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Now that more of us are returning to public worship at St. Peter's after a year of separation, I increasingly hear different versions of the following:

- Who are all of these new faces?
- I see so many people that I don't know.

It is true that our membership has actually grown in almost every imaginable category during the season of our limited worship protocols. Of the thirty-five people registered for our Confirmation Class this Spring, two-thirds have joined us in the past two years and one-third has joined us in the past twelve months. And more and more individuals and households visit us every Sunday.

Sometimes this kind of growth can make people feel uneasy. Some can fear that the increase of new members may:

- Increase the risk that the culture and atmosphere of St. Peter's may change; or
- Decrease the quality of their connection and interaction with the Clergy and the Lay Leadership.

I understand these concerns. Growth necessarily brings change of some kind; change of any kind can increase our anxiety. But growth in the number of people who worship, serve, give, and pray with us is essential for a congregation to be an effective witness to our Resurrected Lord; it is also parallel with limitless and powerful blessing to us as a parish and as individuals.

Why do we (or should we) want to grow?



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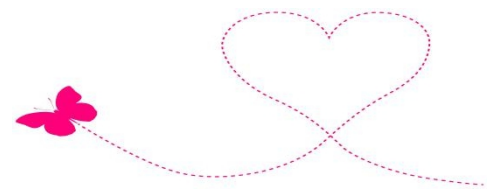
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Our Lord commanded us to grow.

In His Resurrection appearances in Matthew, Luke, and John, Jesus sends His followers in the same way that the Father sent Him:

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20).”

Jesus said, “Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in [My] name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things (Luke 24:47).”

Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them (John 20:21-23).”

God is love. In the person of Christ, He died and rose again to rescue us and to bring us to Himself. He commands us to share His saving work with others.

Our Lord blesses those who grow.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,, saying “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master (Matthew 25:20-21).”

God will use the church that ministers well to serve more and more people.

Churches are healthiest when they are focused on others.

Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (John 15:13).”

We know that we are least happy when we think only about ourselves: only by loving and giving of ourselves (“laying down” ourselves) do we break free from the misery and myopia of self-centeredness. Likewise, when a congregation

focuses on serving itself, it becomes self-absorbed and short-sighted. If, however, a congregation “lays down” its immediate needs to serve the needs of others, it becomes open to seeing people, the world, and God in a much larger and healthier perspective.

Everybody needs what we enjoy through the grace of God.

Literally every person on the planet is in desperate need for forgiveness, mercy, and unconditional, life-changing love.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Matthew 9:35-38).”

Through loving prayer, word, and deed, God calls us to go out into the world to share with others what we have received and experienced: the one-way love of God that heals and delivers us from every affliction.

We obey our Lord’s commands, we increase our resources of personal and interpersonal talents and treasures, we see God and His work clearly and more often, and we work with God to make life and the world a better place. When we personally do what we can to help effect and support this growth, we find a kind of meaning and purpose that cannot be found anywhere else in Creation. When we work with God to grow the kingdom of God in His church, we, in the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, “dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it.”

Faithfully,
Chris Bowhay+



100th Annual Whitsunday Pilgrimage:
St. John's, Ashwood at 10:00 AM on May 23

We are thrilled to announce the return of one of the Diocese of Tennessee's oldest traditions. On Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM, we will again return to historic St. John's, Ashwood (six miles south of St. Peter's at Highway 243 and Polk Lane) to celebrate and give thanks for the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' Disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2) and on each of us at our Baptism.

The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, the fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, will Celebrate the Holy Communion, preach, and administer the Rite of Confirmation.

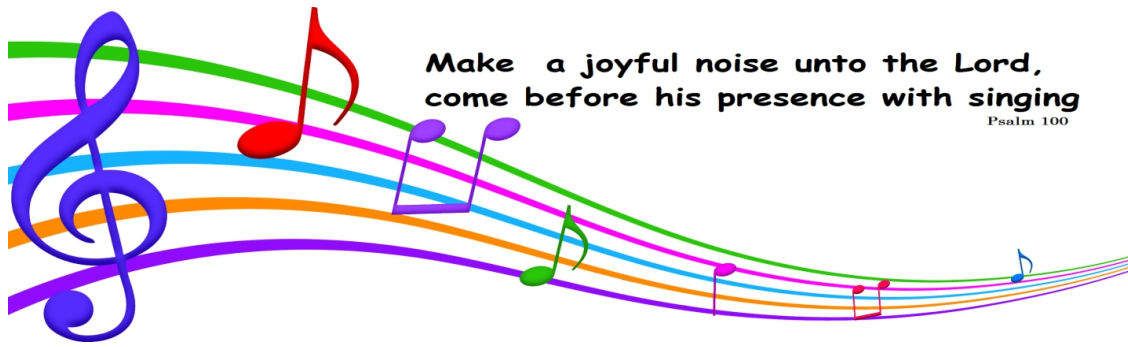
We are especially excited to anticipate the return of our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir for their first musical offerings in over a year.

