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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.
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 (During school year)	9:30 a.m.
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.
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Friday

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

Monthly Events

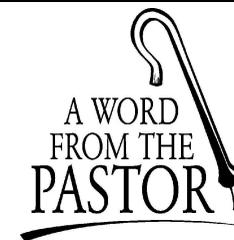
Emmaus Reunion Group	1 st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
2 nd Sunday Breakfast	2 nd Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Women of the Church	3 rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Men	3 rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's UMC Serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen	4 th Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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.

July 2016



Evidence of the Spirit

As of the writing of this article, it has been three years since my family and I drove into Morehead City in a Ryder truck filled to overflowing with our belongings. When we pulled up to the parsonage, we were greeted by a large welcoming committee of St. Peter's folks eager both to unload our voluminous collection of furniture and overstuffed boxes, and to make us feel at home here. The hospitality we experienced that day was unlike any I have ever seen. We were impressed with the love you folks had for us even before we began living as part of the St. Peter's family. I thank you for welcoming me and my family with such open arms.

So, where are we as a faith community three years later? What have we - as a church - accomplished together? I could list accomplishments in terms of events like the Christmas Parade, Trunk or Treat, Fellowship Meals, Veterans Day Services, and our Come to the Water Event last September. I could point towards our weekly Bible studies on Paul's writing, the Gospel of Mark, and Revelation, or our Sunday Night series on "Praying Well" and "What We Believe as United Methodists." We could recount our time together in terms of outreach projects such as the Canned Food Drive and "Imagine No Malaria." We could recall the times when we gathered to enjoy fellowship with one another over hotdogs at our church picnic or over a few laughs at our church talent show. We've sent numerous individuals to the Walk to Emmaus, and shepherded countless children through Vacation Bible School. And, of course, there has been a lot of worship: between two services on Sunday mornings and one on Wednesday each week, we have gathered for communal worship on more than 450 occasions, singing songs of praise (both familiar and new), praying together, hearing God's Word proclaimed, and responding to that proclamation. We have also welcomed new believers, and bid farewell to some dear saints. With all of that being said, our time together has certainly been full. And I would be remiss if I forgot to mention that our attendance has shown an increase over the last three years.

All of the items listed above are positive measures of our life together as a church. However, I'm not certain I would call them accomplishments. I would instead refer to them as evidence - evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in this community of believers.

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John Wesley taught that genuine faith is displayed through one's works in response to God's work in his or her life - that is, if we are in a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, then that relationship will result in our doing things like worship, studying Scripture, and reaching out to others. These acts, known as acts of piety, mercy, and justice, are a sure sign the Holy Spirit is at work in the life of an individual. Acts of piety help one grow in faith and love of God, while acts of mercy and justice help one grow in love of neighbor. Thus, as we live our life together in community - worshipping, praying, learning, and reaching out to the needy - our faith increases, which in turn results in more works; these works then contribute to an increased faith, enabling us as we continue onward to Christian perfection, that is, a complete love of God and neighbor.

What have we accomplished over the last three years here at St. Peter's? I think the better question to ask is "What has the Holy Spirit accomplished?" All of our "accomplishments" are evidence of the Holy Spirit at work within our church community. The Spirit directs us, pushes us, pulls us, invites us, entices us, and empowers us to do what we could never do on our own. Every good thing that has happened at, or through, this church is because of the Holy Spirit. God gets ALL the credit, and we receive the blessing of being the hands and feet through which He accomplishes His will. The great love and hospitality for which this church is known is also evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Isn't God amazing? Look what He has done through the people called St. Peter's. My prayer for this church is that the mighty works of the Spirit over our first three years together are but a foretaste of what is to come. To God be the glory!

See you in church!
Pastor Karl

EXPLORING DIFFERENT WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know giving is an act of worship? Not only do your financial gifts help support the ministries of St. Peter's, they express gratitude to God for all that He provides. Each time we give to the church, we return to God a portion of the bounty He has bestowed on us.

Traditionally, giving to the church has happened through the passing of an offering plate on Sunday morning. This longstanding practice is a wonderful opportunity for us to physically place into God's hands our tithes and offerings through either cash or a check.

Nowadays, many churches offer electronic or online giving. A lot of people handle regular monthly payments such as their mortgage or utilities through online means, and the question has been raised whether that option is available for regular giving to St. Peter's. In response to this query, the Finance Committee is exploring ways for people to give in this manner.

Currently, most banks offer an electronic "Bill Pay" service through which the bank automatically sends a check for a preset amount to the customer's mortgage company, utility company, or other lender. This process, which can be set up online, ensures the customer's regular bills are paid on time. "Bill Pay" can be used for making your regular tithe or gift to the church as well. For some, this may appear to make the act of giving too convenient, but others may welcome this method as an aid to a more disciplined practice of giving.

Knowing that some people like the tradition of placing their gift in the plate on Sunday morning, the practice of ushers taking up the offering is not going away. Likewise, considering that others may like to give electronically, the Finance Committee is working to ensure the needs of everyone are being met.

We will continue to explore other means of electronic giving, but in the meantime, whether you give through "Bill Pay" or in the plate, we encourage you to continue your generous financial support of the ministries of St. Peter's.

—The Finance Committee

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	



St. Peter's will be helping Wildwood Presbyterian Church with Family Promise in July. Donations of small bottled water, toilet paper, and paper towels are needed. If you can help, please bring your donations to the church and place them on the bench in the narthex by the Church Office by July 17. Thanks for your help!

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**ROBBIE DANIELS &
PAIGE STALLSWORTH
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Congratulations to Victoria Banks, Robert Clark, Allyson Kerr, and Heather McKeel who were recipients of the Robbie Daniels and Paige Stallsworth Scholarships.



