



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

informed and connected!



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Submit Articles & Pictures
by the **20TH** of
EVERY MONTH



Include:

- Articles / announcements
- Photos (high resolution preferred)
- Captions or details as needed



Why it matters:

Your submissions help share our stories, celebrate what God is doing, and keep our church family connected!



WEEKLY EBLAST

Submit Upcoming Events
by **NOON** on
THURSDAYS



Include:

- Event name
- Date, time, location
- Brief description
- Contact info or link



Why it matters:

Timely event info helps everyone plan ahead and get involved!



Thank you!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A BIG IMPACT.



ST. PETER'S (CHILDREN & FAMILIES)

Have you ever had to quiet a child in church who is asking, “How much longer?” or saying “I’m hungry!” You are not alone. Even the most patient of children can struggle to sit still during a church service. However, we want children to be present in worship. It is their service, too after all. So, how do we help children stay engaged in the church service without adults feeling like they are pulled in a thousand directions?

One resource is our Worship Bags available just outside the sanctuary or at the back of the sanctuary by the acolyte room. Have you had a chance to look inside? Each item in the Worship Bag was chosen to help children stay engaged with the service and keep their wiggly bodies busy.

Here is how you can help children use the bags during the service to get the most out of worship.

1. Seasonal Busy Book or I Spy: Each season (Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter, Pentecost) a seasonal busy book or I Spy is introduced. Right now, we have a Pentecost busy book that has pages that correspond to some of the lessons we are hearing read during the service. There are Old Testament and New Testament stories. It’s a great time for older children to review stories they already know. See if your child can find a busy book page that matches the lessons for the day.
2. Plain Paper: Each bag contains a pad of plain paper. These are great for children to draw pictures of things they are hearing while in the service. Older children can write down key themes or words they hear. Children can also use it to write down questions they have about what is said or done during the service to ask later., so they don’t forget. Write a topic on the top of the page and encourage your child to draw a picture, take notes, or write down their questions related to that topic.
3. People of God: Each bag contains 3-4 wooden figures or People of God. Children can use these people to help tell the stories they are hearing in the service. The wooden people are adaptable to many different characters and can be used for all sorts of storytelling. Suggest a story your child can act out with the People of God.
4. Christian Coloring Books and Story Books: Each bag contains a mix of coloring books and story books with Christian themes. These are great for keeping hands busy while ears are listening. Help your child find a page they want to color or read.
5. Fidget Tools: Just like the coloring books, the fidget tools are designed to help hands stay busy while ears are listening. There are squishy mazes and pop toys, so everyone can find their favorite. There are multiples in each bag, so you may want to keep one to use as well.

We want children (even loud talking ones) to feel welcome at church and in our worship services. Being engaged helps them feel part of what is going on, encourages them to come back each week, and hopefully create a lifelong relationship with God. The Worship Bags are a great tool and one we hope you will use to ensure children feel welcomed and engaged.

Box Build Extravaganza

What can you build with a cardboard box? Can you build the tallest tower? Can you build the longest tunnel? Join us on **Sunday, September 13th from 5-7pm** for our first Box Build Extravaganza. Bring any extra boxes, duct tape, and a potluck dish to share. Let's see what we can create together!



SPY “St. Peter’s Youth” Grades 6th-12th



Our SPY (6th—12th grade) group is busy this year! SPY will regularly meet on Sundays from 5-7PM in Stockstill Hall. September 20th will be SPY Game night and September 27th will be a Bible Scavenger Hunt. There is an Upstate Large Episcopal Area Fellowship (LEAF) Events coming up on 9/20—4PM at Advent in Spartanburg. You won’t want to miss the fun!





FAITH FORUM

Sunday, 9:30 am - Stockstill Hall

Faith Forum meets most Sundays, 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., in Stockstill Hall. Topics include Scripture, church history, current issues, and personal faith formation. **All are welcome.** No signing up or preparation needed.

Faith Forum Series for the Season of Creation – to recognize the Season of Creation, four Faith Forum presentations in September will focus on various aspects of Creation Care.

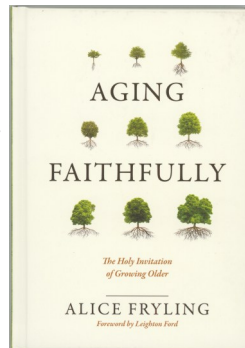
Sept. 6: No Faith Forum (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 13: Exploring Creation—Mother Sarah and her Alma College mentor Murray Borrello, Instructor of Environmental Studies

Sept. 20: What Have We Done to Creation?—Mother Sarah and her Alma College mentor Murray Borrello, Instructor of Environmental Studies

Sept. 27: Community, Creation Care, and Environmental Justice—Rick Joye, Sustaining Way Founder and Board Chair of Sustaining Way, and Camile Hoover, Sustaining Way Board Member and former AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Looking Ahead: On Oct. 4, 11, and 18, Brenda McKinney will lead a discussion on the inspirational book *Aging Faithfully* by Alice Fryling. This is an opportunity for all of us, no matter how old we are, to consider our faith journeys as we age. (Please attend, even if you haven't had the opportunity to read the



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.

