



THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

AUGUST 2010

Services

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist 8:00am
Youth Bible Study 9:15am
Choral Eucharist 10:30am
Children's Chapel 10:30am

Wednesday:

Healing Eucharist 12:10pm

EVENTS

Sunday, Aug 1st

SPY 6-8pm

Friday, Aug 6th

Wilson School Clothes

Drop-off 6-9am

Walden Lake Entrance

SPY Local Acoustic Indie

Night - Bender Hall 6-9pm

Sunday, Aug 8th

Outreach Meeting 9:15am

SPY 6-8pm

Thursday, Aug 12th

Choir Camp 9am-2pm

Friday, Aug 13th

Choir Camp 9am-2pm

SPY Pizza & Movie (\$5)

6-9pm Davenport

Sunday, Aug 15th

Choir Camp Sings 10:30am

SPY 6-8pm

Sunday, Aug 22nd

SPY 6-8pm - Back to School

Pool Party

Tuesday, Aug 24th

School Starts

CrossKeys Deadline

Wednesday, Aug 25th

Wonderful Wednesday Begins

St. Mark & St. Peter's Choir

Rehearsal Begins

Saturday, Aug 28th

Acolyte Training 10:00am

Sunday, Aug 29th

SPY 6-8pm

FROM THE RECTOR

Website

One of the goals the Vestry set for 2010 was to update our website and keep it updated. Websites are, more and more, places where people first learn about a church. They are also great places to keep a parish in touch with the latest news and upcoming events.

We have struggled over the last few years in keeping the information current. Because of this I decided that it might be best for me to in charge of the website. Because of software issues the website has been reconstructed and can be updated on my computer from anywhere I have internet access. This will allow me to edit content, add events to our calendar, or, in the case of an emergency, I will be able to use our website for last minute announcements.

I invite you to visit our website at stpeterspc.org. Browse through its pages and check back frequently. Also, please email us with any news or announcements that need to be added to the site.

Guest Preachers

This summer and fall will bring us a number of guest preachers. We have a number of insightful preachers in our congregation who have much to teach us about God and the life of faith.

John Santosuossa, an ordained deacon, has graciously accepted my offer to preach on occasion. He will be preaching on October 31 and I hope he will be able to preach every couple of months or so in the future.

Glen Graczyk is a new member of the parish who is a former Roman Catholic priest. He is beginning to discern a call to the Episcopal priesthood. To help him in that discernment I have invited him to preach every six weeks or so through the Fall. He first preached at St Peter's on July 4. His sermon was dynamic and meaningful. His warmth, depth and wisdom will, I believe, be a blessing for each of us.

We are beginning to plan our stewardship efforts for the Fall and hope to have a guest preacher or two from outside of St Peter's. We are hoping to focus on the impact of our outreach efforts, hearing from a speaker from the United Food Bank and from our adopted school, Wilson Elementary School.

All of these voices will bring us new and important messages of how God can and is working in our lives as individuals and as the blessed community of St Peter's

The Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

Though he is not a guest preacher because this is, after his church, Bishop Dabney Smith will be with us on November 21 for both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services. Bishop Smith is a faithful preacher, down-to-earth and we are blessed to have him as our bishop in this diocese.

At the 10:30 service he will be celebrating Confirmation and possibly Baptism. Over the past few years we have been presenting a series of Newcomer's/Inquirer's classes to welcome people into the Episcopal Church and particularly into St Peter's. Traditionally there are classes to prepare those who will be confirmed. These classes were put together specifically to incorporate newcomers and to prepare those who would like to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

We will have a series of Newcomer's and/Inquirer's classes in the Fall. If you have already taken the classes and would like to be confirmed please contact the church office. A class specifically about Confirmation will be presented this Fall and a rehearsal for the service will take place on Saturday, November 20.

It is a common practice for adolescents to be confirmed. If you are the parent or family member of an adolescent who is considering confirmation, a series of classes specifically for them will be offered this Fall as well.

The time and dates of the classes will be announced in the next month or so. If you have any questions please contact me.

Acolyte Training

Over the last few weeks I have been asked several times how a person can become an acolyte. Any responsible person, 6th grade or 11 years old or older can be trained as an acolyte.

Mike Booher is our very excellent Acolyte Master and he will be offering a training session for all new and continuing acolytes on Saturday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

If you are interested in serving as an acolyte please ask Mr Booher or me and we will be glad to give you more information.

