



# The Keys of St. Peter

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

*"For freedom Christ has made you free (Galatians 5:1)."*

Soon, your Vestry and I will release St. Peter's provisional plan to return to public worship. We would have released it earlier, but we wanted to test it to make sure it is safe and effective.

Plans like these require protocols. Protocols are like laws. Meaningful laws imply fearful consequences for those who choose not to follow them. We need to ensure that the spirit of our Plan is expressed and achieved in love and not in fear.

The Christian attitude of obedience to civil law was established by Christ who, standing before Pontius Pilate, told him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above (John 19:11)." This attitude was clarified by St. Paul, who instructed the Christians in Rome, "be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established (Romans 13:1)." For Christians, orderly civic law originates in God's design for our social life. Obedience to civic laws maintains social freedom.



The Christian attitude toward spiritual law, particularly the Law of Moses, is more nuanced. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill (Matthew 5:17)." Our Lord, who was continually condemned by the religious authorities for breaking the Fourth Commandment by healing the sick on the Sabbath, insisted that His actions actually fulfilled the Law. St. Paul explains, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law (Romans 13:8)." For Christians, the supreme Law (the Summary<sup>1</sup> of

<sup>1</sup> *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 324.

it) is to love God with all that we are and all that we have and to love one another as we would want to be loved. Obedience to God's Law liberates love.



St. Peter's plan and protocols will be important. They are the product of many hours over the past eight weeks of earnest prayer, careful thought, and intensive review and discussion of over a dozen different civic and ecclesiastical guidelines.<sup>1</sup> Even after we establish and begin to live by them, we will be constantly watchful for ways they may need to be adjusted—sometimes tightened, eventually loosened.

Of even greater importance, however, is the spirit of genuine, generous, and mutual love among us during this awkward transitional time.<sup>2</sup> We do not know how long it will take, but it will last until we no longer have any need for social distancing, masks, or the other burdens we have willingly accepted in order to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on our population and our health care systems.

Some will find some elements of our plan to be cumbersome and unnecessary. Others will find them inadequate. Not only will this plan fail to make everyone happy; it is almost certain to make everyone at least a little unhappy. That is just the way life is in a pandemic.

Therefore, while we will all need to abide by the protocols in St. Peter's plan as we individually consider our preferred option for worshipping God, it is crucial that we love, respect, seek to understand, and honor everyone in our church family—especially those with whom we disagree. Honest conversations about differences of opinion or even conviction are important; generous trust in the good intentions and motivations of one another is vital.

We do all this for our shared tranquility, our witness of genuine love for those who will visit us, and for the sake of Our Lord who, on the night before He died, told His disciples: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another (John 13:34)."

In short, obedience to God's Law of love is the only way we will truly be free to return to worship.

Faithfully, in Christ,

Chris Bowhay+

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<sup>1</sup> Our Bishop's guidelines are found at <https://edtn.org/the-wilderness-road/>

<sup>2</sup> I commend for your reading a letter by the Rev. Matt Pearson, pastor at a Baptist church in West Franklin. I would say some things differently than he does, but his main points are solid: <http://mattpearsononline.com/turbulence-a-letter-to-west-franklin/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HANDS & FEET

St. Peter's would like to offer our hands and feet to those who would find it helpful for someone to go to the grocery store for food, prescriptions, or other supplies. If you or someone you know is interested, please call St. Peter's at (931) 388-3331 or email [office@saintpeterscolumbia.org](mailto:office@saintpeterscolumbia.org).

### CEREAL FOR THE FAMILY CENTER

For the past 2 summers, St. Peter's has collected breakfast food to provide for children who are no longer receiving breakfast from school. Due to the current pandemic, there is an even greater need to provide this nutritional opportunity, in conjunction with the Family Center. A plastic box has been placed in the Lounge for this collection. Thank you, in advance, for any donation of cereal, breakfast bars, or any other ready to eat breakfast food for our Maury County youth. Collection of breakfast items will be Monday -Friday, beginning immediately and continuing through July 14<sup>th</sup>. To arrange for a drop-off, please contact Gary Prewitt at (931) 388-3331. For questions or other ideas, please contact Vicki Kenney at 931-215-2430 or [vwkenney@gmail.com](mailto:vwkenney@gmail.com).

