

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

In my priesthood, I feel I am called to many roles as pastor, preacher, teacher, counselor, liturgist and even prophet. How I live out my prophetic ministry is through my efforts in speaking for people with disabilities and in my work to make the Church a place that is free of all barriers, physical as well as attitudinal. Throughout my eight years in ordained ministry I have been blessed with many opportunities to be a guest preacher and speaker on such issues. Later this month I will be given such an opportunity once again. I will be returning home to Lexington to preach and lead the adult forum at Second Presbyterian Church's Access Sunday. I thought that I would use this month's Net article to share with you my words and witness which I will offer to the good people of Second Presbyterian Church.

A few years ago I made a pastoral visit to a parishioner which had a great impact on my life of faith. On this particular visit I found the gentleman lying in his bed with his eyes closed. I softly called out his name so as not to wake him if he was sleeping. He opened his eyes and smiled up at me. As is customary when visiting an Alzheimer's patient, I introduced myself again and told him who I was. He nodded, even though I was not sure he recognized me. We talked for awhile about his family and the church and then all of a sudden he stopped our conversation and, with a very earnest look on his face, asked if he could tell me something important. Assuming he wanted to share something personal with his priest, maybe a fear or even a sorrow that was

burdening him, I welcomed his words. "You are so beautiful," he said. Not at all prepared for this statement, I uncomfortably fumbled with my words and quickly responded, "Thank you," hoping he'd move on. He then gently and kindly touched my hand, something that I as the pastor was used to doing and again said, "No, I really mean it. You are so beautiful. You take my breath away." I was speechless. I didn't know how to respond. His words and expression were so sincere that they pierced my soul. Together with his hand on mine we remained in silence until I was able to find the words to end our time together.

It was my Creator in that nursing home, who was declaring to me, "Emily, you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are my beloved."

The rest of the day I couldn't stop thinking about that moment. In this old man's eyes and in his words I had heard and seen God. It was my Creator in that nursing home, who was declaring to me, "Emily, you are

fearfully and wonderfully made. You are my beloved." I realized that my uncomfortable, dismissive response came out of a deep and raw place within me. I imagine that each of us has questioned from time to time our belovedness, but in particular, for those of us who have disabilities, it can be a lifelong struggle.

In the world's eyes, beauty means being young, thin, physically strong, and fiercely independent. We who live with physical disabilities may have bodies which are easily worn out and feel old, bodies which are weak and vulnerable, which do not work perfectly or look perfect, and bodies which often require help. We depend on others and we depend on such things as wheelchairs and crutches and Braille to live independent lives. We are not
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regarded as worthy of the term beautiful by the world's standards. It is not a look of appreciation that we receive, but too often looks of pity and even fear. Their eyes tell us, "I am so sorry you have to be in that wheelchair." "Oh, my God, what happened to him!" "I can't get too close or I may get what she has." And then there are those who can't even look at us. It's safer to look away.

Sadly, the church is not much better than our world. We believe that if only a person who is disabled could be miraculously cured, then she would be made whole and could be fully embraced by the Church. Too often I have heard these well-intentioned words by faithful Christians, "If only you could be healed. I will pray for a miracle." These words do not make us feel worthy of God's love.

Jesus welcomed everyone—every outcast, every shunned and forgotten child of God—to come and follow him, to sit and break bread with him, and to be fully embraced in the Kingdom.

We churchgoers pat ourselves on the back when we build a ramp, produce large-print bulletins or offer hearing devices. And yet our attempts for inclusion often fall short of being truly welcoming to those living with physical disabilities. A person in a wheelchair may be able to get into the church, but then must sit in the back because there is no other space for his wheelchair, or a person who is blind can't read Holy Scripture to the congregation because there is no bible in Braille, or a person who is deaf cannot hear the proclamation of the Gospel because there is no signer. In my own tradition, the steps to the altar rail and altar are barriers. At the time when the entire Body of Christ is called to gather as one and be fed on God's grace, the place where heaven and earth meet, a congregant who cannot get up those steps must be exiled to the pews looking on as everyone else kneels at that rail.