Vestry Acknowledgments and Expressions of Gratitude

- To Aimee Eigsti, and the many volunteers assisting her, for a wonderful Vacation Bible School
- To all the parishioners who gave their time to glean blueberries for donation to the United Food Bank
- To Sam Ruis for hosting the June summer cookout
- To Fr. Martin for his leadership during Fr. Thoeni's absence
- To Aaron Reibling and Greg and Bambi Guy for chaperoning the recent youth group trip to BigStuf and to the congregation for their support of camp fundraisers
- To Glen Graczyk for delivering an enthusiastic sermon on the July 4th
- To the congregation for singing Happy Birthday for Fr. Thoeni during the July 4th service
- To Margaret Holt, Sarah Dean's granddaughter, for helping put out the Crosskeys and folding bulletins
- To Plant City Entertainment for leaving Bender Hall sparkling clean after their recent spaghetti dinner

REMINDER: Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to church every Sunday! The Plant City Food Bank is running low on all food supplies and is in desperate need to replenish its shelves. Please give!

July 25, 2010 Agenda

- **Father Tom opened with a prayer**
 - **Items Discussed**
 - Nancy Ham provided update on garden boxes – will purchase 30 pickle barrels at \$10/each=\$300. It was determined that a \$30 sponsorship per barrel was required. Check memo line to state “ALMS-Garden”.
 - Wilson Elementary is having a clothing drive. Volunteers needed for donation drop-off on Friday, August 6th from 6am-9am. Vicky Conner will send out an e-mail.
 - Fr. Tom discussed the requests from Wilson Elementary School for school supplies. We agreed to ask for a sponsorship of \$20 per backpack with supplies or allow member to purchase supplies. Check memo line to state “ALMS-Backpack”. Betty Roney agreed to shop for the school supplies.
 - Cindy Gutowski contacted Wilson Elementary school about a possible book drive – they are interested - will have more information by September meeting.
 - Quincey Thoeni provided estimates for cloth bags of \$1.78 for a red bag with white printing. We are looking for a logo to represent A.L.M.S and St. Peter's. We will target October to get bags made to sell before Christmas. Our price will be 2 for \$5.00.
 - Karen Dobson will contact Vicky Conner about an email alert for the Wilson Elementary School clothing drive and an emergency alert for food bank donations.
 - Agreed to Food Bank Sunday Sponsors to stand outside of church before services with food basket as a reminder for food donations.
 - August 1: Karen at 8am & Nancy at 10:30am services will sign up Food Bank Sunday Sponsors
 - Agreed to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

- **Future projects**
 - Recruit sponsors & gardeners for pickle barrel gardens
 - Pet Food Drive starting in September
 - Participate with table/booth at Fall Festival
 - St. Peter's ALMS branded bags ready for sale in November
 - Wilson Elementary School Book Drive
 - Thanksgiving baskets in November
 - Meals-on-Wheels baskets in December – smaller baskets requested

- **Action Items**
 - Nancy to write an article for Crosskeys about status of garden project on Monday, July 26th.
 - Nancy to purchase pickle barrels and contact Geof E. about donating compost.
 - Cindy G. will contact Williams Farm about irrigation systems.
 - Fr. Tom will determine if Wilson can postpone school supply deadline so we can bless the backpacks on August 22. Once determined it will be included in Sunday bulletin.
 - Fr. Tom to ask Food Bank about refrigerator magnets to be distributed to our church members as reminders to donate.
 - Fr. Tom to talk to ushers about bringing food basket up during offertory.
 - Karen will contact Vicky Conner about an email alert for the Wilson Elementary School clothing drive and an emergency alert for food bank donations.
 - Karen will send a Food Bank Sunday Sponsor sign-up sheet to Nancy H.
 - Looking for logo/branding ideas for cloth bags.

