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### Weekly Events

#### Sunday

Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Teen Choir 4:00 p.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

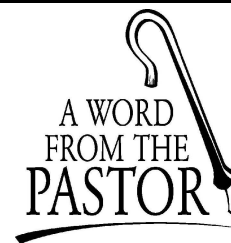
Emmaus Reunion Group 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Women of the Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Men 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Peter's UMC Serves at Hope Mission  
Soup Kitchen 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

# 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.

October 2015



### LIVING OR EXISTING?

From October 2011 through January 2012 I was involved in a program called "Courage to Serve." This program, sponsored by Leadership Education at Duke University, was a series of five spiritual retreats at the St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC. The program was designed to help participating clergy come to a better understanding of self, thus enabling them to be more effective servant leaders. The sessions were at times painful for me as I had to face and deal with self-doubts, insecurities, and issues of self-esteem that had plagued me for most of my life. While I was attending, I was also in a time of struggle regarding whether or not I should ask to be moved from my current pastoral appointment. Needless to say, the experience of Courage to Serve was both gut wrenching and invigorating, and I left with a much greater love for the "me" that God had created.

As one of our closing exercises, we were asked to write a personal manifesto. The word "manifesto" might carry some negative connotations thanks to names like Ted Kaczynski, Karl Marx, and Friedrich Engels; however, Webster defines the term as "a written statement declaring publicly the intentions, motives, or views of its issuer." So I can assure you that there is nothing negative about what my brothers and sisters and I composed that cold January morning. In hopes that perhaps my words might inspire someone to view their own life through new eyes, I now share what I wrote following sixteen months of introspection under the guidance of the Holy Spirit:

*"Love yourself as a creation of God. Be a team player who follows the Right Rules. Do not hide. Do not cower. Leap tall buildings in a single bound. Court your God-given helpmate. Never stop planting Sequoias - trust the soil and the process. Never, ever give up.*

*"Seek out and utilize your gifts - make time to use them. Draw, laugh, and love on the Sabbath that you observe and deserve. Say "No" when you mean it, and when you need to. Love, respect and nurture your family. Praise your children every day - give them all that you never had. Become intimate with the [Church] Mice - let them run free! Cherish time. Love the Lord, [love] and care for the church. Read/know/breathe the Scriptures. Do no harm, do all the good you can, stay in love with God.*  
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*"Keep them guessing. Rest. Live more than exist. Allow dreams to become goals. Love and accept the baby steps. Share laughter with the world. Be the piece of the puzzle that doesn't fit, yet leave the audience and leap onto the stage. Star in your own life... and stop trying to be loved."*



**NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Covered-Dish Dinner

Guest Pastor: Rev. Paul T. Stallsworth

A covered-dish dinner (please bring enough to share) will follow the Service of Worship. What a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to come with you!

Please remember: There will be only **one Service of Worship** on Homecoming Sunday! Please join us!

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Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1 (Homecoming Sunday).

What might your manifesto be? What are your intentions and views that you wish for the world to know? God's intentions are for you to love Him, and love others as yourself, and to live a life worthy of your calling. God has great plans for you and your life! Are you living that life? Or just existing? Remember, time is a non-renewable resource - make the most of every moment! This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

See you in church!

Pastor Karl

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**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 He 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.

**Members/Friends at Home**

Lucille Bell	Crystal Bluffs - 4010 Bridges Street/Morehead City, NC 28557	240-2409
Sylvia Brown	Harborview Healthcare Center - 812 Shepard Street Morehead City, NC 28557	648-8566
Sherri Glancy	Water Oak Manor/3407 Oaks Road/P.O. Box 1189 New Bern, NC 28563	252-633-1143
Una Jackson	351 W. Southwinds Drive/Newport, NC 28570	247-2397
Ruth Martin	Pacifica Senior Living/2744 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Box 103 Wilmington, NC 28412	910-397-8660
Dorothy Shaw	303 Barbour Road, #1301/Morehead City, NC 28557	808-3493
Jean Temple	104 Quail Run/Newport, NC 28570	726-1923



The Women of the Church invite all ladies to their monthly meeting on Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. We will continue with Lesson Two of the Bible study, "Israel's Mission, Becoming A Kingdom of Priests In A Prodigal World," a five-lesson DVD series filmed on location in the Middle East. Ray Vander Laan is guiding us through the lands of the Bible, and challenges 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.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish dinner. All men are encouraged and invited to attend!

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Sisters in Christ, a daytime Women's Bible Study Group, meets each Tuesday during the school year. We will gather in the kitchen between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and refreshments before beginning our study and meeting at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!



### Corn Maze

The Youth will be going to the Corn Maze in Newport. Cost is \$8 per person. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.

### 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](http://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 until November 15. More information is available in the Narthex.

### PIONEER CLUB NEWS

Pioneer Clubs will not meet on Sunday, October 11, due to the Annual Church Picnic at Swinson Park.

Hayride & Pumpkin Patch: October 18.

Trunk-or-Treat: October 25. Pioneer Clubs will begin at 4:30 p.m. Following the Club meeting (6:00 p.m.), you are invited to join us for "Trunk-or-Treat" in the church parking lot. Non-scary costumes are welcome.

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St. Peter's serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen on Saturday, October 24. If you can help in any way, sign up in the narthex.

October Menu: Meat Loaf, Boiled Cabbage & Potatoes, Applesauce, Rolls & Dessert.

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Our study continues...

### GOSPEL OF MARK

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. Bring a sack-lunch if you come to the morning class.

Saturday, October 17, 6-8pm



Enjoy some hot pasta and help us keep kool!

Unanticipated air conditioning repairs this year have cost our church almost \$8,000 more than was budgeted for maintenance. This is a big reason that we have spent about \$11,000 more than our revenue so far this year. The Finance Committee is calling on everyone to step up to the plate and help address this deficit by giving as you can to "Keeping Kool at St. Peter's."

Join us on Saturday, October 17, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an evening of hot pasta, cold drinks, warm fellowship and special entertainment from Rodney Kemp, Carteret County storyteller. While there is no charge for the dinner, we invite you to give as you are able to help us cover the deficit in our budget, so that we can continue "keeping kool" at St. Peter's. Sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Please come, even if you are not able to give.

Please note on your checks that they are for Keeping Kool. You may give anytime from now until November 1.

### Church Mice



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### 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!

(In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at the church.)

Karl Zorowski

