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Inviting to Believe + Inviting to Grow

Inviting to Serve

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Weekly Events

	<u>Sunday</u>	
Worship	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	
Worship & Praise Ensemble	4:30 p.m.	
Pioneer Clubs (during school year)	5:00 p.m.	
Youth	5:00 p.m.	
	<u>Tuesday</u>	
Sisters in Christ Ladies' Bible Study (During school year)	9:30 a.m.	
Bell Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.	
	<u>Wednesday</u>	
Service of Holy Communion	6:00 p.m.	
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	
	<u>Thursday</u>	
Bible Study	11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	
	<u>Friday</u>	
Men's Christian Conversation	6:30 a.m.	

Monthly Events

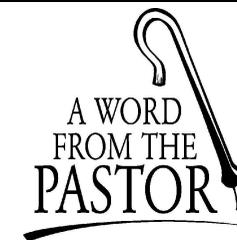
Emmaus Reunion Group	1 st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
2 nd Sunday Breakfast	2 nd Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Women of the Church	3 rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Men	3 rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's UMC Serves at Hope Mission Soup Kitchen	4 th Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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.

November 2016



PRAY. VOTE. PRAY.

Jesus said, "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand" (Matthew 12:25). Never in my life have I seen our nation more divided than during the 2016 presidential race.

This year's presidential election has been the most contentious campaign I have ever witnessed. At times, the debates looked more like a schoolyard fight than a badly needed discussion of policies. The two major party candidates have seemed more interested in cutting down their opponent than in building up our country. The vitriol of their campaigns has crept downstream to their supporters resulting in a severely divided electorate. Political postings on social media quickly devolve into an online barrage of name calling, and friendships are destroyed for the sake of a politician. For this campaign-weary American, the 2016 election cannot be over soon enough!

As a church, we share a common life together through our faith in Christ. But as individuals, we represent a wide range of diverse ideas and opinions, and thus do not all share the same political views. While someone may strongly support one of the candidates based on who they are or what they stand for, someone else may grudgingly support a candidate only because they are *not* the other candidate. Regardless of where each of us stands politically, are our differences worth sacrificing our relationships? We would do well to heed the words of John Wesley, recorded on October 6, 1774 in his journal:

"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them
1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy,
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

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Tuesday, November 8, we, as Americans, have the opportunity to exercise our right to vote. As Christians, we have an obligation to do so prayerfully. Before voting, we should pray for the Lord to lead us in discernment as we wade through the political rhetoric so that the decisions we make are based on spiritual wisdom instead of emotion. Just as importantly, when voting is over and winners are declared, we are called to pray for those elected to office, whether we supported them or not. As we pray for discernment in choosing our leaders, let us also pray for God to give them discernment as they lead. Paul writes, *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness"* (1 Timothy 2:1-2 [NIV]).

As we approach the season of Advent, I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Isaiah 9:6 [NIV]). Regardless of who wins any of the races in this election, we as Christians need to remember that the ultimate authority in our lives - and in the world - belongs to Christ.

Politicians make promises, and, upon election to office, often break those promises. God makes promises, and NEVER breaks them. The Psalmist reminds us, *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord"* (Psalm 118:8-9a [NIV]). In whom do YOU put your trust?

So, see you in church!
Pastor Karl

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)



NOVEMBER 6, 2016

SCHEDULE

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

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, November 5. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6 (Homecoming Sunday).

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	



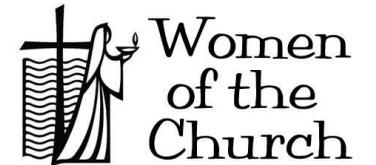
In early September, Sisters in Christ reunited for another great year of Bible study, service to others, and fellowship. We set up a calendar and made plans for the year.

Next, we prayerfully determined which projects we felt led by God to do. We went right to work with a visitation day. Hurricane Matthew tried to hold us back, but we would not have that. We made twenty bags with fruit and candy and delivered them to shut-ins on October 18 (and some on October 11). After the visits, we met at Ruby Tuesdays for fellowship and a meal.

Our current project is Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. So far, thanks to donations from the congregation, our ladies have packed sixty-five boxes. During November, \$7 donations (required for each box) are requested. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's UMC and mark for "Operation Christmas Child."

We thank the congregation for their monthly donations. There are extra boxes in the narthex if you wish to prepare a box on your own.

Sisters in Christ meet each Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. during the school year. We will soon complete the study of 12 Extraordinary Women and begin a new study on the book of James. All women are welcome.



New Bible Study

The Women of the Church have started a new Bible Study, "Colossians & Philemon," by Max Lucado. This study will take you deeper into God's Word, through intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and personal reflections. There are excerpts from Lucado's books, as well as space for journaling. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. Plan now to take part in this great small-group Bible Study opportunity with an awesome group of women!

