



THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 2010

FROM THE RECTOR

Services

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Healing Eucharist 12:10pm
St. Mark's Choir 5:00pm
Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm
Compline 7:15pm
St. Peter's Choir 7:30pm

EVENTS

Friday, Oct 1st

SPY Pizza & Movie 6-9pm

Sunday, Oct 3rd

Newcomer Class I 9:15am
SPY 6pm-8pm

Thursday, Oct 7th

Convention Oct 7th-9th

Sunday, Oct 10th

Newcomer Class II 9:15am
ALMS/Outreach 9:15am
Music-Worship Commission
meets after 10:30am Service
Blessing of the Animals 4pm
SPY 6pm-8pm

Monday, Oct 11th

Office closed-Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct 12th

Vestry 6:30pm

Saturday, Oct 16th

Altar Guild 9:00am

Sunday, Oct 17th

Newcomer Class III 9:15am
Choral Eucharist 10:30am
SPY 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, Oct 20th

St. Luke's Celebration

Thursday, Oct 21st

CrossKeys Deadline

Sunday, Oct 31st

Newcomer Class IV 9:15am
SPY 6pm-8pm

"How are things at the church?" I have gotten that question more often than usual lately. I am not sure why but people around town, from around the diocese and even faithful parishioners have asked me that question quite a bit in the last week.

I am sure it is partly a conversation starter but I often try to pay attention to such things in my life. When a word or an image or a question appears repeatedly in unexpected places I wonder if there is a reason.

It seems there is a sense of expectancy in and around St Peter's and that is understandable. Several projects that we have been discussing and planning are slowly coming to fruition.

Our garden is coming along quite nicely. Nancy Ham has led us well, and we now have 30 containers planted and irrigated. Nearly all of them have sprouts peaking forth promising that everything from beets to zucchini will be coming soon to help Plant City's Food Bank Recipients.

Our Sunday school is off to a great start thanks to Patti Booher. In Addition to learning about the burning bush and the Exodus, they have taken to watering our garden each Sunday. Imagine their excitement as they are literally watching their gardens grow!

Our Bishop is visiting on November 21 for Confirmation for the first time in nearly three years. By the time this reaches you both adult and youth confirmation classes will be well under way.

Father Martin has begun his fall Bible Study about the portraits of Jesus, exploring the different ways each of the Gospels portray Jesus. His class is growing each week.

After much research and planning we are now receiving bids to replace the church's roof! I am quite confident that in 2011 we will have a new roof, and leaks will be a thing of the past.

We are also beginning our initial preparations for Relay for Life. The team has already begun discussing their plans to make this year's theme of "Curing Cancer From Our City to Yours" come alive at St Peter's campsite.

This fall we are having guest speakers each month to tell us of St Peter's impact on the community through our outreach to places like the United Food Bank, Wilson Elementary and Meals on Wheels. This reminds us of the way I describe St Peter's: small church...big impact.

"How are things at the church?" It looks like they are going pretty well thanks to the faithful, loving, generous people who call this great parish their home.

The Billy Pou, F. Marion and Susie Knox Pou
Endowment Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that 11 scholarships were awarded this year in the amount of \$900.00 each. Scholarships are awarded to active members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church who have been accepted at a four-year institution or have enrolled into a Community College, Vocational School or graduate program.

Since its inception in 1998 the Billy Pou, F. Marion and Susie Knox Pou Endowment Scholarship has provided 74 scholarships totaling \$76,300. This is all due to the generosity of our long time member, Billy Pou and his surviving wife, Maida. The amount for each scholarship is determined by the number of qualified applicants and the performance of the endowment fund.

Notice of Music-Worship Commission Meeting

The Music-Worship Commission will meet Sunday, October 10, 2010 in the Guild Room, after the 10:30am Service. All members please plan to attend.

2011 Relay for Life Team

We welcome new members to join our group of high energy, creative, dedicated parishioners for the 2011 event.

