



THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

July 2019

From Fr. Barry:

Services

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist 8:00am
Pathfinders 9:00am
Choir Practice 9:00am
Sunday School 9:15am
Choral Eucharist 10:30am

Wednesday:

Healing Eucharist 12:10pm

EVENTS

Tuesday, July 2nd

6:30pm Communications Meeting

Wednesday, July 3rd

12:10pm Prayer Service

7-8:00pm VBS Decorating

Saturday, July 6th

10am-1pm VBS Decorating

Wednesday, July 10th

12:10pm Prayer Service

7-8pm VBS Decorating

Saturday, July 13th

10am-1pm VBS Decorating

Sunday, July 14th

1:00pm Wilma White Memorial
Service & Committal

Tuesday, July 16th

6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, July 17th

7-8pm VBS Decorating

Saturday, July 20th

10am-1pm VBS Decorating

Wednesday, July 24th

7-8pm VBS Decorating

Saturday, July 27th

9:00am Christian Formation

Meeting in Bender

Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug 2nd

9am-Noon - VBS

"Faith on the Edge"

St. Peter's search process has had me thinking a lot lately about how many of us have been pushing the boundaries of our 'church comfort zones.' My reflections reminded me of my having participated in a conference not too many years ago led by Barbara Brown Taylor, noted author, college professor and Episcopal priest. Here are a few of the thoughts she shared with us.

The name of the conference was "*Faith on the Edge.*" It was appropriately named. Drawing on stories and illustrations from the Church's past, and her own engagement with the Christian faith, Ms. Taylor invited us to see the world we "*live and move and have our being in*" as a circle, with both a center and an edge. For each of us, both as individuals and as members of a worshipping community, daily living is a journey which begins from a defined, comfortable, center and then moves tenuously outward, toward an uncertain wilderness edge.

Our centers are composed of those "truths" we have come to accept as the ground of our being, the anchors of our faith and the beliefs that form our relationship with God and Jesus Christ. The center of our lives represents the safe and certain to which we return when confronted with the disturbing and stretching aspects of our faith.

However, it is on the wilderness edges, says Ms. Taylor, where our best, formative, stories come from – the ones that, over time, become part of the center that grounds us in our relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Often overlooked, she said, is the reality that we all possess both a center and a wilderness edge – and that over the course of our journey with Jesus Christ, in our human search for certainty, many of our values, ideas, and understandings move in faithful fluidity, from center to edge, and from edge to center.

It was also suggested to us that reclaiming, or renewing, a sense of "awe" in appreciation of God's power and majesty would be a healthy thing. Awe being loosely described as our not knowing anything for certain, yet trusting God to have the answers anyway. Maybe a reflective question for our prayer life during the Pentecost season might be, "Why do we tend to value certainty more than awe?"

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Vacation
Bible School

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Over the course of our week together participants were challenged to identify both their centers and their wilderness edges. We were also invited to ponder what we might loosely define as “truth.” What is religious truth? Who decides what it is and how God leads us in perceiving and understanding the truth of our faith? Ms. Taylor suggested to us that the starting point for knowing God’s truth should be found in the essential practices of our faith. She described those practices for us in three characteristics of the Christian journey she called Incarnation, Encounter and Resistance.

As disciples of Jesus Christ the Incarnation might best be understood as the presence of God in the flesh. We should honor what the body knows about life and living. An appropriate Pentecost question might be, “What have you learned about God, or your faith, that only your body could have taught you?”

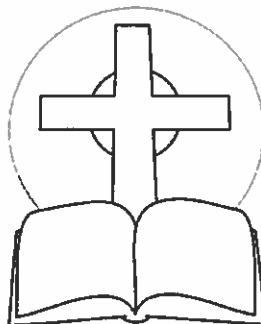
The characteristic of Encounter has to do with how we relate to the Other, whether Jesus, God or our neighbor. Is the Jesus we know our projection of Jesus, or the divine projection we need to hear or see? Or, conversely, is God a presence to be encountered or a topic to be discussed? How do we get beyond the mirror we look into in order to see the God/Jesus we need to see? One way we do so is in our encounter with others. As Ms. Taylor said to us, “If we don’t seek Christ in others, we won’t find Christ in others.”

The third characteristic, Resistance, is the practice of saying “no” to the many gods of our own making. God’s commandments, said Ms. Taylor, “woo” us to praise and obedience. Ms. Taylor then introduced the importance of Sabbath, the need to rest, as holy resistance to every kind of slavery. This conversation resonated with me because it is something I have spent my ministry preaching and teaching about – the need to keep our priorities in the right order – God first, others second, self third.