Martin Luther King, Jr., made a poignant statement when he declared that the most segregated hour in American society is from 11 to 12 on Sunday mornings. I would add to his statement by saying that the most

inaccessible hour is 11 to 12 on Sunday mornings in our sanctuaries. Our schools, our businesses, and our public spaces are better equipped and more welcoming to us who are disabled than our own faith communities. I'll tell you, we get awfully tired of hearing from our sisters and brothers, "Why do we need to make our church accessible? We don't have any disabled people who worship here!" "But our church building is historic. We can't possibly change it. It will ruin the aesthetic appeal we've worked so hard to create." "We have a wheelchair ramp and handicapped bathrooms. Isn't that good enough?"

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It is not good enough. It is shameful. It is unjust. And it is quite painful for those of us who use wheelchairs, canes, and Braille not to be able to fully participate in God's house and be welcomed at God's table. We are not called to do just enough, but to embrace all God's children. Jesus welcomed everyone—every outcast, every outsider, every shunned and forgotten child of God—to come and follow him, to sit and break bread with him, and to be fully embraced in the Kingdom.

My sisters and brothers, we must create a place where all God's children can claim their belovedness, where they can truly know from the depths of their souls that they have been knit together in their mother's womb by their gracious Creator, that they have indeed been fearfully and wonderfully made. We must break down all barriers and welcome all, the outsider and the shunned and the forgotten, to come and feast at God's table of miraculous grace. The Church must become a place where all people, able-bodied and disabled alike, can cry out from the depths of their brokenness and not only be acknowledged, but be empowered to speak the truth of their lives in order to find wholeness. Then, and only then, will we, the Church, embody the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaims.

— Emily+

Worship Renewal

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Please send articles, photos,
suggestions by the 21st of each
month for the following
month's NET

Worship Renewal Team Begins Their Work

I am excited to announce that the Worship Renewal Team had its very first meeting at the end of January. Below I have listed the team members and what groups and worship experiences they are representing.

Chair:

Rob DeKalb – 10 a.m. service & Worship Committee

Members:

Katherine Bacon – 10 a.m. service, Folk Group, Choir

Kate Boyce – 5 p.m. service, Taizé service

Donna Bernini-Martin – 5 p.m. service, 10 a.m. service, choir

Jenna Linke – 10 a.m. service, choir, Worship Committee

Rick Pearce – 10 a.m. service, Wednesday healing Service, Evening Prayer

Larry Sibley – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services



Please look for future NET articles written by members of the Team updating you on their work. Please keep each and every one of them and the work they are doing on your behalf in your prayers!

— Emily+

Update on Search for Interim Minister of Music

We received 12 resumes of interested candidates for the position. In December and early January, I conducted phone interviews with seven of those candidates. On January 22nd and 29th three of them came to St. Peter's for an interview and audition on the organ. Dave Mosteller, members of the Personnel Committee, and I conducted these interviews. This month we hope to bring back our finalist to meet with the choir and conduct a rehearsal. We hope to hire and call our Interim by the beginning of Lent. This individual will be with us at least through Easter 2012. I will give the Interim the opportunity to apply for the permanent position.

Why hire an Interim? I felt strongly that since we are just beginning this worship renewal process it seemed wise to have someone serve as an Interim. In a year we will have a much better idea of what we want in a Minister of Music. I have been very up front with all candidates about our process and all seem supportive of what we are doing and why we need an Interim.

I am grateful to Dave Mosteller for his outstanding leadership, to Glenn Matis for serving as our supply organist, and to the entire choir for their dedication and hard work during the past several months. There is no doubt that we have a talented and faithful choir and group of musicians in our parish. In Advent and Christmas I was delighted not only to highlight their ministries among us, but even to discover some we did not know we had!! I want to call a Minister of Music who will fully support them and continue to work with all of us to create joyful and meaningful worship for all who enter our doors.

