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For this combined June/July issue of the Net, I thought that it would be appropriate to pause and spend some time in reflection as we observe and celebrate the 250th birthday of our nation.

Many of you may know, but some may not, that many of the founders of the United States were members of the Anglican (later Episcopal) Church. As a matter of fact, of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 34 were Anglicans (about 60%). Those Anglicans include William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and John Penn from North Carolina, and Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Thomas Lynch, and Arthur Middleton from South Carolina.

The General of the Continental Army and First President of the United States, George Washington, was an Anglican/Episcopalian, as was both Thomas Jefferson (the principal author of the Declaration of Independence) and future president James Madison. Patrick Henry, who was famous for his quote “Give me liberty or give me death”, was another founder whose roots lay in the Anglican Church.

These, and the other founders strove to bring forth a nation that was conceived in liberty where all men (people) were created equal and endowed with inalienable rights by the Creator. This was then, as it is now, a noble goal that we still must strive to become a reality. There are many moments of power, compassion and sacrifice to celebrate in the past 250 years, there is also the truth that we still live with stains like slavery, prejudice, and the subjugation of the indigenous peoples of this land. Working for justice, freedom, and peace is reflected both in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

FROM THE RECTOR



and it's also echoed in many of the liturgies and prayers in our Book of Common Prayer.

As I write this article I'm struck especially by the prayers found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer on pages 820 – 823. They are called 'Prayers for National Life'. They include beautiful prayers for the nation itself, for the President and leaders of the Nation, prayers for those in the Armed Forces, and prayers for those who suffer for sake of conscience. There's also a short versicle and response, the litany 'For sound Government.' I really like this one because in this litany we pray for the President and Cabinet, for the Congress, for Governors and Mayors, and for those who lead our courts. In other words, this litany offers prayers for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the government, recognizing the critical role the founders saw in creating a system of 'checks and balances', making sure that one branch of government was not more powerful than any other.

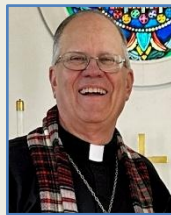
As we look back at those founders, many of whom were Anglicans, we give thanks for their courage and vision, even as we pray and work to make those visions become reality for all people. In our own time, a time right now of anxiety and polarization, may we recommit ourselves to the ideals put forth in our founding documents, but even more so, let us recommit ourselves to the values of our Christian faith, a faith that bids us to 'love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.' A faith that teaches that there are no outcasts, that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God, and that everyone is to be treated with dignity and respect.

Faithfully,

Father Ron

Lake Reflections

from Fr. Nick



“This was my only and my constant comfort. When I think of it, the picture always rises in my mind, of a summer evening, the boys at play in the churchyard, and I sitting on my bed, reading as if for life.”

— Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*

As a student, I was a voracious reader, but once the textbooks were put aside for the summer, I was free to read everything I could get my hands on. We were blessed to have the Bookmobile arrive every Friday afternoon at around 3:00 PM. I would always sign out the maximum number of books and struggle home about four blocks away, my arms full of books up to my chin. We were also blessed to have ample air-conditioning in which to escape the heat and humidity of Baltimore. So, whether indoors or outdoors, in a hammock or Dad’s easy chair, reading was always an option for an otherwise easily bored kid.

Summer also provided the time and space to read for interest, curiosity, research, and pleasure. In the Spirit of Independence engendered by our country’s 250th Birthday, I want to encourage all of us to read this summer on behalf of those four worthy goals and, perhaps, others.

Summer at St. Peter by-the-Lake is traditionally a time to enjoy lake life and to reconnect with God’s creation. We also slow down our formal offerings in Christian Formation as we plan and prepare for the coming academic and program year. Nonetheless, Christian

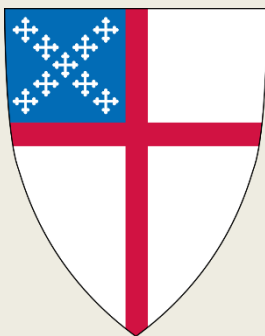
discipleship is a daily and full-time endeavor in ways both great and small.

