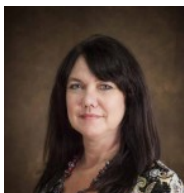


The Rev. Bert Baetz,
Rector



The Rev. J. Michael
Wheeler
Assistant Priest



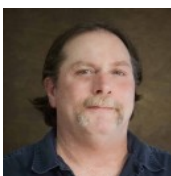
Chrisie Jennings,
Parish Administrator



Linda Jordan, Dir.
Parish Life



David Miron, Dir.
of Music/Organist



Guy Scott, Facilities
Manager

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Dear St. Peter's Family,

Plenty of us have our unique customs and rituals when it comes to nativity scenes. You might have waited until Christmas Eve before placing the baby Jesus in your scene. Some will wait until the January 6 feast of Epiphany before having the wise men arrive on the scene. Without becoming overly legalistic in our pageantry, these chronological rituals can slow us down and give us pause for each rich detail in the sacred story.

The story of the wise men is cherished by all of us, and the detailed account of their voyage presents such a fantastic collage of Biblical personalities. The story includes a frightened king, religious elites, stargazers from the East, and a poor Jewish family with no other place to birth their child than in a feeding trough. In slowing down to read the Nativity Story, it begs a question for us. Where would we fit into the story if the story was our own?

We believe this story is our own, and so, for all of us at St. Peter's, we ought to consider how we will live and move and have our being in *this* story. The frightened King Herod wanted to end the story and snuff out any threat to his rule. The chief priests and scribes tried to protect the status quo. The magi from the East explored what might be possible and responded to possibility with their own generosity. The shepherds had nothing to lose to believe in what the angels had told them. Most importantly, the holy family was faithful and open to the story literally unfolding in the midst of them. So, which role might we take in *this* story?

It is a rich season in the church year as well as in the life of St. Peter's. We have a wonderful opportunity to take our place in the story. On Sunday, January 21, we will elect new vestry members at our Annual Meeting, and our leadership will share with you how our worship, formation, inreach, and outreach provide us with the ways in which God will be made manifest to us and through us. We have the ripe opportunity to take our place in *the* story, and we believe what started in the manger continues to unfold in and through our worship, formation, inreach, and outreach.

A few weeks ago, we had more than sixty children participate in this year's Christmas pageant! Our church was full of proud parents, parishioners, and little children taking their parts in the story. It is my life's work as a parish priest to let those children know that this story is their own. They will take more than one part in the story that begins in the manger. The same is true for all of us. Please be sure to join me at our Annual Meeting. Most of all, please join me in taking a part in this sacred story that continues to unfold among us.

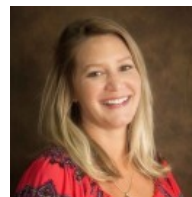
Faithfully,



Janet Boutin,
Director, School



Kay Reichenreau
Asst. Director,
School



Kristen Cook
Admin. Assistant



Barbara Davila
Childcare Coord.



Kara Joy Baker,
Choir Director



Amos Rosales,
Sexton

Dear Church Members,

I want to express my thanks for the overwhelming support of the "Giving Tree."

You have truly blessed our school with your generosity. So many young children will benefit from your kindness.



Have a Blessed Holiday Season,
Janet Boutin
School Director



BEST TIMERS

SOCIAL HOUR LUNCHEON! JOIN US, WON'T YOU?
WE HAVE THE BEST TIME!



MEET US JANUARY 25
11:30AM AT CARMINE ITALIAN RESTAURANT
(1170 Sidney Baker St. S.)
RSVP to Lynda Griffin at (830) 896-5163



JANUARY USHER SCHEDULE

9:30 AM SERVICE:

- 07- Gail & David Brown
- 14- Karen Jackson, Hiram Wilson
- 21- Kay Bruce, Andy Bachofen
- 28- Sue & Doug Whinnery

11:15 AM SERVICE:

Jim Posgate, Harriet Ritter, Jesse Filgo, Ken Pinkham

From Fr. Mike

Pastoral Care ministry at St. Peter's has always loomed large. It's an encompassing part of what we do here, a vitally important part encounter between Our Lord and the soul-healing needs of his Church. Regular participation in worship and the Sacraments is the primary and ordinary means of spiritual health care for every Christian.