— Emily+

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Baptism

On the Feast Day of the Baptism of Our Lord, January 9th

Collin Michael Kirsch

*was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as
Christ's own forever. Best wishes to his parents
Diana and Jeff and his big sister Kaelyn Emma.*

*Let us, as a congregation, do all in our power to support
Collin and Kaelyn as they grow in their life in Christ*

Altar Flowers Procedure Has Been Revised



In the office we have realized that the new Altar Flowers procedure was confusing to some parishioners and not working as smoothly as we had hoped. So, we have decided to revise it. We hope the new procedure described here will be easier for everyone:

1. Outside of the Accounting Office will be a clear shelf with Altar Flower Forms inside.
2. Please take one of those forms. On the form you will include who the flowers are in memory of or in thanksgiving for. You will also include the date on which the flowers should be acknowledged.
3. Make a check to St. Peter's and in the Memo Line write Altar Flowers. We ask that donations be at least \$25 for each request.
4. Send the completed form and the check/payment to me at the church office.

5. We need to receive the payment at least two weeks before the Sunday on which you want the flowers to be acknowledged. If we do not receive payment, the request will not be acknowledged in the leaflet.
6. If you send in a payment after the deadline, we will return the payment to you with a new form so you can request a new date for altar flowers to be acknowledged.
7. If you need to make such a request over the phone, please give Traci Nelson, our office Administrative Assistant, a call at 215-887-1765 and she will assist you. The procedure for the payment remains the same. It must be received at the church office two weeks prior to the date you have requested.
8. Please note that you must now sign up each year if you wish to donate altar flowers annually. We will no longer assume recurring requests as circumstances may change from year to year.

We thank you all for your cooperation as we try to make this process work better. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (215-572-0662).

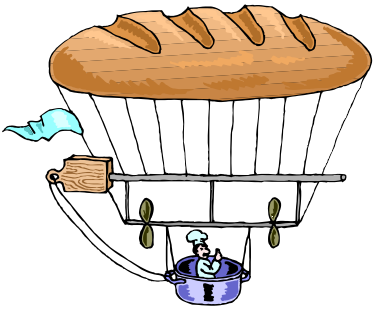
— Anne Gibson

Blood Drive - March 5th at St. Peter's Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

Worship

Thoughts on Worship



Are you as obsessed with chefs and cooking shows as I am? I don't even cook, yet I never miss an episode of "Top Chef" or "Next Food Network Star." I guess I just love watching someone create a masterpiece I

could never do myself, and breaking it down step-by-step for me so I can see and appreciate the creative process that goes into it.

St. Peter's has been doing a lot in recent months to help us "deconstruct" our worship service "masterpiece." I have enjoyed learning about the steps in the "recipe" that make up the St. Peter's community and our time together in worship. Ministry Minutes gave us a glimpse one-by-one into the many varied aspects of St. Peter's and how we reach outward and inward, always growing. Our Teaching Eucharist took us literally through each step of our service and broke it down for us, giving us a foundation through history, tradition, meaning, and belief.

The Worship Committee agrees this is the perfect jumping-off point for a series of NET articles that will explore the different aspects of our service and deconstruct them for you. Every other month throughout 2011, we will look at the "ingredients" of our worship service:

- The Altar Guild – What do they do and why?
- Ushers and Greeters – What's the difference between them?
- Eucharistic Ministers – How does one become a EM and what does it mean to them?
- Readings, Prayers, and Scripture – Why do some standard prayers seem to change throughout the year?
- Flowers that adorn and decorate our sacred space – Where do they come from? Who travels to get them and arrange them? What happens to them after service is over? and
- Our Music – Are specific hymns and anthems chosen for specific days? Who makes those decisions?

