



MAY NEWSLETTER
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I recently saw a bulletin board kit for sale titled "Life Tips from a Cactus." Well, that caught my attention. After reading through it, I realized cacti have a lot to teach us about getting through life. Let me share with you what I learned.

Have a large root system. Have good friends to provide support to hold you up. Made me think of all the folks at St. Peter's who have rallied together and keep showing up.

Be a survivor. Do exactly that: Learn how to survive despite all of the stress and problems you may face. Things have been stressful, but life at St. Peter's is still going strong.

Bask in the sun. Absorb all of the positivity that surrounds you and grow as much as you can. There was definitely a lot of celebration and positivity at Easter and the workshop led by the Bishop a few weeks ago. Everyone left both feeling a little sunnier.

Don't be afraid to be different. A cactus defies most things we hold true about plants. It is still surviving. Don't ever let someone else's opinion of you change who you want to be. BE YOU! St. Peter's is a pretty awesome place and every individual makes it that way.

Have spikes. Be tough. Know when and how to stand up for yourself so no "predator" messes with you. Thankfully, we haven't had to "raise" our spikes, but I know we have them if we need them.

Save it for later. Conserve your energy; know when you need to take a break and take one. I don't know about you, but I am enjoying the slower pace of Easter after all the activity of Holy Week. I'm also looking forward to summer and slowing down a little bit more.

So, you never know where you might find inspiration and reassurance. Maybe it's in the life of a cactus, or maybe it's in the life of the church. What keeps you going?

- Emily Durham—Children and Families Coordinator

Last Day of Sunday School

We will celebrate our last day of Sunday School on **Sunday, May 3rd**. It has been a wonderful year and our children have learned so much. We will start Summer Children's Church on Sunday, May 17th. We will also be offering an intergenerational Sunday School Faith Forum over the summer. Look for more details in the month ahead.



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Join us in thanking our Sunday School teachers for an awesome school year. We will recognize our teachers at the 8:30am and 10:30am services on Sunday, May 3rd. We greatly appreciate all the time and love our teachers share with our children each week.

CENTERING PRAYER

St. Peter's offers an opportunity each Wednesday afternoon at **2:00 p.m.** to gather with a small community for Centering Prayer in Stockstill Hall. If you would like more information about joining our group, please contact our facilitator, Sally Hansen, via email at: sallyhansen100@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

**Our Midweek Celebration
Of The Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the
Chapel**

Join us for Holy Communion in the chapel on Wednesdays at **1:30 p.m.** This small gathering often commemorates a saint whose feast day occurs on that day or in close proximity. The liturgy lasts about 30 minutes.



Recognition of St. Peter's Graduating Seniors.

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors on **May 3rd** at the 8:30 and 10:30 services. If you have a senior you would like recognized, please reach out to Emily Durham, children@stpetersgreenville.com or Sarah Carver assistantrector@stpetersgreenville.com



St. Peter's Readers

The St. Peter's Readers' Kick-Off is **Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM** in Stockstill Hall. For our first meeting, we will discuss *Theo of Golden*. It is a book of best-selling fiction by Allen Levi who is a singer-songwriter and real attorney in rural Georgia. *Theo* is his first novel, although he has published a memoir as well as a children's book. Themes included are Being really seen, Good Sadness, the Absence of technology and Generosity. If you are pushed for time, please feel free to bring a sandwich. Light refreshments will be provided. Please let Zerle or Beck know if you have any questions or plan to join us. All are welcome! Becksullivan1@gmail.com or ZerleHubbard@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Breakfast—May 9th Stockstill Hall 8:00am

Come and join us for the Men's Breakfast! It's a great time for fellowship and some good food. Whether you're new at St. Peter's or a long time member, breakfast is open to all men. The breakfast cost is \$10 and all profits go to charity. We look forward to seeing you on May 9th!

adult fellowship

Ted and Linda Vonder Haar will host the May Adult Fellowship at their home on 6 Whaling Way, Greenville SC 29615 on Saturday, **May 16th, from 6-8 pm**. All adults of the church and guests are welcome. Please bring a dish and/or bottle of wine to share and enjoy lively conversation and the chance to meet new people. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Jones on 864-608-2206 or Mike Jones on 864-320-8977.

Start of Summer Celebration—May 17th @ 5PM!

Join us as we kick-off the summer season in style. We will have a cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and watermelon. There will be a bounce house, slip & slide, bubbles, pickleball, and crafts for all ages. Celebrate the Start of Summer with St. Peter's out at the Pavilion.



ROMEOS

Join us for our monthly gathering of St. Peter's Romeos, a.k.a. Retired Old Men Eating Out, on Tuesday, **May 19st, 11:30 am**, at the Acropolis on Pelham Road. All men of the church and guests, even if not old or retired, are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. No program or agenda, just lively conversation and maybe a few tall tales.



