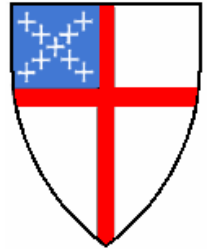


St. Peter's of The Valley Episcopal Church

The mission of St. Peter's is to be a joyous family of God gathered in worship and prayer, teaching the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and ministering to others.



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Bishop's Committee August Update

Think back for a moment. Why did you first come to Saint Peter's? Had you heard about us from a friend or family member? Was it our location? Episcopal heritage? Did you come with a member or just walk in alone like I first did?

So what made you STAY? Is it the renewal you feel each week after the service? The intimacy of our church family? Or, the support we share with one another? Is the reason perhaps that you are challenged by the scripture and sermons to grow spiritually as an individual yet in the safety of a loving church family? Or, something completely different?

Your Bishop's Committee recently had an all-day retreat, led by Father Denis, where we talked about our role as servants of the People. We thought back to our very first memories of attending church (ask me about mine sometime it's too embarrassing to print) and how those early experiences shaped our feelings about God and our religious practice today. We probed and discussed the many facets of this committee's role in service as well as the responsibility each holds. For example, if we choose to call ourselves a collective church "family" then are we too internally focused and therefore neglecting the opportunities to widen our reach outside the walls of Saint Peter's? Are we welcoming to new faces or could we do a better job at initiating our guests into our church body, making sure we are as friendly and loving towards the new smiles as the ones we've grown to love over the years? It was a productive, reflective, meaningful day and I trust that you'll be seeing more fruits of our work in the coming months. Additionally, your suggestions, concerns and feedback are a vital part of our strong collective family and all of us welcome your input!

So with God's blessing, the Episcopal diaconal support in Denver, Father Denis' counsel, Janet's and Paul's strong leadership and my loving committee peers, I thank you for this privilege to grow and serve.

Love,
Leslie Clements

Ministry Schedule

August 3 ministers--8:00am LEM: Laurie Pederson, Altar Guild: Mary Ellis, Usher: Frank Rudecoff. 10:00am LEM: Larry Gruel, Acolyte: Ella Gruel, Altar Guild: Kathryn Camp, Usher: Susan Faulkner, Flowers: Jane Billingsley, Nursery:

August 10 ministers--8:00am LEM: Susan Faulkner, Altar Guild: Karin Bannerot, Usher: Ann Koveleski. 10:00am LEM: Maurine Fitzpatrick, Acolyte: Maggie Fitzpatrick, Altar Guild: Mary Ellis, Usher: David Light, Flowers: Laurie Pederson, Nursery:

August 17 ministers--8:00am LEM: Lee Ann Eustis, Altar Guild: Cindy Everett, Usher: Ann Koveleski. 10:00am LEM: Becky Ayres, Acolyte: Harriet Pryor, Altar Guild: Kim Hamilton, Usher: David Light, Flowers: Betsey Safford, Nursery:

August 24 ministers--8:00am LEM: Lindsay Lofaro, Altar Guild: Cindy Bruce, Usher: Rick Lofaro. 10:00am LEM: Frank Rudecoff, Acolyte: Lucy Uguccioni, Altar Guild: Lynn Bopeley, Usher: Betsey Safford, Flowers: Barb Stirling, Nursery:

August 31 ministers--8:00am LEM: Betsey Safford, Altar Guild: Judy Whitmore, Usher: Peter Hoffmann. 10:00am LEM: Janet Mineo, Acolyte: Kyle Light, Altar Guild: Kathryn Camp, Usher: Frank Rudecoff, Flowers: Nancy Hoffmann, Nursery:

Calendar Items

August Celebrations



Birthdays

08/02 Ken Everett
 08/03 Sebastian Oliver
 08/07 Elliot Maxwell
 08/08 Lily Smith
 08/12 Connor Hoffman
 08/13 Linda Hoffman
 08/16 Jim Dallman
 08/17 Julia Spencer
 08/19 Kim Hamilton
 08/23 Aimee Brockman
 08/24 Scott Kane
 08/29 Robert Schenck
 08/30 Justin Ellis
 08/31 Mariemma Uguccioni

Anniversaries

08/03 Greg and Linda Hoffman
 08/04 Steve and Laura Carter
 08/06 Rick and Lindsay Lofaro
 08/09 Stewart and Bettie Bushong
 08/18 Dan and Mary Ellis
 08/23 Steven and Christine Clettenberg
 08/27 Gib and Mary Gardner