These are just a few of the questions that could be asked about each of these ministries. What have YOU always wanted to know? Send me an email at jennadanielle@gmail.com or speak with me at church (I'm easy to spot; I'm the choir member with all the earrings) and help the Worship Committee to deconstruct our winning recipe for all of us at St. Peter's!

— Jenna Linke

Help Wanted: Preparing and Distributing Altar Flowers

Each weekend, our altar flowers are divided into bouquets and given to homebound members, to volunteers to say "thank you," or to someone celebrating an event. We are looking for a few people who would be willing to prepare the altar flowers after the 10 a.m. service and coordinate their distribution. If we have enough people to rotate each week, volunteers would only have to serve once a month or so. The job involves 3 parts:



1. Picking up the flower cards in the sacristy, which name the people who will receive flowers that week.
2. Either directly asking folks who live near the recipients to deliver the flowers OR announcing where they are headed and asking for volunteer drivers.
3. Taking the flowers from the altar to the kitchen, separating them into several (usually 4) cans, and affixing a leaflet and prayer card (which Emily has written ahead of time) to each. If you don't feel strong enough to carry the bouquets from the church to the kitchen, don't worry; there is always someone who can do that for you.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Maralyn Bryan or Kate Boyce.

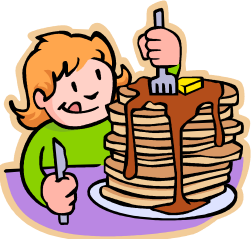
Faith Formation

Rite-13 Ceremony

Sunday, February 27th is a special day in the life of St. Peter's as we bless and celebrate the presence and gifts of some of our young people. The Rite-13 ceremony marks an important time in the lives of these youth and their families, as it recognizes their transition from childhood to manhood and womanhood. Please make plans to join with us in blessing these young people and their families and celebrating the gifts that they bring to this community of faith.

— Trent Williams

Pancake Supper & Variety Show— March 8th



March 8 is Shrove Tuesday (that is, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent). At St. Peter's, our custom is to gather on Shrove Tuesday night for a rollicking pancake supper and a variety show. Everyone is invited to come to enjoy the comfort

food, fellowship, and entertainment. And bring friends! It's a great way to introduce your friends to our church family.

Our youth groups and their mentors spearhead this event and the proceeds go to help support the J2A Pilgrimage. If you have a talent to share—song, music, dance, magic, humor, skits, whatever—please contact Dave Mosteller to get your act onto the list. Watch the leaflets, emails, and the March NET for more details.



Breaking News!!

Italian Dinner and Auction—April 30

Our J2A group has announced that it will go on Pilgrimage to Italy this summer.

The practice of holy pilgrimage is a key milestone in the Journey to Adulthood program for teens. To help support this trip, the J2A group and their parents will organize several events, including an Italian dinner and auction, scheduled for April 30th.

This year's J2A group is relatively small, only four members: Sierra Brennan, Jessie Levin, Abby O'Keefe, and Caity Williams. Their mentors are Richard DeKalb, Kelli Gottemoller, and Dave Mosteller. The teens, their parents, and their mentors will welcome any help we can offer to make this event successful.

Evelyn Guadalupe will coordinate the dinner and Kimmy Brennan will coordinate the auction. The plans are still in the very early stages, but it's not too early to start thinking of donations for themed gift baskets for the auction. Please contact Kimmy or Evelyn if you can help. And most of all, save the date and watch for more details in the leaflets, emails, and NETs.

— Kimmy Brennan and Carol Boyle

Lenten Nightwatch

The Youth Ministry office of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will again offer a Nightwatch at the Philadelphia Cathedral for youth in grades 7-12. This Lenten Nightwatch will offer an opportunity for our youth to join with others from across the Diocese in worship, meditation, and prayer in the midst of the Lenten season. Andrew Kellner, Canon for Youth Ministry, will lead this powerful program. This Lenten Nightwatch will be from 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11th, through 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th. All youth are invited and encouraged to join us!