- **Next Meeting: August 8 at 9:15am**

A.L.M.S – Outreach Stewards

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- Wilson Elementary School Supplies Drive
Purchase Supplies (see list) or \$20 donation –
Include on check's memo line –ALMS
Outreach Backpacks
- Sponsors for Pickle Barrel Gardens – Veggies &
Fruits for Food Bank - \$30/Barrel – Include on
check's memo line – ALMS Outreach Garden
- Food Bank Sunday Sponsors – sign ups
beginning August 1

SEPTEMBER

- Pickle Barrel Gardens – volunteers needed for
planting & tending
- Pet Food Drive – to be donated to local shelters

OCTOBER

- St. Peter's Branded Cloth Bags – Fundraiser
- Wilson Elementary School Book Drive

NOVEMBER

- Thanksgiving Baskets

DECEMBER

- Meals-on-Wheels Christmas Baskets

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 8 @ 9:15am

Vestry Visitor Report by Karen Dobson

When Fr. Tom first approached me about attending a Vestry meeting as an observer, I immediately said yes. But as I thought about it, I wondered how much "fun" this would be. Having been employed in corporate America for 28 years, I have been to more than my share of meetings. This was the first Vestry meeting I have ever attended and I found myself comparing and contrasting it to other meetings.

As was expected, there were many things to be accomplished in this meeting. Standard procedural items completed included the approval of the last meeting's minutes, a review of the financial statements and a reporting on various projects undertaken by the Vestry team.

By-laws were distributed for review and new business was introduced. Goal work progress was discussed including updating our website, increasing our food bank participation, replacing the roof, contacting lapsed St. Peter's members and increasing participation by our members in programs and worship. In addition, the Vestry thoughtfully considered acknowledgements and expressions of gratitude for the work done by our church members. What was unexpected was that this meeting started in the church. Fr. Tom read a passage from Luke 4:16 as an introduction to understanding the tenets of effective leadership. We also shared a prayer (I have often wondered how much more civilized, cordial and polite corporate meetings would be if those started with prayer as well). Fr. Tom also shared some insights from his Doctor of Ministry program. Fr. Tom wants to implement some concepts in our church based on his learnings, a process I view as a "two-fer". Not only does Fr. Tom enrich his own personal development by participating in the doctoral program, but by sharing his insights with us we will also grow and develop as a church. I look forward to the implementation of these new ideas and we are blessed to have such a sharing leader.

Last, unlike a corporate meeting, what we do collectively as a church is a reflection of our commitment to our baptismal covenant. This is more than just checking items off a list, making quarterly profit targets or completing a multi-million dollar project. As individuals striving to enhance our spiritual development or as church members representing the body of Christ, what we do as Christians acting in faith is compelling and powerful.

I am thankful that Fr. Tom allowed me to participate in the Vestry meeting and I highly encourage the next person invited to respond with an enthusiastic "yes"!=

VEGETABLE GARDEN

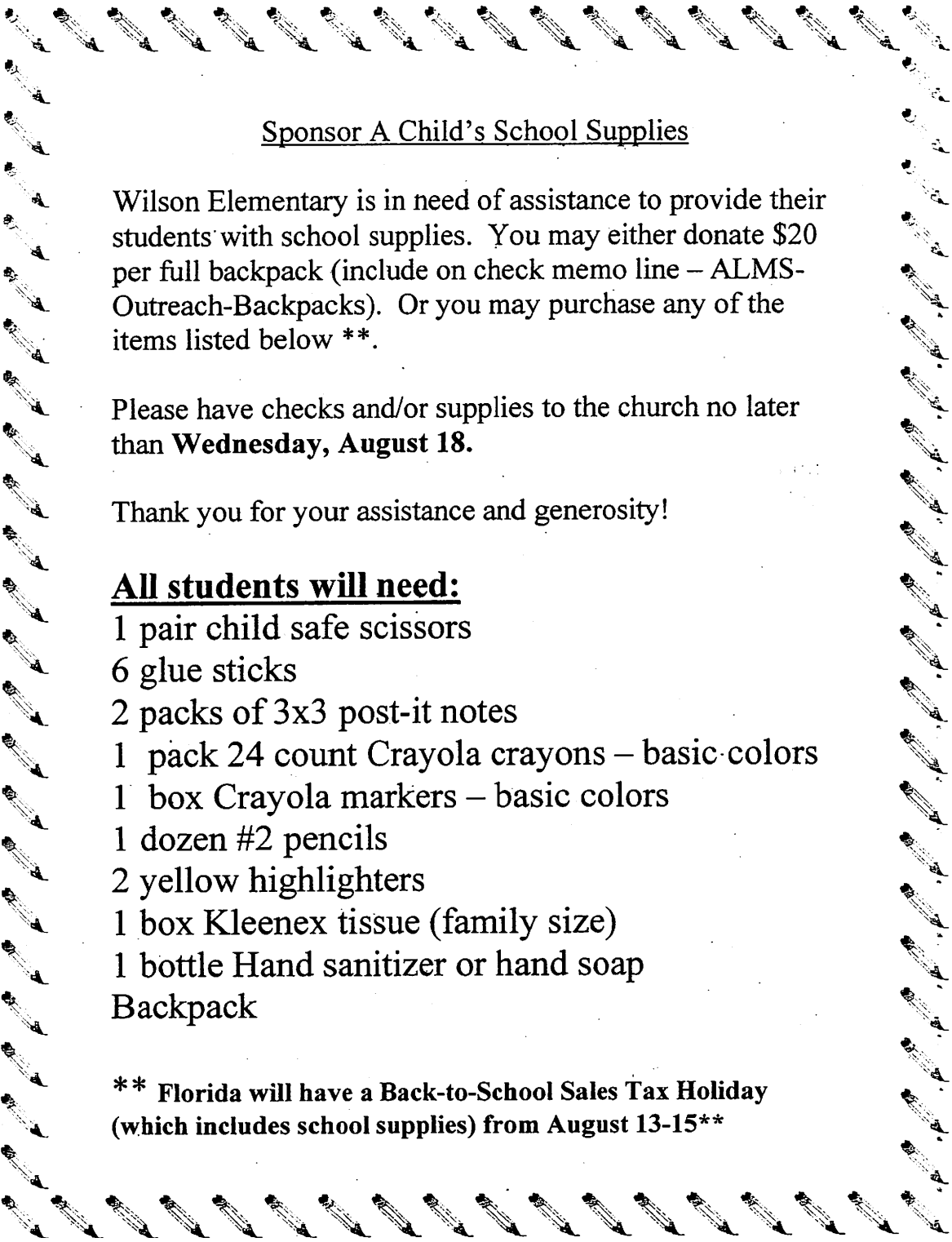
The long awaited vegetable garden will soon be a reality. We will be using containers and will be planting a fall garden to benefit the food bank.

We are seeking donors to sponsor a planter. A \$30 donation will pay for the container, compost, plants and seeds, fertilizer, pest control products and the irrigation system.

If sponsoring a planter, please indicate "Garden - ALMS" on the memo line of your check.

We will also be scheduling a work day in August to set up and plant the garden - this will be announced.

See you in the garden!!



Sponsor A Child's School Supplies

Wilson Elementary is in need of assistance to provide their students with school supplies. You may either donate \$20 per full backpack (include on check memo line – ALMS-Outreach-Backpacks). Or you may purchase any of the items listed below **.

Please have checks and/or supplies to the church no later than **Wednesday, August 18.**

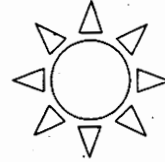
Thank you for your assistance and generosity!

All students will need:

- 1 pair child safe scissors
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 packs of 3x3 post-it notes
- 1 pack 24 count Crayola crayons – basic colors
- 1 box Crayola markers – basic colors
- 1 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 box Kleenex tissue (family size)
- 1 bottle Hand sanitizer or hand soap
- Backpack

**** Florida will have a Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday (which includes school supplies) from August 13-15****

SPY PRESENTS



BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY



ALL STUDENTS 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE SHOULD COME FOR FUN, GAMES,
AND A DELICIOUS DINNER! THIS IS A GREAT EVENT TO COME FIND OUT
WHAT SPY IS ALL ABOUT.



AUG 22, 6-8PM!

PARTY IS AT THE BOOHER'S HOUSE:
3001 PINE CLUB DRIVE

Questions? Contact Bambi @ 863.513.9484
or thespyguys@five.com



August

Parish Calender

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Services* 1 SPY 6pm-8pm	2	3	4 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	5	6 Office Closed Bridge 1-5 Local Acoustic Indle Night 6-9pm Bander Hall	7 Office Closed
Sunday Services * 8 SPY 6pm-8pm	9	10 Kairos 5:30-11pm	11 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	12 Choir Camp 9am-2pm	13 Office Closed Choir Camp 9am-2pm Bridge 1-5 SPY Pizza & Movie Night 6-9	14 Office Closed
Sunday Services* 15 Choir Camp Sings SPY 6pm-8pm	16	17 Kairos 5:30-11pm Vestry 6:30pm	18 12:10pm Healing Eucharist	19	20 Office Closed Bridge 1-5	21 Office Closed.
Sunday Services * 22 SPY 6pm-8pm Back to School Pool Party Boohers' House 3001 Pine Club Drive	23	24 School Starts Cross/Keys Deadline Kairos 5:30-11pm	25 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday **	26	27 Office Closed Bridge 1-5	28 Office Closed Acolyte Training 10:00am
Sunday Services * 29 SPY 6pm-8 pm	30	31 Kairos 5:30-11pm	1 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday**	2	3 Office Closed Bridge 1-5	4 Office Closed