To that end, I've created a resource list for new Episcopalians, cradle Episcopalians, inquirers curious about The Episcopal Church, and even new Christians! There's something for everyone, whether you're just starting your journey in the Church or an honest seeker wanting to take a "deeper dive" into some aspect of our faith and practices. Think of it as a self-directed Episcopalians 101 reading list for the summer.

We'll put the link for the reading list below in typeset, but you can also access the list through the St. Peter website at <https://www.saintpeterbythelake.net> and/or click on the Christian Formation tab on our website to navigate to the list. Hyperlinks have been included so it's easy to find and order the resources listed.

Finally, we have a very good library in the Deacon Judy Cole Library and Parlor just off the narthex when you enter the church through the double red doors. There are many short books and even a few tomes for the serious reader, so check them out this summer. as well. And remember, as J.K. Rowling said, "If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."

Fr. Nick+





Music Notes



In the summer of 1974, I served as an assisting conductor with the Rotary Music Camp at Wildacres in Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The Rotary Music Camp Chorus — seventy gifted young people representing North Carolina and the United States — embarked on an international tour of goodwill and understanding at the invitation of the Romanian government through Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. This five-week experience of singing, touring, learning, and sharing across cultures proved life changing.

At that time, Romania had cemented its status as a highly centralized, totalitarian communist state under the absolute rule of Nicolae Ceaușescu. Ironically, as his domestic control tightened, Ceaușescu maintained close relationships with the West, including the United States, which often viewed him as an intermediary within the Eastern Bloc. The secret police, the Securitate, kept the population in a state of fear, heavily restricting free speech and limiting contact with foreigners.

During a layover in Prague, our group walked across the tarmac to the terminal flanked by armed soldiers. There was unmistakable evidence of repression both at the Prague airport and throughout Romania. Our concert repertoire was predominantly sacred. References to God were acceptable; however, Romanian authorities insisted we remove or alter all references to Jesus Christ in the music we performed. Churches themselves operated under strict state control.

Interjecting the events in 1989 in a spirit of Paul Harvey... (the rest of the story)

Ceaușescu fell from power on December 22, 1989, when mass protests and the defection of the Romanian army forced him and his wife, Elena, to flee the capital officially ending his 24-year communist rule. Following a swift, hastily arranged military show trial, Nicolae and Elena Ceaușescu were found guilty of mass murder and other crimes and were immediately executed by a firing squad on December 25, 1989.

Our concerts opened with The Star-Spangled Banner. Until then, I had assumed our National Anthem consisted of only one stanza. In fact, there are four, and the familiar first stanza ends as a question. The fourth stanza concludes:

*O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

My experience in Romania was eye opening. It strengthened my faith as a follower of Christ, and it gave renewed meaning to the enduring words of Thomas Jefferson in the United States Declaration of Independence — words I had heard many times before, but only fully appreciated after witnessing life behind the Iron Curtain:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

It is sobering to realize how fragile freedom becomes when the state attempts to replace God-given rights with political control. My conviction is that true freedom does not rest in human authority, but in the inherent dignity and unalienable rights endowed by our Creator. When government assumes the power to grant or deny those rights, liberty itself is endangered.

American patriotic hymns often function as solemn prayers, intertwining civic duty with spiritual devotion. These anthems petition a higher power for national guidance, unity, peace, and the preservation of freedom, reflecting a longstanding belief in divine providence within the nation's civic life.

America the Beautiful (Hymnal 1982 #719) contains two distinct stanzas that function as prayers. The first asks for grace: "God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea." The third stanza petitions for moral refinement and wisdom: "May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine."

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Hymnal 1982 #717) likewise acknowledges a divine source of liberty in the phrase "Author of Liberty." Its prayer to "mend thine every flaw" asks that the nation overcome division, moral shortcomings, and internal strife, while "confirm thy soul in self-control" calls citizens to temper freedom with responsibility and virtue.

As we celebrate and reflect on 250 years as a nation, and whatever challenges we may face in the future, I hope we remain true — true to our Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304–305), true to ourselves, true to one another, and true to the wider world as faithful citizens and stewards of God's beautiful creation.

