



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Greenville, South Carolina

One body of transformation embracing all people through Christ's love

Parish Life

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Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 am

**Wednesday Holy
Eucharist** 6:00 pm

Nursery
Offered from 9:30 am on
Sundays

Upcoming Events

- * Lent Programs Mar 2, 9, 16
- * Bread Breakers Mar 5
- * Lent Quiet Day Mar 5
- * Happening #75 Mar 11-13
- * Men's Breakfast Mar 12
- * Vestry Mar 14
- * Adult Fellowship Mar 18
- * Palm Sunday Mar 20
- * Maundy Thursday Service Mar 24
- * Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross Mar 25
- * Easter Vigil Mar 26
- * Easter Sunday Mar 27
- * Mockingbird Encore Session Mar 30

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Dear People of St. Peter's,

On a recent Sunday, Matthew Yochum, Katherine Buchanan, and a couple of other students from Wofford College brought a visiting professor to our 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Dr. Doaa Baumi teaches at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. She has studied the Scriptures of the Abrahamic traditions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). She, herself, is a Muslim, and her academic specialty focuses on the similarities and differences between the Torah, the Quran, and the Bible.

First of all, I want to say how proud I am of the warm, hospitable greeting that the people of St. Peter's offered to her that morning. "This is not like many other churches I have visited," she said with a smile. She experienced St. Peter's as a lively and loving community. I was not surprised by her comments, and yet I want to affirm how proud I am of your openness to show hospitality to strangers, including those who may not look or dress or believe like we do.

Although your spirit of welcome is not surprising to me, it is nonetheless remarkable when it followed one day after the S.C. primary victory of a presidential candidate who has suggested that all Muslims be blocked from entering the United States.

Ironically, the Old Testament lesson that Sunday morning was about God's covenant with Abraham to become the father of many nations. In this lesson from Genesis we learn of the miraculous dream of God to be the Father of diversity as countless as the stars of heaven. We are also reminded how God's invitation not only stretched Abraham's expectations, but also how it still stretches *our* expectations.

One of the things I wonder is not only what lessons Professor Baumi will share with students at Wofford, but also what stories she might take home and share with the next generation of leaders in Egypt who are her students at Al-Azhar University. Perhaps she will tell about a lively and loving Christian congregation that greeted her as if she belonged. Perhaps she will teach about a man named Abraham who helped start a family of many nations under God to enact a dream of liberty and justice for all. Perhaps she will share a story about courage that she heard preached through the story of St. Francis, who sought peace between the Abrahamic faiths of Christianity and Islam in the 13th century by crossing borders, and sharing stories and dreams of peace.

We live in a fearful time, and there are legitimate reasons for people of all the Abrahamic Faiths to be afraid. There are radicals within each of the monotheistic faiths who seek to build power through the use of fear and violence, and they must be thwarted. This makes it all the more essential for faithful people like us to redouble our commitment to our baptismal promise "to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 305.)

If it were easy (or popular), everyone would be doing it. It's not easy, but it is possible. I am grateful to these young adults who recently presented us with a small opportunity to practice this part of our baptismal covenant in an outward and visible way. I am also grateful to be part of a faith community which takes seriously our baptismal covenant, including the hard parts.

