



# THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 2010

## Services

### Sunday:

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

### Wednesday:

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

## EVENTS

### Friday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

SPY Pizza & Movie 6-9pm

### Sunday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

SPY 6-8pm

### Monday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

Office Closed-Labor Day

### Saturday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

SPY 8am-3pm

Wet 'n Wild (Orlando)

Meet at Davenport House

Altar Guild 9am

### Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

FALL KICKOFF

ALMS-Outreach 9:15am

Sunday School Special

Activity

SPY 6-8

### Sunday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

SPY 6-8pm

### Tuesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

Vestry 6:30pm

### Wednesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

CrossKeys Deadline

### Sunday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

SPY 6-8

## FROM THE RECTOR

### What is stewardship?

That is a question we answer frequently this time of year. As we move into the fall we begin to plan for the next year's budget and often solicit donations for the health and maintenance of St Peter's. In doing so we usually tell you what stewardship means, hoping that you will continue to support St Peter's.

But is that all there is to stewardship? What about the support St Peter's gives others? What are the ways we offer our time, talent and treasures as the body of Christ at St Peter's? This year, instead of telling you what stewardship is, we are asking you to tell us.

Truthfully, St Peter's doesn't need much teaching about stewardship. We are a small church. We are a church that has known financial ups and downs like any other church. But we are also a church that seeks to be faithful; faithful in our giving to St Peter's and thankful in our service as St Peter's.

The history of St Peter's as a loving, active, generous and serving parish is long and impressive. It is time to take stock of the ways we have been stewards; the ways we have been Christ's hands and feet in the world and how we can better serve in the future.

We all know that power bills have to be paid. We all know that payroll has to be made. I know that those needs will be met. I have learned this from experience and I have been taught it by the many faithful people among us.

We know we have financial needs but, in the end, it is the way that we serve others, the way we love others, the way we seek to make this world more like God's kingdom that is most important.

I long for a balanced budget. But a balanced budget only means *our* needs have been met. What of the needs of others?

St Peter's is a church that responds to needs. We respond to the needs we have, but, more importantly, we never lose sight of the needs of others

What is stewardship? You just might be asked that this Fall as we explore and plan for the coming year. Give it some thought. What is stewardship? How do we practice stewardship at St Peter's? How can we be more faithful stewards in the year to come?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Bill Barker</i>	09/15
<i>Matthew Bender</i>	09/20
<i>Angelica Biggs</i>	09/05
<i>Sandy Black</i>	09/16
<i>Josh Brown</i>	09/30
<i>James Caldwell</i>	09/17
<i>Simon Caldwell</i>	09/21
<i>Vicky Conner</i>	09/15
<i>Anne Diefenbacher</i>	09/01
<i>Ronald Everett</i>	09/02
<i>Tracy Everett</i>	09/03
<i>Billy Everidge</i>	09/30
<i>Stephanie Galloway</i>	09/06
<i>Glen Graczyk</i>	09/25
<i>Kim Harrell</i>	09/02
<i>Athan Huskey</i>	09/16
<i>Luke Jones</i>	09/22
<i>Pam Miller</i>	09/28
<i>Sonya Muller</i>	09/24
<i>Bruce Nichols</i>	09/09
<i>Jeff PeQueen</i>	09/03
<i>Mary Pfaffko</i>	09/01
<i>Ted Purvis</i>	09/04
<i>Allison Schmidt</i>	09/29
<i>Keith Smith</i>	09/16
<i>T. J. Vail</i>	09/25
<i>Anthony Veith</i>	09/20
<i>Consuelo Veith</i>	09/03
<i>Charles Waterhouse</i>	09/15
<i>Savannah Williams</i>	09/05

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>Sherri-Lyn &amp; Chris Black</i>	09/01
<i>Kim &amp; William Butler</i>	09/23
<i>Tammy &amp; Fred Johnson</i>	09/29
<i>Barbara &amp; David Moore</i>	09/14
<i>Karen &amp; Louis Sierra</i>	09/05
<i>Diana &amp; Brian Weeks</i>	09/05

