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Inviting to Believe + Inviting to Grow

Inviting to Serve

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Weekly Events

Sunday

Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Pioneer Clubs (during school year) 4:30 p.m.
Youth 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Sisters in Christ Ladies Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
(During school year)
Bell Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Service of Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Bible Study 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Men's Christian Conversation 6:30 a.m.
Praise & Worship Music 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Events

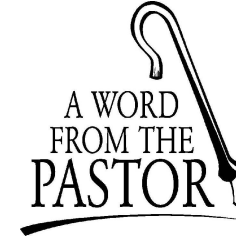
2nd Sunday Breakfast 2nd Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Women of the Church 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Men 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's UMC 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen

ST. PETER'S POST

Mission Statement: St. Peter's United Methodist Church exists to offer the love of God through Jesus Christ by inviting others, with us, to believe in Christ, to grow in Christ, and to serve Christ.

Vision Statement: The vision of St. Peter's United Methodist Church is to witness to the Kingdom of God by: guiding unbelievers toward Jesus Christ, nurturing believers to grow in grace and to become faithful members of Christ's Body the Church, and equipping church members to achieve joyful discipleship in our Lord.

September 2015



"Come to the Water"

Following Jesus involves taking risks. I don't mean anything like walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls, investing in the stock market, or mortgaging your home to start your own business. All of these have already been done by others, and we can look to them to see how to replicate their accomplishments. The risks a Christian faces involve stepping out in faith into uncharted waters. Being a Christian means doing what has not been done before, while trusting Jesus to enable you to make it happen. In Acts 2, Simon Peter preaches the good news of Jesus Christ to a crowd at Pentecost. Just a few weeks earlier, on the night of Jesus' arrest, this same Simon Peter was afraid to admit to anyone that he knew Jesus, and now he's preaching to a crowd! These are uncharted waters for this fisherman! But because he is empowered by the Holy Spirit, his efforts result in the saving of close to 3000 persons on that day.

Prior to the day of Pentecost, the disciples met behind closed doors for fear of what people might say or do. Now they have left the safety of their sealed rooms and entered the public square, where they share the message of Jesus Christ out in the real world.

Saturday, September 19, will be a Pentecost moment for our church family. That day, our Outreach Committee is sponsoring **"Come to the Water,"** a community celebration at Jaycee Park on the waterfront in Morehead City. Between 5 and 7 p.m., we will step out in faith as we share the love of Jesus Christ in public for the entire Crystal Coast community to see! We will leave the safety of our church sanctuary, and venture out into the real world where the people are who need to hear about Jesus.

We have held successful outreach events in the past here at the church. But this one is different: we are taking a risk by witnessing in the public square instead of here at St. Peter's. How exciting is that?! We are venturing into uncharted waters, and it's going to be amazing! That is, IF we trust in the Lord to empower us to do what we haven't done before and could not do on our own.

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PLEASE make plans to be there that day! Let's show people that we are a loving community of people – a community created by and strengthened through the love of Jesus Christ. We want folks to understand that the life we have received is available to any and all who are willing to follow Jesus, but they won't see that unless someone makes it clear to them. That's why we're holding this event. If you want to sing, or share a testimony that day, call the church office to get on the program. On the other hand, if you have stage fright, you can still come out and be part of our welcoming presence that day. If you can smile and extend a hand of welcome to a stranger, then you can help make this event a huge Kingdom success! We want the world to see what Christ-centered life in community looks like! (When you come, please wear your blue St. Peter's T-shirt so people will know you're part of our family.)

Does being a part of St. Peter's make a big difference in your life? If so, then come to Jaycee Park and let others know! Who knows how many might be added to the number of believers THAT day?

See you in church! (AND at "Come to the Water!")

Pastor Karl

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is on Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. at First UMC in Morehead City. Administrative Council members are voting members of Charge Conference. Others are welcome to attend as well.

If you grew up around the water, like I did, and loved to go fishing, you know the excitement that comes along with it. The suspense, not knowing if you will catch anything, who will catch the most or biggest one, what kind, etc., is just thrilling. Even if you don't catch anything, fishing is always fun. Just being out and enjoying God's beautiful creation is always awesome! Catching fish is just icing on the cake!

We know the stories from the Bible about fishermen and all that took place on or by the sea. Jesus was really the first fisherman. He went down to the water where there were men fishing. He said, "Come, Follow Me". It was then and there, he called those fisherman to a life of discipleship. So, we too are called. Our life of discipleship includes continuing to tell these stories and our story.