Blessings and Peace,

March Birthdays



- 01 Marla Dailey
Carly Frates
Tom Mcllroy
Ron Whiten
- 02 Phyllis Kirkman
- 03 Bill Hemphill
- 04 Trey Allen
Alexander Cook
Bobby Kline, Riley Ovington
- 05 Mike George, Christie Mina
- 06 Barbara Ellis, Kirsten Hansen, Rob Kline,
Michael Maynard
Emily Skelton, Nancy Winborne
- 07 Anna McLean Carter, Karen Faulkner
- 09 T. C. Berry, Martha Venters
- 10 Hudson Berry, Lindsey Johnson, Julian Mina,
Dotti Priddy, Ella Webb, Nancy Wedlake
- 11 Marion Mitchell
- 12 Brenda Miles
- 14 Chris Dubail, Nicole Garrett,
Marilyn Richardson, Louisa Wagoner
- 15 Sara Powell, Eric Schnauffer
- 16 Tom Durst, Sonny Richardson,
Drew Van Evera
- 17 Jinny Jervey, Pat Ovington, Nancy Roush
- 18 Ben Fugitt
- 19 Katie Laurens
- 20 Corey Johnson, Kimberly Murphree
- 21 Lamar Buchanan, Bobbie Goodman,
Sam Romero
- 23 Kathy Dailey
- 25 Nicola Page, Maria Isabella Romero
- 26 Karen Langrehr, Aaron Search, Betty Walker
- 27 Faye Dawkins
- 28 Loretta Hartzell, Will Kennedy
- 29 Don Kline, Marty Yigdall
- 30 Karinne Everly, Joseph Lawton
- 31 Carissa Rhodes

March Anniversaries

- 01 Brita & James Hoskinson
- 12 Ann & Tom Mcllroy
- 21 Allison & Derek Garrett
- 23 Collette & Kim Kauffman
- 27 Betty & Frank Walker
- 28 Jill & Dennis Cook
- 31 Faye & Don Miller

Ushers Needed

We need your assistance in ushering one Sunday a month. No experience necessary! Please call Sandy Wells at 297-0805 or email papawells3@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.

Quiet Day - Saturday, March 5th

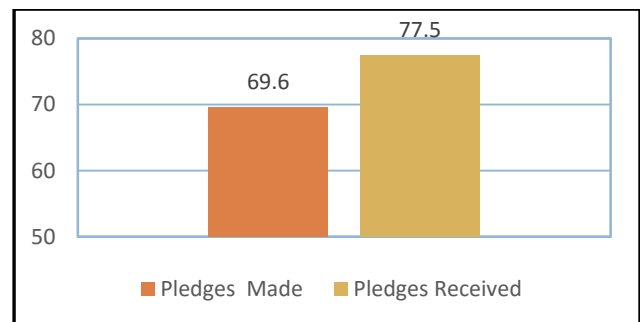
Make plans to join us on Saturday morning, March 5th for an instructed Eucharist at St. Peter's. Beginning at 9 am, Fr. Furman and Fr. Dorian will offer instruction and insight about the content, gestures, and theology of the Eucharist we celebrate every week. If you have always wanted to know more about either the Scripture, history or meaning of certain aspects of the Eucharist, your questions will be welcomed. We plan to divide the service into several parts, with opportunities between each part of the liturgy for you to quietly reflect, walk the labyrinth, read Holy Scripture, and pray. We will conclude by 12:30 p.m. There is no lunch planned, though our Daughters of the King will provide coffee and some light breakfast fare beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Hoe Down for Haiti

It's a Hoe Down for Haiti and You're Invited! Boots, Barbecue & Beverages! Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM at 112 Guess Street, Greenville, SC 29605. Benefiting CFFL Vocational School, Corporant, Haiti – *educating future leaders* & Partners In Agriculture – *eliminating malnutrition*. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com, enter Greenville, and search Hoe Down.

Our Finances as of January 31st

Numbers in thousands



United Ministries Food Pantry

St. Peter's parish has focused on providing dried milk the past few months and we want to continue to provide this much needed item. In addition, canned fruit is a healthy item that is much in demand. Please pick up some extra grocery items the next time you shop, and bring them in for our food wagon. Any non-perishable grocery items are welcome and appreciated! Questions? Contact Lauren Hill at j.hill.lauren@gmail.com

SPY Calendar

Sundays @ 5-7pm unless otherwise noted

- Mar 6 SPY PRODIGALS
- Mar 13 SPY ADORATION
- Mar 20 PALM SUNDAY (Confirmation meets)
- Mar 27 EASTER!!! (NO SPY)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30am

St Peter's Parent Group meets on Sunday mornings in the choir room when children's Sunday school meets.

During March our discussions will focus on themes of Lent and Easter, and how we can best share those themes with our families.



Wonder Worship



Exploring the desert

Supper Ministry for SPY



We believe that table fellowship is an important part of our formation as a community. When we gather and share a meal together, we develop relationships and community in ways that are remarkable and sacramental.

We would like to invite you to support the SPY community by providing supper for a SPY gathering.

Please contact Fr. Dorian at rev.dorian@gmail.com or 803-518-1827 with any questions. You may sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa4aa29a1fa7-supper>

Diocesan Events for Youth

Happening # 75

For Grades 10-12
March 11-13, 2016
Gravatt Conference Center

New Beginnings

Retreat for Middle School Youth
April 15-15, 2016
Register by March 18th
Camp Gravatt

Home Works Saturday Blitz

April 30th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

This is an awesome way to serve the greater Greenville area. Spend a day helping to improve someone's home and their living conditions. Junior High, Senior High and Families Free. Contact Fr. Dorian to sign up.

Families Making Lenten Gardens

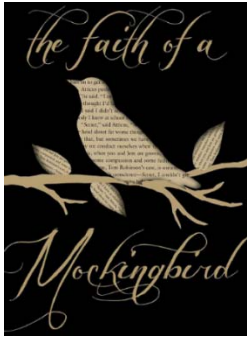


March Adult Fellowship

March 18 (Friday) at 7:00 pm
The Home of Keys & Eve Lewis
228 Wildlife Trail in Greer

For directions or questions, please call 848-5599.
Please bring your favorite beverage or/and an appetizer to share!

Encore - Faith of a Mockingbird



This will not be a study group as before, but more of a reflective conversation of our study of Scout, Atticus, Tom Robinson and Boo Radley. We will discuss the author, Harper Lee, and also share thoughts on the newly published novel, *Go Set a Watchman*. This will be an opportunity for participants to share thoughts on the study and for others who missed the

sessions to be a part of Connecting Christ and Culture. This **Encore Session** will be led by Shirley Twiss with Ron and Pat Shabel. The Shabel's will add new insights and photographs of Monroeville, Alabama, the home of Harper Lee.

Join us for a last visit with the folks in Maycomb, Alabama on **Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 pm.** Contact Shirley at 234-6556 or altwiss@bellsouth.net for further information.

Ronald McDonald House

For 25 years, the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville has been a home for critically ill or injured children and their families, providing hope, encouragement and comfort when they need it most. One of the biggest needs is for Guest Chefs. Ronald McDonald House relies on community groups and organizations to come to the House and either cater in a meal or prepare it on site. These volunteer groups supply the food for 15 to 20 people, the House supplies the kitchen. **Teams from St. Peter's Church will be preparing the meal on Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 29. If you are interested in being part of this group from St. Peter's, please contact Bob James at rjames24@bellsouth.net.** In the meantime, to learn more about opportunities at Ronald McDonald House visit www.rmhc-carolinas.org

EASTER BAPTISM

The next opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism will be on Easter Vigil, March 26th. If you would like to be baptized or have a child in your family that you would like to have baptized, please contact the office by March 13th to discuss the necessary preparation for this sacrament.

Easter Vigil

7:46 p.m. on March 26, 2016

This is the moment of sundown in Greenville this year. It is also the moment we will kindle a new Easter fire, and celebrate the resurrection! Even if you plan to attend Easter Sunday service at St. Peter's, consider joining one of the most ancient and esteemed celebrations of the Church. We gather as the earliest apostles of Jesus did—on the eve of the most important day of their lives. It is still the eve of the most important day of our life as Christians! We will hear the stories of salvation, renew our baptismal promises (and possibly welcome newly baptized persons), sing some of our favorite hymns, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and after the service there will be a special reception with chocolate! All this, and you can still be home and tucked in early for Easter Day if you choose.

Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Join your fellow parishioners in celebrating Easter between the services at 9:30 in Stockstill Hall. Bring a dish to share for an informal brunch, and bring the kids/grandkids/neighbors with their Easter baskets for a fun Easter Egg hunt beginning at 9:45. Kids 0-5th grade will be divided up by age for safety and hunting fun. We need Youth volunteers to do the hiding at 9:30. We need donations of filled eggs to hide! Please make sure any candy or food is individually wrapped, and consider other options too, like coins or small trinkets. A basket is ready for your donations outside Stockstill Hall.



Lenten Baby Food Drive!

The Wonder Worship class (3 years through 2nd grade) will be collecting baby food for United

Ministries during the season of Lent. This project was started about 19 years ago. Wow! We have fed many babies over the years!

Items needed include baby food, cereal, formula and diapers/wipes. Drop off your donations in the Wonder Worship classroom anytime between Feb 13th and March 20th. *Please support some of our youngest children as they begin their life of mission and outreach and **Feed the babies!***

Women's Retreat: **CAMP MIKELL**

THE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

The Women's Retreat is May 13-15 at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, GA (a 75 minute drive from Greenville), the retreat center for the Diocese of Atlanta. The website is www.campmikell.com. It's a lovely place! Cost is \$178 per person (double occupancy; \$248 (single occupancy) for 2 nights and 6 meals Fri. – Sat. **WE NEED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS BY MARCH 6TH**. Call Lynn Aneskievich at 230-4752 or Martha Venters at 297-1510 with any questions or answers! Scholarships and reduced payment plans are available and very confidential. Please contact Fr. Furman at 268-7280 or email Fr. Furman Buchanan at buchananf@charter.net.

Women's Retreat Registration Form: Deadline March 6, 2016

Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and mail with the registration form to St. Peter's (PO Box 25817, Greenville, SC 29616) OR put in the "Women's Retreat" envelope on the church office door.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact & Phone: _____

Roommate Request (Optional): _____



EASTER FLOWERS

I wish to contribute \$ _____ toward the Easter Flowers. This is:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

In Celebration of _____

Names (Please Print) _____

Please drop this form (with your check made out to St. Peter's – note in the memo line "For Easter Flowers") in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Deadline for Easter Flowers is March 21st.

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Ushers 8:30	Karla & Littlejohn McSwain	Kathy Lundy	Bobbie & Rich Nichols	Terry Dailey Kathy Lundy
Greeters 8:30	Don & Ruthie Speed	Bill & Sandy Hemphill	Marion Sprague	Faye Miller & John Ice
Greeters 10:30	Deidre Price Lynn Aneskievich Carol Stephan	Bud & Karen Lawton	Lane Abrams Nancy Roush Betty Walker	Suzanne Adams Martha Venters
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Frank Walker Matt Carter Phil Johnson Ken Shabel	Meta Armstrong Hugh Yochum Gale Roush Chris Dewey Emily Dewey Jack Mitchell David Griffin	Dave Strickland Pat Ovington Jason Cheek Al Adams Al Mina Joseph Lawton Andy Morse	Tony Scalzitti Larry Neal David Leaphart Sandy Wells Gary Taylor
Nursery 9:30	Lindsey & Corey Johnson	Jason & Jennifer Cheek	Laura Goodwin Kristen Kauffman	Alison Search
Prayers of the People 8:30	Kathleen Brady	Deb Yochum	Bob James	Kathleen Brady
Prayers of the People 10:30	Tony Scalzitti	Suzann Adams	Sue Bunnell	Erin Ryan
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Judy Wells Nancy Wedlake Diane Moore Berta Farr	Kathy Siegel Victoria Siegel Delores Smith Nancy Roush Dot Closs	Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Shannon Lawton Jinny Jervey Jennifer Cheek	Martha Venters Marilyn Richardson JoAnna Renkowski Bobbie Nichols JoAnn Scull
Opener	Jim Bauer	Don Ellis	Bill Hartzell	Bill Hawkins
Closer	Phil Johnson	Tim Estes	George Paszkievicz	Gary Taylor
Lector 8:30	1 Kelly Romero 2 Kathy Laurens	1 Sandy Hemphill 2 Malissa Hawkins	1 Bill Hartzell 2 Marion Sprague	1 Kelly Romero 2 Burns Davison
Lector 10:30	1 Kathy Yigdall 2 Meta Armstrong	1 Buist Langley 2 James Parke	1 Tim Estes 2 Andy Morse	1 Melinda Long 2 Ken Shabel
Server	Whit Kluttz	Jordan Del Priore	Lamar Buchanan	Anita Rhodes
Crucifer	Caden Gore	James Kluttz	Alex Cheek	Max Adams
Torch Bearers	Kathryn Dewey Laurie Summerfield	Alice Paige Gilstrap Dominick Lopis	Delaney Shabel Sara Powell	Matthew Rhodes Caroline Griffin
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Bob James Kristen Kauffman	Burns Davison David Leaphart	Margaret Boineau Frank Boineau	Wes Smith Kathleen Brady
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Rhys Kear Keys Lewis	Catherine Morse Lana Parke	David Leaphart Marilyn Richardson	Rhys Kear Jason Cheek

MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (SH)	2 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM Lent Service 6:30 PM Lenten Supper- Garden 7:30 PM Choir	3 3:30 PM Bible Study	4 12:00 PM Facilities Meeting-S/H	5 9:00 AM Quiet Day (SH & Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Bread Breakers
6 8:30 AM Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Adult SS 9:30 AM Parent Group 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM Girl Scouts #605 4:00 PM Labyrinth 5:00 PM SPY	7 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #260	8 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (SH) 6:45 PM Stephen Ministry Peer Group (Parlor)	9  10:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Lent Service 6:30 PM Lenten Supper - ECW 7:30 PM Choir	10  3:30 PM Bible Study	11 Happening #75 at Gravatt through the 13th	12  8:00 PM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
13 8:30 AM Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Adult SS 9:30 AM Parent Group 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 5:00 PM SPY	14 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #260	15 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (SH) 6:00 PM Daughters of the King-Parlor	16  10:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Lent Service 6:30 PM Lenten Supper-Men's Group 7:30 PM Choir	17 2:30 PM Memorials Committee (Chapel) 3:30 PM Bible Study	18  7:00 PM Adult Fellowship @Lewis'	19 9:00 AM Wildlife Rehab
20 8:30 AM Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Adult SS 9:30 AM Parent Group 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM Girl Scouts #605 5:00 PM SPY	21 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #260	22 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (SH) 6:45 PM Stephen Ministry Cont Ed (Parlor)	23 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:30 PM Choir	24  3:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	25  12:00 PM Good Friday Service 6:30 PM Station of the Cross	26  6:30 AM Feed Thy Neighbor 7:46 PM Easter Vigil/Baptism
27  8:30 AM Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Adult SS 9:30 AM Parent Group 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist Rite II	28	29 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (SH)	30 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM EFM Study Group - S/H 7:00 PM Mockingbird Encore Study 7:30 PM Choir	31 3:30 PM Bible Study	1	2

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Adult Christian Formation - Sundays
 9:30-10:15 am, in *Stockstill Hall*

Our mission is guided by St. Peter's Core Value of "Christian Formation:

- *Fostering growth in spirit, mind and body through tradition, scripture and reason.*
- *Cultivating a safe environment to challenge and grow in the faith.*
- *Knowing that worship, education and ministry are rooted in discovery.*
- *Encouraging all to discover their personal talents and ministry."*

Date	Topic	Presenter
Mar. 6	Expanding Our World Vision: Diocese of Ballarat in Victoria, Australia. The daily devotional, <i>Forward Day by Day</i> , follows the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. So we pray for every diocese and province in the Anglican Communion over a 2 year period. This Lent we seek to discover God's working in Anglican dioceses throughout the world.	Barbara Ellis
Mar. 13	Expanding Our World Vision: Diocese of Toliara (Indian Ocean)	Barbara Ellis
Mar. 20	Palm Sunday. Holy Week: Journey from Darkness to Light." We will read a scripture selection, observe it as video, and then discuss forgiveness, faith, and how this applies to our lives.	Kimberly Murphree
Mar. 27	EASTER! (No ACF)	