My attendance at the *Faith on the Edge* conference was part of my annual continuing education obligation to stay up-to-date with the responsibilities that define my priesthood. The material we covered both nourished and refreshed me. It also disturbed and provoked me, in a positive and good way. I hope and pray that this summary of Ms. Taylor’s comments on *Faith on the Edge* has the same effect on you. The long Pentecost season offers ample time for some good reflection.

God bless you and remember you are loved.

Fr. Barry+





Rector Search Status - All of the supporting documentation has been compiled and your Vestry is performing their final review and validation of the artifacts to be included within St. Peter's Office of Transitory Ministry. This package includes our Parish Profile, OTM response questions, a copy of Future Perfect, and the Rector Compensation Package.

Once submitted to the Diocese, Canon Norman will review, approve, and upload our job posting on the Diocesan Website which will also post to the Episcopal News Service.

Our job posting will be active for 6 weeks, permitting all interested Rectors to submit their applications and responses. The Diocese will review and submit to our Search Committee all approved applicants. We've been told this process generally takes a week or less to complete.

Felix Haynes, along with our Search Committee will then begin the process of reviewing all applications, submitting additional questions to all candidates, scheduling onsite parish visits, holding interviews, and ultimately provide your Vestry with the list of final candidates.

At that point, the final candidates will be presented to your Vestry for their review and final decision.

We come a long way, and have a fair ways to go; Thank you for your continued prayers, guidance, and support.

As always, please feel free to forward any questions you may have regarding our Rector Search to Mark Hamilton: stpeterseniorwarden@gmail.com

Mark Hamilton
Senior Warden



Capital Fund Pledge Campaign

This is the third year of our St. Peter's Capital Fund campaign. If there is a remaining balance on your pledge for this campaign, you may submit a payment at any time. If you have questions regarding the balance remaining on your pledge, feel free to contact the Church office. Sarah will be able to assist you.

Thank you to all those who have helped with this important ministry to make St. Peter's the best it can be!

Thank
You

VESTRY THANKS

Thank you to all who helped set up on "Easter Saturday"-the church and parish hall looked beautiful!

Thank you to Heaven's Kitchen for the delicious Easter Breakfast! (served 160) Thank you to everyone who helped with the Dutch Funeral.

Thank you to Jennifer Hamilton for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all who helped with the Father's Day Breakfast (headed up by Cindy Gutowski, Tammy Johnson and Cindy Davidson).

Thank you to TLC and all who helped with the Schmidt Funeral.

Thank you to the Altar Guild for the "Know Your Bible" books given to the fathers on Father's Day.

We are thankful for Tony Wilson. He is doing a wonderful job as our new sexton!



Dear Father Barry, Altar Guild and TLC Committee,

The Schmidt Family wishes to thank you for the wonderful service and reception for our mother, Edith Schmidt. You all went above and beyond expectation and we appreciate it so much. The service went flawlessly and was just what she wanted, the church looked beautiful and the reception was just perfect with wonderful food and fellowship.

We truly thank you and feel so very grateful to be a part of this wonderful church!

Blessings,
The Reid Schmidt Family



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEXTON

. **St. Peter's Welcomes our new Sexton** - Please join your Vestry in welcoming our new Sexton; Tony Wilson. Tony as you may know is a recent parishioner, moonlights as a member of our choir. Tony's responsibilities include opening and closing our Parish, general maintenance, and keeping all general areas clean.

Just a reminder, to please forward any questions related to buildings and grounds to our Junior Warden, Mark Conner. Our Junior Warden can be reached directly at jmconner58@gmail.com.



Annual Planning Meeting - Please join your Committees and Vestry on Saturday, August 10, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, in Bender Hall as we plan out the 2019/2020 church year. This is the time we review the calendar, and schedule all of our big ticket items (e.g. Back to School, Engage Cafe', Pathfinders, Bible Study, Diocesan events, Training, Trunk-o-Treat, Meals-on-Wheels, Empty Bowls, Mardi Gras, Easter).

At this time, you should begin working with your committee representatives, finalizing all activities, providing estimates, firming up the dates and times for any activity you'd like to see St. Peter's include within next year's calendar.

Please come prepared to speak to all scheduled events, as well as any ideas you may have for new events. Lunch will be provided.

Please feel free to forward any questions you may have on this event to Mark Hamilton:
stpeterseniorwarden@gmail.com



START THINKING ABOUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

St. Peter's will once again collect supplies for Cork & Burney School students. General supplies are as in years' past. A specific list will be shared as soon as it is possible.

wide ruled notebook paper

Yellow highlighter

glue sticks

24 count Crayola crayons-basic colors

Kleenex tissue (family size)

Sanitizer/liquid soap

Backpack

#2 pencils

Fisker scissors

3x3 post-it notes

Crayola markers-basic colors

Notebook

Clorox wipes

As we all know, our Betty Roney loves to bargain shop and get the absolute best deal on school supplies. So, if you do not have the time, cash or check donations are gladly accepted (make checks out to St. Peter's and earmark them for school supplies) and she will get you the best "bang for your buck" school supply deal . Betty can be reached at (813) 453 0303 or e-mail: Lmtthmdr@aol.com

Thank you for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated.