SP30 Report

The Vestry has been hard at work using your feedback from the SP30 listening sessions and surveys. Use the QR to see the report on our website.



Acolyte Training is Coming!

September 20th we will be meeting after church with lunch to feed and train our acolytes—both our veterans and newcomers. We are looking for children and youth aged third grade and up to join this very special ministry. As an acolyte you will: Serve at God's holy altar; learn the weird names for the dish wear we use for communion that anywhere else would be common household items; get to light things on fire (okay, candles), spend time with friends; serve God in a uniquely tangible way. If you want more information please reach out to our acolyte director, Thom Long thomwlong@gmail.com, or Emily Durham our Children's and Family Minister, children@stpetersgreenville.com.

We need acolytes.



**Is your child ready
to serve?**

ROMEOS

Join us for our monthly gathering of St. Peter's Romeos, a.k.a. Retired Old Men Eating Out, on **Tuesday, September 15th, 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.



Adult Fellowship

Allen and Phyllis Grayson will host the September Adult Fellowship at their home on 10 Woodberry Dr. on **Saturday, September 19th, 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.

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Text the word **ROCK** to 73256

You will receive an automatic reply. Click on the link in the message to be directed to our giving page. You can use your checking account, debit or credit card.



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Greenville, South Carolina



LOVE IN ACTION
— FOLLOWING CHRIST. LOVING PEOPLE. —

PALMER BROWN—LOVE IN ACTION

It's time to shine a light on the wonderful parishioners who make our community brighter. This space celebrates individuals who give their time, care, and energy to help in and around St. Peter's.

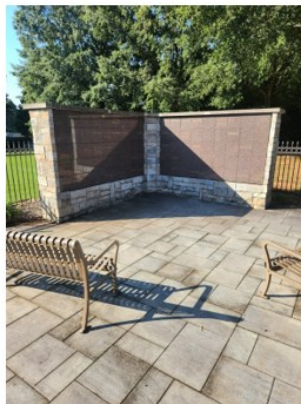
Palmer Brown has been an indispensable blessing since returning to St. Peter's, tackling everything from painting church doors and

trim to cleaning floors and emptying dehumidifiers. He has repaired pavilion fascia boards, coordinated plumbers and electricians, cleared debris before funerals, cut hazardous tree limbs, ushered, and faithfully washed dishes after the Men's Breakfast (though he'd never be allowed to cook!).



After a period away at an Anglican church in Greenville, Palmer and Boo returned to St. Peter's, where they were originally members in the '70s and '80s. The "ole dawgs" here are absolutely thrilled to have them back—not only for Palmer's tireless ministry and willingness to help, but because Palmer and Boo are such faithful, committed, and fun people to have around. Thank you for your service, Palmer!

ST. PETER'S COLUMBARIA



Garden Columbarium



Altar Columbarium

If you are unfamiliar with a columbarium, it is a final resting place for the ashes of those who choose cremation as the disposition of their earthly remains. St. Peter's has two, one outside in the Garden of Remembrance and one behind the Altar. If you would like more information, contact the church office or Mike Jones, (864) 320-8977.

Creation Care Corner – September 2026



Saint Francis Fest & More D'oeuvre Competition –

On Sunday October 4, at 11:45, we will gather in Stockstill Hall to enjoy meatless appetizers ("more d'oeuvres") and to vote on our favorite entries. There will also be opportunities to learn more about creation care and to get your own St. Peter's Creation Care bumper sticker (while supplies last). Competitors in the more d'oeuvre competition will receive their bumper

stickers first, and winners will receive one of the following: a \$50 Gift Card to Sun Belly Cafe! a \$25 Gift Card to the ReCraft craft store! or a food storage kit with "Food Huggers" and Cloth Bowl Covers! For more information and/or to enter contact Rod Scott at rodneyn.scott@wheaton.edu

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA	2 8:30am Greenville Garden Club - SH & Choir rm 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 6:00pm St. Peter's Readers	3 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Zoom Mtg. 5:00pm Girl Scouts - Pavilion	4 7:00pm AA	5
6 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's Reh. - Sanctuary	7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA	9 9:00am PEO Chapter Stockstill 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH	10 8:00am Men's Breakfast - Stockstill 5:00pm Girl Scouts - Pavilion	11 7:00pm AA	12 10:00am DOK - Parlor
13 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 11:30am Newcomer's Reception - SH 11:45am CCAC - Parlor 11:45am Outreach - Children's room 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's Reh. - Sanctuary 4:00pm L.E.A.F. Upstate - Church of the Advent 5:00pm Family Event Box Build Extravaganza - SH/Pavilion	14	15 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 11:30am ROMEOS 3:30pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm AA	16 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH	17 5:00pm Girl Scouts - Pavilion 6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting - Stockstill	18 7:00pm AA	19 6:00pm Adult Fellowship
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27 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 1:00pm St. Peter's Player's Reh. - Sanctuary 5:00pm SPY - Stockstill	28	29 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 6:30pm Laundry Love 7:00pm AA	30 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH			

