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I hope you all are enjoying the beginning of summer. Living things are always changing and the church is no exception. I have a few changes that are happening that I need to make you aware of.

### The Church Staff

Recently the Bishop began revamping the Diocesan retirement policy for clergy to include Deacons as well. As many of you know, the mandatory retirement age for priests is 72, and the Bishop has extended that to include Deacons as well. This means our Liz Shelton is officially retired from serving as a Deacon at St. Peter's. We appreciate all the time and energy Deacon Liz has given to St. Peter's over the years. This does not mean Deacon Liz is no longer welcome at St. Peter's or no longer a part of St. Peter's, but it does mean she no longer serves as an active Deacon. In the Episcopal Church, Deacons serve in a parish at the discretion of the Bishop and policies pertaining to them, like retirement age, are the Bishop's to make.

We will have a special celebration honoring Deacon Liz's ministry after the 10am service on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come and be a part of this special day for Liz and her family.

### The Pictures of Bishops in the Narthex

If you noticed the slow but steady improvements in the Narthex, thank you. Making that space brighter has been a priority and the improvements will continue as new furniture will come in at some point this summer. The pictures of the Bishops have come down from the Narthex as some of you have noticed. It is not my desire, or the Vestry's desire, to do away with the history of St. Peter's that has been so lovingly recorded by our archivist Ethelyn St. John and many others. Quite the opposite, it is my hope to display the history of St. Peter's in a more uniform way where someone could walk in and really get a get a sense of our deep roots on one wall or in one space. Ideas are being sought for the best way and place to do this, and certainly the Vestry, the Hospitality committee, and I are all happy to hear from you on this.

### The Carpet in the Church

At some point this summer, we will have to make a major change for a week or two. We will have to hold Sunday service somewhere outside of the church area, either in the parish hall or outside (if the weather permits.) If you are asking why, it is because this summer the carpet will be replaced in both the church and chapel.

When the Building Committee began their work in 2011, and the Second Century Fund was established due to several generous donations, a list was compiled of deferred maintenance the facility needed by then Junior Warden Jack Fritz. The last item on that list was replacing the carpet in the church which is now over 25 years old. First of all, thank you to all the members on the Building Committee who have worked hard to see this church facility kept up. Second, congratulations on getting through the list. The time has come for the last item of that initial list and it will be done this summer.

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Thankfully, because the Second Century Fund was established for large building maintenance items, this item does not need to come out of the operating budget. I think we all should all take a moment to realize how blessed we are to be in that position.

For those wondering, the carpet will be replaced with the same color red. I am communicating with Jim Benepe, the chair of the Building Committee and lead on this project, about the specific dates of the replacement and how it will affect Sunday services. Once we have those specific dates, we will make plans to adjust for the time needed. Stay tuned for more info coming soon on that front.

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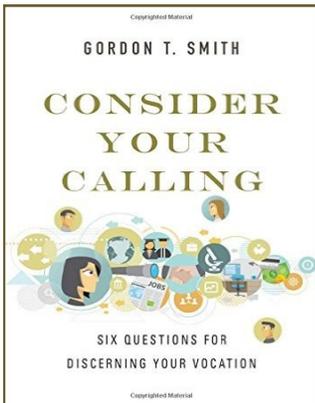


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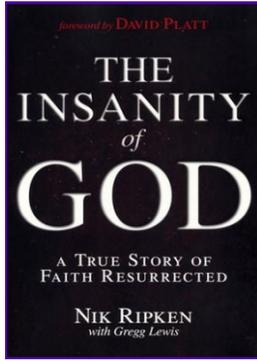
It's time for the annual summer reading recommendations for Crossed Keys. I'm a believer in the power of books. Whenever I face a problem, a question, or an area where I'd like to grow in life my first inclination is to find a book on the matter. Books help us to grow in knowledge and they help us also to grow in wisdom. Research shows that reading literature helps us grow in compassion.

My newest discovery in the power of books over the past couple of years has been the unique ability of biography to inspire us and shape us. We all know that who we hang out with has a significant impact on our attitudes and beliefs. Through biography we get to "hang out with" wonderful people who can significantly change our lives. Below are some suggestions for books I have read or am reading that I have found helpful. Perhaps one will be helpful to you as well.



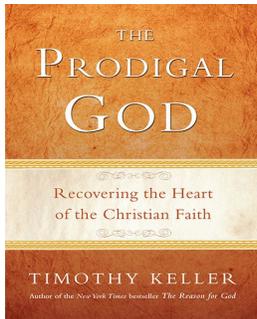
**Gordon T. Smith, Consider Your Calling (Intervarsity Press, 2016)**

This is a short but rich book that helps you both understand what it means to participate with God in his work in the world and to discern how, specifically, you are placed and equipped to do so. Smith guides you through six key questions, including *Who Are You?*, *What Are Your Circumstances?*, and *What Are You Afraid of?*



**Nik Ripkin, Gregg Lewis, *The Insanity of God* (B&H Books, 2013)**

This book begins with an autobiographical account of the author's time doing humanitarian work in Somalia. His experiences propel him on a global quest to find out how Christians survive and grow under persecution. As he relates their stories, you will find your own faith challenged and strengthened.



**Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God* (Penguin, 2011)**

This is another relatively brief work, focused upon the parable of the Prodigal Son. Keller examines both of the brothers in the story and helps us to discern where we are in the tale and where God needs to work in our lives. It is exegesis and preaching at its best.

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*Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

It is a given that our lives are constantly cluttered with negatives - sadness, grief, anger, wickedness, self-importance. What makes us different from other forms of life is our mental capacity to react differently to those negatives. All of us have made mistakes - all of us have had to deal with the consequences of our mistakes and the consequences of the mistakes of others through out lives. As we mature as Christians, we realized that we will always experience sin our lives. We are not perfect. But we also know that we, as mature Christians, have the ability to react in a more Christ-like way and to deal with situations with honesty, dignity, and grace. It is an on-going challenge.

It is important that we put our faith and trust in the One who is perfect - to direct us, comfort us, protect us and guide us. Humans are sinners and will always fall short and disappoint at times - that is the human sinful nature. A constant prayer of mine is to be able to have the courage to seek God - to talk to Him and ask for help. The comfort, protection, and guidance is there for us - the dignity and grace are there for the asking. Why, as human beings, is it so hard to grasp this reality? We must put God in charge - put God as the priority and at the center of our lives.

*Phillipians 4:3 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*



## World Wide Knit in Public Day

The “Knitting in Public Day” was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes, and takes place every second Saturday of June each year in many places around the world.

The cause is to bring knitters together to enjoy each other’s company; learn new stitches; discover new fiber types; not to mention-it is a great way to show the general public that knitting is not just for grannies, but could be a community event for people of all ages and genders.

St. Peters is hosting a Knit in Public Day on Saturday, June 18, in the church courtyard. If you do not have yarn, needles or patterns, we will provide those items for you. *(If it’s raining, we will meet inside the parish hall).*

Our goal here at St. Peters is to replenish our very much needed supply of Prayer Shawls.

### **WHAT ARE PRAYER SHAWLS?**

Prayer Shawls /lap ropes are hand knitted or crocheted coverings that are made by volunteers .

### **WHO RECEIVES A PRAYER SHAWL?**

Shawls are given to people in the community (young and old) who are hurting, recovering from illness or suffering from a loss, or even for a special occasion.

### **HOW MAY I GET INVOLVED?**

Show up on June 18th at 9:00AM ready to knit or crochet a Prayer Shawl! This event will end at 2:00pm.

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St. Peter’s Episcopal Church . 1 South Tschirgi

Bring a lawn chair, sunscreen, a hat, knitting supplies; your own food and drink!

See you there! *Organized by Jodene Prusak*

**What Is Meant by "God"** ". . .a finite mind cannot fully grasp an infinite being; only an infinite mind can fully comprehend an infinite being. The hiddenness of God should not cause us any anxiety. It is actually a mark of the unsurpassable greatness of God that God is hidden in God's essential nature from us. Indeed, it should give us immense assurance of God's goodness toward us. That a being of unsurpassable greatness, utterly full of life and lacking in nothing, should desire to create other creatures, is an act of utter love, because there is nothing this being needs for itself. And that God desires to have us as God's beloved companions, to share in God's eternal life and being, should fill us with wonder and unceasing thanksgiving. . . . The journey into God is never ending, because of God's utter fullness of being; it results in our entering more and more into a glorious never-ending joy."



### **Theology for a Troubled Believer**

by Diogenes Allen

*Submitted by Juanita Smith*

## St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • May 2016

|                    | June 5                                                                         | June 12                                                             | June 19                                                      | June 26                                                                         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LEMS</b>        | A: Juanita Smith<br>B: Peggy Sorvik<br>C: Juanita Smith                        | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                              | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                       | A: None<br>B: None<br>C: Juanita Smith                                          |
| <b>LAY READERS</b> | 7:30<br>Forrest Asmus<br>Sandy Asmus<br>10:00<br>Mike Evers<br>Mary Beth Evers | 7:30<br>Holland Duell<br><br>10:00<br>Isabel Wallop<br>Lynn Outland | 7:30<br>Sharon Bedard<br>10:00<br>Lee Helvey<br>Anne Vaughan | 7:30<br>Peter Clark<br>Carol Clark<br>10:00<br>Holland Duell<br>Linen Greenough |
| <b>USHERS</b>      | Sarah Mentock<br>Karen Ferguson<br>Stan Peddicord<br>Shari Peddicord           | Robert Prusak<br>Jodene Prusak<br>Sarah Mentock<br>Frank Smedley    | SandyTharaldson<br>?<br>Cara Nicholls<br>Mary Dailey         | Paul Haworth<br>Christina Haworth<br>Frank Semdley<br>Dorothy Goodwin           |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b>     | Bobby St. John<br>Nate Haworth<br>Maria Black                                  | Aria Heyneman<br>Quinn Heyneman<br>Nate Haworth                     | Maya Fritz<br>Landon Alsup<br>Kate Alsup                     | Maria Black<br>Bobby St. John<br>Nate Haworth                                   |

For ministry schedule changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928