I leave you with the text of **This Is My Song**, set to music by Jean Sibelius with words by Lloyd Stone. The melody comes from Finlandia — fittingly, another work born from a nation's struggle for freedom and identity.

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, though God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

<https://youtu.be/H8FPOjqX07c> Harvard University Choir

Blessings,
David



Summer Gathering Choir

Our annual Summer Gathering Choir welcomes singers of all ages, even if you have never sung in a choir before. We will “gather” each Sunday at 9:45 AM June 14 - August 30 to learn an easy-to-sing anthem for that same Sunday. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, no robes, informal) ...Think of it as a Flash Mob Choir! There is no long-term commitment; there is no need to sign up in advance. Come any Sunday and try it! Bring your whole family and join your voices with a friendly, welcoming group of singers! Questions? Email music@spbtl.com.



JUNE & JULY

Kingdom Kids Children Ministry Summer

3 Fun Ways to Help Kids Read the Bible This Summer!

Summer is here... and while routines may change, it's actually one of the BEST times to help kids grow in their faith. With more flexibility, longer days, and extra family time, summer creates so many opportunities for kids to engage with God's Word in fun and meaningful ways.

If you're looking for simple ways to make Bible reading more exciting this summer, here are 3 ideas to try with your family or with the kids in your children's ministry:

1. Take the Word Outside

Sometimes a simple change of scenery makes all the difference!

Check out my blog post: [Taking the Word Outside](#) for some fun ways to read the Bible outside! But here are a few extra ways to do this too:

- **Read a Bible story at the park**
- **Have a Bible picnic** (pack a picnic and head outside! This is great for reading the story of Jesus Feeding the 5000)
- **Go for a long walk** (great way to talk about the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years!)
- **Read the Psalms while eating ice cream on your back porch**

Kids LOVE being outdoors, and taking scripture outside makes Bible time fun!

2. Turn Bible Reading into an Adventure

Create simple Bible challenges for kids to complete throughout the summer! Some ideas could be:

- **Read a verse with a flashlight** (Kids LOVE to turn out the lights and read with flashlights!)
- **Make a Bingo board filled with Bible stories to read**
- **Read Scripture to a stuffed animal**
- **Diving Board Verses** (Have your child shout a Bible verse before or while jumping off the diving board into a pool!)

Reading the Bible is an adventure and helping kids read the Word of God while doing something fun helps it stick!

3. Make Bible Time Hands-On

Kids remember experiences! Try adding:

- **Bible scavenger hunts** (hide parts of a Bible verse around your house or yard. Kids will go on a hunt for the different pieces to the verse. Then they have to put it together!)
- **Scripture sidewalk chalk** (read a Bible story and then have kids draw it using sidewalk chalk)
- **Build Bible scenes with Legos or building blocks** (kids can be super creative when it comes to re-creating a Bible story using Legos or any kind of blocks!)

Simple interactive activities can make scripture come alive for kids in powerful ways. Try it! It will be such a fun summer in the Word!

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Engaging Teens with the Bible This Summer

Summer is a wonderful time to encourage teens to connect with their faith and explore the Bible in ways that resonate with their interests and lifestyles. Here are a few creative and engaging methods to help teens dive into the Word of God during the warmer months.

1. Digital Bible Studies

Teens are naturally drawn to technology, so why not leverage that interest for spiritual growth?

- **Bible Apps and Podcasts:** Encourage teens to download Bible apps or listen to podcasts that offer daily devotionals or explanations of scripture in a format that is relatable to their age group.
- **Online Discussion Groups:** Create or join a virtual Bible study group where teens can discuss scripture with their peers, ask questions, and share insights.

2. Interactive Bible Journaling

Engage creative teens with Bible journaling activities.

- **Artistic Expressions:** Encourage teens to express their understanding of scripture through art, doodling, or creative writing in a journal.
- **Prayer and Reflection:** Use journal prompts to help teens reflect on how biblical teachings apply to their personal experiences and challenges.

3. Service-Oriented Bible Learning

Combine scripture reading with acts of service.