No individual team member is asked to personally raise money, as the money is raised by the various events the team organizes. The Friends of Jim Stevens golf tournament is our major fund raiser but our kickoff breakfast along with a few raffles are also fund raisers.

Team members are asked to attend a few meetings at the church, help organize the fund raisers and attend the event if possible. Spending the night at our camp site is not required but it sure is fun. Tired team members who stay all night and walk the victory lap at noon the next day experience a wonderful sense of pride in our accomplishment. We truly know we are making a difference in the fight against this dreadful disease.

The 2011 team is already registered and team members can sign up at www.relayforlife.com/plantcityfl

If you have questions about Relay for Life or the St. Peter's team, talk to a team member or team captain Nancy Ham.

Vestry and Lay Delegate Nominations

The nominating committee of St. Peter's Vestry is now accepting nominations for Vestry Members and Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Convocation meetings. Qualifications of nominees shall be those of an adult member in good standing for a period of one year prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominees shall also be confirmed or received members of the Episcopal Church, and be 18 years of age or older. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact a Nominating Committee member-- John Kenney, Felix Haynes, or Patti Booher. The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2010.



Vestry Acknowledgments and Expressions of Gratitude

- To Kelleigh Klein, executive director of the United Food Bank of Plant City, for speaking to the congregation about the needs of the Plant City community
- To Glen Graczyk for his sermon on September 19, 2010
- To Mother's Organics for donating the compost for the outreach container garden and to Judy Landis for donating the fertilizer
- To Gary Ham for transporting the compost from the farm to St. Peters
- To Jim Black, Sandy Black, Chris Black, Mike Booher, Bruce Nichols, Chuck Waterhouse, Tom Thoeni, Gary Ham, Nancy Ham, Jeremy Ham, Rebecca Ham, Jason Turner, Karen Dobson, Mark Faulkner, Peter Bordwell, Betty Rooney and Larry Hill for filling the containers with compost
- To Patti Booher and her Sunday School class for decorating the containers
- To Linda Biggs for her help planting and donating tomato seedlings
- To Marion Gatliff for donating several types of seedlings
- To Jim Black and Tom Sistrunk for installing an irrigation system for the container garden

NOTE

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES GIFTS & JEWELRY WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND AVAILABLE IN BENDER HALL DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



ALMS-ACTIONS OF LOVE, MERCY & SERVICE

OUTREACH STEWARDS-UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

St. Peter's Branded Cloth Bags – Fundraiser

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Baskets

DECEMBER

Meals-on-Wheels Christmas Baskets

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 10 AT 9:15 AM

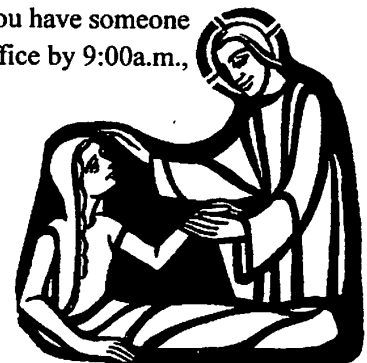
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!



THE FEASTS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. LUKE

The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved patron saint of animals, is October 4th. Each year, on or after his feast day, we celebrate the blessing of the animals. This year we will mark his feast on October 10th at 4:00 p.m. We will gather on the lawn between Bender Hall and the church for a brief service of prayers and scripture reading followed by a personal blessing for each animal. Please join us and, of course, **pets are invited**

Each year on or after October 18th, the Feast of St. Luke, we offer prayers for all those who work in the healing arts. St. Luke is the patron saint of medical workers and during the Wednesday healing service we offer our thanksgivings for the ministry of compassion and gentle healing practiced by doctors, nurses and others in the health care fields. If you have someone you would like included in our prayers, please contact Sarah at the church office by 9:00a.m., Wednesday, October 20th.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN

WOW - after eighteen months of talk, planning and road blocks, St. Peter's finally has an Outreach Garden to benefit the local United Food Bank. I believe things happen for a reason and there was a reason the original, much larger planned garden didn't work out. The current, scaled back lay out will be much easier to manage and will show us if this outreach project is a good fit for St. Peters.