**VESTRY MEETING**  
September 21 at 6:30 pm

## FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Opportunities Available

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Communion Wine:** given in Thanksgiving for my Granddaughters- Halle Braden & Caitlyn Nelson  
Birthdays by Darlene Nelson

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Communion Wine:** given in Memory of Bill Butler, Sr.,  
by Theresa Welling

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Flowers in Corpus Christi:** given in Thanksgiving for Allison Schmidt's Birthday by Cindy & Craig Davidson  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Given in Thanksgiving for T. J. Vail's Birthday by Nancy Vail  
**Communion Wine:** Given in Memory of Don Underhill by Theresa Welling

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

**ALTAR GUILD**  
**Meeting**  
**September 11th**



**ALMS – Actions of Love, Mercy & Service  
Outreach Stewards – Upcoming Events**

***AUGUST***

Barrel Gardens – Veggies for Food Bank

Sponsors \$30/Barrel – Include on check's  
memo line – ALMS Outreach Garden

Garden work day – **AUGUST 28** – 8am

***SEPTEMBER***

Pet Food Drive – Starts Sept. 12th

***OCTOBER***

St. Peter's Branded Cloth Bags – Fundraiser

Wilson Elementary School Book Drive

***NOVEMBER***

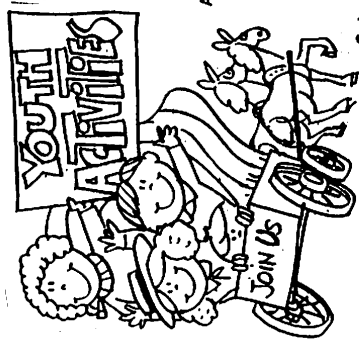
Thanksgiving Baskets

***DECEMBER***

Meals-on-Wheels Christmas Baskets

**Next Meeting – September 12 at 9:15am**





ST. PETER'S YOUTH FALL EVENTS

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

Friday, Sept. 3 6-9pm Davenport House

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

Saturday, Sept. 11 8-3pm Drop off/pick up at Davenport House

Wet'n'Wild (Orlando) Cost: \$35.00(for admission + extra for lunch)

Please RSVP by phone or e-mail by Sept. 9 to reserve a spot.

Friday, Oct. 1 6-9pm Davenport House

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

Friday, Nov. 5 6-9pm Davenport House

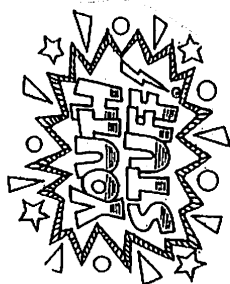
Pizza, Ice Cream and a Movie Cost: \$5.00

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](mailto:thespyguys@live.com) or 863.513.9484.



# Sunday School is coming!

**When:** September 12, 2010 @ 9:15 a.m.

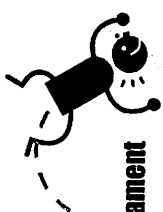
**Where:** meet in Bender Hall

**Who:** All children Kindergarten through 5th grade



This quarter we will ...

- get to know each other
- sing some songs
- hear cool stories from the Old Testament
- learn about the Episcopal Church
- have a lot of fun!



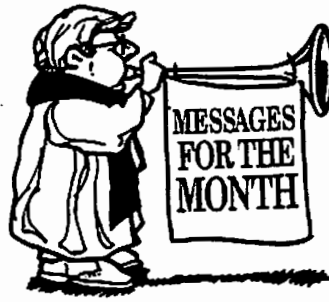
Special activity on  
September 12th!!



Sunday School is painting the  
ALMS-Garden containers!!  
**WEAR OLD CLOTHES AND SNEAKERS!**



Special activity on  
September 12th!!



## SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Sept 1: "What the Youth did for Summer Vacation:

Experiences at Big Stuf"

Sept. 8: "What is Leadership??"

Sept. 15: "Infamous Amos"

Sept. 22: "Timeline of St. Peter's: How did we become who we are?"