- **Volunteer Projects:** Organize volunteer activities that reflect biblical teachings about serving others, such as community clean-ups or helping at local shelters.
- **Service Reflections:** After each service activity, hold discussions on related Bible stories or verses, encouraging teens to see the connection between faith and action.

4. Outdoor Bible Experiences

Make use of the great outdoors for a fresh perspective on scripture.

- **Nature Retreats:** Host retreats in natural settings where teens can read and meditate on scripture surrounded by the beauty of creation.
- **Hiking and Reflection:** Plan hikes with stops for reading relevant Bible passages, fostering reflection and discussion about God's creation and our place in it.

By incorporating these engaging and relatable methods, teens can explore the Bible in ways that are meaningful and impactful, enriching their summer with spiritual growth and understanding.

Adult Summer Bible Study: Exploring the Book of Peter

Embark on a spiritual journey this summer with an in-depth study of the Book of Peter. This guide will help you delve into the teachings of Apostle Peter, offering insights and reflection questions to deepen your understanding and connection to the scripture.

Week 1: Introduction to Peter

Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Peter say about the nature of our inheritance in Christ?
2. How can the trials and challenges in life serve to strengthen our faith according to Peter?
3. In what ways can we express our gratitude for the salvation we have received?

Week 2: Living as God's People

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to live a holy life, as Peter encourages?
2. How can we actively express sincere love for others in our daily interactions?
3. Reflect on the imperishable nature of God's Word. How does this influence your daily life?

Week 3: Spiritual Growth

Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Reflection Questions:

1. What are the "spiritual sacrifices" we can offer to God in our lives?
2. How does Peter describe our identity in Christ?
3. How can we proclaim the excellencies of God in our community?

Week 4: Submission and Suffering

Reading: 1 Peter 2:11-25

Reflection Questions:

1. Why does Peter emphasize submission, and how can this be applied today?
2. How does Peter present the concept of suffering for doing good?
3. In what ways can we follow Christ's example in the face of adversity?

Week 5: Relationships and Responsibilities

Reading: 1 Peter 3:1-12

Reflection Questions:

1. What guidance does Peter offer regarding relationships within families?
2. How can we cultivate a spirit of unity and sympathy towards one another?
3. What steps can we take to turn away from evil and pursue peace?

Week 6: Endurance and Encouragement

Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-4:6

Reflection Questions:

1. How does Peter encourage believers to respond to suffering or persecution?
2. Reflect on the hope that Peter describes. How does this hope manifest in your life?
3. What is the significance of living for the will of God rather than human desires?

Week 7: Living for God's Glory

Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-19

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Peter say about the importance of love and hospitality?
2. How can we use our gifts to serve others within the church?
3. Reflect on the joy of sharing in Christ's sufferings. How can we embody this attitude?

Week 8: Shepherding the Flock

Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-14

Reflection Questions:

1. What responsibilities does Peter assign to the leaders of the church?
2. How does humility play a role in our relationship with God and others?
3. Reflect on Peter's closing encouragements. How can we stand firm in our faith?
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By dedicating time each week to study and reflect on the Book of Peter, you will gain a deeper understanding of its teachings and how they apply to your life today. Enjoy the journey through these powerful scriptures this summer!

Staying Connected with God This Summer

As we revel in the joys & adventures of summer, let us remember to nurture our spiritual connections and deepen our faith. Whether through the laughter shared at family gatherings, the quiet moments of reflection in nature, or the energetic discussions at Bible study groups, each experience is a chance to draw closer to God. Embrace the season as an opportunity to explore new ways of engaging with your faith—be it through creative Bible reading with children, thoughtful journaling with teens, or enriching fellowship studies as adults. Let the warmth and freedom of summer also remind us of the love and grace that surrounds us daily.

May this summer be a time of growth, discovery, and unwavering connection to our Creator. As we journey through these sunlit days, let's keep our hearts open to the lessons and joys that God has in store for us, always remembering that our faith is an ever-present source of strength and hope.

Stay connected, stay inspired, and let your faith shine brightly—this summer and always.