Christmas Celebration

At 6:30 p.m on Monday, December 19, the Women of the Church invite all ladies to Texas Steakhouse. Along with the Dutch-treat dinner, there will be a great time of celebrating Jesus' birth, as well as our own spiritual birthdays. Make plans now to be a part of this wonderful Christmas Birthday celebration.

Please join us!



Thanks to generous monetary donations to the landscape fund, the second phase of the project is about to take place. On Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 a.m., we'll begin planting new shrubbery on the west side of the sanctuary. The tear out of old plants has already been accomplished, so all that needs to be done is plant 42 bushes! Helping hands are needed, as well as shovels, garden rakes, axes, wheel barrels, etc. Please let us know if you have a truck to help with pick up of plant material, dirt, and straw, from Friendly Market Nursery at the corner of Bridges Street Ext. and Friendly Road, that morning at 8:30 a.m. May the Lord be glorified through the encouragement, labor, and monetary support offered for His house of worship.

—Jay and Charlene Smith,
Landscape Committee
(Subcommittee of Trustees)

UNITED METHODIST MEN

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

The United Methodist Men invite all of the St. Peter's family to their **annual steak dinner** on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex beginning on November 20.

Please review the following figures for St. Peter's finances for the first three quarters of this year (January-September):

Budget - \$228,300
Actual Income - \$213,325
Actual Expenses - \$228,267
Shortfall - (\$14,942)

The church takes seriously our call to be prudent in our spending. However, as you can see, that spending has exceeded the amount of money we have taken in thus far this year, so we need your help to increase that income for this last part of 2016.

St. Peter's has a strong record of always finishing the budget year in the black, and we trust that God will enable us to do the same again in 2016 through the generous spirit of this congregation. We ask everyone (pledgers and non-pledgers) to review your giving for this year, and pray about how you can help bring our finances to where they need to be.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministries of St. Peter's United Methodist Church. Your gifts help transform this world into what God created it to be.

—The Finance Committee

PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all those who have turned in their pledge cards. If you haven't turned yours in, it's not too late! Cards are available in the Narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the Church Office. Thanks!

LET'S BE PART OF A FEEDING MIRACLE!

St. Peter's is sponsoring a Food Drive to collect non-perishable food for Martha's Mission to distribute to the needy in our community. The men of the church are challenged to collect 5,000 items of food, and the women are challenged to do the same. This food drive is a friendly competition to see which group – the men or the women – will be first to reach 5,000. When this goal is reached, the victors will be recognized in some fashion befitting their generosity.

Jesus can take what we offer to Him, even if it seems insignificant, and use it to fulfill His purpose. Can your gift of a can of soup feed all of those who are hungry in Carteret County? Jesus performed a miracle with only a few loaves and fish! We have neighbors who are hungry, and praying for a miracle. Your generosity can help make that miracle a reality!

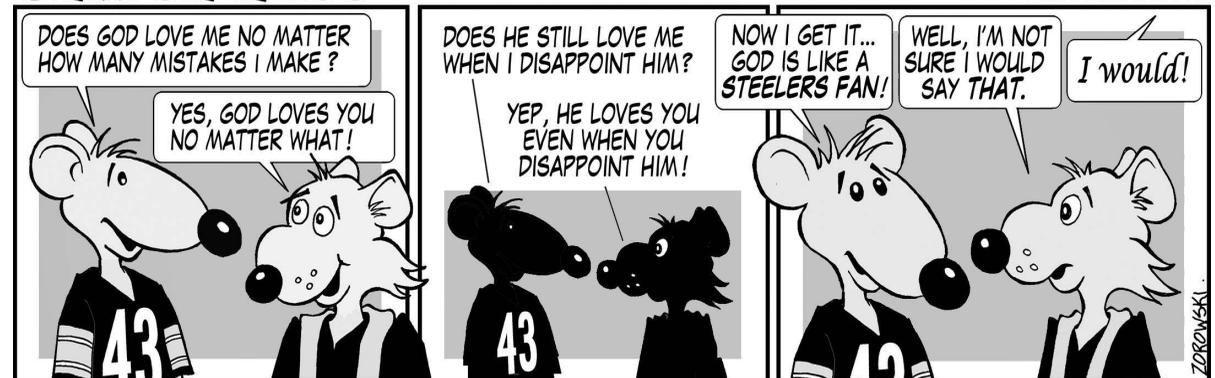
Practice for the Children's Christmas Program, "The Story of the Ornament," begins on Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. All children are encouraged to attend. Adults are needed to help as well. Dinner will be served following the practice. The program will take place on Sunday, December 11.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH NOVEMBER 5 12:30 p.m.

