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Inviting to Believe + Inviting to Grow

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Weekly Events

Sunday
Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Teen Choir 4:30 p.m.
Pioneer Clubs (during school year) 5:00 p.m.
Youth 5:00 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

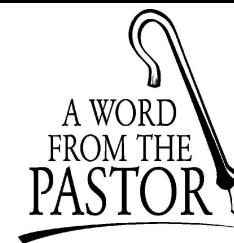
Emmaus Reunion Group 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Sunday Breakfast 2nd Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Women of the Church 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Men 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's UMC Serves at Hope Mission
Soup Kitchen 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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.

March 2016



THE THREE GREAT DAYS

Following our Scripture lesson most Sunday mornings, the people of St. Peter's stand and profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. When we do, we state the core of our beliefs as the Church, among them that Jesus was crucified, that he died, that he was buried, and that on the third day he rose again from the dead. The death and resurrection of Jesus is key to our faith as Christians. The crucifixion of Jesus is a historical fact. He was really executed. The death of Jesus is a historical fact. He really died. The resurrection is a historical fact. The tomb where Jesus was buried really was empty because Jesus was alive and no longer had any reason to be there. As Christians, we believe that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sins, and was raised to open the door to eternal life for all who believe.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday and running through Holy Week, we have been in the season of Lent, as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. This Lenten season, a time of repentance and renewed spiritual discipline, concludes with what is known as the "Great Three Days" (sometimes referred to as the Triduum or Pasch). This three-day observance begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday and ends at sundown Easter Sunday, and marks the climax of Lent and the transition into the Easter Season.

In the late fourth century, Egeria, a pilgrim to Jerusalem, recorded all the customs and practices of Christians there during Holy Week. Among them were the observation of fasting, prayer, and silence, during the "Great Three Days." These practices have come to be known as the Great Fast, Great Silence, and Great Prayer. I invite you, in this same tradition, to consider approaching Easter this year by undertaking one or more of these ancient disciplines:

1. **The Great Fast:** a time of fasting that begins after communion on Maundy Thursday and ends with communion after sunset on Saturday. Based on the Jewish custom that the day begins at sunset and not at midnight, the Easter Season arrives at sundown Saturday. It is appropriate, therefore, to begin a celebration of Easter with Table fellowship any time after sunset on that day. We will gather in the sanctuary to end the fast with a prayer of confession and communion at 8:00 p.m., Saturday of Holy Week. (See next page)



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2. The Great Silence: an observation of holy silence, broken only by participation in worship and conversation that is essential to daily life. This discipline would also be undertaken from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until either communion after sunset Saturday, or Sunday morning.

3. The Great Prayer: a round-the-clock prayer vigil from Maundy Thursday until the Easter sunrise service. A sign-up sheet will be made available in the Narthex if you wish to be a part of a continuous silent intercession for these three days.

While participation in any of these practices is optional, I do believe that undertaking any of them will result in spiritual growth. Will they be easy for you? No, but neither was what Christ did for us; He gave His life so that we could have new life, and have it abundantly.

My prayer is that for each of us, Holy Week and Easter will be a time of renewed joy and rebirth as we celebrate together the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

See you in church!
Pastor Karl

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JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

At St. Peter's, we will gather on Maundy Thursday for worship in the sanctuary, and we will hold our annual procession of the cross on Good Friday. We will hold a sunrise service on Easter morning in Mitchell Village Park, followed by a breakfast in the yard of the parsonage. And of course, we will gather in the sanctuary for worship to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen. In actuality, these events are all part of one great unified service from Maundy Thursday through Easter as the people of God gather to remember, retell, and celebrate what God has done. Please join us!



**PALM SUNDAY
SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

March 20, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Our Service of Worship celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of the last week before His crucifixion.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

March 23, 6:00 p.m.

We will gather for our weekly Service of Holy Communion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24, 7:00 p.m.

We gather on this night to remember Jesus' last meal with His disciples and His gift of Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 6:00 p.m.

We glimpse the death and burial of Jesus as we hold our annual procession of the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

March 26, 8:00 p.m.

We gather for confession and communion.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

March 27, 6:30 a.m., Mitchell Village Park

A service of praise and proclamation at water's edge.

Following the service, a light breakfast will be offered in the parsonage yard.

(In case of rain, both the Sunrise Service and breakfast will be moved to St. Peter's Church.)

**EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

March 27, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

With joy, we enter into the grace and glory of our Lord's resurrection.

Members/Friends at Home

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	103 Hideaway Court/Cedar Point, NC 28584	
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	



Sisters in Christ will be collecting small stuffed toys for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes during the month of March. For those who would like to donate, please place your items in the box in the Narthex (next to the food box). Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with children and their families across the world.

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

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A World Day of Prayer worship service will take place at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 208 N 13th Street, Morehead City, on Friday, March 4, at 12:00 noon. The host country for this year is Cuba. Bring a bag lunch. Desserts will be provided.

**Billy Graham
Exhibit**

"A Special Exhibit, North Carolina's Favorite Son, Billy Graham and His Remarkable Journey of Faith," is currently on display, through July 10, 2016, at the N.C. Museum of History, in Raleigh.

