

## Parish Ministries

### Outreach:

One of the most active of St. Peter's ministries is the Outreach Committee which extends the loving hands and hearts of St. Peter's into our parish life. Thanks to our numerous volunteers we are able to provide support to those of our parish who have special needs. Extra helping hands are always welcome, so come join us! **For information on Outreach, click [HERE](#).**

### Service:

At St. Peter's we share a passion for helping others in our community and throughout the world. We support a number of programs designed to help those in need and further the mission of the Christian church. The Service Committee liaison works with the Service Committee Chair and the members of the Service Committee to research external organizations which the St. Peter's congregation can support. With the approval of the Vestry, the committee distributes funds, allocated from the operating budget, to these external organizations. They also coordinate volunteer activities by St. Peter's members outside the parish. **For more info on the Service Committee, click [HERE](#).**

### Stewardship:

The Stewardship Ministry is responsible for designing and implementing the annual funds drive for the operating budget of St. Peter's. This ministry analyzes the church's financial needs and makes them clear to the members, whose tithes and contributions are the primary source of income for the church. While we are noted for our low-key approach to fund-raising, the success of our programs and services to the community depends on the dedication of this ministry. **For more information on Stewardship, click [HERE](#).**

### Communications:

Increasingly, communication is dependent on traditional print media, including news media, service bulletins, the blue sheet, the newsletter, and various mailings, and the new media, including the internet, this website, and e-mail. This committee draws on members of the congregation who offer their expertise to help design and produce the various publications and information sources for St. Peter's. In addition, this group acts as a liaison with local media to notify them of special parish activities/events.

**Parish Life:**

The Parish Life ministry strengthens our Christian community by identifying and implementing activities that promote fellowship among our Parish members. This ministry is also responsible for welcoming and integrating new members into the life of St. Peter's, providing for Sunday fellowship following our worship services, fellowship dinners, and maintaining the parish network. **For more information on Parish Life, click [HERE](#).**

**Search Committee:**

The Vestry established the Search Committee in 2010 to search for a new rector following the retirement of Fr. Eric Schnauffer. The Search Committee is to gather information, survey the congregation and compile a parish profile. The profile will document what the Committee discerns as God's plan for St. Peter's and will assist in the selection of a new rector and the transition to a "program church." The Search Committee process is designed to assure that a parish goes through a deliberate exercise of reflecting upon itself and its direction, something St. Peter's has not done in twenty-five years.

The Committee is composed of eleven parishioners, all of whom volunteered to serve, who are a cross-section of the congregation. There are two Vestry liaisons. It is an ad hoc committee, and will be dissolved once the work is complete.

**Finance:**

The finance committee is comprised of the Memorials Group and the Columbarium Group. It also includes the need by the Vestry liaison to see to the completion of the church's yearly audit.

The Memorials Group decides how monies given to it in memory of someone should be spent. The monies spent are determined by a wish list from the parishioners and the minister and for the betterment of some part of church life.

The Columbarium Group reviews and takes action on requests for reservations in the niches or use of the Memorial Garden. The committee also sees to the maintenance of both the Columbarium and the Garden and plans for future expansion, if necessary.

The Vestry liaison to the Finance Committee assumes the responsibility to assemble the necessary qualified people to complete the yearly church financial audit.

**Worship:**

Christian worship is a central part of our life together in the Body of Christ. In our worship we reflect back to God our gratitude for the great love He has shown us in redeeming us through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Worship Ministry assists the Rector in establishing objectives and programs for worship and music for Sunday liturgies, Feast Days, children's worship, and special events. **For more information on Worship, click [HERE](#).**

**Facilities:**

Parish buildings and equipment require maintenance and repairs. The Facilities Ministry is the oversight committee for these concerns and is responsible for maintaining, improving, and expanding facilities. While some members have contracting or engineering backgrounds, the most important qualification seems to be an infinite capacity to respond to issues which range from the catastrophic to the trivial. The facilities committee attempts to recruit a core group of people possessing special skills or training in the necessary crafts to assist in keeping buildings and grounds in top condition at minimum expense. These faithful members donate their time, labor, and expertise to keep the church intact and comfortable—a major contribution to the church's larger mission.

**Christian Formation:**

Offering educational opportunities to explore, discuss, and grow in faith as a community. Programs are offered for children, youth, and adults. **For more information on Christian Formation, click [HERE](#) for more information!**