Immediately after the service, the congregation will process to the graves of the Episcopal bishops buried on site for prayers and blessings.

We will also return to our tradition of the Whitsunday Picnic. St. Peter's will provide water and lemonade. We encourage those who would like to join us to bring their own lunch, lawn chairs, and/or blanket. St. John's Board will provide portable restroom facilities.

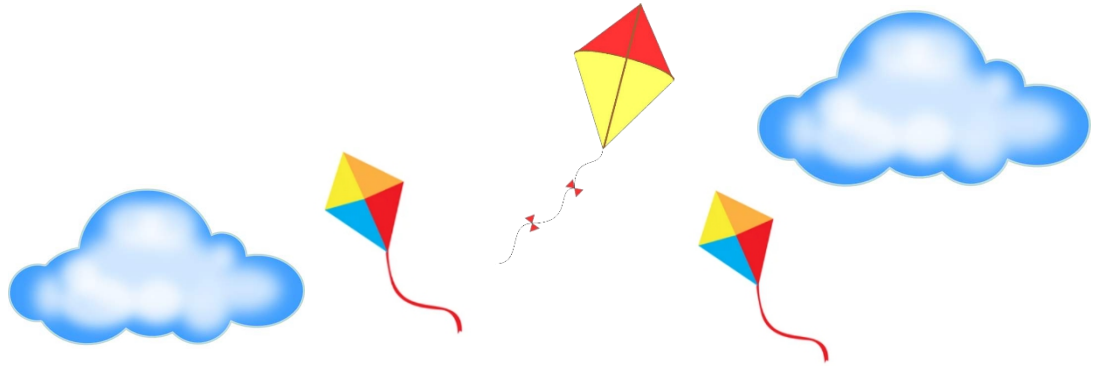
Over thirty people will be Confirmed, Received, or will reaffirm their Baptismal Vows. That is the largest group on one day in over a quarter-century. We give thanks to God! And we should expect the church to be filled to capacity.

Remember that there is no running water at the church and the only air-conditioning is what passes through the open side windows. Please plan accordingly.



**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
come before his presence with singing**
Psalms 100

Both young and old alike are invited to be take part in the resumption of the St. Peter's Music programs! Children's Choir Rehearsals have started, led by Cathy Oakes, and will continue until Whitsunday when the children will share all of their hard work. The Adult Choir Rehearsal led by Choirmaster Aaron Evens, have resumed at 6:45 PM on Wednesday evenings in the new and improved choir room. If you or your child/children would like to take part, please see Cathy Oakes or Aaron Evens. We look forward to a Glorious Song of Praise!!



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**What kind of lion
never roars?**

A dandelion!!



Welcome our New Director of Children's Ministries!

Jane Rodriguez-Keeton has agreed to serve as our Director of Children's Ministries. To show our commitment to these ministries' success, that role is a paid, part-time staff position. Her role will not be to organize these events themselves, but to assist those who coordinate them, to recruit others to support and lead them, and to let the entire congregation know about them.

Here is an amazing (and partial!) list of the fun and meaningful activities that St. Peter's offers its young children and their families:

- Sunday School
- Children's Choir
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Halloween Party
- All Saints Parade
- Christmas Parade Viewing
- Advent Wreath Making
- St. Nicholas' Visit
- Christmas Pageant and Birthday Party of Jesus
- Easter Candy Hunt
- Rogation Sunday procession
- Vacation Bible School

That's a lot! We are deeply grateful for the parents and other adults who have given so much of their time and energy to serve our Lord by serving our children.

As the number of young children increase, we want to make sure that the adults who coordinate these events have all of the assistance they need. We also want to make sure that everyone—whether a first-time visitor or long-time member—is aware of these events so that they can not only enjoy them but also support them.

When you see Jane, please congratulate her! And, as equally importantly, ask how you can help!



We Love Vacation Bible School!!

Join Us
this Summer



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SAVE THE DATE!

We are grateful to Rusty Vest for hosting our Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Saturday, June 5. Stay tuned for more details about this one-day event filled with crafts, singing, faith, and fun.