Our "Come to the Water" event on Saturday, September 19, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., on the Morehead City waterfront, will be a great opportunity to do just that! This will be an amazing time of Christian music, testimony, preaching, and fellowship. How much greater should our excitement be, as we look forward to the possibility of being a part of changing someone's life for eternity?

I hope you will invite others to "Come to the Water," where we will share the love of Christ and St. Peter's Church. Your prayers and participation are greatly appreciated. May it all be for the kingdom's glory!

In Christ,
Sonia Lewis
Outreach Committee

Members/Friends at Home

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| Sylvia Brown | Harborview Healthcare Center - 812 Shepard Street Morehead City, NC 28557 | 648-8566 |
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UNITED METHODIST MEN

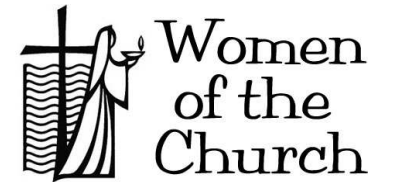
The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish dinner. All men are encouraged and invited to attend!

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St. Peter's serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen on Saturday, September 26. If you can help in any way, sign up in the narthex. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

August Menu: Baked spaghetti, Italian beans, rolls, and dessert.



The Women of the Church invite all ladies to take part in a new Bible study, beginning Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. The featured Bible study, "Israel's Mission, Becoming A Kingdom of Priests In A Prodigal World," is a five-lesson DVD series and is filmed on location in the Middle East. Ray Vander Laan will guide us through the lands of the Bible, and challenge us to discover greater meaning for our lives, by fulfilling our God-given mission.

Ladies, please come and discover the mission that can give your life, and the lives of those around you, greater meaning than you ever imagined.

Refreshments and fellowship will also be enjoyed that evening.

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE ANNUAL**



Activities Include:

Softball, games, and fun.

Please Bring:

A favorite side dish or dessert, chips,
1 two liter drink per family,
sports equipment, bug spray,
lawn chairs, etc.

Provided:

Hamburgers, hotdogs, fixings, ice,
and paper supplies.

Invite a friend to come with you!

(Rain Date: October 11)

**SISTERS IN CHRIST
LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies, Sisters in Christ, formerly Christ's Crafters, the daytime Women's Bible Study Group, will meet each Tuesday during the school year. We will gather in the kitchen between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. for fellowship with coffee and refreshments before beginning our study and meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Meetings are over at 11:00 a.m. Please join us as we develop a closer relationship with Christ and a deeper Christ-like love for each other.

Sisters in Christ will continue the study of "Twelve Ordinary Men," a book written by John MacArthur that brings us face to face with the disciples as we've never seen them before. We walk in their shoes and learn to understand their doubts and hopes. If Christ can accomplish His purposes through the lives of common men like these, imagine what He has in store for us!

If you are interested in being a part of a Bible Study Group, having Christian fellowship with other ladies, sharing joys and concerns in prayer, and serving the Lord through various ministries, please join us on Tuesday mornings during the school year, with the exception of school holidays and teacher workdays. You will be glad you did and so will we, the current members of Sisters in Christ! All ladies are welcome!

TITHING CHALLENGE

On July 26, Pastor Karl presented the church with a challenge to try tithing for three months. If you've not yet undertaken this step in faith, it's not too late to do so!

Undertaking this spiritual discipline of biblical giving will contribute to our sanctification, as our self-reliance decreases and our reliance on God increases. We can profess trust in God's promise to provide for our needs, but until we offer control of our finances to God, we have not shown that trust. Through tithing, we cultivate a more generous and God-centered heart as, in faith, we return to God what God has entrusted to us. Let's commit together to tithing so that, as a community, we can see money as God sees it: a means by which we can share the love of Christ with the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Classes are available for all ages (including four adult classes!!). Sunday School is a great way to study God's Word – and also a great way to meet new people and make new friends! Please join us!!

**PIONEER CLUBS BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 13, 2015**

Club Motto: "Christ in Every Aspect of Life."

Pioneer Clubs is designed to bring children into a lifelong relationship with Jesus. Weekly meetings provide a way for kids to have fun while studying the Bible, memorizing Scripture, learning new skills, playing games, building lasting relationships, and ultimately learning to make Christ Lord in every aspect of life. Please come out and join us for this fun-filled adventure as we embrace God's Word together!