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Thank you, Marion!

Baptizing babies is one of the greatest privileges of the Church. Welcoming these little ones into new life and into the life of the community is a celebration every time it happens. Their presence among us is a gift as it renews our community, our commitment to Christ, our commitment to others. One of the ways we welcome these newest members is with a gift of a baby blanket crafted by some of our long-time members. Babies under a year old all get their own, unique blanket lovingly knitted by our Yarn Spinners knitting group. These blankets are meant to be a treasured keepsake to remind these children as they grow of their baptism and of St. Peter's love for them.

One very special knitter is particularly responsible for these beautiful blankets: Marion Sprague. Marion and her late sister, Val, began the ministry of knitting these blankets for our baptisms many years ago and Marion has continued to create these beautiful gifts, knitting prolifically so that many are ready and waiting to be gifted to the next child to be baptized.

Now, Marion's skill doesn't just involve knitting. Marion and Val are also responsible for the stunning Creation needlepoint designs hanging in the hall just outside the Narthex, and both spent quite a lot of time and effort to see the needlepoint kneelers that we use each Sunday come to completion. In many places around St. Peter's and in our hearts, Marion's work is revealed. With such a long ministry of bringing beauty to our church and to her members, we can only say:

Thank you, Marion. Thank you for your love, your dedication to our community and your skill in making these keepsakes. We are grateful for you and your loving ministry among us.



Creation Care Corner—May 2026

Environmental Justice is Social Justice - Take Action! – Episcopalians are known for our concern for social justice! Here's an easy way to advocate for the rights of people who are harmed by environmental injustices – sign up for newsletters from these three groups - each one sends emails with links allowing you to easily share your concerns (using pre-written scripts) with various government officials. Just copy and paste the URLs into your browser to visit the sign-up pages.

1. [The Episcopal Public Policy Network \(https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/eppn-sign-up/\)](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/eppn-sign-up/)
2. [Environment America \(https://environmentamerica.org/take-action/\)](https://environmentamerica.org/take-action/)
3. [Creation Justice Ministries \(https://www.creationjustice.org/join-our-email-list.html\)](https://www.creationjustice.org/join-our-email-list.html)



**CREATION
CARE**



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00pm AA Stockstill	2 8:00am Shakespeare Acting - Choir Rm 9:00am World Labyrinth Day Half Day Retreat - Stockstill
3 Graduate Recognition Sunday Sunday School Appreciation Sunday 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	4	5 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill Hall 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	6 8:30am Garden Club - Stockstill/Choir Room 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 6:30pm St. Peter's Readers - Stockstill 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Zoom Mtg. 5:00pm Girl Scouts - Pavilion 6:30pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	8 7:00pm AA Stockstill	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast - Stockstill 10:00am Tech Training - Sanctuary
10 Mother's Day No Sunday School 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 11:45am CCAC 11:45am Outreach - Children's room 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	11 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch	12 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill Hall 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	13 9:00am PEO Chapter Stockstill 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	14 5:00pm Girl Scouts - Pavilion 6:30pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	15 7:00pm AA Stockstill	16 8:00am Shakespeare Acting - SH 12:00pm Merrifield Park - Pavilion 6:00pm Adult Fellowship
17 Summer Children's Church Begins 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary 5:00pm Start of Summer Celebration - Pavilion	18 6:00pm Vestry - Stockstill	19 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill Hall 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 11:30 ROMEOS 3:30pm Stephen Ministry - Stockstill 7:00pm AA Stockstill	20 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Parlor 6:30pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	22 7:00pm AA Stockstill	23 6:30am Feed Thy Neighbor 8:00am Shakespeare Acting Class - SH
24 Pentecost 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	26 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill Hall 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	27 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	28 Staff Retreat - Office Closed 6:30pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary	29 7:00pm AA Stockstill	30 Hemans - Pavilion & Stockstill all day 8:00am Shakespeare Acting Class - CR
31 Trinity Sunday 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's - Sanctuary						

St. Peter's Family & Friends Prayer Lists

In an effort to maintain a timely prayer list, please review any names you may have added and email us at office@stpetersgreenville.com if it is time for that person's name to come off the list.