It's the Family Vacation of a Lifetime!

Bring your entire family to Athens, and become part of Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth! You'll travel back into Bible times—without setting foot outside our community.

Experience this fun, hands-on Bible-times city at this address:

St Peter's Episcopal Church
302 Carey St
Plant City 33563

Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens! You'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit Paul, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

So mark these dates on your calendar: July 29th- Aug 2nd.

The adventure starts at 9am and will end at Noon.

To register your family for this awesome Bible adventure,
call this number: 813-752-5061.

Sincerely,

Your Athens VBS Director

Yours in Christ,
Cynthia Crumpton



VBS SUPPLY LIST – UPDATED

Lots sheets (flat, tablecloth, etc)-white and colored
colored fabric pieces
colored mats
burlap
large decorative pillows
woven baskets, hampers, plates
large decorative vases
play food
hay
wooden crates
Brown craft paper rolls
white butcher paper
pool noodles (2 dozen)
large appliance boxes and cardboard
brown grocery bags
gift cards or cash/check for snacks
nets, plastics fish
artificial trees/plants/any greenery
potted plants/foilage
Live animals for petting
Pottery wheel
air dry clay
clay pots- small, medium, large
brown rope and string
silver, pewter, gold (faux) platter dishes
Paper towel and wrapping paper rolls
orange-scented oil
tissue paper- red, orange, yellow
dowels
tennis balls
hula hoops
jump rope



REGISTRATION FORM

(one form per family)

Name(s),
age(s) & gender: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Number of family members participating in Athens VBS _____

Will parents be helping in any other areas of Athens VBS? _____ Where? _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____
Name and phone number

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Oikos name (for church use only): _____



DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27th 9:00am Christian Formation Meeting

July 29th –Aug 2nd 9am – Noon -VBS

Aug 10th – 9am – 2pm Annual Planning Meeting (lunch will be provided)



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 7:00AM – DAVENPORT HOUSE

Men's Bible Study is on hiatus until mid August



On Summer Break

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 11AM – BENDER HALL

SARAH JOSEPHA BIBLE STUDY

Worship Calendar July 2019

	Rite II July 7	Rite II July 14	July 21 Rite I 8am & Rite II 10:30am	Rite II July 28	Rite II Aug 4	*
Propers	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9,43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	
Lay Readers	8:00am Chris Bender 10:30am Millie Schaffer Jackie Vasterling	8:00am Fred Speaks 10:30 Mike Booher Trey Stevens	8:00am Chris Bender 10:30 Meredith Prokuski Erick Corryn	8:00am Fred Speaks 10:30 Frankie Wilson Bernie Turner	8:00am Mark Hamilton 10:30 Mike Booher Jeff Lake	
Ushers	8:00am Felix Haynes Chris Black 10:30 Tim DeShong Ron Everett	8:00am Fred Speaks Jim Black 10:30 Mark Conner Glenn Vasterling	8:00am Darlene Nelson Gregg Gutowski 10:30 Bruce Nichols Fred Johnson	8:00am Craig Davidson Jim Black 10:30 Sally Schaffer Glenn Mathias	8:00am Felix Haynes Chris Black 10:30 Tim DeShong Ron Everett	
Acolytes	8:00am Erick Corryn 10:30 Erick Corryn Jackie Vasterling Eda Snyder	8:00am Carla Hamlet 10:30 Will Cline Kelly Nichols Eda Snyder	8:00am Erick Corryn 10:30 Justin Corryn Lucas Brown Eda Snyder	8:00am Carla Hamlet 10:30 Erick Corryn Diana Weeks Eda Snyder	8:00am Katie Hamilton 10:30 Will Cline Jackie Vasterling Eda Snyder	
Altar Guild	Sandy Black Evelyn Grant Nancy Schmidt Eda Snyder Mary Alice Steinke	Cindy Davidson Tammy Johnson Beth Sistrunk Jackie Vasterling Jayne Wilkes	Su Booher Tracy Everett Cindy Gutowski Jane Williams	Linda Alfaro Janet Santosuosso Margaret Stevens Frankie Wilson	Sandy Black Evelyn Grant Nancy Schmidt Eda Snyder Mary Alice Steinke	
Nursery			Ashley Stevens			