### VBS

Our scheduled date for Vacation Bible School (VBS) was Saturday, June 6, but the Christian Life committee of the Vestry and I have decided to postpone this until later in the summer. We plan to announce a date and provide further details soon.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Building and Grounds committee would like to report, that the painting of the front of St. Peter's, along with the Bell Tower, has been completed. Also, they are in the process of applying for the Maury County Historical Society Grant. If awarded this grant, we will be able to finish the painting on the Walker Street side of St. Peter's, along with the back of the church.

## RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Vestry and Father Bowhay are grateful for your support of our church's ministry to those in need through the Rector's Discretionary Fund. With it, we have been able to help a number of people in need and to offer support to local helping agencies and ministries.

## PEOPLE'S TABLE

The first four Friday's of May, at the People's Table, were the responsibility of St. Peter's. We cooked and boxed 325 take-out lunches for the community. Since the turn out was low, we had extra food, bread and desserts, to share with The Place of Hope. Their 42 residents were very appreciative of the food that was shared.

Due to Covid-19, there were only 5 people max, allowed to participate. We certainly missed getting together with our usual volunteers from St. Peter's, but we appreciate those that did help by cooking and providing food items. Without your help, St. Peter's could not have provided the very valuable service to those in need, in our Community.

St. Peter's is scheduled to cook and serve again in September and Joann hopes that all those that want to volunteer, will be able to at that time.

# Vestry

### ST. PETER'S 2020 VESTRY MEMBERS

Pam Williams, Senior Warden  
Rick Bolton, Junior Warden  
Sarah Robert, Clerk  
Walker Vining, Treasurer

Mary Susan Kennedy  
Jan McKenzie  
Peter Moon  
Tracy Moore  
Sonny Scoggins  
Tom Dake

Neil Clark  
John Olson  
Travis Groth  
Gail Lewis  
Patti Amorello  
Louis Davis



## MEET THE REVEREND DEACON BONNIE LLOYD-DOWNS

Introduction by the Rector:

*I believed I mentioned in our last Newsletter that Bishop Bauerschmidt has assigned the Rev. Deacon Bonnie Lloyd-Downs to St. Peter's. I cannot tell you how overjoyed I was to learn this. Deacon Bonnie is soulful, wise, cheerful, and supremely competent in every aspect of congregational life. She has already jumped into some important Pastoral Care work and planning, some worship leadership, and other valuable roles. She is a perfect fit for our church family. Bonnie's husband, Mark, will offer his gifts and skills as one of our Vergers.*

*Deacons (diaconoi) are one of the oldest ministries in the Church (see Acts 6 and the ordination of the Seven to serve the poor and the hungry), behind only the Apostles who were the first bishops. Vocational Deacons are directly under the authority of their Bishop who assigns them as needed to a congregation with the direction and oversight of the Rector. They accept no salary. Liturgically, Deacons usually read the Gospel, lead the Prayers of the People, introduce the Confession, assist at the Altar, and pronounce the final dismissal. They are also invited to preach from time to time.*

*Please warmly welcome Deacon Bonnie (or, if adults prefer, simply Bonnie) when you see her. In the meantime, read her short autobiography below:*

I basically grew up in a suburb of Chicago in a village called Glen Ellyn. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 children, having 2 older brothers. I have 2 children, Darrin and Christopher, and 5 grandchildren—who all live out of state. My undergraduate degree is a B.S.Ed. from Northern Illinois University and I have an MBA from the University of Indianapolis. Also—just for fun—I have a certificate for completing beginning and advanced photography from Indiana Vocational Technical College.

My first husband of 40 years, Bob Lloyd, died in an airplane crash in 2008. I was blessed to find love again when I met Mark. Mark and I were married in 2015. Over the years, I have had many fortunate opportunities in my career. While I started as a school teacher, I have since managed a drug store, was a fashion model, traveled and trained for Commodore Business Machines (remember the VIC 20 and the Commodore 64?), sold computer systems, was a TV station camera operator and sound engineer, conducted sales training for financial institutions, led strategic planning sessions for merged banks, became a bank product development manager—then advertising and marketing manager. I ended my secular career as a bank branch manager in Franklin. Along the way, I have also served on several charitable boards, participated in and led a Community Leadership program, served as VP of Homeowners' Association and served on Franklin Citizens Police Academy Alumni board.

After the Vocational Deaconate program was reinstated in the Diocese of Tennessee, I was fortunate to be one of the first 4 vocational deacon postulants chosen. We began our training in 2011 and were ordained in January, 2014.