Sept. 29: "There was a Tim before Tebow: 1 & 2 Timothy"



**BRING A FRIEND!**



## THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CHOIR CAMP 2010!!

Ten St. Peter's children enjoyed an intensive but fun learning experience at our 2010 Choir Camp. They learned things they'll be able to use in school and personal experiences as well as singing in church, from dynamics markings to deciphering musical notes and rhythms.

A huge thank-you to all who worked most or all of the days helped the kids learn so much: Barbara Annen, Ryan Crumpton, Margaret Holt, Stephanie Galloway, Maureen Williamson, Quincey Thoeni, and Fr. Tom, who not only taught the kids about liturgy and worship, but also about rhythm using popular percussion instruments, lent by the Waterhouses. And Janet Santosuosso outdoes herself every year with her attention to detail in single-handedly creating and running the check-in table, and decorating the lunch tables.

On their evaluation form, almost half the kids specifically mentioned the food as one (sometimes two!) of their favorite parts of camp. Many thanks to Marion Gatliff, Patti Booher, Maureen Williamson, Jo Anne Waterhouse, and Janet Santosuosso for providing food, and to Janet, Maureen, Ryan, and Janet's friend Marion for staying most of the day to make sure the delicious and nutritious snacks and lunches were ready and beautifully presented.

Thanks to Sarah Dean for running everything so smoothly in the office and doing many things behind the scenes, to Steve Galloway for important curriculum input, and to all the parents who brought their kids (a very important part!) and helped them remember to practice for Sunday's worship.

The children sang beautifully on Sunday morning - on key, with enthusiasm and a worshipful heart, and coming in right when they were supposed to. It was most heartening that 7 of the 10 kids asked for solos, (not to show off, but to challenge themselves!) because they did not have much time to learn the music.

To the kids who asked for choir camp to be longer, we'll let you know when we have enough volunteers for THAT! Until then, we'll make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

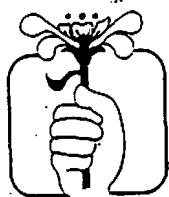
**Great  
JOB!**



Dear Father Tom:

What a joy it was for Plant City Entertainment to be welcomed to the use of the fellowship hall for the annual spaghetti supper. We were allowed to "take over" for the day with the only request being that we clean up after ourselves. All who worked on the event were so pleased with the kitchen and dining area that the question was raised "Will we be able to come back next year?" Thank you for the generosity you extended us. Our spaghetti supper was a great success. We are so pleased to have the support of Father Tom and his church family.

Sincerely,  
the Board of  
Plant City Entertainment



Thank  
You  
Very  
Much

## Vestry Visitor Report by Glen Graczyk

Since I began my journey to join the Episcopal Church and hopefully one day serve again as an ordained priest, I have experienced a welcoming, affirming and faith-filled community. These experiences were again reaffirmed when I attended the Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. At the onset of the meeting Fr. Tom welcomed me as an invited guest. This enabled the vestry members and me to get comfortable with one another.

I was impressed when Fr. Tom then began the meeting with not only a prayer but with time for reflection and sharing. He explained that part of his course work for his D. Min. centers on church leadership and in particular the leadership of the vestry. He engaged the members by inviting them to watch a short section from the video entitled: "Body, Mind, Spirit and Voice" which records the experience of various children's choirs from the Princeton and Newark area. The clip showed an energetic and very talented choir director during one of the rehearsals. The director was able to call attention to one of the sections, without pointing fingers or blame, which was having problems with diction. He then asked the choir something like, "How would you welcome someone or invite them?" Some of the choir members shrugged their shoulders, some raised their arms in a welcoming gesture, and some just stood there. He chose a young man who raised his arms and whose facial expression indicated "welcome". He then invited this young man to come to the podium and direct the choir. He did so with broad gestures and a face that beamed with pride, dedication, and a smile that would brighten any room. The choir applauded the young man when he returned to his place in the choir. Fr. Tom ended the clip and invited the discussion to begin.