(WESTVIEW: Phil Dorsch)



- 6/01 Liz Swanson, Noah Gustafson
- 6/03 Sharon Tracy, Dough Greenough
- 6/04 Linen Greenough, Jill Robinson,  
Tyler Holloway
- 6/05 Fr. John Meyer, Tracy Swanson,  
Laura Galloway
- 6/06 Jerrie Stewart, Hanna King
- 6/09 Marion Newton, Pippa Hubbard
- 6/10 Pam Atkinson
- 6/12 Ethelyn St. John
- 6/14 Gary Mentock, Frank Boley
- 6/15 Karen Luszcz, Georgia Boley,  
Jessica Kaminsky

- 6/16 Julianne Connell
- 6/18 Dennis Luszcz, Dorothy King,  
Shelley St. John Isakson
- 6/19 Christie Freeman, Sandra Wallop
- 6/21 Dana Wyatt
- 6/22 Ellen Lentsch, Olivia Boley
- 6/24 George Fletcher
- 6/25 Jake St. John
- 6/26 Shari Peddicord
- 6/27 Gene Woodward
- 6/28 Maria Black
- 6/29 Rachel Rowland
- 6/30 Bob Milner



For those who are in choir or handbells, summer break is here...see you in the fall! Thank you for serving in these ministries!!!





**DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
COMES TO ST. PETER'S !!!**

**CONVENTION THEME:  
"We Belong to God".**

St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Convention on October 7th-the 9th, which will be here in no time! With that being said, most of our main chairpersons are in place but we are making a plea for more volunteers!

**Here are areas to serve:**

- A: Cookie bakers for Sunday Oct. 9th and breakfast helpers
- B: Serving in the Red Door, which will be open during convention weekend
- C: Persons who are willing be runners (setting up, hauling items, assisting in any area of need)
- D: Friendly Greeters at the Holiday Inn Convention Center
- E: Registration, checking people in (working in shifts)
- F: Hospitality Room Volunteers  
...just to name a few areas.

If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the convention chairpersons:

Rick and/or Roberta Thompson at  
[307.674.8578](tel:307.674.8578) or cell: [307.461.2775](tel:307.461.2775)

***Many hands make work light!***

***On Friday, June 10th, the committee members are meeting with Jessica Reynolds from the Diocese at 12:00 noon here at St. Peter's. If you plan to eat lunch please bring your own brown bag. Thank you!!!***



**St. Peter's Hat Day!**  
*"Wear your favorite hat"*  
**On Sunday, June 19th**

The wearing of Bonnets is an English tradition of wearing a new hat, especially during Easter, to signify inner growth and renewal. Worn to church or in parades, they were a statement of Spring, renewal, and seasonal change as flowers are sometimes used. Men & Women's hats may be worn as part of their work, social status, safety precaution, or a fond association with a sports team or company. So, please everyone dust off your favorite hat and wear them to St. Peter's on Father's Day to say "Thank be to God" and HELLO SUMMER!!!

**"VBS" June 6-10**

Catch the Wave Vacation Bible School will begin each morning promptly at 9 a.m. in the United Methodist Church sanctuary.

Children will return to the United Methodist Church sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. for a closing session.

Parents/Families are cordially invited to join us for the fun and singing at closing time.

Children should be picked up at noon each day at United Methodist Church, 215 West Works St.

**VBS classes are as follows:**

**3 and 4 year olds:** Children who will be three by June 1, 2016.

**Pre Kindergarten Children:** who are 5 and will be in K-6th Grade - Children who have just completed these grades.

**Registration forms:** are available at any participating churches mentioned. Please return your form to your church office by **June 2nd.**

**Bring your neighbors, friends and others to Kindergarten this fall Catch the Wave VBS!**

**2016 COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love.**



**June 6-10**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9 a.m. until Noon**

**Sponsored by: First Christian, First United Methodist, St. Peter's Episcopal and Trinity**

# June Calendar 2016

| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                           | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                                                                              | Thursday                                   | Friday            | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
|  |                                  |                                      | 1<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am<br><br>Financial Peace 5:30-8pm                           | 2<br><br>Red Door Closed<br>Until mid June | 3                 | 4        |
| 5<br>3 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                           | 6<br>VBS Begins!!!<br>Dates 6-10 | 7<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS<br><br>VBS | 8<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am<br>Financial Peace 5:30pm<br>(Make up Session)<br><br>VBS | 9<br><br><br>VBS                           | 10<br><br><br>VBS | 11       |
| 12<br>4 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                          | 13                               | 14<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS           | 15<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am<br><br>Vestry 6pm                                        | 16                                         | 17                | 18       |
| 19<br>5 Pentecost<br><br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                      | 20                               | 21<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS           | 22<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am                                                          | 23                                         | 24                | 25       |
| 26<br>6 Pentecost<br>7:30 HE<br>10:00 HE                                          | 27                               | 28<br>10:00 HS<br>1:00 SRS           | 29<br>St. Nick's Crafters 9am                                                          | 30                                         |                   |          |

HE: Holy Eucharist

HS: Healing Service

SRS: Sugarland Ridge



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