A Teacher Appreciation Lunch will take place this Saturday, November 5, at 12:30 p.m. All teachers and helpers from Sunday School, Pioneer Clubs, and Youth are invited!! Please join us!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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MAIL

August 7, 2016

St. Peter's UM Church,

A note to say thank you for the use of the church Fellowship Hall for the wedding shower for Hanna and Cory – family of David and Shannon Banks. Thanks again. We had a great time.

Friends in Christ,

June Banks and Family

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September 30, 2016

The family of Walter Morton thanks St. Peter's Church for all the love, care, and expressions of sympathy during our loss.

When we go through cloudy and dark days, our world seems to tilt just a little off its axis. We feel scattered and may even lose our focus. Then, our God rescues us and delivers us out of the darkness by sending us a light.

That is where I was on Wednesday night, September 21. Standing by a coffin in a town far away from Morehead City, in the midst of many faces I did not know or had not seen in over 15 years.

Someone tapped me on the shoulder, I looked up, and saw Carole and Pastor Karl beside me; and, my world tilted back, and my soul and my mind settled. The faces of Shannon's family lit up and there were smiles all around. Thank you both for going that extra mile.

The cards always came on the right day with the right words.

For the prayers, there are no words to express how grateful we are. If you prayed for us, please know that your prayer may have been the one most needed at that particular time during this journey through a storm.

Thank you, our church family. May the Lord be with you, and bless each of you in the way you need Him most.

With sincere love and gratitude,
Delaine Robinson, and family

October 7, 2016

Dear Pastor Karl and Church Family,

Thank you more than I can say for all your visits, cards, goodies, and especially all the prayers. God is so good and showing His love through you in countless ways.

Thank you St. Peter's Women for my beautiful flowers that have brightened my days.

God be with you and bless you always as you are so faithful in His service.

Love and Prayers,

Alice Faye Clayburn

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October 21, 2016

Dear Pat (O'Hara) & the United Methodist Men:

Pentecost grace and peace to you and yours.

Just yesterday a copy of your September 21 letter to Mrs. Cindy Evans of Lifewatch arrived here. I was grateful, more than you will ever know, to receive your encouraging word and to learn of your generous support.

The entire Lifewatch community continues to be grateful to God for the leap toward faithfulness to the Church's faith (what is taken by the Church everywhere, always, and by all to be true [St. Vincent of Lerins, around A.D. 434]) – particularly regarding life and abortion – that The United Methodist Church made at General Conference 2016. That, as you mentioned, was indeed a move toward Biblical faithfulness. You, as the United Methodist Men (Fishermen) of St. Peter's United Methodist Church, have helped to make that possible.

Thank you. Thank you for your encouragement, which inspires this pastor. And thank you for your financial support of the Lifewatch witness.

Your standing with your devoted pastor, Karl, is exemplary. Continue faithful, to Christ and His Church, for the sake of the world.

In Christ,
(The Rev.) Paul T. Stallsworth, Pastor

MAIL CONTINUED

October 26, 2016

St. Peter's Church,

Thanks to all who shared their time and God-given talents to make our Reaffirmation of the Marriage Covenant and Reception a joyful celebration. Thanks also for your presence, prayers, cards, and gifts. Thanks be to God for 50+ years of marriage and for blessing us with a loving church family.

Thank you.

Blessings to you always,

Howard & Vicky Williams

October 28, 2016

My family and I want to thank everyone for the Pastor Appreciation gift presented to us on October 16. We are deeply touched by the generosity of this church, not just through this gift, but also through the love and kindness you show us throughout the year. I have mentioned before that I truly believe St. Peter's is the greatest church family in the world, and you continue to affirm that belief again and again. God truly blessed our family when He brought us to this place, and we pray He will continue to bless our time together with you for many years to come.

Blessings,

Pastor Karl

*O give thanks
to the LORD;
for He is good.*

PSALM 136:1, RSV

A WESLEYAN VIEW ON ALL SAINTS DAY

John Wesley loved All Saints Day, as can be seen in his journal entry from Saturday, November 1, 1766:

“God, who hath knit together his elect in one communion and fellowship, gave us a solemn season at West Street (as usual) in praising him for all his saints. On this day in particular, I commonly find the truth of these words: The church triumphant in his love, Their mighty joys we know; They praise the Lamb in hymns above, And we in hymns below.”



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 20. Empty boxes are available in the Narthex, or you can use a box of your own. Information on how to pack the boxes is available on the brochures in the Narthex. Thanks for your support of this ministry!