



Ring in the **Good News**

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Join Us for



Blessing of the Backpacks!



Sunday **August 20th**

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Just a Handful

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Jesus worked better with a handful of people than a hall-full.

When Jesus began his mission to save the world he didn't build a mega-church. He gathered a tight team. He wasn't building his ministry

on the multitudes, but on a small group of disciples learning and growing together, a fellowship of friends.

There was a core group consisting of Peter, James and John. These three came with Jesus for the raising of Jarius' daughter, on the Mount of Transfiguration, and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Around these four fast friends gathered larger group of nine others, like Andrew, Philip, Nathaniel, Thomas, Judas Iscariot, James, Thaddeus, Bartholomew, and Matthew. These were average people from all different walks of life who banded together to journey with Jesus.

He called them each by name. Each made the time to be his disciple.

The Basic Unit

Matthew, who was a tax collector and author of one of the Gospels, remembered poignantly Jesus' promise that "where two or three gather in my name, I will be with them" (Matt 18:20). The small group of believers - NOT the individual believer - is the basic unit of measure in the church.

The Christian faith isn't "me and Jesus." It's me and these other brothers and sisters with Jesus.

To be with Jesus is to join with all those OTHER people who are with Jesus... a support group, friends for the journey, love and accountability and encouragement and hospitality. It's your battle-buddies, the people you lean on, your peeps and homies.

So, who are yours? Can you name them?

How often to you get together? How do they make life better?

A Disturbing Study

More and more Americans are starved for real relationships. In 2006, the American Sociological Review published a disturbing study, "Social Isolation in America." It reported a "remarkable drop" in the size of a person's core network of confidants with whom they could talk about important matters.

As of 2004, the average American had just two close friends, compared to three in 1985. Those who reported having "no close friends" jumped from 10 percent to 25 percent. The share of Americans reporting a healthy circle of four, or five friends plunged from 33 percent to just over 15 percent.

At St. Peter's we must buck that trend. Would you like to help us?

A Modest Proposal

We are becoming a more deeply connected community of Christians, seeking ways to knit our church family more closely together. It's a crazy-busy world out there and we

all need breathing room. If you could scratch ONE THING from your schedule what would it be? Let's think blue-sky here. How would you like to free up a couple hours in your week?

While we are imagining The Possible, let me invite you to consider some VALUE ADDED for your schedule each week. Here's my modest proposal. Cut one thing from your schedule and replace it with a regular gathering with small group of Christian friends.

You can dine together, pray together, share your joys and struggles together, study something useful together. You can enjoy each other.

People that you love and respect, who've been part of a small group at St. Pete's, uniformly report the life-changing benefits of the time they spend together. It's been a game changer for them all.

Would you like to try out what they're all raving about?

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An Inspiring Story

And we've got many success stories to tell...like the Wednesday Evening Group that met for years at the Snyder's house.

Maggie Snyder tells the story of a woman named Betsy, who was part of their group for a time. What she gained there prepared her to endure a difficult journey, including a double mastectomy. She has come back to faith in Jesus after many years, and "she attributed this change in her life to the times she spent with our small group and the studies we did. She saw real people struggling with real issues - and trusting in God. So thank you that you all were such an important part of Betsy coming to hunger and thirst for Jesus!" Such stories could be multiplied.

Would you like this kind of story to be part of your story?

An Upcoming Opportunity

You can share in a small group experience here at St. Pete's as either a participant or a leader. We have established groups that meet on Sunday night, Wednesday night and Thursday night. We will also gather a couple new groups in the fall that you be a part of, either as a participant or a leader.

Maybe God is nudging you to use your capabilities as a person who cares for others, or who can share from the Bible, or who is good with small group dynamics. Our Lord would like to empower you to make a difference in the lives of others. Let me know if you are considering it.

This month we are hosting a Small Group Leader training seminar led by our dear friend Maggie Snyder. (See more below in box below.)

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Join us for an encounter with Jesus

Small Group Leader Training is designed to transform small group ministry and renew your love for Jesus by training you to lead interactive Bible studies. You'll learn a new skill while you deepen your love for Jesus and Scripture. Join us for a day of wonder and encouragement as we discover together the beauty of Jesus!

WHEN: August 18-19, 2017
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church—McCray Hall
COST: \$25 (includes continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday)
LEADERS: see Jesus Trainers Maggie Snyder and Bob Loker

Interested?