St. Peter's Annual Barbecue August 17

The date for our annual summer barbecue is Sunday, August 17th. We will be extending an invitation to the congregations of St. Barnabas and Christ Church to join us. Lee Ann will be needing help in many areas: planning, setting up and during the actual day. Look for a sign-up list at church and or talk to Lee Ann! Phone Lee Ann at 963-3707 or email her at lake@sopris.net



Safeguarding God's Children Workshop August 16 Glenwood Springs



There will be a Safeguarding God's Children Workshop on August 16th, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glenwood Springs. This workshop is mandatory for anyone at church who works with children and youth including nursery. If you have not attended a workshop in the last 4 years you are highly encouraged to attend. The workshop will be from 9am -12pm. There will also be a Workshop Leader training in the afternoon from 1pm-4pm. If you want to become a Workshop Leader you will need to attend the entire day of training. Susan Faulkner is a trained Workshop Leader and she can answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Janet Mineo 963-1538 mineo@rof.net if you are interested in attending.



NURSERY HELP NEEDED!!!

We are looking for helpers to care for our littlest members of St.

Peters. If you can help in the nursery on Sunday mornings please sign up at church or call or email Maureen Fitzpatrick at 963-2049, mkatf@sopris.net.

Around St. Peter's



ROUND-UP SUNDAY Outdoor Worship and Barbecue Sunday, September 7

On September 7, the Sunday after Labor Day, at 10 am is the annual combined "ROUND-UP SUNDAY" Outdoor Worship Ser-

vice, Bar-B-Q Picnic and Family Fun Time with Christ Church. ROUND-UP SUNDAY features an outdoor Eucharist and catered picnic at *Cold Stream Trout Lodge*, 1900 Lower River Road, hosted by Christ Church members Bob and Cynthia Chapman. Just turn on Lower River Road off Hwy 82 and look for 1900. There is a small parking lot at the site.

Please note there will be NO worship services at St. Peter's on September 7.

Last year we had a considerable number of people call at the last minute or just show up at the event.

PLEASE make your best effort to SIGN-UP BY SEPTEMBER 2 on the poster you'll find on the bulletin board because the entire picnic is catered, except for desserts.

Participants are invited to bring a dessert to share.



Relay for Life August 8 and 9

It's time for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Relay is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature

event. The event will take place on August 8th and 9th at the Roaring Fork High School in Carbondale. This year St. Peter's is fielding a team called Anglican Angels.

We realize not every one from St. Peter's was able to commit to participating on the team. So we encourage you to come out to the event to lend your support. It is all very moving. The event kicks off with survivor's lap and then the Luminaria are lit just after dark. Please come keep us company and give us your good wishes. Look for our tent in the center of the field. See you all there!

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

In order to keep the membership of St. Peter's informed we feel it is advisable to describe the method used by the Search Committee to find a worthy priest for the position of Vicar.

Prospective names are submitted initially to Fr. Bruce McNab for his review and first contact. Names come from various sources including the Bishop's office, the national office of the Episcopal Church and word of mouth. With Fr. Bruce's endorsement we request a copy of the candidate's personal profile, a letter of interest in principle and a response to a half dozen specific questions posed by the Committee. After our review we book a conference call with the candidate. Usually this is a call of one to two hours. A lot is revealed during the call and is followed by a thorough review by the Committee. We then contact all of the candidate's references and review any concerns with Fr. McNab. If all is in order we proceed to set up a visit to the valley for the candidate and spouse, and in some cases their children. While they're here we schedule an intensive face to face interview to include Christ Church vestry representatives. We hold at least one informal social gathering and a small Eucharist service with members of the Bishop's Committee. Time is allowed to acquaint the family with the surroundings to include tours and school introductions. Shortly thereafter the Committee meets to decide if we want to recommend to the Bishops Committee that they issue a "call". If that is the case, and they agree, then a call including all details of an employment agreement is offered.

It is a time consuming process fraught with delays for one reason or another. In the course of the past year we've considered four candidates to the point of bringing them here for a visit. Presently, we have one very promising prospect. We're scheduling a conference call for early next month. As events transpire we will continue to keep the membership informed.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Sutro



St. Peter's is a parochial mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Aspen, and is a part of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other through Christ (from the catechism in The Book of Common Prayer, page 855).

ST. PETER'S OF THE VALLEY MINISTERS

All baptized members are the ministers of the church!

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