Late in August, on an overcast Saturday morning, sixteen parishioners and friends showed up with shovels and gloves in hand. Thirty containers were filled with donated compost. About a week later, a smaller group painted the containers so the Sunday School could decorate them. If you haven't seen the children's art work, walk behind the church and you will be delighted. For a list of the folks who have been helping, see Vestry Acknowledgements.

Then planting day arrives. Planted in our garden are: zucchini, beets, kale, lettuce, green beans, eggplant, tomatoes (several varieties), peppers, cucumbers, okra, cabbage and collards.

Within four days of sowing the seeds, germination is occurring in over half the containers.

SPONSORS: as of today, eighteen containers have been sponsored (recommended amount is \$30). This leaves twelve more opportunities. Sponsors are NOT asked to maintain their container as a team of dedicated gardeners will do this for them. However, you need have no special skill to work in the garden. As they say, "It's not rocket science". If you would like to sponsor a container, indicate on the check that it is for the garden.

An e mail mailing list has been compiled of those who have been helping in the garden. If you would like to help in the future or would just like to keep up with garden progress, send your e mail address to nham748@aol.com.

See you in the garden.



Heidi's Legacy Dog Rescue

www.heidislegacydogrescue.com

The Following Items are Needed:

Dog & Puppy Food

Cat & Kitten Food

Food & Water Dishes

Treats

Pet Beds

Toys

Cat litter & Litter boxes

Dog & Cat Shampoo

Grooming Tools

Newspapers

Disinfectant

Liquid Detergent

Medical Supplies

Blankets

Paper towels

Bath towels / hand towels

Bleach

Donations

Trash Bags

Leashes / Collars / Harnesses

Flea Collars

Gloves

Office Supplies



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August 30, 2010

*Saint Peters Episcopal Church
302 Carey Street
Plant City, FL 33563*

Dear Members of Saint Peters Episcopal Church:

Thank you so much for the school supplies your church donated to the students of our school. The supplies were well received by our students and teachers.

We also want to thank you for the abundance of clothes that were donated to our clothing drive. We appreciate your efforts to help those in need. Thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Becker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gina Becker
Principal



ST. PETER'S YOUTH FALL EVENTS

All students, grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for any of these events!

Friday, Oct. 1 6-9pm Davenport House

Pizza, Ice Cream and a Movie Cost: \$5.00

Friday, Nov. 5 6-9pm Davenport House

Pizza, Ice Cream and a Movie Cost: \$5.00

Every Sunday

9:15-10:15am Donuts & Bible Study Davenport House

6:00-8:00pm SPY (lesson, Wii, Foosball, Basketball, Etc.) Davenport House

Please contact Bambi Guy with any questions at thespyguys@live.com or 863.513.9484.

Sunday School is here!

When: Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.
Where: Hargrave House (meet in Bender Hall first)
Who: All children kindergarten through 5th grade

In October we will ...

- sing some songs
- finish our unit on Moses
- continue outreach garden activities
- learn about a few saints
as we prepare for All Saints' Day
- have a lot of fun!



Coming in November...

Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsals will begin during class. Join us as we learn about the events leading up to the birth of Christ and sing Advent and Christmas music. All children and youth are invited to be a part of this year's pageant.


Mark your calendars!
Sunday School Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.