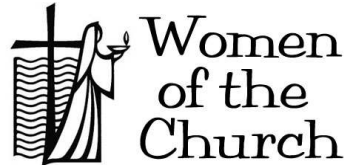
The 5,000 sq. ft. exhibit portrays how a Charlotte dairy farmer's son became a worldwide ambassador of God's love to the world. The exhibit also explores Billy Graham's extraordinary life and ministry through interactive displays, compelling multimedia, and memorabilia.

If you and your family are interested in going to Raleigh to experience Billy Graham's remarkable journey, please sign up in the Narthex. A Saturday date will be set soon for the day trip. More information about the exhibit may be found at www.ncmuseumofhistory.org.

The Outreach Committee meets on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW TIME!!

Beginning March 6, both Pioneer Clubs and Youth will meet at 5:00 p.m. The Teen Choir will meet at 4:30 p.m.



All ladies are invited to join the Women of the Church for an Easter Singing & Visitation on Monday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. The group will be visiting the residents of Croatan Ridge in Newport to share, through the singing of hymns and choruses, the joy found in the miracle of Easter. Plans also include dinner at Chick-fil-A following the visitation. Ladies, plan now to take part as we rejoice together in God's Easter blessings. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

A new Bible study, "A Lineage of Grace," by Francine Rivers, will be offered to all ladies beginning on April 18, at 7:00 p.m. The five month study will be led by Patti Brown and will cover the stories of five women in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary were Eastern women who lived in ancient times, however, the study will help us to see how their stories apply to our lives and the difficult issues we face in our world today.

Books are not required to take part, but for those who would like one, they will be ordered on March 22 and are \$10 each. All ladies are encouraged to join in the study of these five unlikely women who changed eternity. Please contact Sonia Lewis for more information or if you would like to order a book.

"FOOD FOR THE NEEDY" CHALLENGE DINNER

On Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., the United Methodist Men (Fishermen of St. Peter's) will host a dinner in honor of The Women of the Church and Sisters in Christ for their achievement in collecting 1,835 food items in 2015 for use by Martha's Mission in feeding the needy of the community.

As many others in the church, women and men, contributed food to this campaign, it is our pleasure to invite all of St. Peter's to this dinner, and we will use it as an opportunity to further this worthwhile food collection that continues into 2016.

Our menu that evening will be intentionally limited (but good) to soup, slaw, french bread, and a dessert. The Fishermen plan to give the monies that we would have spent for a more elaborate dinner, to Martha's Mission to further their work.

We ask that those that wish, to either bring a non-perishable food item to the dinner, or a financial gift that will be delivered to Martha's Mission as well.

Our program for the evening will be Lt. Rolland Lewis of the Salvation Army who will acquaint us with their work and let us know what activities are available for those that may want to volunteer in the future.

Please sign up in the Narthex so that we know how many to prepare for, and plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fellowship and sharing.

United Methodist Men of St. Peter's

You are invited to a Baby Shower for Chrissy Hanna on Sunday, March 13, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Join us as we prepare to welcome this little girl!!

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 1st Century Apocalyptic writing, and it offers a message of eternal hope for those of us in the 21st Century. Please join us as we journey together in God's Word. Morning class – bring a sack lunch!



Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.

You Are Invited!!

**Coastal Pregnancy Care Center
Annual Fundraising Event
Thursday, March 10
6:00 p.m.
Crystal Coast Civic Center**

You are cordially invited to hear life-inspiring testimonies and celebrate what God has done this past year. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Guest speaker will be David Wilkinson, president and CEO of The Global Equipping Center of Chicago, IL. David is a renowned speaker and consultant in the areas of government, business, church, and ministry fields.

Contact CPCC at cpcccenter@hotmail.com or 247-2273, to reserve a place.

More information is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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2015 ST. PETER'S UMC FINANCIAL REPORT

A summary of the financial performance of the members St. Peter's is shown below and is compared with previous years. We were able again to finish on a positive note with slightly more income than expenses. It was necessary to have two special offerings during the year which provided \$12,400 to fund extraordinary air conditioning maintenance expenses.

BUDGET VS ACTUAL

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess</u>
2013	\$303,329	\$282,826	\$281,577	\$1,249
2014	\$296,090	\$290,817	\$289,749	\$1,068
2015	\$299,356	\$298,732	\$296,279	\$2,453
2016	\$304,400			

Bank Balance at the end of 2015 = \$73,500 (Unrestricted)

Mortgage Reduction in 2015 = \$43,338

Mortgage Balance at the end of 2015 = \$121,740

PLEDGES AND GIVING

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Pledgers</u>	<u>Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Pledgers Gave</u>	<u>Total Given</u>	<u>Pledgers % of Total Given</u>
2013	33	\$149,794	\$159,276	\$282,826	56%
2014	36	\$190,196	\$202,316	\$290,817	70%
2015	45	\$212,956	\$202,948	\$298,732	68%
2016	43	\$212,520			

Thank you for your continued contributions and support of the ministries of St. Peter's United Methodist Church.
 -The Finance Committee