Read details and register at www.stpetes.net or
www.smallgroup-purcellville.eventbrite.com

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Finance Appreciation

By Tanya Matthews

On Sunday, June 25, Father Tom gave me a beautiful, handmade wooden plaque thanking me for serving as Treasurer during a challenging year. I accepted this lovely gesture, and I want to accept the award on behalf of the financial team at St. Peter's. It takes many people to get this work done. So here's my attempt to say "thank you" to each person who gives so generously of their time for our beloved church home;

1. Father Tom for his leadership, vision and skill along with his prayerful leadership in our financial ministry
2. Vestry for their decisiveness with the budget and their commitment to tithe/pledge
3. Vestry Executive Committee for their wisdom and guidance meeting every month to work on deficit reduction, budget cuts, and overall spending
4. Joe Matthews for his financial savvy and for being an Excel guru with the budget spreadsheets as we went through revision after revision
5. Bishop Suffragan Susan Goff for advice on what other churches do
6. Julie Simonton, Diocesan Director of Congregational Development and Stewardship, who came and shared how we can better communicate spending decisions to the congregation
7. Finance Committee
 - Jim Schatz, may he rest in peace, for inspiring communication
 - Howard Evans
 - Chris Lafferty
 - Sonny Hoeltzel
 - Diane Adams for her skill and devotion reporting weekly giving, serving as teller at Christmas and Easter when we had off-hour services, taking care of the safe and teller supplies, making weekly deposits, preparing monthly financial statements, watching over investment accounts, administering weekly bank deposits, and advising on cash and spending
8. Wanda Juraschek for weekly financial giving updates in the bulletin, Treasurer's Corner in the Good News, and the letter to everyone in the congregation about our need to replenish deficit spending
9. Sonny Hoeltzel for his advice, expertise, and too many other contributions to name
10. Check signers throughout the year when I was unavailable: Bob Loker, Sonny Hoeltzel, and Tamara Tyler
11. Our teller teams
 - Howard and Linda Evans
 - Steve and Sally Falatko
 - Sven Johnson and Pat Long (Teaching new tellers)
 - Jim and Maggie Heim
 - Jim and Wynell Schatz
12. Peter Schellhase for graphic design of e-giving cards
13. Tom Coate for advice on Canons and annual financial reports
14. Steve Schultz for helping find teller teams when we needed four people, and for help with special fund-raising initiatives
15. Erin Smith (investment account representative) for her advice
16. Riley O'Neil (my successor) for taking on the Treasurer position
17. Dave Tocki (my predecessor) for serving as Treasurer in years gone by
18. Parishioners who gave towards the deficit
19. Parishioners who increased their giving
20. Parishioners who signed up for electronic giving
21. Everyone in the congregation who gave words and prayers of encouragement throughout the year



The Missions Committee and the Guatemala Team invite you to join with us as we share pictures and stories from our Guatemala trip:

Mission
Ministry
Mercy
Merriment
Misery (*Montezuma's Revenge!*)

Please bring some finger food and a favorite beverage to share & join us Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 PM in McCray Hall to see more great photos like this one!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us Sunday, August 20, for the Blessing of the Backpacks during our worship services.

Come celebrate the beginning of a new school year for students, teachers & administrators as we send them back to school with our prayers and blessings. Students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks or briefcases to the service to be blessed. Their backpacks or briefcases will be a physical reminder throughout the school year that St. Peter's Church loves them and is praying for them. We hope to see you there. Invite a friend to come, too!

BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 20th
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



St. Peter's
Episcopal Church



Don't forget to bring your backpacks to church on Aug 20

Adult Formation for fall/winter 2017

By Jon Corbett, Vestry—Community Ministry Area

We have two exciting offerings for the beginning of the program year ... more on that in just a moment ...

Why Consider Adult Formation?

A quick reflection on what Adult Formation is... We call it formation because it's not merely 'education'. Adult formation is part of our lifelong process in discipleship and formation as people in the image of Christ. Different things form us. In a lot of daily life we are formed, like it or not, by the cultures we find ourselves in. It is good to take part in explicitly Christian formation, because oftentimes things around us seek to form us in ways contrary to the life we are called to live in Christ.