As a Deacon, my obedience is to the bishop. We are assigned by him to a congregation—to work under the direction of the Rector. My first assignment was to Church of the Good Shepherd, where I served for 5 years. I retired from there in 2019. After “shopping around” for a congregation, Mark and I started attending St. Peter's. We felt at home here. After some discussions with Father Chris, and a mutual interest on both our parts, I asked the Bishop about returning—on a limited basis—to my diaconal calling at St. Peter's. He agreed. With God's help and with your prayers, I hope to serve St. Peter's to the best of my ability.

The Rev. Deacon Bonnie Lloyd-Downs



# June



## Happy Anniversary

James & Van Harwell-Callaway 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ben & Cindy Shapiro 10<sup>th</sup>  
Joe & Karen McNamara 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas & Judy Dake 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gibran & Sherri Naddy 19<sup>th</sup>  
David & Stacy Bartol 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Richard & Barbara Crawford 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Frank & Betty Pigford 25<sup>th</sup>  
Robert & Sarah Thompson 27<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew & Melody Williams 29<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Birthday

Amy Hutto	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ashley Donahue	17 <sup>th</sup>
George Kelley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maitland Westbrook	18 <sup>th</sup>
Megan White	3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Finney	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jill Shockley	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Malone	21 <sup>st</sup>
Mary Campbell Webster	5 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Trotter	21 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Fancher	5 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Lovell	23 <sup>rd</sup>
AnnaBelle Williams	7 <sup>th</sup>	Reagan Clayborne	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Barry Kennedy	10 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Orr	24 <sup>th</sup>
Irene Zonger	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ruskin Vest	26 <sup>th</sup>
David Bartol	12 <sup>th</sup>	Larkin Finney	26 <sup>th</sup>
Donna Brown	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Groth	28 <sup>th</sup>
Betsy Willis	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Clark	28 <sup>th</sup>
Leoni Westbrook	15 <sup>th</sup>	June Gilchrist	29 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Sweeney	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sami Naddy	30 <sup>th</sup>
Virginia Sharpe	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Keeton	30 <sup>th</sup>

# Lay Schedule

## June

<u>Date</u>	8:00 a.m. <u>Lector /</u> <u>Eucharistic</u> <u>Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u> <u>Ministers</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Torch Bearers</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Usher</u>
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10								
17								
24								
31								

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
ALL LAY ASSIGNMENTS  
ARE POSTPONED



# June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30a-2:30p Quilters (Lounge) <b>Cancelled</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	2 <b>5:15p Estes (Lounge) TBD</b> 6:30p-Alcoholics Anonymous <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	3 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (chapel) <b>TBD</b> 5:45p DOK (Lounge) <b>TBD</b> 6:45 Choir <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	4 5:00p Men's Fellowship (Parish hall) <b>TBD</b>  7:00p Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	5 7:00p Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	6 VBS <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>
7 10:00a Holy Eucharist Via Facebook/Church Website  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	8 8:30a-2:30p Quilters (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	9 5p – Finance& Gov. 6p- Vestry (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  6:30p-Alcoholics Anonymous <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	10 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel) <b>TBD</b>  6:45p Choir Practice <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	11 4:00p Quilters (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	12   7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	13  3:00 p.m. SAR (PH) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>
14 8:00a & 10:15a Holy Eucharist <b>TBD</b> 9:00a Christian Educ <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	15 8:30a-2:30p Quilters (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	16  6:30p-Alcoholics Anonymous <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	17 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Healing Svc (Chapel) <b>TBD</b> 4:30p-Outreach (Lounge) <b>TBD</b> 6:45p - Choir Practice <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	18 10:00a-2:00p Garden Club (Lounge & PH) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	19   7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	20  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>
21 8:00a & 10:15a Holy Eucharist <b>TBD</b> 9:00a Christian Educ <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	22 8:30a-2:30p Quilters (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	23  6:30p-Alcoholics Anonymous <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	24 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Healing Svc (Chapel) <b>TBD</b>  6:45p-Choir Practice <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	25 4:00p Polk Home (PH) <b>TBD</b> 5p-Bldg&Grounds (Lounge) <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	26   7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	27 6:00pm Barbara & Richard Crawford Recommitment Ceremony <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>
28 8:00a & 10:15a Holy Eucharist <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	29 <b>8:30a-2:30p</b> Quilters (Lounge) <b>TBD</b>  7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>	30  6:30p-Alcoholics Anonymous <b>TBD</b> 7p-Narcotics Anonymous <b>TBD</b>				