OCTOBER

Parish Calender

2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Services* 26	27	28	29	30	1	2
SPY 6pm-8pm		Mystery Dinner Theatre 7pm	12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday** *There was a Tim before Tebow:1&2 Timothy*		Office Closed Bridge 1-5 SPY Pizza & Movie 6-9pm	Office Closed
Sunday Services* 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Newcomer Class I 9:15am		Mystery Dinner Theatre 7pm	12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday** *Congregational Study: What I have learned so far*	Convention Oct 7th-8th Mystery Dinner Theatre 7pm Kurchinski Rehearsal 6pm	Office Closed Bridge 1-5	Office Closed Kurchinski/Collins Wedding 10am
SPY 6pm-8pm						
Sunday Services* 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Newcomer Class II 9:15am ALMS/Outreach 9:15am/Music- Worship Comm after 10:30am Serv Blessing of the Animals/SPY 6-8pm	Office Closed Columbus Day	Fr. Martin Vaca 12th-16th Vesty 6:30pm	12:10pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday** *What about those Psalms?*		Office Closed Bridge 1-5 Mystery Dinner Theatre Performance	Office Closed Altar Guild 9:00 am Mystery Dinner Theatre Performance
Sunday Services* 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Newcomer Class III 9:15am Festal Choral Eucharist	Fr. Tom Vaca 18th-24th		12:10 pm Healing Eucharist St. Luke's Celebration Wonderful Wednesday ** Vacation	CrossKeys Deadline	Office Closed Bridge 1-5	Office Closed
SPY 6pm-8pm						
Sunday Services* 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No Newcomers Class			12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday** *Saints & Worthies*		Office Closed Bridge 1-5 No School	Office Closed
SPY 6pm-8pm						
Sunday Services* 31	 *Sunday Services Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m.		** Wonderful Wednesday 5:00pm St. Mark's Choir Practice 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Program 7:15pm Compline 7:30pm St. Peter's Choir Practice			
Newcomer Class IV 9:15am						
SPY 6pm-8pm						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yasmine Abdel-Kader	10/10
Stephanie Barker	10/02
Emily Barr	10/13
Bill Biggs	10/24
Ryan Crumpton	10/14
Peyton Edison	10/07
John Everidge	10/15
Diane Fleming	10/11
Gerald Gott	10/07
Jacqueline Grace	10/12
Kyle Hamilton	10/26
Mark Hamilton	10/07
Larry Hill	10/04
Michael Hoover	10/19
Beau McCall	10/02
Zack Mitchell	10/13
Sera Moore	10/27
William Nichols	10/15
Blanche Oswald	10/22
Carol PeQueen	10/07
Ella Perry	10/20
Karen Sierra	10/29
Kyle Sistrunk	10/10
Vera Small	10/02
Ronald Sparkman	10/22
Miles Tombrink	10/04
John Williams	10/07
Laural Williams	10/16
Hugh Williamson. Sr.	10/07

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Shannon & Alan Black	10/01
Lisa & Billy Corbett	10/21
Christine & Jamie Cowart	10/27
Tammy & Paul Crace	10/25
Cynthia & Greg Crumpton	10/22
Tracy & Ronald Everett	10/23
Rosanne & Kevin Haynes	10/08
Jane & Keith Smith	10/28
Maureen & Hugh Williamson	10/28

VESTRY MEETING

October 12th at 6:30 pm

FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

Sunday, October 3rd

Flowers in Corpus Christi: given in Thanksgiving for Peyton Edison's 8th Birthday by Mommy, Daddy & Ali Mae

Sunday, October 10th

Flowers in High Altar: given by Susan Kurchinski

Sunday, 17th

Opportunities Available – sign up in Bender Hall or call the office – 752-5061

Sunday, October 24th

Opportunities available-sign up in Bender Hall or call the office-752-5061

Sunday, October 31st

Flowers in Corpus Christi: given in Memory of Charles M. Dean, Jr. by Sarah

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

**ALTAR GUILD
Meeting
October 16th 9am**

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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
9:15am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Choral Eucharist
10:30am Children's Chapel
Sunday Service w/Nursery

Christian Formation

Wednesdays

12:10pm Healing Eucharist
Wonderful Wednesday:
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Program
7:15pm Compline

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
Director of Youth Ministries:
Bambi & Greg Guy

Sunday School Director: Patti Booher
Nursery Director: Claire DiPietro
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