Adult Formation is more than mere education. Education is an important part, but so is being in community together, caring for one another, and seeking common practices together that build character.

Part of that is an adult formation course on Sunday morning. As well, part of that is small group Bible study involvement and involvement with a group of Christians engaged in some sort of explicit Christian activity, be it prayer, mission, outreach, service, etc.

We would like for you to consider how you are being formed in Christ. Are you part of a deeper community that provides stimulation and encouragement to mature in Christ?



Jon Corbett



Jaq Whalen



Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh

One great resource we have is Sunday morning Adult courses:

Two Upcoming Offerings!

A recipe for Discipleship found in the Parables. Taught by Jaqueline Whalen. **Starts Sept. 10** (Runs 8 weeks through Nov 12—see course description below)

The Healing Liturgy of St. Luke. Taught by the Stoutenburghs. **Starts Nov. 19** (runs 3 weeks through Dec 10.)

Please join us in September for a class investigating *A recipe for Discipleship found in the Parables.*

How many of us have been raised to think that the parables are "Earthly stories with heavenly meanings." But, Jesus was the greatest storyteller imaginable. He knew all the tricks, surprising his audiences and what's more, he is still surprising us! The word parable in Greek means "comparison." We can look at a parable as a comparison drawn from natural life, from our daily existence, that clarifies for us a spiritual truth.

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount we have Jesus offering us a choice. It is time to choose to accept the challenge of discipleship or not. There are two paths, the narrow and the wide. There are two trees, one bearing good fruit and one bearing bad. There are two kinds of disciples, the diligent and the insufficient. Finally, there are two types of houses, one built on a firm foundation and one not. "The sermon ends with what has been implicit throughout it – the demand for radical submission to the exclusive lordship of Jesus, who fulfills the Law and the Prophets and warns the disobedient that the alternative to total obedience, true righteousness, and life in the kingdom is rebellion, self-centeredness, and eternal damnation."

Martin Luther King said, "We are faced in our day with the bare, central theologico-pastoral question: What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to be Church in the unknown circumstances of the future? In the last instance, we must search the Gospel message for the answer to what according to Camus constitutes the most important question facing all people: 'To decide whether life deserves to be lived or not'." With Martin Luther King, a leader in Christian Ethics, we are guided to turn back to the beginnings. To open our Bibles and listen to Jesus tell us about the Kingdom and our role in it as members of this community of faith. The Parables are a good place to start. What does our discipleship dictate that we do? What does Jesus call us to do?"

Thank you all and looking forward to a great start to the program year!

Dinner Social Groups – Small Group Opportunity

By Ron Clark, Vestry—Community Ministry Area

***And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the day drawing near.***

Hebrews 10:24-25

We are looking for people who desire fellowship with the church community. We plan to form small dinner groups starting in October 2017. The purpose of the group is for fellowship and the development of relationships whereby we support each other. The primary goal for the group meeting is to enjoy a meal together, get to know each other at a deeper level.

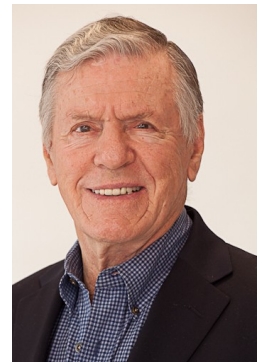
Some groups may include prayer, small service projects or other possibilities that might evolve. As we determine the number of potential participants we will provide additional suggestions to the community so that this develops into a fun activity without much effort.

The setting will take place in homes or other venues and include pot luck dinners or other coordinated food efforts. The group may decide to rotate to each other's home or take turns hosting. Please note that participation does not require you to host in your home.

The first step is to identify participants and people who might like to be the first host for getting these groups started. We are asking for a six-month commitment. During that six month period we will evaluate the program and make appropriate adjustments where necessary. After six months we suggest that group members rotate to new groups. It is anticipated that each group would be comprised of six to eight members.

Please join this opportunity to experience fellowship, fun, and closer relationships in our church community.

To express interest in participating in this small group contact Ron Clark, rclark57@aol.com, text or call 703-927-1834



Greetings St. Peter's Friends,

I'm very excited about our upcoming program year and I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome already. Here are a few details of what we have planned.