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners

Jessica Watson, niece of Mimi Abels
Ruby Taylor, aunt of Glenn Allison
Carol Bauer Lopis & family, sister of Lynn Bauer
Cathy, friend of Stephen & Diane Boney
Shiloh Esselburn, granddaughter of Jane Auge
Kristine Drinnon, daughter of Suzanne Brehm
Jennifer Fanning Brunetto, daughter-in-law of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Emerson Brock, niece of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Marie Sheley, sister of Sue Bunnell
Lynn Burns, sister of JoDee Burns
Vincent "Brad" Pope, son of Teresa Burns & brother of Sharon Turner
Frieda Creasman, mother of Debbie Cannada
Charles Johnson, brother-in-law of Dot Closs
Geri Delzingaro, mother of Terry Davidson
Sylvia Stivers, mother of Shawn Dunham
Marge Leach—relative of Emily Durham
Lois Guinto, sister of Tom Durst
Gail Stone, sister-in-law of Barbara & Don Ellis
Becki Peterson, sister of Jody Fails
Van Phillips, brother of Jody Fails
Wayne & Rhonda Lanier, family of Jody Fails
Doris Phillips, sister-in-law of Jody Fails
Patrick Flangan, son-in-law of Darris Faust
Christine Faust, daughter-in-law of Darris Faust
Brian & Sylvia Shutts, brother & sister-in-law of Sally Hansen
Barbra McPike, sister of Sue Havens
Carolyn Keever, sister of Bill Hawkins
Sara Ann Lovell, cousin of Jim & Ellen Huber
Gordon Kear, son of Rhys and Susan Kear
The Rev. Alice Haynes, sister of Pam Kitson
Nicole Poole, daughter of Sharon Kruse
Rick Skelton, brother-in-law of Thom Long
Ryan Garbee, cousin of Katherine Lumpkin—Leech
Mary Anne Achee, sister of Priscilla Maumus
Cheryl—niece of Sandy McKenna
Sharen McKenna, daughter of Sandy McKenna
Lynn Werdal, sister of Sandy McKenna
Pam Elwell, sister of Littlejohn McSwain
Beau Chattell, nephew of Mary Mills
Susie Mathews, sister of Mary Mills
Caldwell Murray, son of Sarah Murray
Leighton Yates, relative of Sarah Murray
Jennifer Pendergast, daughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Laine Pendergast, granddaughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Tracey Myatt, daughter-in-law of Bev & Larry Myatt
Stuart Neal, son of Tina & Larry Neal
Cindy Taylor, sister of Tina Neal
Erik Nichols, son of Bobbie Nichols
Lucas Stalder, cousin of Bobbie Nichols
Val Bate, cousin of Bobbie Nichols
Gary Olivier, father of Karen Olivier & grandfather of Jackson
Harry Orscheln, father of Nell Orscheln
Elizabeth & David Norris, children of Barbara & Ron Plemmons
Crystal Blackwell, family of Tim of Deidre Price
Abbas Rangwalla, father of Akil Rangwalla
Judy King, mother of Janiece Robinson
Blake Hedrik, granddaughter of Nancy Roush
Remedios Cerezo Aragon, Val Schnauffer's aunt (Eric's daughter in law)
Charlie & Chandler, family to Sarah Sewell
Doris Rebert, great grandmother of Delaney & Logan Shabel

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners (cont.)

Caroline Elizabeth Smith, great grandchild of Gary & Judy Taylor
Julee McDonald, cousin of Ed Venters
The Moses Family, relatives of Ed & Martha Venters
Aden Gilliam, great nephew of Louisa & John Wagoner
Olga Torres, mother of Venus Williams
Ralph Kellar, brother of Mary Ann Whiten
Janet & Craig Christy, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Ann Whiten
Emily Anderson, granddaughter of Mary Ann Whiten
Jaclynn Wilkerson, daughter of Tim & Denise Wilkerson
Susan Reddix, sister-in-law of Tim & Denise Wilkerson

Prayer List of Friends of Parishioners

Marty Rusonis—friend of Lynn Bauer
Melanie Anderson—friend of Palmer & Boo Brown
JoJo Kaiser—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Pat Spears—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Rudy Capece—friend of Jane Auge & Debbie Cannada
Michele Thompson, friend of Centering Prayer
Marlenea Vaughn, friend of Cathy Church
Miller & Allie Carroll—friend of Shawn Dunham
The Parker family —friends of Barbara Ellis
Richard Fulton—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Susan Ebans—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Mike, John & Alison Simpson- Josie Harper
Cathy Stephens—friend of Bill & Loretta Hartzell
Tony & Diane Smith—friends of Sue Havens
Deb Culbertson—friend of Sue Havens
Almeter Butler – friend of Malissa Hawkins
Dave Holec, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Paul Porter, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Bob Post, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Elizabeth Deming, friend of Milena Lombardi
Evie Elrod, friend of Thom Long
Mary Ella Kenesake—friend of Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Tyler Johnston, friend of Ben Martin
Sal—friend of Sandy McKenna
Stephanie Shutes, friend of Brenda McKinney
Steve Hixson, friend of Brenda McKinney
Jerry & Joan Bilton—friends of Judi Myers
Rob, friend of Bobbie Nichols
Janice Tennyson, friend of Ron and Barbara Plemmons
Dierdre Hixson—friend of Nancy Roush
Mary Kathleen Markham-Kara & Tony Scalzitti
Kimberly Greene—friend of Ken & Emelyn Shabel
Sarah— friend of Shirley Twiss
Mary Ann Cooper—friend of Bob Vail
The Daniels Family-Martha Venters
Claire Yarborough—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Rose Neely—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Ken Grier—friend of Denise & Tim Wilkerson
Al Hipp—long-time friend of St. Peter's