I'd like to share with you what I'm learning here among you and some of the plans we're making to ensure that our congregational bases are covered beyond the routine. First, David Weekley and Karen Weber (and others) have been invaluable to me for learning some of the parish history of pastoral care engagement. Dave is the point person with our Lay Eucharistic Visitors, taking Sunday Holy Communion visits to hospitalized Episcopalians. We're holding a training class for additional support in January and will discuss using our LEV to expand to our homebound members, as well.

Karen Weber approached me early on when I came to serve Fr. Bert as his assistant. She and her dedicated team

of volunteers comprise St. Peter's Telephone/Visitor Ministry to our homebound folks. I keep in touch with her regularly for updates, clergy visits, calls, etc.

Fr. Bert and I make regular hospital and home visits, as do lay volunteers in the hospital on a weekly basis, in addition to the LEV Ministry. He and I trade Wednesday dates for services of The Holy Eucharist at Brookdale Plaza and Hilltop Village. Soon, we'll be seeking a way to implement opportunities for healing prayers, The Laying on of Hands (LOH) and the Sacrament of Unction (Oil of Healing) in the Wednesday 5:15 pm Eucharist in the Church. We're available any time to do this, of course, but these are some of the scheduled occasions.

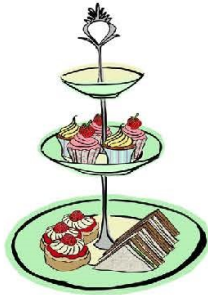
In addition, a small group of volunteers arrange for meals to be delivered to parishioners post-hospitalization. What would we do without these selfless souls who care and help tend the flock of St. Peter's?! I'm not trying to be comprehensive in this article, just noting some things already in place and sharing plans for the future. I hope I haven't made any glaring omissions!

Going from here, let me ask for your assistance. If you are ill or if you must go into hospital (or know of another parishioner), please contact us personally or through the church office. We cannot read minds or hearts, and so we need your help to make sure we're up to the job. And to all who are reading these lines, your prayers are priceless!

In parting, take a moment to read in your Bible the wise words of St. James in the back of the New Testament: James 5:13-20.

It's a great blessing to serve Our Lord and St. Peter's Church!





The E.C.W. Invites You
To a Tea Honoring
Cathy Murray's
Retirement Party
After 25 Years of Service
and Appreciation for All
Cottage Shop Volunteers
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
2:00 P.M.
Tucker Hall



St. Peter's Episcopal Church & School Kerrville, Texas

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OFFERINGS

The Letters of Paul
facilitated by Ted Whittier
Tucker Hall Multipurpose Room



Spiritual Formation- led by Lenore Langsdorf
Office Library

News, Reviews & Special Topics - led by Dane Tune
Office 2nd floor AV Room

WHILE CLASSES ARE MEETING

TUCKER HALL WILL HOST

Family & Friends Fellowship Time

EVERY SUNDAY from 10:45am - 11:10am with goodies!

Sundays - Spring 2018

Children's Center offers childcare from 9:15am to 12:15pm

CHURCH SERVICES ARE 8am, 9:30am and 11:15am. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD THROUGH 5TH GRADE WILL BE AT 9:30am in the YOUTH ROOM. THE CHILDREN WILL JOIN THEIR PARENTS AT THE PASSING OF THE PEACE!

Ways To Help The School Without Spending Any Money



- Collect Box Tops For Education: drop them off in the School or Church Office.
- Support the Cottage Shop by donating slightly used clothing, linens, knick-knacks and more.
- Donate a used car. All we need is the title and a key. Greg Maxwell Motors takes care of the details.
- Drop off recycled cans, metals, electronics, old appliances to Scrap Solutions. Just say, "It's for St. Peter's School!"
- Remember the School when planning your estate. Just visit our website www.stpeterskerrville.com and complete the forms.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Janet Boutin, School Director

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All donations to the School are tax deductible.



Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Offerings from January 10 through February 7, 2018

SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:45 PM

The Episcopal Way

****Bishop Reed will visit on Sunday, February 18****

The earliest Christians were known as the people of the Way, and in the Episcopal Church, we are gifted with a distinct way of expressing our Christian faith. Please join us for this class led by Fr. Bert, and on occasion another teacher, to learn what it means to be rooted in the Episcopal way of worship and life. This class will serve as the confirmation class for high school age youth and all others wishing to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed on the Sunday morning visit from Bishop Reed on Sunday, February 18. The class will be held in Multipurpose Room on Wednesday evenings beginning January 7 at 6:30 pm. This class will remind you of why you fell in love with our Episcopal Church. Fr. Bert welcomes ANY and ALL of us to come, hear, ask and enjoy learning about our rich history in the Episcopal Church; learning why we do, say, sing and pray the way we do; and learning the meaning behind it all down to the colors during each season. Those of you who attended "The Episcopal Way" class during the fall as well as those of you attending the class beginning January 7 are asked to attend the final class and the confirmation rehearsal on Saturday, February 10 in the Multipurpose Room from 10 am until noon. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Bert or Linda Jordan at the church office.

Sisters In Scripture: Life Group will meet in the church parlor from 6:30 to 7:30 pm with Lisa Earl from January 10 through February 7. This Life Group is for young women and young moms. The group supports and prays for each other in their daily walks with Christ as well as participates in a Christian book study. The book study for the fall semester will be posted on the Sisters In Scripture Facebook page. Please feel free to contact Lisa Earl at 928-7299 with any questions or suggestions.

KING'S KIDZ begins Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm for young children (infants through 5th grade). The children are divided into at least 2 different age groups. The young ones (2 years old and younger) will be in the Children's Center with a minimum of two St. Peter's childcare workers. The little ones can play, draw, color, sing, hear about Jesus and even take a nap if they wish. The older children (3 years old through 5th grade) will meet in the Youth Room in Shelton Hall. This group of children will hear a bible story, sing a few songs, have a craft project and play outside. King's Kidz is a loving, safe place in which children can come hang out with their friends and have fun while learning about Jesus and His love for each and every child.

Senior Game Day— 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 3:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. What is Senior Game Day? It is a day set aside for those of you that have an interest in meeting with others for an afternoon of dominoes, Rummikub, cards, and other games. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. Afterwards, if you wish, you can attend the Eucharist at 5:15 pm, and supper at 5:45 pm!



December Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Monday, December 18 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened the meeting in prayer, and at the beginning of the meeting, the Vestry approved the minutes from the November 20 meeting.

Chrisie Jennings, Parish Administrator, presented the financials that she worked on with Catherine Schulte, Treasurer. Previously emailed, November financials showed that overall income is 84% (with pledged/nonpledged giving being 82%), and overall expenses at 83% (yay). December is a month where we will see a nice stream of income due to people catching up on pledges as well as wanting to make that year-end tax deductible donation. Chrisie added that we had one person donate \$500 towards our "shortfall," in response to the Rock Road article addressing this topic. Chrisie sent off a thank you card to this particular family. Bottom line, our negative percentage is 84% vs. the budgeted 92%. The Vestry approved the financials.

Barbara Cordova reported on behalf of the Vestry Nominations Committee. Nominations have closed and the committee has six good candidates willing to serve. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21.

Deborah Rommel reported on behalf of St. Peter's School. She reiterated that plans are well underway for the Fund-raiser Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13.

Catherine Kern reported on behalf of the Safe Campus Committee. The first meeting for the newly-formed committee was held on Dec.4. A risk assessment will be done by Lee Underwood and Eric Maloney. This will be presented to the Vestry along with suggestions such as purchasing AED's, training ushers in implementing safety plans for different emergencies and making CPR available at church activities and services. It was suggested that information regarding this committee and its work be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Lou Ann Maxwell reported on behalf of the ECW. A tea honoring Cathy Murray and her many years of service at the Cottage Shop will be held on Jan.10.

Lee Underwood, Junior Warden, reported to the vestry. The kitchen AC is down again. A sealant will be tried to avoid moving large appliances. The water main has been repaired. A bid for two blinds for Tucker Hall windows has come in for \$1800. We will get another bid.

Other than the report on nominations, the Senior Warden had no other report.