— Trent Williams

Faith Formation

Nursery Caregiver

Annie Swafford, our new paid nursery caregiver, began working with us on January 9th. We are very excited to have her, and we also wanted to share a little more about her. Annie lives in Lansdale, and works during the week at Blue Bell Family Practice. She is fully trained and certified in CPR and emergency procedures. She also brings significant experience in childcare, and is herself the parent of two children, ages 19 and 10. Please stop by the nursery and welcome her to St. Peter's. We also want to encourage parents to make use of our nursery facilities; be assured that your child will be well cared for.



— Trent Williams

Nursery Make-Over

Our Nursery is getting a make-over and we need your help!



Can you donate any of these items? A vacuum, children's plastic chairs, books, wooden puzzles, Lincoln Logs, Magna Tiles, Bean Bag Chairs. Please leave a message for me on my home phone (215-572-5722) if you would like to donate any of these items.

Remember Annie Swafford is in the Nursery every Sunday from 9:45 until 12:45. Also, we

will be buying beepers to give to parents when they drop off their children so we can contact them if their child needs them during the service.

— Delphine Spencer

Women's Retreat in March

This year the Women's Retreat will return to Harvey Cedars, NJ, right on the bay! The dates are March 18th to 20th. Please consider joining the women for this very special time together. Try to arrive by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 18 (that would be ideal), but not later than 6 p.m. if you can.

As many of you know, for this year's retreat, we have invited an outside leader to present a program for the group. Lynn Penney, an experienced workshop leader and creator of sacred space, will be joining us. Lynn was recommended to me by Linda Toia, who has had the pleasure of attending a retreat

with Lynn. Lynn and I have spoken several times about the women, the needs of the group, and the dynamics of the group. After our discussions and some thought on Lynn's part, Lynn will be doing a program on "In Between Our Inner and Outer Lives."

Curious? Come hear more and get details at the Women's Dinner on February 11th! It promises to be a very rewarding and powerful retreat. The cost is \$190 per person. If you have any questions and cannot make the dinner, please feel free to email me (pluskus@gmail.com) or call me (215-887-1652).

— Polly Luskus

Civility in Public and Private Discourse

Since the January 8th shooting in Tucson, Arizona, that killed six people and severely injured Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, many in our nation have been discussing the idea of civility and how we as citizens must learn to speak to one another with love and respect, even when we disagree. The question is, "Just how do we do that?"

One radio program that is giving serious attention to that question is Krista Tippett's "On Being" (formerly called "Speaking of Faith"). Each week Ms. Tippett and her guests discuss meaning, religion, ethics, and ideas. Her guests include theologians, physicists, writers, sociologists, and many others. The programs are unendingly fascinating.

A recent program, called "Listening Beyond Life and Choice," featured guest Frances Kissling, a longtime abortion activist. This issue has seen some of the most contentious and bitter debates in our country's history. Ms. Kissling has devoted her energy more in recent years to how we can create real relationship and new conversations across that bitter divide. Hers is a thoughtful contribution to the civility discussion. If you'd like to listen to this program, go to the web page: <http://being.publicradio.org/programs/2011/listening-beyond/>

"On Being" airs on WHYY 91.9FM on Sunday mornings at 7 a.m. Now, if 7 a.m. on Sunday mornings is not your favorite time for radio listening, don't worry. You can listen to these programs any time online and you can download them to your MP3 player for free.

Just go to the web site <http://being.publicradio.org/> and browse this excellent site. To listen to a specific program click the **Shows** button at the top. You will then be able to browse recent programs and the Archives.

— Carol Boyle

Faith Formation

Lenten Book Study
Monday evenings
7:30 to 9
March 14 to April 11

Reading assignments are:

March 14: Intro & Chap. 1

March 21: Chap. 2 & 3

March 28: Chap. 4 & 5

April 4: Chap. 6 & 7

April 1: Chap. 8 & Conclusion

The Humility of God by Ilia Delio

God is seen in a variety of images: an all powerful Figure who rewards and punishes, a loving Parent, a close Companion. But have you ever considered **God as an all-powerful Being who bows before each of us in humility**? As the song says, "What if God was one of us, just a slob like one of us?" Please join us this Lent for a book study on the humility of God.

