



Reflections

FROM THE RECTOR.....

Carl Sandburg wrote, "Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you." As important as we know time to be, though, we very often forgo opportunities to be with others, saying we *don't have time*.

God gives us the irreplaceable, precious gift of time, and being with people—the ministry of presence—forms the core of the Christian life. Jesus made it clear that the only commandments that matter are those telling us to love God and love one another. So why do other priorities and pastimes drain our time, leaving no time to be with God and God's people?

I'm sad to say that we in church communities can be as likely as

anyone else to squander time on minutiae while God's people are hurting and lonely. It's easy to get caught up in the tasks of running church, of being at church, of doing church work, and to forget in all of that mad rush simply to *be with people*. I will remind you of something a spiritual director told me years ago: "A need is not a call." Just because something needs to be done—at church or anywhere else—doesn't mean it is *yours* to do. Pray about what God calls *you* to do, and respond to needs with that call in mind.

In churches, we most often speak of "stewardship" with regard to effective use of money, but we also need to be faithful stewards of the gift of time. I'm not saying that we shouldn't have hobbies, or that we

should insist on being "productive" all the time. I do believe, though, that God calls us to be intentional about how we spend our time, as it is one gift which we cannot replace.

The crises and tragedies of the human condition will always encroach upon the time we have together. Time becomes, as we age, the most precious commodity of all. I believe strongly that we at St. Peter's are called to be the Christ to one another, and being the Christ cannot be done if other forces keep our lives continually stuck on fast-forward.

We are called to be with one another, in our celebrations and in our griefs. Will we spend the "coin" of time in such substantial and holy ways?



Will we remember that time is the gift given to us by God?

Blessings!

Carol +

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MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.	MAY 7 ONE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUNE 4
Acolyte	Linda Clark	Scottie Jackson	Susan Tinney	Dana Watkins	Linda Clark
Chalice Bearer or Lay Reader	Gloria Jones	Marie Smith	Randy Tinney	Marie Smith	David Chew
Lector	Ken Ruckstuhl	Randy Tinney	Sonja Watkins	Diane House	Scottie Jackson
Greeters	The Watkins	The Greens	The Jones	The Kosmickis	The Clarks
Coffee Host	Michelle Green	David Putnam	BBQ Weekend	Joni Shaw	Scottie Jackson
Vestry Person	Scottie Jackson	David Chew	Todd Clapp	Scottie Jackson	David Chew
Pastoral Care	Provide Meals	Dinah Bell Glenda Black Ann Blackwood Billie Bowman	Send Cards	Beverly Craft Honey Dean Janie Evans Jean Garrison	
Altar Guild	Eve Bell Leigh Bell	Eve Bell Leigh Bell	Mary Anton Miae Siddall	Mary Anton Miae Siddall	Kathleen Duke
10:30 a.m.	MAY 7 PARISH WEEKEND	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUNE 4
Crucifer	_____	Rebecca Wilson Morgan Edwards	Eve Bell Brenna Alexander	Cody Allen Abel Allen	Anna Jaubert
Lay Reader(s)	_____	Marie Smith	Susan Siddall	Glynn Bradshaw	Harry Perdue
Chalice Bearer	_____	Molly Chew	Bobby Houston	Marie Smith	Susan Siddall
Lector	_____	Shirley Treppendahl	Jan Patrick	Reveland Wheat	Lee Grillo
Ushers	_____	Robby Whyte Jackie Wilson	Cody Allen Ken Allen	Bill Brown Barbara Brown	Brian Hull Hollie Hull
Greeters	_____	The Sebros	The Staffords	The Taylors	The Bradshaws
Prayer Ministers	_____	The Pedens	Harry Perdue Melanie Collins	The Chews	Jane Horn Sara Hospes
Children's Church	PARISH WEEKEND	Jan Patrick Lisa Maisel	BBQ SUNDAY	Katy Pacelli Suzanne Avent	Linda Clark Hollie Hull
Coffee Hosts	PARISH WEEKEND	Karen Sebro JoAnn Knox Patti Snipes	BBQ SUNDAY	May Stafford Shirley Treppendahl Reveland Wheat	Rebecca Wilson Lisa Maisel Katy Pacelli
Vestry Person	_____	Susan Siddall	Becky Adams	Cody Allen	Ken Allen

MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	2	3 11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch Old Capitol Inn 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing	4	5 Carol's Day Off	6
				GINGER ON VACATION..... PARISH WEEKEND AT BRATTON-GREEN Cursillo # 132 - Gray Center.....		
7 PARISH WEEKEND 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Peter's 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Bratton-Green Pot luck lunch follows service at Bratton-Green 2:30 p.m. Closing service for Cursillo at Gray Center	8 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	9	10 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	11	12 Carol's Day Off	13 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast <i>All are invited & welcome</i>
14 8 a.m. HE 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. HE & Children's Church 5:30 p.m. Serve at Brumfield	15 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	16	17 11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch Seafood Revolution 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	18 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	19 Carol's Day Off Church rented out for Piano recital	20 Parish Hall rented out for the day
				GINGER ON VACATION.....		
21 COMMUNITY BBQ 8 a.m. HE 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. HE 5:30 p.m. Serve at Brumfield	22 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	23	24 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	25 6:00 p.m. ECW Dinner & Meeting	26 Carol's Day Off	27
28 8 a.m. HE 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. HE & Children Church	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist			

Parish Weekend at Camp Bratton Green - May 5 - 7

Beautiful Camp Bratton-Green is located in Canton across the street from the Duncan M. Gray Episcopal Conference Center. This is a wonderful place to get away from the hustle and bustle of life and relax. The camp accommodates 130 guests in 10 rustic cabins.

Camp Bratton-Green has a beautiful lake for fishing and canoeing. There are miles of hiking trails and ping-pong tables. There is also a swimming pool for cooling off.

There are opportunities to do fun things or to do nothing at all. You can play games, play music, read, fish, swim, jog, or just sit and relax.

Cabins are available to rent for the weekend. Cost per cabin is \$200. Each cabin sleeps approximately 18 persons.

Bring your food items, etc. and find a table in the large dining area. Not only do we eat there but it is also a great place to hang out and visit or play cards or board games. There is also a building with couches and tables for visiting and playing games.

The chapel is available for quiet time or for reading or for a rousing game of "Aerial Four Square."

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Bedding for a twin bed (if you push the twin beds together—they make a king size bed) - don't forget your blanket—it can get cold at night. And don't forget your pillows.

Bath stuff such as towels, bath rags, soap, shampoo, etc. Bring all the necessary items for showering.

Food & drinks are an essential part of your weekend. Remember to bring enough for you and your family to eat or drink for the weekend and maybe a little extra to share with friends.

There are stoves, refrigerators, and a microwave for you to use in the kitchen area. We plan to have a few **"Community Meals"** as

well. When filling out your registration form, please indicate if you want to participate in our community meals.

Sunday Dinner. On Sunday we will have a **"pot-luck"** dinner following our church service. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Remember to bring enough for you and your family and a little extra.

You may bring your favorite "adult beverages" also but remember that the drinking age is 21.

Paper products are great to use for the weekend. You may wish to bring paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.. There are plates, utensils, and glasses available but you will then have to wash dishes. Yuk!!

Lawn chairs are needed for sitting outside and enjoying nature. It really is a very relaxing and special place.

Bring your **fishing equipment and bait** for your fishing expeditions. You can fish from the bank or take a canoe out. Remember to follow all safety rules—ALL persons must wear life vests while out in the canoes.

Fun & games are a wonderful way to enjoy your weekend. Bring your favorite card and board games, frisbees for "disc golf", volleyballs, ping pong balls, etc. for fun. And for all you musicians, bring your guitars and such—you never know when a "jam" session will break out. If you want to relax and read, remember your favorite books.

And anything else you need to relax and have fun!!



REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



PARISH WEEKEND FEES

Each cabin sleeps 18 persons.

Cabins are \$200 for the weekend. Your cost will be determined by how many people are in your cabin.

You may stay as many nights as you wish. Facilities available Wednesday night through Saturday night.

Number of people in your party

I am willing to share cabin space

I wish to reserve a cabin and will be responsible for the entire \$200 fee

I wish to participate in the community meals

Check which meals you wish to participate in.

Thursday Night

Friday Night - *Cinco de Mayo Night*

Saturday Night

You are responsible for providing for your family all other meals. If you choose not to participate in community meals, you are responsible for providing all your family meals.

UPON DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR CABIN, AND DIVIDING THE PAYMENT AS YOU WISH, PLEASE SUBMIT \$200 FOR YOUR CABIN. PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE PARISH WEEKEND. CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO St. Peter's Note: "Parish Weekend"

A FEW RULES

Alcoholic beverages are limited to those persons 21 years of age or older.