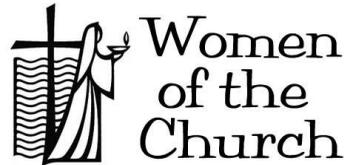
Sisters in Christ held an end-of-the-year covered-dish luncheon with 19 members and three guests in attendance. We all were invited to share a special memory, photo, or memento about "Extraordinary Women" who made a difference in our life. We listened in awe of stories about sisters, friends, mothers, aunts, teachers, and women from every age and vocation. It was a very special time.

Sisters in Christ will meet in July, and again in August, to work on our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Keep an eye on the bulletin for dates and times. Items for July are: colored pencils with sharpener, crayons, coloring books, notebooks, and journals.

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"...but Christ is all, and in all."

Colossians 3:11b



The Women of the Church will continue with part four of their Bible study, "A Lineage of Grace," by Francine Rivers, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18. Picnic-themed refreshments (mini hamburgers, chips, etc.) will be served! All ladies are invited to attend. Please join us!



TALENT SHOW & ICE CREAM
August 14, 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Church's annual Talent Show will be held on Sunday, August 14, at 6:00 p.m. Make plans now to share your talent, or to just come and watch. Sign up on the chart in the narthex to reserve your place in the program.

Ice cream will be enjoyed immediately following the Talent Show. Please bring your favorite ice cream (homemade or store bought) and toppings (enough to share).

Come and join us on this fun-filled evening! Bring a friend!

EMMAUS GATHERING

The Coastal Carolina Emmaus Community will have a gathering at St. Peter's on Saturday, August 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, a covered-dish dinner, and, of course, lots of singing! For those who have been on the Walk to Emmaus, this is a great time to reunite with other pilgrims who joined you on your journey. If you have never been on the Walk, this is an opportunity for you to come and see what everybody's talking about! Please make plans to join us!

For more information, please contact Jeff Bolduc at 723-6595.



St. Peter's UMC serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23. The menu is BBQ, slaw, baked beans, and dessert. If you can help provide food or would like to serve, please sign up in the Narthex. Thanks!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish dinner. All men are encouraged and invited to attend!



Financial Report – First Half of 2016

January-June

Budget - \$152,200
Actual Income - \$139,756
Actual Expenses - \$146,479

As of the end of June, the church's income is slightly ahead of what it was last year at this time, which is certainly good news. However, that income is still below what the church set for the 2016 budget based on anticipated financial needs. We ask that everyone please review your giving to make sure you are up to date with your planned tithes or other giving.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministries of St. Peters United Methodist Church.

–The Finance Committee



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

A Fellowship Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Service of Worship on July 31. Please bring your favorite covered-dish to share.

SCHEDULE

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

Remember – there will be only one Service of Worship on that Sunday!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



SUNDAY SCHOOL

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) If you are interested in learning more about the Word of God and experiencing Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, come join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. Please join us!!

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UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

Need a daily devotional? The Upper Room daily devotional guide contains meditations that show real people struggling to live faithfully in real-life situations, with the Bible as the touchstone for, and measure of, faithful living. The writers of the daily meditations that appear in The Upper Room are both laity and clergy and come from around the world.

Copies of The Upper Room are available in the Narthex on the Visitor table. Feel free to pick one up!

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Our "Come to the Water" event will take place on Saturday, September 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., on the Morehead City waterfront. This will be an amazing time of Christian music, testimony, preaching, and fellowship.

If you are interested in sharing a testimony in word or song as part of our program that day, please contact the Church Office (726-2175).

Please 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!

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YOUTH YARD SALE

The Youth will be having a yard sale on July 23. If you would like to donate items for the sale, please place them in classroom #2 in the Education Building. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Banks (646-4776) or the Church Office (726-2175). Thanks for your help!!

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NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are interested in joining St. Peter's United Methodist Church, please know that a New Members Class is forming. Please contact the pastor at 726-2175. Thank you.

MAIL

May 17, 2016

Thank you for your recent transportation to an exciting sailing trip for the visually impaired. Your love and compassion is making a difference and your trees are producing fruit in abundance.

Thank you,
Michael
(A thank you from the Lion's Club for the use of the church van.)

May 24, 2016

Dear Sisters in Christ Ministry,

We want to extend our sincere thank you for lifting us up in prayer following the death of our son, Brian Andrew Lewis, and for the gift of a beautiful handmade blanket and prayer shawl. Early in his life, Brian was a member of St. Peter's, and this act of kindness has been very much appreciated during our time of grief.

Sincerely,
Ralph and Karen Lewis

June 25, 2016

Brothers and Sisters,

It was indeed kind of you to express your sympathy for me and my family in so many ways following the passing of my mother. God's answers to your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and food have provided much comfort and peace.

Mother was a faithful Methodist woman. She was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church for 90 years.

Thank you, and God bless you.
Lynda Dossett

PLEASE NOTE:

Charge Conference
will take place on
Thursday, September 22,
7:00 p.m.
at First UMC, Morehead City.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS LAY SERVANT MINISTRY COURSE

The Spiritual Gifts class is a required course for anyone seeking to become a Certified Lay Speaker.

This course will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at Arapahoe UMC. The cost of the class is \$20 which includes snacks and lunch. Registration ends July 30, 2016.

After registration, purchase your book and take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Read the book and bring a copy of the inventory to class. (Additional instructions will be mailed to you once you register for the class.)

If you have questions about the registration process, contact the Sound District Office at sounddistrict@nccumc.org. Contact Roxie Cauley at roxiemc51@yahoo.com, or Jackie Attaway at jattaway@ec.rr.com if you have questions about the class.

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"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new
and right
spirit
within me."
Psalms 51:10