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Ushers 8:30	Gheesling Family	Loretta & Bill Hartzell	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Alice & Art Slayton	Kathy Lundy
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Courtney Goforth Kyle Davis Haddie Davis Kale Davis	Shelby Allison Palmer Brown Nathan Search	Ken Shabel Al Mina Brad Klutz	Tony Scalzitti Bill Hawkins	Shelby Allison Palmer Brown Nathan Search
VPOD	Gina Pelino	Ken Shabel	Gina Pelino	Debbie Cannada	Frank Boineau
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Barbara Ellis Adriana Brooks	Kathy Siegel Charlotte McIlroy Delores Smith Karla McSwain	Shannon Lawton Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Martha Venters Kathy Greenan	Kathy Lundy Martha Venters Kathy Siegel
Opener	Kathy Lundy	Bill Hartzell	Tim Masters	Palmer Brown	Bill Hartzell
Closer	Larry Neal	Brock Vaughn	Thom Long	Bill Hawkins	Glenn Allison
Lector 8:30	Wes Smith Kathleen Brady	Kally Romero Larry Myatt	Bob James Malissa Hawkins	Marilyn Jones Kathy Siegel	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith
Lector 10:30	Phyllis Grayson Pati Navilliat	Valerie Sports Shannon Sports	Brock Vaughn Shawn Dunham	Melinda Long Thom Long	James Hoskinson Debbie Cannada
Server	Shelby Allison	Jack Forbes	Aria Pelino	Harry Hawkins	Leila Klutz
Crucifer	Aria Pelino	Tucker Allison	Henry Purvis	Ava Pelino	Colin Hitner
Torch Bearers	Nora Durham Sadie Allison	Sadie Chapman Cameron Brooks	Harry Hawkins Colin Hitner	Nora Durham Sadie Allison	Henry Purvis Sadie Chapman
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Bob James Marty Master	Kathy Siegel Tim Wilkerson	Marty Masters Tim Wilkerson	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Bob James Dot Closs
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Debbie Cannada Gina Pelino	Marilyn Jonse Carolyn Foster	Pattie Navilliat Dot Closs	Shannon Sports Larry Neal	Brock Vaughn Shawn Dunham
A/V	Brad Brooks Henry Purvis	Zeb Forbes Jack Forbes	Mike Jones Matthew Purvis	Brad Brooks Mike Jones	Zeb Forbes Jack Forbes

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Don Ellis	15	Emma Coward
	Mary Wright		Gil Harper
02	Maria Hudgins	17	Sadie Allison
	Phil Smith	18	Peggy Hemans
03	Wyatt Cole Chapman	23	Linda Vonder Haar
	Ben Martin	26	Kathy Lundy
04	Jim Huber		Thiela Schnauffer
05	Meta Armstrong	28	Kathleen Brady
07	True Morse		Carroll Johnson
	Doug Watson		Beth Robinson
10	Dargan Trenor		
12	Noah Silver		
13	Whit Kluttz		
14	Jennifer Fox		



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

01	Marilyn & Mike Jones
04	Cathy & Wain Fallow
06	Karla & Littlejohn McSwain
07	Elizabeth & Zeb Forbes
14	Lil & Stan Wetmore
22	Susan & Rhys Kear
26	Amy & T.C Gore
	Meg & Cory McGee
	April & Matthew Purvis
	Louisa & John Wagoner
27	Christie & Al Mina
28	Darralynn & Robert Baker
30	Peggy & Tom Hemans



FAITH FORUM

Sunday, 9:30 am - Stockstill Hall

Faith Forum is an adult Christian formation experience presented on Sunday mornings, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., in Stockstill Hall. We explore a wide range of topics, including Scripture, church history and traditions, liturgical seasons, community outreach, and creation care. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. (No sign-up or preparation required.)

May 3 -- The Matriarchs of Genesis: What do these ancient women have to say to us today about faith and family?
(Led by Dotti Priddy)

May 10 -- An introduction to a special summer program for intergenerational Bible study--sponsored by Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School

May 17 -- Shannon Sports will talk about the needs of military veterans in the Greenville area.

May 24 & 31-- No Faith Forum

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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