Where: St. Peter's United Methodist Church
111 Hodges Street, Morehead City

When: Sunday Evenings – 4:30-6:00 p.m.
(Please note the new time!)

Who: All Children through 6th grade

Registration forms are available in the narthex. Register your children today!

If you are interested in seeing how you can serve in Pioneer Clubs this year, please contact C.J. Henninger at 725-1770.

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Paul T. Stallsworth
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Covered-Dish Luncheon: 12:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars now!

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Karl's weekly Bible Study will resume on Thursday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



LAY SERVANT (SPEAKER) CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Servant (Speaker)? Lay Servant Ministries will be offering two classes: "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course" and "United Methodist History." The classes will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 6, 2016 at St James UMC, 2000 East 6th Street, Greenville, NC. The cost is \$15 which includes snacks and lunch. Registration ends on February 1.

Another class, "You Can Preach!", will be offered from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on November 14, 2015 at Hickory Grove UMC, 3880 Kennedy Home Road, LaGrange, NC. Cost is \$15.00 which includes snacks and lunch. Registration ends November 7.

For more information, or to register, go to the Sound District website: www.sounddistrictnc.org, and search for "Lay Servant."

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UNITED METHODIST MEN CHALLENGE ALL THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Thanks to all who have given so far in the campaign to collect food for the needy of Carteret County.

All the women and men of St. Peter's are invited to join in the competition and bring your nonperishable food items to the collection area in the Narthex all year long. Be sure to note on the collection sheets how many items you brought for the women or the men.

We look forward to continuing this spirited competition throughout 2015.



Ocracoke

The Youth will be planning a day-trip to Ocracoke sometime at the end of September. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Corn Maze

At 3:00 p.m. on October 12, the Youth will be going to the Corn Maze in Newport. Cost is \$8 per person.

Youth Pilgrimage!!

Pilgrimage is a weekend event that takes place on November 13-15, for youth in grades 6-12, in Fayetteville. At Pilgrimage, youth and adult advisors are challenged to a new or deeper faith in Jesus Christ. It is a time and place to discover that faith and discipleship can be fun! This year's guest speaker will be Bob Goff. If you would like to attend, please contact Shannon Banks (726-0258). For more information, go to www.nccpilgrimage.org.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

Samaritan's Purse is again collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts to give to needy children in desperate situations around the world. The boxes will be collected at St. Peter's Church. More information will be available in the Narthex soon.

A Song for St. Peter's by Pastor Karl

(sung to the tune of "Gilligan's Island")

Just sit right back and hear a tale
of a church on the crystal coast
where people worship God the Father
Son and Holy Ghost

St. Peter's is the church's name,
it's a very special place
where you will find the love of God
and a smile on each face

The people are a family
bound together by God's love
And every Sunday morning
we praise the Lord above

The music in our worship time
brings such an air of peace,
we need to thank the choirs, bells,
Chrissy, Shannon, and Denise

The anthems every Sunday
can cast a holy spell
But sometimes at rehearsals,
you might hear Arnold yell!

Our youth group has a ton of fun
while learning lots of stuff
and each week when we feed them,
we pray we have enough

The secretary of our church
is such a Steelers fan
and you will always see her with
A Dr. Pepper in her hand

I hear they have a pastor who
is now in his third year -
who sometimes stomps on people's toes
telling what they need to hear

But who ever heard of a pastor
preach a sermon that included
Gilligan? The Skipper too,
the millionaire and his wife...
It seems quite odd,
when teaching us about God -
he'd use Gilligan's Isle!

So this is our church family
we share laughter, joy and tears,
and I pray I'll be appointed here
for years and years and years!

I'm glad you came to our talent show,
I pray you're having fun
I hope you'll join us every week
to worship God's own Son!

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN VERSE

Above all else love God alone;
Bow down to neither wood nor stone.
God's name refuse to take in vain;
The Sabbath rest with care maintain.
Respect your parents all your days;
Hold sacred human life always.
Be loyal to your chosen mate;
Steal nothing, neither small nor great.
Report, with truth, your neighbor's deed;
And rid your mind of selfish greed.

Elton Trueblood, *Foundations for Reconstruction*
(New York: Harper & Brothers, 1946), 10.