Fisher of people ~G

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to
fish for people." *Matthew 4:19*

VISION OF ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE

IN RESPONSE TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'S MISSIONAL IMPERATIVE TO BAPTIZE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS....AND TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES: WE THE CLERGY, VESTRY, AND PEOPLE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

*WALK IN THE WAY (SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH WORSHIP, FORMATION, REPENTANCE & PRAYER)

*WIDEN THE WALLS (PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS BY WORD & EXAMPLE)

*WAKE UP THE WORLD (STRIVING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE. RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON)

MISSION OF ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE

IN RESPONSE TO OUR PARISH VISION: THE MISSION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE IS TO: **BE DISCIPLES: ENGAGE THE WORLD**



NOTE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Please be sure to schedule all reservations of the church facilities through the Parish Administrator so your events can be placed on the Church's main calendar. Thank you!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

OUR WEB ADDRESS IS: WWW.SAINTPETERBYTHELAKE.NET

CENTERING PRAYER

10AM on Wednesdays in the Parlor. We hope you will join in to pray together this "Prayer of the Heart".

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE

8:30AM Holy Eucharist
10:30AM Holy Eucharist

Join the Fun at SPBTL!

There are lots of fun gatherings that take place at St. Peters during the week. The below groups are open to all! If interested in learning more about them, please reach out to Kate at kate@spbtl.com or 704-483-3460.



- **Art Circle** (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

- **Crafty Ladies** (every Monday afternoon)

- **Bridge** (every Thursday afternoon)



- **Cribbage** (every Thursday afternoon)



- **Bunco** (once a month Friday night)

- **East Lincoln Book Club** (once a month Thursday morning)



- **Dulcimer group** (1st Wednesday of the month)



7PM – Meeting called to order

Vestry Members Present: Tracey Engel, Stephanie Heil, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney, Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis

Clergy Present: Father Ron Taylor, Fr. Nick McDonald

Other Members Present: Jim Heil, Daphne Wagner

Opening Prayer: Father Ron Taylor

Discussion/Decision:

Minutes: Vestry approved March minutes as submitted.

March Financials:

- Over the past three years, people have continued to provide the support they committed to, backing our Associate Rector.
- We had seven people who prepaid their pledges for the year, which is why March looks strong. It can vary month to month for this reason.
- Only the Vestry has the authority to decide and direct where cash plate offerings are allocated.
- We have a restricted account for the parish retreat that currently has a negative balance. We will bring it to zero and absorb the loss. A motion was properly moved, seconded, and approved by vestry members. Note that the parish retreat checks are simply pass-throughs and are not counted as income. The person issues the check, and all checks are then sent to Valle Crucis.
- Our Pre-School fund has reached \$90,000 which is fantastic – a strong starting point!

Senior Warden: (Stephanie Heil)

- Nothing to report.

Junior Warden: (Stephanie for Mary, Not Present)

- Our parish had a very successful spring clean-up.
- Regarding Duke Power lights in the parking lot, Beth will meet with Duke to get quotes. There's a five-year contract to convert to LEDs, which will involve a fee, and it is possible to switch everything to LED if we choose.
- We are OK with the Hamby brothers cutting down the downed trees, if Chad is there. We need a quote for cutting them and hauling them away. Jim can handle this task alongside them.

- We are concerned about the trailer in the back, and although it only costs \$100 a year for the license and tag, it could be useful, so we may need it occasionally.
- Gary, doesn't have any information on the HVAC quote; he hasn't been able to get the person to return his call. We may proceed with Integrity instead.
- About the bee situation they are mining bees, so they don't sting. The exterminator has already sprayed.
- Bill sent the information on the security cameras. To monitor the exits, we'll need an iPad, as it will continue recording. We need three active cameras in place. We have \$7,933 in the restricted account to cover the costs. Vestry motions approval of the Security Camera quote by Graybar.
- Michelle has an appointment with the Sheriff in May; they'll come by for a walkthrough and provide safety tips.
- Father Nick presented a sketch of an awning he and Ginia would like to have installed at the preschool door near the choir area to keep rain from getting on you when you open the door. The vestry approved the preschool attaching the awning and authorizes them to install it professionally but the preschool pays for it.
- The Water heater in Furr Hall is an old, 19-gallon unit that supplies the bathrooms at the main entrance. It's heavily corroded and seems to be failing. If we install it ourselves, we can get residential-only parts for \$500, and \$100 for a Lincoln County permit. Father Nick offered to install it. Kate will also reach out to Westport Plumbing for a quote, and we'll decide from there. The Junior Warden will make the final call based on the building and grounds budget.
- Frances Smith had mentioned that the coffee maker isn't working. Jennifer will go to the Restaurant Supply store and get a replacement. We feel that Bunn is the best brand.

Upcoming Events/Schedules: (Father Ron Taylor):

- Sunday May 10th, Mother's Day and Graduating senior day. Brunch will be served after both services.
- Saturday May 16th there will be a wedding at 2pm at St. Peters By the Lake.

Closing Prayer: (Father Ron Taylor)

SPBTL Theater Group: The Green Room Theater 2026 Season

Sundays at 3:00 p.m. w/lunch

\$16.00/ticket \$10.00/person lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Furr Hall

- Four Old Broads 6/14/26

All are welcomed. If you have not participated in the past, please join us for good food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Contact Cathy Littlejohn @ 704-650-4947 with any questions.

Special Servant Schedule
July and August 2026

DATE	7/5/2026	7/12/2026	7/19/2026	7/26/2026	
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Sherree Brady	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley	
Usher	Mike & Angela Matousek	Ronnie Rudd	Cathy Melesh	Chad Hamby	
Acolyte	Michele Moss	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto	Cathy Melesh	
Reader	Diane Johnson	Libby Willis	Jennifer Baker	Cathy Melesh	
Coffee HOUR					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Scott Major, Frances Smith	Becky Smith, Mary Sanbury	Diana Mushill, Sheryn Fletcher	Patty & Patrick Duggan	
Usher	Mary Sanbury, Mark White	Joe Anzalone, Roger Simpson	Dick Lunney, Duane Rinkus	Jim Racz, Kathy Campbell	
Acolyte	Michele Stewart, Isabelle Dalton	Freya & Greta Gustis	Zachary Ireland, Beckett Rinkus	Madison Ireland, Lilian Finch	
Reader	Bonnie Grant	Diana Mushill	Zoe Jarman	Jenny Hunter	
Livestream Tech		Cyndi Jarvis	Sherree Brady	Zoe Jarman	
Lay Reader	Matt Gustis				
Coffee HOUR		J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	Michelle Stewart	Sherree Brady	Bill & Gloria Reid	
Flower	Dick & Beth Lunney				
DATE	8/2/2026	8/9/2026	8/16/2026	8/23/2026	8/30/2026
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Michele Moss	Sherree Brady	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley
Usher	Helen Lungwitz	Steve & Cathy Hiney	Emily Gentry	Ron & Karen Horne	Mike & Angela Matousek
Acolyte	Michele Moss	Libby Motto	Cathy Hiney	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto
Reader	Michele Moss	Susan Schuman	Sherree Brady	Karen Horne	Diane Johnson
Coffee Hour					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Jim & Stephanie Heil	Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacobs	John & Michele Stewart	Diane Davis, Frances Smith	Scott Major, Becky Smith
Usher	Claire / Bob Tracy	David Pyley, Mike Scaglione	Mary Sanbury, Sheryn Fletcher	Joe Anzalone, Kathy Campbell	Diana Mushill, Mark White
Acolyte	Bonnie Grant, Audrey Prouty	Michelle Stewart, Ava Prouty	Greta Gustis, Diana Mushill	Zachary Ireland, Grace Finch	Madison Ireland, Isabelle Dalton
Reader	Jan McDonald	Cyndi Jarvis	Andy Parton	Ginny Pretty	Frances Smith
Livestream Tech					
Lay Reader					
Coffee Hour					
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	A. Bowden
Flower	Josette Anzalone	AVAILABLE	Josette Anzalone	Jim Bowden	Cathy Littlejohn

FOCUS ON MISSION - OUTREACH TEAM

*And do not neglect doing good and sharing;
for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews*



A monthly highlight of organizations we support with our Time, Talent & Treasure.