If you are consuming alcoholic beverages, you must stay at the camp site. No drinking and driving.

All persons going out in the canoes must wear life vests at all times.

All children under the age of 12 years must be supervised by a parent or guardian. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All persons are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

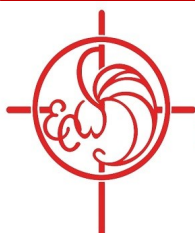
All cabins and common areas must be left clean when we leave. Be sure that you clean up after yourself before leaving—if everyone follows this rule, there will be no problems.

St. Peter's "Community" Barbeque" is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st from 11am to 1pm.



BBQ plates are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Your ticket includes delicious barbequed chicken, potato salad, rolls, drinks and desserts. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to church on May 21st and buy them lunch.

Tickets have been mailed out. If you didn't receive any tickets or you need more, please contact the church office. We need volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up; please contact the church office.



ECW
Episcopal Church
Women

Pizza, Salad and Roses!

If you missed our April ECW meeting, those are the things you missed and we missed you! A huge thank you to Kirby Lane for his program on roses. Kirby presented a beautiful slide show including pictures from his own garden. Our big surprise was the rose plants he shared with us.

We have a signup sheet for the upcoming "Art on the Rez" event for committees and look forward to a wonderful exhibit at the end of September. The sheets will be in the narthex for you to volunteer. We will need lots of help and more details will be made available soon. Please check out the various ways you can help and volunteer.

Please put **May 25th** on your calendar ladies and join us for our "pot luck" supper and program. Bring your best or favorite dish to share. Our program will be a chance to learn all about our new kitchen, where things are and how they work. Please plan to join us that evening. We will also select nominees for new officers for 2018.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Johnny & Bobbi Hatten
May 3 - 48 years

Morgan & Emily Belote
May 4 - 9 years

Tom & May Stafford
May 4 - 34 years

Billy & Lisa Siddall
May 5

Barney & Gwen McKee
May 7 - 57 years

Gary & Julie Puckett
May 13 - 11 years

Billy & Linda Clark
May 18 - 43 years

Owen Taylor & Debra Ferguson
May 18 - 43 years

Ken & Sandy Ruckstuhl
May 21 - 34 years

Bryant & Sonja Watkins
May 22 - 30 years

Robby Whyte & Jackie Wilson
May 22 - 16 years

Perry & Alecia Wasson
May 23 - 19 years

Tim & Diane House
May 24 - 37 years

Dennis & Rebecca Wilson
May 25 - 32 years

David & Anne Culpepper
May 28 - 34 years

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jorge Miranda	May 2
Leigh Bell	May 3
David Watkins	May 4
Alex White	May 4
Glynn Bradshaw.....	May 5
Rosa McIntyre	May 5
Billy Siddall.....	May 8
Randy Tinney	May 10
Billy McCleave	May 11
Tom Peden	May 11
Sarah Vandevere	May 11
Lillian McNiff.....	May 12
Jane Berryman.....	May 13
Melanie Collins.....	May 16
Jack Whitt	May 19
Gary Puckett	May 20
Cody Flood.....	May 22
Dinah Bell.....	May 24
Susan Siddall	May 24
Shelby Trimm	May 26
Debra Ferguson	May 28
Betty Markham	May 29
Bill Brown	May 31
Lewis Rogers	May 31
Dell Zubkowski.....	May 31



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Did You Know?????

The **nave** is the term derived from the Latin word *navis*, meaning ship. In a church building the nave is the large space running between the narthex and the chancel or choir. In Gothic architecture, the nave was the church of the laity and had its own altars, while the chancel was the church of the clergy and the religious. In the Reformation nave altars were taken out, and the chancel altar functioned as the altar for all the people; chancel or rood screens, which reinforced the idea of two separate worship spaces for clergy and laity, were removed.

The **narthex** in traditional church architecture is a vestibule or room between the main door to the outside and the main door to the nave. In churches today, the narthex is usually a space where those coming to worship gather to remove coats or chat with one another. It is like an entrance area of the church.

The **sacristy** is a space close to the sanctuary in which the chalice, paten, linens, and other essentials for celebrating the eucharist are cleaned, stored, and made ready for use. Our sacristy is located behind the altar area.

The **sanctuary** is the area around the altar and inside the altar rail in a traditional church building.

Well, now you know.



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Jan Patrick
Susan Siddall

Thank you Katy Pacelli for getting our new "Welcome" banner.