Fr. Bert Baetz reported to the vestry. He reported on the successful Advent activities, particularly the Christmas Pageant which included 63 children from the parish. He has five baptisms planned for the New Year, three children in January and twins in February. Fr. Bert will teach another Episcopal Way Class: Jan.10-Feb.7. This will be in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday, February 18, when members of the congregation will be confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church. Fr. Bert has been working with the Director of Parish Life to begin two Life Groups for young families in the parish. Two Life Groups will begin meeting in January in the homes of Emily/Chastan McRae and Elizabeth/Rich Schneider. Fr. Bert will be the Bible Study leader for one group and Catie Eastland will be the leader for the other group. For the past couple of months, Fr. Bert has been meeting with the Finance Committee and Staff to work on the 2018 Budget.

Under New Business, the proposed 2018 budget was presented to the vestry by Chrisie Jennings and Catherine Schulte. The budget includes several reductions and was presented for questions and comments from the vestry. The budget presented did not include endowment transfers. The budget will be voted upon at the next Vestry Meeting, prior to the Annual Meeting.

Under Old Business, the designation of outreach was voted upon and approved. The vestry decided to support the following outreach ministries: Christian Assistance Ministry, Christian Men's Job Corp, Christian Women's Job Corp, Habitat for Humanity, Hill Country CARES, Hill Country Youth Ranch, K'Star Youth Shelter & Counseling, Magdalene House, Raphael Community Clinic, and Young Life.

The rector and vestry closed with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 5:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room of Tucker Hall. As always, anyone in the parish is welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the agenda and speak, however, please notify the Rector no later than the previous Wednesday, January 10, when he writes the Agenda and then emails the Agenda to the Vestry.

Mustang Island Family Camp!

June 7-10, 2018

Father Bert will be the chaplain!

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Christmas Spirit

On Saturday a gentleman was buying several heavy coats and sweaters. He said he saw many homeless shivering in San Antonio. One of our shoppers offered to help pay– he said “no, no, I can handle it.” She said “please” and he accepted. About an hour later, a couple were buying some dishes. They were hurricane displaced and had lost their house and contents. They did not have quite enough money when another shopper gave about \$2.00 to cover the difference.

Simple giving, yes, the true Christmas spirit!

Volunteer for us



Like us on Facebook to keep up with our sales and mark-downs.



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VOLUNTEER

Did you know?

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make **New Year's resolutions**, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering collected on Sunday, December 10 during all 3 church services collected almost \$300 towards the Lone Star Santas' Christmas Toy Drive. Many thanks to all that contributed their monies!



Save the date

January 21st, 2017

8 am & 10 am worship

ANNUAL MEETING @ 11:15 am

Join us
for your Annual Meeting.
Don't miss it!