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
Cathy— friend of Stephen & Diane Boney
Shiloh Esselburn— granddaughter of Jane Auge
George Bauer—father of Lynn Bauer
Kristine Drinnon— daughter of Suzanne Brehm
Charlie Brown— brother of Palmer Brown
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
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 Fangan— 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
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
Diane Hill—daughter 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

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

Melanie Anderson—friend of Palmer & Boo Brown
JoJo Kaiser—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
Janet Jones—friend 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
Tony Duarte-friend of Bill & 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
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

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Ushers 8:30	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Loretta & Bill Hartzell	Tim Masters	Kathy lundy
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Courtney Goforth David Leaphart	Shelby Allison Palmer Brown Nathan Search	Ken Shabel Al Mina Brad Kluttz	Jackson Olivier Bill Hawkins Larry Neal Tony Scalzitti
VPOD	Tim Wilkerson Nick Morse	Ken Shabel	Todd La France	Mary Wright
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Barbara Ellis Adriana Brooks	Kathy Siegel Delores Smith Karla McSwain	Shannon Lawton Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Martha Venters Kathy Greenan
Opener	Kathy Lundy	Bill Hartzell	Tim Masters	Palmer Brown
Closer	Larry Neal	Brock Vaughn	Thom Long	Bill Hawkins
Lector 8:30	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Lindsay Hawkins Kathy Lundy	Larry Myatt Kathy Siegel	Kelly Romero Malissa Hawkins
Lector 10:30	Valerie Sports Shannon Sportss	Phyllis Grayson Brock Vaughn	Emelyn Shabel James Hoskinson	Rod Scott Judy Taylor
Server/Crucifer	Keila Kluttz	Aria Pelino	Harry Hawkins	Matthew Purvis
Torch Bearers	Sadie Allison Shelby Allison	Ava Pelino Nora Durham	Cameron Brooks Sadie Hawkins	Henry Purvis Jack Forbes
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Kathy Siegel Bob James	David Leaphart Tim Wilkerson	Marty Masters Margaret Boineau	Marilyn Jones Dot Closs
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Thom Long Brock Vaughn	Gina Pelino Dot Closs	Shannon Sports Carolyn Foster	Linda Remick Patti Navilliat
A/V	Mike Jones Marilyn Jones	Zeb Forbes Jack Forbes	Brad Brooks Adriana Brooks	Elora Carver Brock Vaughn

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Susan Ferguson	13	Courtney Goforth	23	Glenn Allison
	Craig Maumus	15	David Armstrong		Sue Bunnell
03	Melinda Long		Al Mina		Sherrill Mortenson
05	Beverly Eye		David Leaphart		Wade Smith
	Erin Ryan	17	Ron Adams	24	Ron Plemmons
	Chloe Vonder Haar		Teresa Burns	25	Trudy Bennett
06	Lauren Hill	18	Missie Mahoney	26	Carter McGee
07	Pat Adams	21	Josie Harper	27	Alison Hitner
08	Doug Miezio	22	Darralynn Baker	28	Sarah Murray
09	Jack Mitchell		Estelle Gutierrez		
10	Oliver Nelson		Sherry Hunt		
12	Bobbie Nichols		Alison Search		



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

02	Karen & John Faulkner
	Gina & David Pelino
06	Chris & Tony Weddington
	Jody & Kevin Lynn
15	Emma & Michael Coward
23	Greg Galaher & Missie Mahoney
28	Laura & Dexter Goodwin
29	Lindsay Hawkins & Nell Orscheln
30	Beck & Pat Sullivan

Safe Church Training

At St. Peter's, we believe every person should feel safe, valued, and respected. To help us live out that commitment, all clergy, staff, and ministry volunteers are asked to complete **Safe Church, Safe Communities** training.

This important program will help you:

- Identify and prevent situations that could cause harm
- Maintain healthy, respectful boundaries in ministry

Respond with care and clarity when concerns arise

If you are currently serving—or plan to serve—in any ministry role, you will need to complete Safe Church Training. These courses are required by the Episcopal diocese. Once completed, certification is current for 3 years and then the courses will need to be renewed. By learning together, we strengthen our shared commitment to a safe and welcoming church home for all. Please contact your ministry leader or Sue Dobrzeniecki for more information.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

+Our clergy and staff would welcome the opportunity to help you at 864-268-7280.

- Rev. Sarah Carver, Priest-In-Charge— priestincharge@stpetersgreenville.com

-Emily Durham, Children & Families Minister children@stpetersgreenville.com

-Julia Luciano, Office Administration, office@stpetersgreenville.com

-Sue Dobrzeniecki, Parish Administrator accounting@stpetersgreenville.com

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.

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P.O. Box 25817

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN-PERSON 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. SERVICES.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE LIVESTREAM BEGINS 10:25 A.M. ON FACEBOOK.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND THE SERVICE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE.

Find all the links on our website at www.stpetersgreenville.org and/or the Friday Eblast.