***Sunday Services**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

**** Wonderful Wednesdays Resumes
August 25th**

5:00pm St. Marks Choir Practice
 6:00pm Dinner
 6:30pm Program
 7:30pm St. Peter's Choir Practice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jane Bender	08/26
Nicolette Biggs	08/10
Chris Black	08/14
Lisa Corbett	08/12
Billy Corbett	08/25
Kaitlyn Cowart	08/10
Noelle Cowart	08/02
Megan Criscillo	08/16
Elliot DiPietro	08/20
Peggy Double	08/22
Aimee Eigsti	08/07
Geoffrey Eigsti	08/22
Alvin Futch	08/26
Grayson Garvin	08/26
Edward Grace	08/12
Cynthia Gutowski	08/12
Gary Ham	08/26
Katie Hamilton	08/14
Chris Huskey	08/02
Daniel Jelsovsky	08/13
Justin Laird	08/23
Priscilla Martin	08/04
Isidora Nichols	08/08
Caroline Sessa	08/26
Karol Sistrunk	08/22
Jane Smith	08/10
Georgea Snyder	08/03
Robert Sparkman	08/19
Harbor Cole Thoeni	08/20
Regan Ann Tidwell	08/12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Althea & Howard Apgar	08/07
Liz & Shorty Brown	08/18
Sherlyn & Bob Eukovich	08/04
Shirley & Robert Gardam	08/07
Kimberle & Wayne Harrell	08/13
Carol & Jeff PeQueen	08/12
Laura & Donald Williams	08/22

VESTRY MEETING
August 17th at 6:30 pm

FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

Sunday, August 1st

Flowers in High Altar: given in Thanksgiving for our wedding by Evan McKean and Miranda Lee

Sunday, August 8th

Flowers in Corpus Christi: given in Thanksgiving for Cindy Gutowski's birthday by Gregg Gutowski
Communion Wine: given in Thanksgiving for Cindy Gutowski's birthday by Theresa Welling

Sunday, August 15th

Flowers in Corpus Christi: given in Thanksgiving for Harbor Cole's 13th birthday by the Thoeni Family

Sunday, August 22nd

Communion Wine: given in Thanksgiving for Justin Laird's 25th birthday by Nancy Vail

Sunday, August 29th

Communion Wine: given in Memory of Douglas Nelson by Darlene Nelson

Opportunities available for Flowers and Candles –
Please Sign up in Bender Hall or call the office
@ 752-5061

ALTAR GUILD

Will resume meetings in
September

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**The CrossKeys
August 2010**

St. Peter's Online: Did you know you can leave a personal history on our web site? Go to <http://www.stpeterspc.org> and mouse over to the Parish History on the left, then click on the "personal stories" link. What a great way to share with everyone the impact St. Peter's has had on your life!

Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Choral Eucharist
10:30am Children's Chapel
Sunday Service w/Nursery

**Christian Formation
Wednesdays**

12:10pm Healing Eucharist
Wonderful Wednesday Begins
August 25th

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9 am-3pm

Parish Administration

Rector: Fr. Tom Thoeni
Assistant to the Rector:
Fr. Robert Martin
Assisting Priest:
Fr. Fred Diefenbacher
Parish Secretary: Sarah Dean

Vestry:

Senior Warden John Kenney
Junior Warden: Sam Ruis
Clerk: Patti Booher
Treasurer: Chris Black
Felix Haynes
Chuck Waterhouse
Diana Weeks
Nancy Ham
Bruce Nichols

Christian Formation

Director of Music Ministries:
Ellie Taylor
Directors of Youth Ministries:
Bambi & Greg Guy
Sunday School Director:
Nursery Director: Aimee Eigsti
Nursery Worker: Joan Hernandez
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Jo Futch
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Alice Steinke

Worship

Acolytes: Cathy Evans-Tombrink
Altar Guild: Cindy Davidson
Chalice Bearers/Lectors: Maureen
Williamson
Ushers: Craig Davidson