Parish Calendar July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 6:30pm Communi- cations meeting	3 12:10pm Prayer Service 7-8pm VBS Decorating Bridge 9:30-4:0m	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	6 Office Closed 10am-1pm VBS Decorating
7	8 6-8pm MDT	9	10 12:10pm Healing Eucharist 7-8pm VBS Decorating Bridge 9:30-4pm	11	12 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	13 Office Closed 10am-1pm VBS Decorating
14 1pm Wilma White Memorial Service & Committal	15 6-8pm MDT	16 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	17 12:10pm Healing Eucharist 7-8pm VBS Decorating Bridge 9:30-4pm	18	19 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	20 Office Closed 10am-1pm VBS Decorating
21	22 6-8pm MDT	23	24 12:10pm Healing Eucharist 7-8pm VBS Decorating Bridge 9:30-4pm	25 CrossKeys Deadline	26 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	27 Office Closed 9am in Bender Christian Formation Meeting
28	29 9am-noon VBS 6-8pm MDT	30 9am-noon VBS	31 9am-noon VBS 12:10pm Healing Eucharist Bridge 9:30-4pm	1 9am-noon VBS	2 Office Closed 9am-noon VBS Bridge 1-5pm	3 Office Closed

Sunday Services:

8:00am – Holy Eucharist
 9:00am – Choir Rehearsal
 9:15am – Sunday School
 10:30am – Choral Eucharist

Wednesday:

12:10PM – Healing Eucharist

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kassandra Abdel-Kader	07/12
Linda Alfaro	07/27
Stacey Bender	07/20
Linda Biggs	07/08
Michael Booher	07/16
Michael Burchfield	07/07
Trey Butler	07/19
Scott Collins	07/31
Muriel Cook	07/15
Karen Coons-Price	07/23
Elisabeth Corryn	07/01
Justin Corryn	07/26
Jill Crews	07/01
Cynthia Crumpton	07/27
Bobbie Curtis-Barkey	07/20
Rob Evans	07/16
Brooke Everly	07/06
Cindy Everly	07/16
Scott Gutowski	07/11
Nancy Ham	07/14
Casey Hamilton	07/18
Virginia Harris	07/22
Janet Hill	07/12
Deborah Huntsman	07/09
Mary Elizabeth Huntsman	07/01
John Kenney, IV	07/26
Thomas Ludwick	07/19
Pamela McCall	07/25
Melvin Miller	07/06
Duncan Moody	07/22
Jackson Nichols	07/21
Maureen Nichols	07/12
Kristine Reed	07/01
Aaron Reibling	07/24
Janet Santosuosso	07/21
Mike Sessa	07/30
Alexander Sierra	07/06
Margaret Sloan	07/10
James (Trey) Stevens	07/08
Norma Thompson	07/06
Steve Tombrink	07/10

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FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

Sunday, July 7th

Flowers in High Altar: given in Memory of Terry Todd by Jon Todd & Wilma White

Sanctuary Candle: given in Thanksgiving for Wilma White by Jon Todd

Sunday, July 14th

Flowers in High Altar: given in Memory of Wilma White by her loving family

Sanctuary Candle: given in Memory of Davy & Nellie Davenport by Jayne Wilkes

Sunday, July 21st

Opportunities available

Sunday, July 28th

Flowers in Corpus Christie: given in Memory of Danny Wilkes by Jayne Wilkes & Family

Sanctuary Candle: given in memory of Danny Wilkes by Jayne Wilkes

Flowers, Wine & Candle opportunities are available

Flowers for any of our three altars, sanctuary candles, and communion wine may be given as memorials or in thanksgiving on Sundays throughout the year. Sign up on the Flower Chart in Bender Hall for the year 2019

Please purchase the communion wine (port, please) and attach a label to it with your name and the Sunday you have chosen. Labels are available in the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Justin & Erick Corryn 07/15

Jennifer & Wesley Joyner 7/17

Carolyn & Robert Manee 07/02

Nancy & Reid Schmidt 07/14

Laural & Billy Williams 07/26

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July 2019

St. Peter's Online- Did you know you that we have a new web site? <http://www.stpetersplantcity.com>

Sunday Services

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Choral Eucharist
with Nursery

Parish Administration

Supply Priest: The Rev. Barry Kubler
Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean
Treasurer: Mike Booher
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Alice Steinke
Asst. Treasurer: Betty Roney

Christian Formation

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones
Sunday School: Tammy & Fred Johnson
Cindy Gutowski
Children's Chapel:
Nursery Worker: Darlene Nelson

Christian Formation

Wednesdays

12:10pm Healing Eucharist
5:30pm Engage Café & Program

Vestry

Senior Warden: Mark Hamilton
Junior Warden: Mark Conner
Clerk: Margaret Parrish
Toni Nettles
Bruce Nichols
Ron Everett
Chris Bender
Cynthia Crumpton
Frankie Wilson

Worship

Acolytes: Erick Corryn
Altar Guild: Cindy Davidson
Chalice Bears/Lectors: Erick Corryn
Ushers: Glenn Mathias

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm