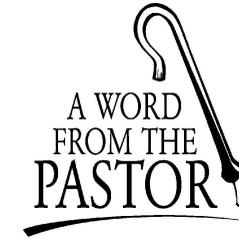


# ST. PETER'S POST

**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.

January/February 2016



## HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU?

On New Year's Eve, several of the faithful gathered here at St. Peter's for a service of Covenant Renewal and Holy Communion. The Scripture lesson was 2 Kings 23:1-3, in which we read of King Josiah leading the people to recommit their lives to God's covenant. Josiah commanded that all traces of idol worship be removed from the land, and that all worship of God be brought back to the Temple in Jerusalem. God's people had become sloppy in their worship and in their relationship with God. Josiah, as a good leader, realized that the people needed desperately to get back on track.

To make this happen, Josiah turned to the Scriptures. All the people gathered at the Temple, and the king opened the book of the Law and began to read it aloud. There, in front of all the people, their leader made a recommitment to live his life in obedience to God's Law. He admitted he had not always done his best, and pledged to do all he could to obey the Law from this point forward. In response, all the people pledged to do the same.

Like the people in Josiah's day, we can get sloppy in our relationship with God. Maybe we decided at some point that every morning we would wake up early, read some Scripture, and spend time in prayer. But then one day we oversleep, the next day we have to get to the office early, and before we know it, a week has passed since we had our morning time of Word and prayer. It's easy to fall out of holy habits.

The start of a new year is a great time to step back, and see where we need to do better. People are quick to make resolutions to lose weight, quit smoking and exercise more - all of which have a positive impact on our physical health - but what about our Spiritual health? How many resolutions have you made this year that focus on improving your walk with the Lord? We all need to do better!

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## A Few Servant Leaders

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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.  
Teen Choir 5:00 p.m.  
Youth 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Sisters in Christ Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 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.

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As your servant leader, I pledge to do all I can to do better this year, and I challenge you to do the same. We must recommit our lives to the Lord, and then follow through on that commitment to the best of our ability. Commit to spending time in the Scriptures each day. Get involved in a Sunday School class. Come and be a part of the United Methodist Men, or the Women of the Church, or the Sisters in Christ, or the choir, or one of the many other activities available at St. Peter's. We have a place for you!

If you're not sure where to begin, here's a simple suggestion: come to church this Sunday for worship. Then, commit to coming to church EVERY Sunday for worship. As your pastor, I would love to see you involved in more than just Sunday morning worship, but as your brother in Christ, it breaks my heart when you're not here for worship. Every week we gather for this wonderful family celebration of what God has done for us: Jesus died for our sins so we could be one with God, and one with each other. God has made us a family so we can live and worship as a family - and our family gathering is not complete when you're not here.

I understand we all have commitments in our lives. But our commitment to God and His Church needs to be our top priority. Sunday morning is an amazing time here at St. Peter's - we come in from the world as individuals, gather as a family, remember what God has done for us, experience the presence of the risen Christ, and are sent out into the world as His body. It's an experience like no other. Make a commitment to be a part of it!

The Lord is totally committed to the relationship He shares with you. How committed are you?

See you in church!  
Pastor Karl

## PASTOR KARL'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Karl's Mid-Week Bible Study meets each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Revelation. Often misunderstood, this last book of the Bible is a wonderful example of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Apocalyptic writing, and it offers a message of eternal hope for those of us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Please join us as we journey together in God's Word. Morning class – bring a sack lunch!

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**On Sunday, January 31, there will be only one Service of Worship.** Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m.

Jeff D'Jernes, a missionary we support with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be here. Jeff and his wife, Sissie, helped translate the Bible to the Arop-Lokep language in Papua, New Guinea.

Please bring a covered-dish for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

Later that evening, at 6:30 p.m., you are invited to come back to the church to hear a presentation given by Jeff and Sissie about their work as Bible Translators.

Please come and invite a friend to come with you!

## Members/Friends at Home

Sylvia Brown	Harborview Healthcare Center - 812 Shepard Street Morehead City, NC 28557	648-8566
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Una Jackson	351 W. Southwinds Drive/Newport, NC 28570	247-2397
Dorothy Shaw	303 Barbour Road, #1301/Morehead City, NC 28557	808-3493
Jean Temple	Croatan Ridge Nursing & Rehab Center, 210 Foxhall Road/Newport, NC 28570	



December was a very joyous time for Sisters in Christ. We presented a quilt that some of our ladies made for Jaimie Palmer's baby girl expected to arrive this summer after they return to Alaska. It is always a blessing to celebrate a birth.

Then, on December 15, we enjoyed a Christmas covered-dish luncheon together with no good taste left out (trust me on this). After the meal, we shared personal mementos from our past (family recipes, old ornaments, pictures, etc.). Pastor Karl then led us in a time of devotion. Everyone had a wonderful time.

We plan to start off the New Year gathering items for 2016 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. Each month we will feature a different item. The congregation is welcome to participate. January's items are gloves, mittens, socks, and scarves.

Sisters in Christ meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Join us as we begin a new study on the book, "Twelve Extraordinary Women." All women are invited.

## Operation Christmas Child List

Sisters in Christ is organizing a monthly collection for Operation Christmas Child. We are hoping that you will be able to help us in this year-long endeavor.

Please place only the type of items listed for that month in the bin. Thanks for your help!

January: socks, gloves, mittens, scarves;

February: hairbrushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, & compact mirrors;

March: small stuffed animals;

April: costume jewelry, belts, clothing, flip flops or shoes;

May: musical instruments, harmonicas, flute or recorder, whistles;

June: small toy hot wheels, yo-yos, small dolls, balls, & plastic tea set;

July: colored pencils with sharpener, crayons, coloring books, notebooks, journals;

August: washcloths and soap;

September: toothbrush and toothpaste;

October: hard candy, tootsie rolls, bubble gum;

November: \$7 donation;

December: Prayer!

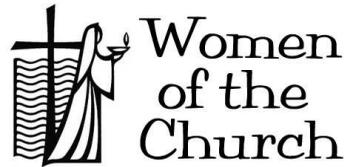
## PIONEER CLUB NEWS

On February 7, everyone is asked to wear clothing with your favorite sports team.

A Glow-Night will take place on February 21. Wear anything that glows (necklaces, clothing, bracelets, etc.).

Pioneer Clubs, which meet on Sundays from 4:30-6:00 p.m., is designed to bring children (age 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) into a lifelong relationship with Jesus. Please come out and join us as we embrace God's Word together!

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The Women of the Church will meet on Monday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. We will finish with our study, "Israel's Mission – Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World." Refreshments will be served. All women are invited to attend!

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February 6: Compassion Experience. This free event (in Jacksonville) features an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets and schools — without getting on a plane. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope. More information to come!

February 13: Valentine Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

February 27: Help with the Soup Kitchen.

## LAY SERVANT CLASSES

Lay Servant Ministries will be offering classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 6 at St. James UMC, 2000 East 6th Street, Greenville. Cost is \$15 which includes snacks and lunch. Registration ends February 1.

### Basic Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course (\*required for certified Lay Servant/Speaker)

This foundation class is open to anyone who would like to learn the most essential and fundamental information about being a United Methodist. The class will be taught by Jackie Attaway and Bobby Meadows.

After registering, please order the required text – "Lay Servant Ministries Participant's Book," by Brian and Sandy Jackson, and read prior to the class. For questions, please contact Jackie Attaway at [jattaway@ec.rr.com](mailto:jattaway@ec.rr.com).

### United Methodist History (\*required for certified Lay Speaker)

This class is open to anyone who would like to learn the history of the United Methodist Church. The class will be taught by Belton Joyner.

After registering, please order the required text – "The United Methodist Way - Living Our Beliefs," by Kenneth L. Carder, and read prior to the class. For questions, please contact Roxie Cauley at [roxiemc51@yahoo.com](mailto:roxiemc51@yahoo.com).

To register, go to [www.sounddistrictnc.org](http://www.sounddistrictnc.org) and click on the Lay Servant Ministries link.

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## SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Second Sunday Breakfast fellowship time so enjoyable this past year! We look forward to enjoying this time together in the coming year. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for 2016. Please check with your Sunday School class or small group ministry and sign up as you are able. Thanks again!



The Ash Wednesday Service of Worship will be on Wednesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday is a time to recognize both our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. Thanks be to God that Christ has triumphed over both of these through His death and resurrection!

## DID YOU KNOW?

In A.D. 321, Emperor Constantine, by royal edict, proclaimed Sunday a special day of worship in the Roman world. There has not been a single Sunday, from the day of Christ's resurrection until this one, in which the Church of Jesus Christ, somewhere in the world, has failed to meet. It's an unbroken chain.

Join us at St. Peter's as we continue this sacred tradition. Come to church!

## Church Mice



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## Valentine Senior Prom

Escape the cold dreariness of winter with a warm trip down memory lane when you come to the St. Peter's "Senior" Prom! We cannot transport you back to the crepe paper decorations of the high school gym, but maybe we can bring back some memories of a night long ago.

The St. Peter's Youth invite you to their special Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m.

(Gentlemen, tuxedos aren't necessary, but be sure to dress up to impress your date – after all, it is prom night!)

Please sign up in the Narthex. There is no cost to attend, however any donations received will go to support the youth. Thanks!



Karl Zorowski