Come to VBS!

THE ART OF TED JONES

OPENS APRIL 16, 2021

Local artist and retired professor from Fisk and Tennessee State Universities, Ted Jones shares this Christ-centered collection for the first time in the Bradford Gallery's opening exhibit.

This collection features sculpture, acrylic paintings, and block prints of biblical saints and "pillars of faith."

Bradford Gallery

Generously given by Lillian (Tooty) Bradford, this new gallery space will engage the Christian imagination to celebrate the fullness of God's kingdom.

Visit

This exhibit is free and open to the public. Due to COVID-19, visitors must reserve a timed-entry ticket at stgeorgesnashville.org/gallery.

4715 Harding Road
Nashville, TN 37205
615-385-2150





The Building and Grounds Committee would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support to the Capital Fund in 2020. Through those generous donations, many improvements and general repairs were able to be completed.

As we move forward in 2021, we are hoping to complete the projects listed below as funds allow.

We ask that you consider a gift to the Capital Fund in 2021 so we may continue to keep our St. Peter's home safe, secure, and beautiful for the Glory of God.

Below are our proposed projects for 2021:

1. Fire/Smoke Alarm: two out of five phases. \$22,500
Phase I: Nave (church)
Phase V: Undercroft (Youth Room, Sunday School rooms, etc).
2. Phase II of the exterior painting of the church building & gutters. \$30,000
3. Flooring Lounge, Entryway, and Office areas. \$16,000
4. Update the Lounge area. New floors (above), replace ceiling, \$ TBD
Painting.
5. Expanding the "Ring" security system to all doorways. \$1,500

Questions or comments please phone Rick Bolton, our Junior Warden at (615) 483-9959 or contact any of the following members of our Building & Grounds Committee:

Connie Hardin	Louis Davis
Gail Lewis	John Finney
John Breyfogle	Zeke Maddux
Tom Webster	Rick Bolton

Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship will meet Thursday, May 6th in the Parish Hall at 5:00 PM. Our meal will be blessed at 6:00 PM. Join us for great food and fellowship. All men are welcome. Bring your appetite!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes continue each Sunday at 12:15 PM in the Parish Hall through Sunday, May 16th.

Also invited: Those members who have been Confirmed but wish to Reaffirm their Baptismal Vows and all members who have been Confirmed by a bishop in a different tradition to be Received by the Episcopal Bishop on Whitsunday.

Confirmations, Receptions, and Renewal of Vows will take place on Whitsunday, May 23rd at St. John's Ashwood at 10:00AM



GRADUATION 2021/2020

This year we will celebrate all St. Peter's Graduates - from any institution of learning in either 2020 or 2021. We applaud both classes of graduates.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice.
(Philippians 4:4)*

*If any graduate has been missed, please let the church office know as soon as possible.
(931) 388-3331 or office@saintpeterscolumbia.org.

Taylor Belcher - Columbia Central High School
2303 Zion Road
Columbia, TN 38401

William Orion Clark - Battle Ground Academy
809 Piccadilly Drive
Nolensville, TN 37135

Kaleigh Goodwin - Spring Hill High School
1637 Polo Fields Lane
Columbia, TN 38401

Ann Virginia Min Kelley (Salutatorian) - Agathos Christian School
3014 Briley's Path
Columbia, TN 38401

Anna Money - Gateway Christian Home School
3870 Buffalo Road
Summertown, TN 38483

Riley Emilie O'Brien - Home School
6016B Cayce Lane
Columbia, TN 38401

Gabriela Reeves - Columbia Academy
4420 Megan Trail
Culleoka, TN 38451

Lindsay Faith Sturges - Home Life Academy
152 Oak Valley Dr.
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Katerina Tkachenko - Hickman High School
622 Camp Henley Road
Centerville, TN 37033

Knox Trainor - Agathos Classical School
3160 Pulaski Hwy
Columbia, TN. 37174

2021

Eleanore Augusta Bowhay
Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the Leavey School of Business - Santa Clara University
1563 John Finney Road
Columbia, TN 38401

Reagan Anne Clayborne
The University of Memphis
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing Management
(Minor in Social Media Marketing)
1506 Crowe Street
Columbia, TN 38401

Kristoffor Lance Downs
The University of Akron
Master of Music - String Performance, Guitar
516 Buchtel Ave. Apt. 2 Upper
Akron, OH 44304

Mary Glenn Fuller
North Alabama Nursing School - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
2701 Tisdale Drive
Thompson Station, TN. 37179

Katherine Elizabeth Ashley Brunner – Central High School
2531 Zion Road
Columbia, TN. 38401

Braden Lee Goodwin – Spring Hill High School
1367 Polo Fields Lane
Columbia, TN. 38401

Currey Halliday – Zion Christian Academy
3821 Stonecrest DR.
Columbia, TN. 38401

Annalise Joy Kelley – Agathos School
3014 Briley's Path
Columbia, TN. 38401

Maxine Marczak – Central High School
500 W. 7th Street
Columbia, TN. 38401

Leah Studebaker - Virtual Academy of Maury County
3868 Stonecrest Dr.
Columbia, TN 38401

Gunnar Nicolas Terhune – Summit High School
1000 Walden Creek Trace
Bld 39/2H
Spring Hill, TN. 37174

Class of 2020 

Taylor Holmes
Middle Tennessee State University - MBA
900 Everyman Ct.
Columbia, TN 38401

Brianna Elizabeth Jones
Bachelor of Science from MTSU School of Agriculture (Cum Laude)
3259 Ashwood Road
Mount Pleasant, TN. 38474

Rachael Ledbetter
The University of Memphis Law School - (Passed Tennessee Bar Exam October 2020)
2728 Pulaski Hwy.
Columbia, TN. 38401

Thomas Bryan Moore
The University of Memphis (Cum Laude)
1219 Whitney Dr.
Columbia, TN. 38401

Warren Morgan Thompson
The University of Michigan – (PHD Anthropology)
531 Fox Street
Denver, CO. 80204

Easter Day 2021



Easter Day 2021





MAY:
JUNE:

Kayaking
Bowling

(May 30/12:15 PM)
(Date/Time TBD)

Hey St. Peter's Youth! It's time for some Community and Fun! Above are some upcoming events that are going to be an awesome time to invite a friend and fellowship. It's time to move past the past and get out there and enjoy all that God has given! Stay tuned for the June event date and remember to invite a Friend! For more information, please call Perry Terhune at (931) 215-1451.



St. Peter's Vestry Meeting Bullet Summary

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

- Thanked Walker Vining for his service as our Treasurer and discussed the plan for his successor. He has resigned due to pressing demands at Turner and Osborne, his car care company. There will be a special focus on sharing more responsibility and roles with Finance and Governance Committee of the Vestry and with our Financial Secretary.
- Received update about where gifts to our Memorial Fund ought to be directed. We have mailed letters to the families of those in whose loving memory gifts were given and have specified almost a dozen different areas and ministries. Funds undesignated by those families will be directed to our Capital Fund for the care, maintenance, and improvement of our property and grounds.
- Approved a disbursal of \$3,419.27 from the Looper Fund to our Capital Fund. The Looper Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looper in memory of their daughter Debbie Looper Hartman, a member of St. Peter's who died in May of 2009. That Fund supports several organizations that were close to Debbie, including St. Peter's.
- Approved a revision of our initial budget for 2021 that restores \$23,033 that had been reduced from earlier drafts. This revision is covered by a surplus in 2020. Another review will take place in September to see whether we can increase our giving to the Diocese, which is currently significantly less than their request.
- Approved Outreach Committee's requests to give grants to:
 - The Boys and Girls Club (\$1,000 from the Hales Fund)
 - Maury Students in Transition, also known as MCSIT (\$1,000 from Outreach Budget)
 - Columbia Counseling Ministries (\$1,000 from Outreach Budget)
 - The Court Appointed Special Advocate program, also known as CASA (\$1,000 from the Outreach Budget)
- Approved stipend for new Director of Children's Ministries, Jane Rodriguez-Keeton
- Approved 2020 Annual Parochial Report

Vestry

ST. PETER'S
2021 VESTRY MEMBERS
Pam Williams, Senior Warden
Rick Bolton, Junior Warden
Gail Lewis, Clerk
Walker Vining, Treasurer

Mary Susan Kennedy
Sonny Scoggins
John Olson
Patti Amorello
Louis Davis
Travis Groth

Jane Rodriguez-Keeton
Mike Sharpton
Mark Sells
John Breyfogle
Ginger Moon
Jennifer Ballard



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

This summary of St. Peter's financial activity through the end of March is drawn from our Treasurer's Report to the Vestry; the original, which has significantly more detail, is always posted in the hallway to the church office. I have also included our activity year-to-date.

	March 2021	Year to Date
Receipts	\$39,481.74	\$185,761.86
Disbursals	\$30,808.49	\$87,596.99
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$8,673.25	\$98,164.87

Thank you for your generous support!

Faithfully,
Chris Bowhay+



Ray & Gail Lewis	12 th
Earl & Celia Parrott	12 th
David & Georgia Barker	13 th
Mark & Bonnie Lloyd-Downs	16 th
James & Michelle Lunsford	20 th
John & Dianne Breyfogle	21 st
Fr. Sandy & Ginger Herrmann	21 st
Chris & Jackie Turner	24 th
Harvey & Beth Fischer	26 th
Maitland & Leoni Westbrook	31 st
Duane & Mitzi Jones	31 st

Gerri Sturges	4 th	James Lochridge	18 th
Mike Thomas	5 th	Bridget Fancher	19 th
Gillie Orr	6 th	Stacy Bartol	20 th
Stephen Sharpe	6 th	Sarah Grams	20 th
Jim Bellis	6 th	Lucy Duling	23 rd
Pat Lena	7 th	Martha Georgeson	24 th
Susan Webster Bailey	7 th	William Haywood	25 th
Bill Moore	7 th	Jennifer Ballard	25 th
Sam Kennedy	8 th	Beauregard Pennington	25 th
Christopher Bartol	8 th	Ryan Fowler	25 th
Susan Gray	10 th	Travis Groth	26 th
Diane Roe	10 th	Bob Duling	27 th
Chuck Reid	12 th	Jonathan Ross	27 th
Carson Hutto	13 th	Tony Dreher	28 th
James Leach	14 th	Cynthia Page-Britton	28 th
Zacharie Kinslow	15 th	Brianna Jones	28 th
Beth Jackson	15 th	Michelle Lunsford	29 th
Kathy Marshall	16 th	Laith Naddy	30 th
Ella Sharpe	17 th	Kelly Green	31 st
Gabriela Reeves	17 th	Mark Mackenzie	31 st
Sam Kennedy IV	17 th		

Lay Schedule

May

<u>DATE</u>	8:00 a.m. Lector/ Eucharistic Minister	<u>Server</u>	<u>Lector</u>	Eucharistic <u>Ministers</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Torchbearers</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Usher</u>

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
ALL LAY ASSIGNMENTS
ARE ON A VOLUNTEER
BASIS EACH WEEK.
PLEASE CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
SERVE



Welcome May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00a- Altar Guild Training Class (Sacristy) 7p-Narcotics Anonymous
2 8:00a-Holy Eucharist 9:15a-Holy Eucharist 10:00a-Christian Ed 10:00a-Children's Choir (PH) 11:00a-Holy Eucharist Via Facebook/Church Website 12:15p-Confirmation Class (Parish) 12:15p-Finance & Governance (Lounge)	3	4 5:15p-Estes (Parish Hall) 7p-Alcoholics Anonymous	5 10:30a-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 5:45p-Daughters of the King (Parish Hall) 6:45p-Choir	6 5:00p-Men's Fellowship (Parish Hall) 7p-Narcotics Anonymous	7	8 3:00p-Sons of the American Revolution (Parish Hall) 7p-Narcotics Anonymous
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16 8:00a-Holy Eucharist 9:15a-Graduate Recognition 10:00a-Christian Ed 10:00a-Children's Choir (PH) 11:00a-Holy Eucharist Via Facebook/Church Website 12:15p-Confirmation Class (Parish Hall) 2:00p-1861 Girls School (Parish Hall) 	17 8:30-2:30 Quilters (Lounge) 11:30a-Agothos School (Parish Hall)	18 7p- Alcoholics Anonymous	19 10:30a-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 6:45p-Choir	20 7p-Narcotics Anonymous	21	22 7p-Narcotics Anonymous
23 8:00a-Holy Eucharist 10:00a-Whitsunday Service at St. John's  2:00p-1861 Girls School (Parish Hall)	24 8:30-2:30 Quilters (Lounge)	25 6:00p-Vestry (Parish Hall) 7p-Alcoholics Anonymous	26 10:30a -Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 6:45p-Choir	27 7p-Narcotics Anonymous	28	29 St. John's Board Meeting (TBD) 7p-Narcotics Anonymous
30 8:00a-Holy Eucharist 9:15a-Holy Eucharist 10:00a-Christian Ed 11:00a-Holy Eucharist 12:15p-Youth Kayaking	31 8:30-2:30 Quilters (Lounge) *OFFICE CLOSED 					20

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“This *is* the day *which* the Lord hath
made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

—Psalm 118:24