M.D., by his family, the fountain in Laird Garden was designed and crafted in 1991 by William Conrad Severson.

In Mr. Severson's words, we see the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Spirit) emerging from the living waters of Judaism. The two religions are as inextricably and eternally bound as are their people by the timeless words "V'ahavta lo camocha" which are carved on the front of the fountain—"And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (The Book of Leviticus 19: 18, The Gospel according to Matthew 22: 39.)

Thus, Mr. Severson presents the two Great Commandments of Christianity and Judaism—we love God by loving our neighbor as another self. Our loyalty and obedience to God are tested, judged, and defined by our love and concern for the well-being of our neighbors.

-reprinted from the memorial statement framed at the entrance to the Church Office