Our Sunday choir will begin singing on 9/10 and sing generally two weeks a month at both services from September through May. We will be gearing up for our big debut by holding a series of **rehearsals at 9:15 on the following Sundays: 8/30, 8/13, 8/27 and 9/3.** Come join us.

Additionally, I'd like to put out a special invitation for the St. Peter's children to sing with the choir on 10/1 for the St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals 10:30am service. We are planning a lot of fun songs that could feature the voices of our youngsters. We will schedule a convenient time to rehearse this music. Watch for details.



If you are interested in joining us for Sunday morning singing, if you have questions about the many music opportunities at St. Peter's, or if you have an idea for something new, please drop me a line. My email address is asm@spiritui.com

Advance the Kingdom!

Andrew McGinley

Director of Music

Why High School Ministry?

By Jon Coate, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Just like the children's and adult formation, we meet every Sunday morning for class. For high schoolers, this is a great time to dive deep into big issues and ask big questions. But High School ministry isn't just about what we learn on Sunday.

High School ministry is about lifelong friendships, shared experiences, laughter, community, and building a faith that can withstand all the challenges that face young adults.

It begins with an investment of time. Trust and friendship can only be earned with time. But that trust allows for honest, difficult, and heart-to-heart discussions about all the things that are most important in life and faith, and the church becomes a safe and welcoming place for those interactions.

The Way of Prayer - All high school aged youth are invited to join Jon and Kristin Coate in the library for the first half of the 2017-18 program year to explore the mystery of prayer. What is the purpose of prayer? What exactly does it accomplish? More than simply discussing the theory of prayer, we will dive into diverse methods of prayer and work to cultivate the discipline of regular prayer. **Starts Sunday, September 10, 9:30am.**

What is Youth Group?

One of the best ways to get involved with the high school program is our bi-weekly, Sunday night youth group. We meet in the Youth Room from 7-9 pm. In this relaxed, informal setting, we share some snacks, discuss stories from scripture, and enjoy a variety of activities, such as tossing a Frisbee, pressing apple cider, playing board games, and anything else that comes to mind.

Many teens are more comfortable meeting in a less formal setting, where they can approach faith on their own terms. Meeting outside of our normal Sunday hours helps us to build deeper friendships, and develop the trust necessary to explore scripture and the challenges of life.

Other Activities

Movie Night

Once a month, we have a movie night. We watch a wide variety of films, ranging from silly to serious, and afterwards discuss the movie, exploring the plot points that stood out and the Christian themes that appeared.



Special Events

We try to have some activities outside the St. Peter's campus. We love to adventure out into the community for other events. We're always open to suggestions, but here's a few we love: Hiking, Christmas caroling, bowling, laser tag, swimming, camping, theme parks, etc.

Summer/Fall Schedule

August 6 – Youth Group

August 19 – Hershey Park

August 20 - Blessing of the Backpacks

August 24 - LCPS Back in Session

August 25 – Movie Night

September 10 – Youth Group

September 15 – Movie Night

September 24 – Youth Group

September (TBA) - Skeet Shooting

October 6 – Movie Night

October 8 – Youth Group

October 15 – Youth Group

November 5 – Youth Group

November 17 – Movie Night

November 19 – Youth Group

December 3 – Youth Group

December 15 – Movie Night

December 17– Youth Group

December (TBA) - White Elephant

Children's Ministry

NEW TEACHERS NEEDED!

Friends, as we prepare for the new program year, we are also looking for new teachers to share their talents with our children! With all of the little ones in the church, there has been interest in a Pre-Kindergarten class, but need to teachers to make that happen!

You do not have to have a teaching certificate to teach Sunday School! Ask any of our current teachers and they will share that the job is not only rewarding, but we provide instruction and guidance! In addition, we work with your busy life and can accommodate those days that you may not be able to teach.

Please contact Kathleen Voss for more information!



Sunday School Registration

Sunday School begins on September 10th! Registration will be available in mid-August for the 2017-2018 program year. Parents of children aged K – 8th grade are encouraged to register on line at www.stpetes.net

We are hoping to offer a Pre-K class this year and are searching for a teacher. More information to come!

See you at Blessing of the Backpacks—Sunday, August 20th!

One Hot Read

By Fr. Tom Simmons

For what remains of the summer I'd like to recommend some reading to you.

I'm reading and enjoying a poignant and practical little book called *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*. The author, Brant Hansen, is a funny man with an engaging way of dealing with a challenging topic: our penchant toward pride and victimhood. He empowers us to be free from the immense weight of carrying a chip on our shoulder.

Here's from the back cover:

Isn't taking offense normal? Aren't we supposed to get offended? Isn't anger at sin justifiable. If God gets mad, why can't we?

Brant Hansen asks a radical, freeing question: What if Christians were the most unoffendable people on the planet? And he offers a life-changing idea: "righteous anger" is a myth, and giving up our "right" to be offended can be one to the most healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things we can do.

Drop your anger, and self-centeredness yields to humility.

Let things go, and energy replaces weariness.

Embrace forgiveness, and you'll be able to love others in risky, unexpected ways.

Choose to be unoffendable, and you'll flourish the way God intends you to.

In a winsome, humorous, and conversational style, Hansen helps you release religious burdens and experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of your life.

Get your copy on Amazon through our LINK on our webpage, www.stpetes.net, and Amazon will donate at least 6% of your purchase price back to St. Peter's. Sweet!

Summary of Ayaan Hirsi Ali & Tawfik Hamid, & an introduction to Providence

By Paul Coyer

Inside Jihad:

Dr. Tawfik Hamid, as a medical student at the University of Cairo, was inducted into a jihadi group by Ayman al-Zawahiri, the head of al Qaeda, in the late 1970's. Dr. Hamid's unique background (he also has done graduate work in cognitive psychology, so understands well the process of brainwashing that Islamic radical groups pursue in order to recruit adherents) gives him unparalleled insight into Islamic radicalism. He rejects claims that Islamic terror is fundamentally rooted in material concerns such as the lack of jobs or poverty, lack of education, is a response to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or American foreign policy, etc., pointing, rather, to the fact that all major scholars of Islamic law and all major centers of learning of Islamic law, such as al-Azhar in Cairo (the Sunni world's most respected university) all interpret the Q'uran, the hadiths and the sunnah in a manner that provides strong support for the interpretations used by terrorists to justify their actions. He traces the widespread sympathy throughout the Muslim world, even among Muslims living in Western countries, with Salafist views of the incompatibility of Islamic civilization with that of the West.

Dr. Hamid also argues that the West has hamstrung itself in the fight against Islamic radicalism through appeasement and through its lack of moral self-confidence and unwillingness to stand up for the distinctive contributions made by Western civilization to the broader world. This is one of the primary reasons he argues that the West is currently losing in the struggle against those in the Muslim world determined to undermine Western way of life from within.

Several former CIA Directors have said that this is the single best book they have read on understanding Islamic radicalism and how to combat it.

The Challenge of Dawa: Political Islam and Ideology and Movement and How to Counter It

Ayaan Hirsi Ali is probably the most prominent figure from a Muslim background to actively debate Islamists and fight against radical Islam. Ayaan was born into a devoutly Muslim home in Somalia, where she was a victim of FGM. She spent part of her youth in Saudi Arabia, as well. She escaped an arranged marriage, embraced atheism, and moved to the Netherlands, where she became a member of the Dutch Parliament and an outspoken critic of many aspects of Islamic faith and practice. In the Nether-

lands she was involved in the making of film, titled Submission, that was highly critical of the treatment of women within Islam and of many core Islamic beliefs. After the murder of her collaborator on the film project and multiple fatwahs and threats against her life, Ayaan moved to the United States, where she has continued her work.

Her latest book, which is divided into three parts, traces the ideology and movement of political Islam and lays out a plan to counter it. In Part I, she describes political Islam itself – its foundational principles, terminology, and objects. In Part II, she analyzes the infrastructure of political Islam, including the global network of schools, funded by the Saudis, the Gulf States, etc, that help spread the virulent ideology of Islamism, the techniques used to spread this ideology, etc. In Part III, she suggests policies that could effectively counter the continued spread of political Islam both in the United States and around the world.

Providence: A Journal of Christianity and American Foreign Policy:

Christianity has a long history of rigorous intellectual thought. From Augustine to Aquinas to Luther and Calvin, we have a long legacy of great minds who toiled to understand the Holy Scriptures and Christian orthodoxy and apply them in ways that navigate matters of politics and international relations. Providence journal draws on this rich, 2,000 year old tradition, and draws its inspiration from Reinhold Niebuhr's journal, launched early in 1941, Christianity and Crisis. The editorial staff consider themselves Christian realists, which apply theology and theological ethics to the major international issues the United States faces.