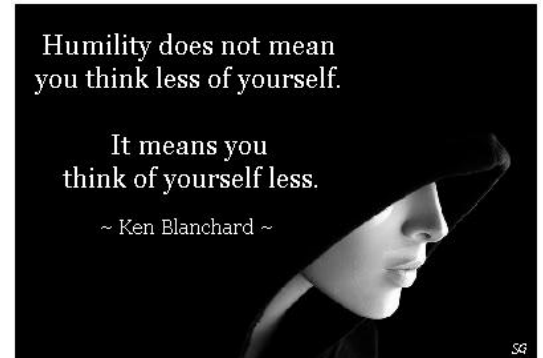
The book, written by Ilia Delio, presents the theological ideas of St. Bonaventure (1221–1274). Come and join others to try on this concept. Please obtain the book on your own. Let me or the church office know if you plan to attend.

— *Humbly led by Rick Pearce*

Humility does not mean
you think less of yourself.

It means you
think of yourself less.

~ Ken Blanchard ~



You can click here to buy the book from Amazon.com:

<http://www.amazon.com/Humility-God-Franciscan-Perspective/dp/0867166754>

Episcopal Church Publications

Day by Day devotional booklets for February, March, and April are now available in the tract racks, including some in Large Print. We request \$1 for each copy. Thanks.

The last issue of *Episcopal News Monthly* is now here and available on tables and shelves around our building. Read it for the last time. The Episcopal Church decided to change its budget and will publish no news in print after January 2011. They will continue with online news only. See the Episcopal News Service at this link:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal_life.htm

The quarterly publication, *Where It All Began...*, which is a partnership of our diocese and The Episcopal Church, may possibly be discontinued. The Winter 2010 issue is now available here. Look for it and read diocesan news as well as news of the Episcopal Church around the world.

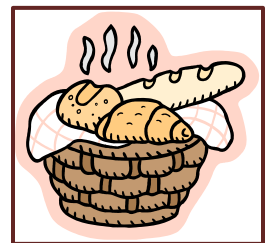
— *Lois Sibley*

New Episcopal Journal Debuts in February

Watch for a new independent publication, *Episcopal Journal*, a national monthly with news and articles on the arts, including book reviews. The first issue will be out in February. Jerry Hames, former editor of *Episcopal Life*, is the editor and our own Lois Sibley will be doing book reviews. A partnership with many of the Episcopal Church's dioceses around the country, EJ circulation begins at 50,000 and is climbing. They will also be encouraging subscriptions as they grow.

— *Carol Boyle*

Panera's Bread is available on first Sundays each month. Donate to outreach and take home delicious bread, bagels, or rolls. Look for it February 6.



Community

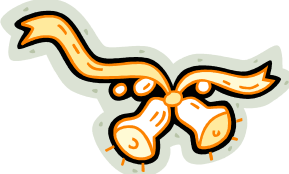
February Birthdays ...

- 3 Cassie Hill
Josie Hill
- 4 Debbie DeKalb
- 6 Bob Hartung
Don Kelley
- 8 Carole DeKalb
- 10 Joe Boyce
Maevie McDermott
- 11 Kimmy Brennan
Tammie Farnell
- 12 Jeff Pearce
- 14 Nancy Long
- 15 Rob Stackhouse
- 16 Olga Carliss
Henry Langford
- 18 Mike Ryan
- 22 Mike Levin
- 23 Mary Beth Giorla
- 25 Charles Glandorf
- 28 Laurel Mosteller
- 28+ Don Mosteller



... & Anniversary

- 3 Amy Tucker & Chad Barefoot (15 years)



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, it's not in the computer. Please let us know.