Fr. Tom subtitled the discussion, "Who is leading whom." A lively discussion ensued about the experience the vestry members saw on the video but then it became evident that the video presented a lesson for all of us on leadership and particularly the leadership of Fr. Tom and the vestry of St. Peter's. One of the key concepts in developing leadership is to discover the confidence that the members of the larger community already has. In doing so they are not giving them a chance to fail but to experience the support and affirmation that the community will give. Another key concept is how much power the director/leader gives. Fr. Tom said this is one of his goals to share "power" with the vestry and members of the congregation by inviting them to participate in various ministries and activities.

How does this apply to St. Peter's? One example is having members of the congregation invited to be a visitor at the vestry meetings and write a reflection on their experience. One member mentioned that they experienced a "team concept" here at St. Peter's. Certainly this is evident at the vestry where ideas, questions, and concerns are shared openly in a non-judgment atmosphere. Members agreed that the team concept extends to all levels of involvement at St. Peter's. Fr. Tom stated that he sees this as a vital part of his job by laying the groundwork for various opportunities for leadership development, sharing and participation. He then called us by leading a prayer for leadership that he composed.

The meeting then continued with discussion of the agenda items. I found that all members were well prepared and eager participants. Budget items, the By-Law revision progress, and the upcoming roof repair were handled with candor and advanced to the next stages. I was impressed when the agenda item of "Goal Work" came up for discussion. Although all the goals may not be completed, the fact that they are reviewed and an action plan for outreach to lapsed members was drawn up is a sign of a dynamic and vibrant vestry which can only sustain and renew the congregation. Another sign of a healthy vestry was demonstrated at the end of the meeting when Fr. Tom asked the members, "What did we do? What did we do well? What can we do better." This type of self-reflection can only enable Fr. Tom and the vestry to be more effective in serving God's people at St. Peter's in living the mission and ministry of Jesus.

I want to thank Fr. Tom and the vestry for the opportunity to attend the meeting and for adding another positive experience to my participation in the Episcopal Church.

### Confirmation

Bishop Dabney Smith will be visiting St Peter's on November 21, 2010. Bishop Smith has returned the practice of celebrating Confirmation and Reception within the parishes rather than having Deanery-wide services. This allows for a more intimate service and lets parishioners better support the newly confirmed and received.

Confirmation is an adult affirmation of faith that is open to all baptized Christians. It is a time to make our faith your own, especially if you were baptized as an infant or small child. It is also a time to liturgically enter the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Reception is an opportunity for those confirmed in other branches of the apostolic church (e.g. Roman Catholics, Orthodox, etc.) to liturgically mark their embrace of Anglicanism.

Traditionally a time of preparation and study precedes Confirmation or Reception. Our Newcomer's Classes are for those who want to join St Peter's as well as those who are preparing for Confirmation or Reception. There will be a Wednesday night class specifically about Confirmation for those who have completed our Newcomer's Classes in the past. A set of classes will also be offered specifically for our youth for any adolescents who want to be confirmed.

Below is a schedule of our classes:

October 3-17 and October 31, 9:30 a.m.	Newcomer's Classes
November 5	Newcomer's gathering at the Rectory
November 7	Litany of Welcome for Newcomers
November 17, 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Presentation: "Bishops, Confirmation and Reception"
November 21	Bishop's visit with Confirmation and Reception

### Vestry Acknowledgments and Expressions of Gratitude

- To the wonderful people that helped fold the August Crosskeys: Fred and Eric Corryn, Marion Gatliff, Glen Graczyk, Sam Ruis, Father Tom and Quincey Thoeni, and Chuck and Jo Anne Waterhouse
- To Helen Jones, our guest organist and choir director, for her services during Ellie Taylor's vacation
- To Quincey Thoeni and her many helpers for leading a fun and educational choir camp
- To Karen Dobson and Glen Graczyk for serving as observers during the July and August vestry meetings



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**The CrossKeys  
September 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:  
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  
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