It sees the role of the United States in the world, in particular its role as the primary shaper and sustainer of the post-WWII international order, as similar to that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden – God told them that they could enjoy the fruits of the garden, but also, importantly, gave them a responsibility “to tend and keep” the garden so that it thrived. Similarly, while pursuit of American national interests are perfectly legitimate, the editorial staff believe that God has given the United States a responsibility to “tend the garden” of the international order in such a way that conditions are created within which people around the world can thrive, politically, economically, and spiritually.

Providence is published quarterly in hard copy, with regular new publications being posted on the website, www.providencemag.org.



What's the best news you have ever heard?

We all get one life to live and deep down we're all asking the same question – what's it all about?

Christianity Explored gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters.

A huge variety of people, with different experiences and backgrounds, and different views and beliefs, come on the CE course.

Each session you watch a short film or listen to a short talk.

Over seven evening sessions we'll learn about who Jesus was, what he said, and the claims he made, using Mark's Gospel as our reading background.

No pressure to read or say anything, but plenty of opportunity to engage where you have questions or issues to raise.

Enjoy the small group hospitality and the good food and refreshments that will be served.

What is it?

Christianity Explored is an informal way to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics.

When is it?

Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm, starting September 13, 2017

Where is it?

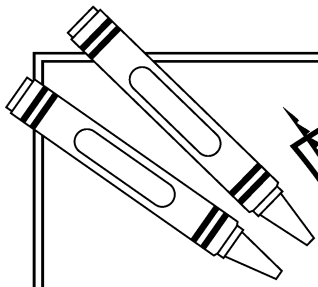
Trillium Gathering Building, 18915 Lincoln Rd., Purcellville, VA

Look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact: Dell Nunaley

CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED

one life.
What's it all about?



PUZZLE

GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.



Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____; _____
(dark) (her)

there _____ ness _____
(yes) (light) (none)

But _____ we _____ the _____,
(run) (dark)

_____ the _____,
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



Flashlight TAG

Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.





St. Peter's **AUGUST** SERVING SCHEDULE

		August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
		Transfiguration	10 Pentecost	11 Pentecost	12 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Mark Baker	Kelly Cockrill	Terry Duhring	Bryan Field
	Late	Mark McKinley	Jon Corbett	Traci Eddinger	Liz Tuohy
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Judy Hall, Sophiann Nunaley	Tanya Matthews, Judy Hall	Terry Duhring, Paul Donohue	Sophiann Nunaley, Tanya Matthews
	Late	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews	Tanya Matthews	Buddy Andrews
	Late	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	Tom Coate	Dave Hunt
INTERCESSOR	Early	Sophiann Nunaley	Paul Donohue	Dell Nunaley	HL
	Late	Peter Schellhase	Jon Coate	Marty Thompson	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews	Aubrey & Addie Winger, James Nunaley	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith
	Late	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Paul & Sherri Kakol	Bill & Beth Gibson	Linda & Larry Turner	Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
	Late	John & Carrie Marie Burden	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Steve & Anne Schultz	Ryan & Amanda Walsh
USHERS	Early	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Todd & Pam Johnston	Dick Wilhelm, Zan Shah	Rick & Kelly Cockrill
	Late	Tred & Debi Parry	Steve & Anne Schultz	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger
GREETERS	Early	Rebecca Smoot	Joe Matthews	Dell Nunaley	John & Debby Caulfield
	Late	Traci Eddinger	Jim Heim	Debi Parry	Dan LaPre
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko
ALTAR GUILD		Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Laurraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

AUGUST Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

8-3 Bill & Ruth Ensor
Rick & Tricia Smith
8-9 Tom & Michelle Adair
8-11 Steve and Sally Falatko
8-14 Tred & Debi Parry
8-16 Steve & Anne Schultz
8-17 Sonny & Mary Hoeltzel