Postcards from Charles Glandorf:

Charles recently sent two post cards from Belgium, where he is visiting family. To see these beautiful post cards, check the bulletin board in the Library hallway.

(Card shows a photo of the Market Square Belfry in Bruges)

To the Vestry and members of St. Peter's Church,

With my first Christmas in 52 years with no obligations, Sue and I are spending it in Belgium with our daughter & family. I am sure the bells in this tower will be ringing as we walk to the midnight service at the cathedral. I will be thinking of you & your generous gifts to the "Glandorf Organ Endowment" as I hear the organ at the cathedral. Thank you for that way of honoring my 14 years among you. I will cherish those years in my memory always.

*Sincerely,
Charles*

(Card shows a photo of a frozen canal with ice skaters on it and a windmill in the background)

To the Children of St. Peter's Church,

I want to thank you for your very generous gift when I left St. Peter's after 14 years. I have thought about some books and CD's that I want to buy with the gift card when I return to the U.S. from visiting my daughter in Belgium. It is very cold here and all of the canals are frozen just as you see on this Post Card. If I wanted to (but I don't!!), I could skate to another country called Holland. It would take me about 3 hours each way! Thank you again for your gift.

Charles

Parish Game Night

So who wants to have fun? Are you just saying you want to have fun, or do you really want to have fun?!

Everyone who attends St. Peter's contributes in some way. And St. Peter's would like to **thank you** for all you do—and not just say thank you, but to thank you in a tangible way. So we are planning an event where everyone can come and just have fun! No agenda, no bringing something to eat, no program to follow. Just time to enjoy each other's company and reflect on what it means to be a part of a faith community like St. Peter's.

Please join us on **Sunday, February 13, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall** for an evening of fun and games for the whole family. Food will be provided and you can look forward to an unstructured time for people of all ages.



— Rob DeKalb

Outreach

Get Ready to Rummage!

The Spring Rummage Sale is coming up and it's not too early to start gathering things around your house. Rummage Sale Set-up will start on Sunday, March 27th and continue through Monday and Tuesday. Note that Set-up begins the Sunday following the Women's Retreat, so try to "gather your goodies" early and be prepared. Also don't forget the "holy foosball table" when you consider what you can clean out of your house! We love to have a few big ticket items to spotlight.

The Friends and Family sale will be on March 31st and the public sale will take place on Friday, April 1st and Saturday April 2nd. Spread the word! If you have questions, please contact Kate Boyce at 215-657-8539 or yellowkab1@gmail.com.

— Kate Boyce



Souper Bowl Sunday – February 6th

Your Souper Bowl Sunday donations of canned and packaged food as well as cash contributions will go to Philabundance, which provides food for low-income families, women and children, and seniors in nine counties throughout the Delaware Valley. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our area. To find out more about Philabundance, CTRL+click the logo above.

Blood Drive at St. Peter's Saturday 3/5/11 – 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

"Give a Pint, Get a Pint." It's my way of doing three things: thanking our awesome donors for giving the gift of life, enticing some NEW folks to try donating, and encouraging each of our faithful donors to "bring a friend" (then you BOTH can go get that free water ice or whatever "pint" you choose – I'm still workin' on what the "pints" will be this year, but you know they're always something delicious!)

SOOOO here is the big change this year: SIGN-UPS. I WILL NOT BE CALLING THE PARISH. Thru the magic of modern computers, you can SIGN YOURSELVES UP ON LINE at the Red Cross site. Here's how:

- Go to www.pleasegiveblood.org
- Choose **Make a blood donation appointment** (in the blue box at the top right)
- Enter zip code **19038** and the **3/5/11** date. Click **Find**.
- You'll see a list of sites. Scroll down to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and click **Click here to schedule an appointment to donate**.
- Fill in your info. The site will make your appointment and send you an email reminder.

It takes about a 1000 phone calls (LITERALLY!) to obtain the 75 or so pints of blood that we will generate, so PLEASE, help me out and use the on-line sign up. That way, I can spend my time calling the strangers – who make up probably 2/3 of the donor population at our drives and always say how it is the best one around.