The Youth will be selling Brandy's Green Chile Chili and regular Venison Chili at the Annual Meeting for \$15 Quart. Come prepared to support our youth! All proceeds will benefit the youth's inreach and outreach activities.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Shirley	Horstmann	1-Jan	Amy	Bosworth	16-Jan	Charles & Randi	Herbst	1-Jan
Katherine	Brady	2-Jan	Kathryn	Clark	16-Jan	Charles & Pam	McCaskill	1-Jan
Henry	Grant	2-Jan	Leighton	Hale	16-Jan	James & Donna	West	1-Jan
David M	Johnson	2-Jan	Lawrence	Kalinec	16-Jan	Bryant & Shari	Truitt	4-Jan
Emily	Stehling	3-Jan	Linda	Cota	17-Jan	Dane & Sue	Tune	8-Jan
Betty	Braswell	4-Jan	Joyce B.	Gilbreath	18-Jan	John & Betty	Capshaw	9-Jan
Alan B.	Conley	4-Jan	G. Granger	MacDonald	18-Jan	Ed & Joanne	Lynch	13-Jan
Grace	Maricle	4-Jan	Amanda	Thomson	18-Jan	Don & Linda	Capps	15-Jan
Carol	Milberger	4-Jan	Donna	West	18-Jan	Dan & Anne	Burt	18-Jan
Charles	Whittier	4-Jan	Rebecca	Carter	19-Jan	Mark & Kathy	Voss	21-Jan
Andrea	O'Neal	5-Jan	Susie	Ashcraft	20-Jan	John & Mary Nan	Wehrung	22-Jan
Zona K.	Berry	6-Jan	Peyton	Maloney	20-Jan	Jim & Kay	Hayes	24-Jan
David	Ferris	6-Jan	Jerry	Bible	21-Jan	Ed & Bonnie	Longcope	24-Jan
Roger	McRoberts	7-Jan	Paul	Smith Jr	21-Jan	John & Linda	Pipkin	27-Jan
Susan	Motley	7-Jan	William	Johnson	22-Jan	Lee & Lois	Underwood	30-Jan
Emily	Russ	7-Jan	Karen	Roberts	23-Jan			
Lauren	Wagner	7-Jan	Caden	Swyers	23-Jan			
Phillip	Beene	8-Jan	Alfred L.	Casals	24-Jan			
Emily	McRae	8-Jan	Dianna	Rees	24-Jan			
Catherine	Murray	9-Jan	Richard	Schneider III	24-Jan			
D'Layne	Parker	9-Jan	Terry	Collins	25-Jan			
Janet	Smajstrla	9-Jan	Alexis	Maloney	25-Jan			
Elizabeth T	Docekal	10-Jan	Don	Terry	25-Jan			
Richard	Ferris	10-Jan	Terry	Wallace	25-Jan			
John	Fields	10-Jan	Trey	Russ	26-Jan			
Robert	Jons	10-Jan	Sylvia	Chavez-Longnecker	27-Jan			
Forest	Poorman	10-Jan	John	Fleckenstein	27-Jan			
Roy E.	Blackbird	11-Jan	Victoria H.	Goebel	27-Jan			
Eleanor	Grove	11-Jan	Yvonne	Sherron	27-Jan			
S. Maurice	McAshan III	11-Jan	Kyle	DeVore	28-Jan			
Joan	McCollom	11-Jan	Camdyn	Hale	29-Jan			
Rolinda J.	Schmidt	11-Jan	Hunter	Hale	29-Jan			
Horatio	Aldredge	12-Jan	Luke	Hale	29-Jan			
Marianne	Crain	12-Jan	Conner	Schmidt	29-Jan			
Sean	Foreman	12-Jan	Michael	Smajstrla	29-Jan			
Susan	Vann	12-Jan	Richard	Johnston	30-Jan			
Emmeline	Dupuis	13-Jan	Samuel	Zarbaugh	30-Jan			
Ruth	Grove	13-Jan	David Reed	Ferris	31-Jan			
Frances A.	Keller	13-Jan						
Randall	Hamilton	14-Jan						
Logan	Cook	15-Jan						
Lanna	McNiel	15-Jan						

FUN DAYS IN JANUARY

- 1/1: Polar Bear Plunge Day
- 1/2: Buffet Day
- 1/3: Fruitcake Toss Day
- 1/4: Trivia Day
- 1/5: Bird Day
- 1/6: Bean Da
- 1/9: Static Electricity Day
- 1/9: Clean Off Your Desk Day
- 1/14: Organize Your Home Day
- 1/15: Strawberry Ice Cream Day
- 1/17: Kid Inventors' Day
- 1/18: Thesaurus Day
- 1/19: Popcorn Day
- 1/21: Soup Swap Day
- 1/22: Hot Sauce Day
- 1/24: Compliment Day
- 1/25: Opposite Day
- 1/26: Spouse's Day
- 1/27: Chocolate Cake Day
- 1/29: Puzzle Day
- 1/30: Croissant Day
- 1/31: Backwards Day



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KRISTEN COOK, ADMIN. ASST.
CATHERINE SCHULTE, TREASURER

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2018
JASON BLEWETT
ART BOGIE
BARBARA CORDOVA, SENIOR WARDEN
FRED HENNEKE
DEBORAH ROMMEL, CLERK

2019
BROOKSIE BLEDSE
PATRICK O'FIEL
RICH SCHNEIDER
LEE UNDERWOOD, JUNIOR WARDEN

2020
STEPHEN DRANE
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	Wed	8:00	9:30	11:15
3	Lynda			
7		Ted Whittier	Andy Bachofen	Herb Williamson
		Kim Chatalain	Sue Hamilton	Jana Drane
10	Andy			
14		Deidra Murray-Harmer	Rita Self	Lynda Devore
		LouAnn Maxwell	Tyler Earl	Kevin Devore
17	Paula			
21		Kim Chatalain	ANNUAL MEETING	
		Dave Weekley	Amy Ives	Fred Henneke
24	Ted			
28		LouAnn Maxwell	Paula Karl	Nicia Oakes
		Deidra Murray-Harmer	Ted Whittier	Susan Parker
31	Susan			