BIRTHDAYS

8-1 Sean Parry
Posey Simmons
8-3 Olivia Smith
Ayden Young
8-5 George Simmons
8-6 Steve Flowers
Ryan Walsh
8-8 Judi Novak
Michael Wagstaff
8-10 Joe Matthews
8-11 Tim Hall
Alfred Jones
8-13 Colin Donohue
Sonny Hoeltzel
8-14 Nik Holdorf
Nolan Ramsey
8-15 Caitlin Donohue
8-18 Barbara Kuhler
Tamara Tyler
8-19 William Nunaley
8-21 Paul Donohue
8-22 Zan Shah
8-24 Buddy Andrews
8-25 Chandler Parry
Mandi Walsh
8-26 Chris Hunt
8-28 Adriana Erickson
James Nunaley
Vijay Shah
Kelly Wyatt
8-29 Ciara Donohue
Stephanie Purnell
8-31 Sarah Jane Simmons

Mark Your Calendar!

Aug. 1 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
Aug. 2 **Mission Team Report 6:30pm**
Aug. 5 Men's Breakfast 7am
Aug. 6 Youth Group 7pm
Aug. 8 Vestry Exec Mtg 6pm
Aug. 15 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
Aug. 18 **Small Group Leader Training 7pm**
Aug. 19 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
Small Group Leader Training 8am
Youth Group Trip to Hershey Park
Aug. 20 **Blessing of the Backpacks**
Aug. 21 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
Aug. 24 Communications Comm. Mtg. 7pm
Aug. 25 Youth Movie Night 7pm
Men's TGIF 8pm
Aug. 27 Newsletter Deadline
Healing Liturgy
Aug. 30 PC Team Mtg. 4pm

THE FIRST ACT PRESENTS

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A Benefit Concert for Tree of Life Ministries

August 4 at 7:30 PM

August 5 at 2:30 and 7:30 PM

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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for AUGUST

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
6	Transfiguration	Exodus 34:29-35	99	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
13	10 Pentecost	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
20	11 Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15	133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: 10-28
27	12 Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-2:10	124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Vestry Ministry Mtg	2 WORSHIP SERVICE Mission Report	3 Next Step Community	4	5 Men's Breakfast
6 HOLY EUCHARIST Summer Formation Youth Group	7	8 Vestry Exec Mtg	9 WORSHIP SERVICE	10 Next Step Community	11	12
13 HOLY EUCHARIST Choir Rehearsal Summer Formation	14	15 Vestry Mtg	16 WORSHIP SERVICE	17 Next Step Community	18 Small Group Leader Training	19 Small Group Leader Training Men's Leadership Mtg. Youth Group Trip to Hershey Park
20 HOLY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Summer Formation	21 Mt. Calvary Guild	22	23 HOLY EUCHARIST	24 Next Step Community Communications Committee Mtg	25 Youth Movie Night Men's TGIF	26
27 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 Pastoral Care Team Mtg.	31 Next Step Community	2017-2018 Program Year Begins September 10th	

KEY: FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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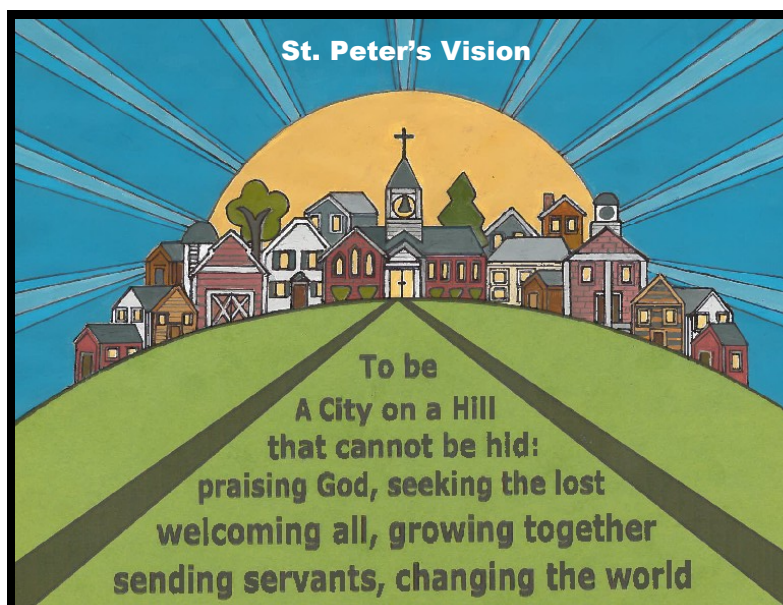
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