JUNE SPOTLIGHT:

Hesed House of Hope

Hello from your Mission Outreach team. We thank you for your ongoing support of ministries that serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

This month we would like to highlight our support for the **Hesed House of Hope**, located in Lincolnton and currently the only homeless shelter in Lincoln County.

Hesed House provides temporary shelter for men, women, and children experiencing homelessness, offering a safe place to rest, regroup, and begin the journey toward stability. What began in 2008 as a rotating church-based shelter has grown into a permanent, debt-free facility operating year-round.

Donations support staffing, utilities, and essential services, as well as partnerships with DSS and other agencies to assist residents with benefits applications, employment searches, and rapid rehousing efforts.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.hesedhouseofhope.com/>. Or reach out to Bob and Claire Tracy to learn more about this invaluable ministry.

JULY SPOTLIGHT:

East Lincoln Christian Ministry (ELCM)

This month we would like to highlight our support for **East Lincoln Christian Ministry (ELCM)**, a nonprofit organization serving individuals and families throughout the East Lincoln community.

Founded in 1983, ELCM provides crisis assistance, counseling, food and hygiene support, home-delivered meals for the homebound, and other practical help for neighbors facing difficult circumstances. The ministry is supported by local churches, businesses, civic groups, and individual donors, with St. Peter's by the Lake being an active partner for many years.

ELCM's goal is not only to meet immediate needs, but also to offer dignity, compassion, and a path toward stability for those they serve.

Click here for more information: <http://elcmdenver.com/>. Or contact Marilyn Saunders to learn how you can help.

You can find hard copies of SPBTL Support Applications in the Mission Outreach mailbox in Fotinos Hall, or you may drop a note in Libby Motto's mailbox and Mission Outreach will reach out to you to see how Mission Outreach may help an organization that you support.



Registration is open! Join the fun and sign up now!

See our website or [click here](#).

RIBBON CUTTING

You are invited!

We're proud to announce the official opening of our new establishment. Join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion!



*June 27, 2026
10:00 am*

St. Peter By-the-Lake
8433 Fairfield Forest Rd Denver, NC 28037

New Preschool



- **4 DAY PRESCHOOL FOR AGES 2-5**
- **INTENTIONALLY SMALL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PERSONAL ATTENTION**
- **EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION**
- **LOVING CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE**



Use the QR Code to visit our

website

8433 Fairfield Forest Rd., Denver NC

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A Season of Giving Thanks

As summer begins and days grow longer, June invites us to notice the abundance of God's creation all around us. Gardens bloom, families gather, and rhythms slow just enough for us to reflect on the many blessings we often take for granted. Stewardship begins in that spirit of gratitude.

In Scripture, we are reminded that everything we have is a gift from God – our time, our talents, our resources, and our relationships. Stewardship is not simply about finances; it is about how we live as caretakers of all that God has entrusted to us.

June is also a season of movement. Graduations, vacations, weddings, mission projects, and community events fill our calendars. In the midst of busy schedules, the church remains a place of grounding prayer, and service. Your faith support helps sustain ministries that welcome newcomers, care for those in need, nurture children and youth, and keep our doors open to all who seek God's presence.

Every act of generosity matters. A prayer offered in faith, a volunteer hour given in love, a meal shared with a neighbor, or a financial gift to the church – each becomes part of God's work in the world.

As we move into the summer months, may we continue to ask:

How can I use my gifts to serve others?

Where is God calling me to give more fully of myself?

How can our church be a light of hope in our community?

Steve Hiney

Stewardship Committee Member

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

St Peter's "Boomers" Group Outing

WHAT: CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY !!!

An Evening With The CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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WHEN: Friday, June 26th

WHERE: McGuire Nuclear Station's Energy Explorium

Cost: FREE!