Donor requirements are also available at the site. Minimum age is now 16 with parental permission, so we could have a youth group event here that day!

Here are other ways you can help:

1. Make a dish or casserole for the volunteers so they have some lunch
2. Volunteer for childcare or arrange childcare for donors
3. Send postcard reminders to scheduled donors
4. Make calls to potential donors to schedule

Any questions? Need help signing up? Kate Boyce 215-657-8539 or yellowkab1@gmail.com

— Kate Boyce

Stewardship

Caretaker's New Duties and Schedule

Thanks to the leadership of the Property, Personnel and Finance Committees, this fall Paul Anderson's job description and letter of agreement were reviewed and updated. Paul was hired to take over the cleaning duties of the church and his hours have been increased.

Traci Nelson has worked with Paul to put into rental agreements a fee for his work with set-ups and clean-ups. This will compensate Paul for his time with outside groups who use our space.

Paul will be available to assist any parishioner during his scheduled hours. On the days and during the hours he is not scheduled to work, the procedure is that if there is a property emergency, please call the office and speak with Traci or me. We will determine if Paul needs to be called. We ask that you please do not contact Paul on your own.

It is wonderful to have Paul live on our property and we are all grateful to him for all he does to support our ministry of stewardship. However, because he lives on the property does not mean he is on-call 24/7 for the church. I am hopeful that Paul's new schedule will help all of us utilize Paul's service in such a way that does not overextend him and allows Paul to keep good boundaries about his work life here at the church.

— Emily +

Save the Date!

Feb. 6:	Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 11:	Women's Dinner 6 pm
Feb. 13:	All Parish Game Night 5-7 pm
Feb. 27:	Rite-13 Ceremony 10 am
Mar. 5:	Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Mar. 8:	Pancake Supper & Variety Show - 6 pm
Mar. 9:	<i>Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm</i>
Mar. 11-12:	Lenten Nightwatch
Mar. 14:	Lenten Book Study begins (5 Mondays)
Mar. 18-20:	Women's Retreat at Harvey Cedars, NJ
Mar. 27:	Rummage Sale Set-Up
Mar. 31:	Rummage: Friends & Family 6:30-9 pm
Apr. 1 & 2:	Rummage: Public Sale
Apr. 17:	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Apr. 21:	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
Apr. 22:	<i>Good Friday</i>
Apr. 24:	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Apr. 30:	Italian Dinner & Auction (to support J2A)

Clean Energy Now Cheaper Than Dirty Energy

Cheltenham Township is a Transition Town. The Transition Town movement began in England and is spreading to cities and towns around the world including the Cheltenham/Abington area. The goal of Transition Towns is to encourage healthy, sustainable communities that use renewable resources.

Meenal Raval, a Transition Cheltenham team member and "Green House Detective," has shared her research on the two best 100% Green Energy providers who beat PECO prices for electricity in Montgomery County.

- PECO's rate-to-beat (coal and nuclear) is 9.92 cents per kWh. If you currently subscribe to PECO's wind energy program, you are paying an additional 2.54 cents per kWh—a total of 12.46 cents per kWh.
- Energy Co-op's 100% Green Energy (87% hydro + 10% wind + 3% solar) is 9.78 cents per kWh (+\$15 membership fee)
- Blue Star "Pure Wind" (100% wind) is 9.35 cents per kWh

Energy Co-op is a locally based, member owned, all-PA generated clean energy company. Blue Star is a 100% wind company, encouraging more wind turbines to be built.

For Meenal's analysis, go to her Green House Detective Blog:

<http://greenhousedetective.blogspot.com/2011/01/renewable-energy-actually-cheaper-than.html>

To find out more about Transition Cheltenham, go to:

<http://www.directquest.com/transitiontowns/>

Earth care is good stewardship. Thanks to Kate Boyce for pointing out this news.

— Carol Boyle

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