ARRIVAL TIME: 6:45 - 7:00 PM

(CONCERT STARTS AT 8:30 PM)



We are planning on attending Charlotte Symphony's Summer Pops Concert Series to be presented at Duke energy's McGuire Nuclear Stations's EnergyExplorium (accessed from route # 73) on June 26th Enjoying picnic munchies, favorite beverages, and socializing before concert begins ... The program will consist of classical and pops favorites at this annual community performance at Lake Norman. Bring chairs, snacks, & bug spray and join us. **We plan on arriving around 6:45 - 7:00 PM and sitting near front on right side of venue by the lake.**

Contact Bud or Jeanne Hawkins with any questions (704 663-9004 / 9027) budhawkins@charter.net

PS: You Do Not Have To Be A Boomer To Attend. If You Are Younger, Come See If You Can "Keep Up With Us" !!!

JUNE

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 – Ron and Karen Taylor | 20 – Diane Davis & Connie Mathis |
| 10 – Roger and Karen Simpson | 21 – Stephen & Kathryn Graham |
| 15 – Paul and Carol Buteau | 24 – Michael and Angela Matousek |
| 16 – Norm and Victoria Gaver | 28 – Matt and Sarah Ortner |
| 16 – Gra and Daphne Wagner | 28 – Joe and Lisa Anzalone |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 1 – Paul Buteau | 15 – Laurissa Laudenslager |
| 1 – Nancy Brandt | 15 – Patricia Wagner |
| 2 – Leigh Ann Johnston | 17 – Robin Gonzales |
| 2 – Jim Westmoreland | 18 – Angela Matousek |
| 3 – Scott Ajello | 18 – Karen Taylor |
| 3 – Carol Herbst | 18 – Alexis Wagner |
| 4 – Diana Mushill | 20 – Cathy Melesh |
| 4 – Matt Aebischer | 20 – Betsy Clements |
| 5 – Nicholas Lockard | 21 – Diane Davis |
| 8 – Evan Graham | 21 – Tara Haas |
| 8 – Andrew Hawkins | 21 – Trish Moeller |
| 8 – Johnny Thyne | 23 – Taylor Dixon |
| 9 - Fischer Cartee | 24 – Bailey Parton |
| 10 – Aaron Mintun | 25 – Bobby Barber |
| 12 – Owen Barber | 25 – Lorraine Wiehagen |
| 13 – Melanie Garrett | 26 – Liam Hanrahan |
| 14 - Vivian Cartee | 27 – Brodie Rummage |
| 14 – Lara Readling | 27 – Michael Scaglione |
| 15 – Priscilla Foley | 28 – Debbie Beam |
| 15 – Roger Simpson | 28 – Rebecca Duggan Layman |
| 15 – Laura Thornhill | 29 – Pat Racz |
| | 30 – Ross Bulla |

JULY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 4 – Todd and Jill McPeak | 12 – Dale & Lara Reading |
| 4 – Ken and Jennifer Baker | 13 – Dick and Beth Lunney |
| 5 – Tom and Cathy Grace | 16 – John and Michelle Stewart |
| 9- Fred and Marge Shubert | 17 – William & Cissie Deane |
| 10 – Abe & Kathy Rummage | 19 – Rodney and Lori Pressley |
| 10 – Mark & Patricia Wagner | 19 – Bill & Christine Finelli |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 2 – Jan McDonald | 18 – Adele Berchem |
| 4 – Chad Hamby | 18 – Freya Gustis |
| 4 – Caleb Spencer | 19 – Claudia Shinn |
| 6 – Joe Anzalone III | 20 – Zoe Jarman |
| 6 – Cyndi Jarvis | 21 – Diane Johnson |
| 6 – Steven Mortenson | 21 – Mary Ann Griffin |
| 7 – Daphne Wagner | 23 – Justin Mintun |
| 8 – Curtis Johnson | 24 – Nancy Brewster |
| 9 – John Dwyer, Jr. | 24 – Ethan Thornhill |
| 10 – Kathy Campbell | 25 – Ellen Moore |
| 12 – Jay Jones | 26 – Adam Pressley |
| 13 – Nicholas Wuerdeman | 27 – Jim Bowden |
| 17 – Nancy Henley | 27 – Makenna Garrett |
| 17 – Zak Parton | 28 – Olivia Prouty |
| 17 – Paige Engel | 29 – Shannon Rinkus |
| 17 – Myra Ford | 30 – Mattie Rudd |
| 18 – Cole Barber | |

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