



For Pete's Sake!

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GETTING HEALTHY
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I have had the opportunity to re-read Peter Steinke's *Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach*. It is a text about the stewardship of a congregation: how people care for, respond to, and manage their life together. Steinke invites the reader to reflect upon what makes for fit, vibrant congregations, listing ten principles of health and exploring ways that congregations may grow and deepen their spiritual walk with Christ.

We have a lot to be proud of here at St. Peter's. We are healthy, but we must not become complacent and stale. In a chapter entitled "The Higher Medicine", Steinke writes, "It has been said that health comes from empowering people to take responsibility for their own health. The health of a congregation is no different. It comes from individuals being responsible, being stewards of the whole. Healthy people create healthy congregations. The congregation's health and the people in it are connected."

As the spiritual leader of this flock, I want to empower each of you to take responsibility for your own spiritual health. And that responsibility begins by being present on Sunday morning, not only for worship, but for our other Christian formation as well. Spiritual formation for both adults and children is the "medicine" I believe that will make St. Peter's healthier and spiritually vibrant.

Look around you. Are there people in the pew who could be a part of your group? Have YOU invited them to become a vibrant member of the group you are involved in? Does the Church respond to the needs of newcomers, visitors, guests, inquirers, older adults, seekers, the younger generation, the "X" generation, and other groups? What would it be like to think "outside of the box?" Are members of St. Peter's open to change? What can we do about that?

From time to time I wonder if we are allowing enough of ourselves to be fully open to the work of the Holy Spirit. Have you thought about joining some group; or attending mid-week Eucharists; or joining the Altar Guild; or singing in the choir; or offering to help teach Church School; or helping with the Mission-Outreach projects; or whatever else it is you see around? Is there a new ministry you would like to see get started here?

Bishop Claude Payne in his book *Reclaiming the Great Commission*, writes, "The function of Christian formation is to teach the richness and power of the Christian faith and how to apply its principles to daily life. Intelligent faith in God's power grows with an understanding of Scripture and tradition. Ignorance of Christian teachings, which is prevalent even among Church members, is a serious drawback to experiencing the glorious promise of Christianity. It hampers Christians in their spiritual quest and frustrates them in their efforts to realize the full potential of their faith."

Historically, the missionary Church has always been the "formation" church. Spiritual formation of adults and children is central to evangelism because it is part of the process by which new disciples are created and existing disciples grow in knowledge and commitment. Christian formation is a core building block of our faith.

Many persons have shared with me that their dream for St. Peter's becomes a congregation that is spiritually healthy and alive with the Spirit. I share that vision. To achieve those dreams - a little "medicine" is in order. By taking our regular weekly "dose" of spiritual formation together, our community will be well on its way to producing healthy Christians who create a spiritually healthy congregation. See you on Sunday!

Paz, Christopher+



Painting with a Twist!

On 23 January from 12-2pm, members of St. Peter's and their friends will venture to Painting with a Twist located at 8804 N Michigan Road in Indianapolis. We have a private party session reserved that can accommodate up to 20 people. Cost is \$35. Sign up online at www.PWATindy.com You will need an access code and it is "Lebanon". If you would like to pay by phone call 317-228-4300. If you have trouble, please let Sandy or Christopher+ know.

Please plan to arrive no later than 11:45am to ensure that you are ready to go at 12pm.

Scholarships are available if needed.

Christopher's Schedule

This month the office will be closed the morning of Tuesday, 12 January while Christopher+ is at Clericus meeting at Holy Family in Fishers. He will be at St. Peter's later in the afternoon.

Bishop's Committee

The next meeting of the Bishop's Committee will be held on Sunday, 17 January at 11:45am in the library. All committee reports for the Annual Meeting should be submitted no later than this date.

YAC Updates

The Yarn and Crafts (YAC) group meets once or twice each month, sharing fellowship time and usually working on a project for an upcoming event.

This month, the group will meet on 14 January for a light dinner at 5:45pm and then will work on an activity together.

If you have an idea for something or would like to plan an activity, let our Social Chair, Sandra Dailey know!

St. Peter's Night at Shalom House

On 16 January, the people of St. Peter's will be preparing the evening meal for the people who come to Shalom House. We will need about 6-8 volunteers to help prepare the food for the meal. We also will need to prepare 120 servings of dessert for the meal.

Jason Fortner will be coordinating this event and there will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Table if you would like to participate or make desserts.

Annual Meeting

We will be holding the Annual Meeting of the parish on **Sunday, 24 January 2016** (snow date: 31 January 2016) immediately following the 10am service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone as we meet to do the business of the church!

We will be electing two members to the Bishop's Committee and electing two people to serve as delegates to diocesan convention.

We also will hear reports from each of the ministries of the parish as well as the Annual State of the Parish address from the vicar. We will be going over the 2016 budget and our upcoming events. Please plan to attend as we need to ensure we have enough eligible members to hold the meeting.



Monthly Family Night

This month, we return to a normal schedule! Join us as we gather on **Thursday, 28 January** at 6pm for Evening Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist. The service will have no music and we will be using the readings from *Holy Women, Holy Men* to guide us. The service should last no more than thirty minutes.

After the service, we will be making Mardi Gras masks and enjoying some gumbo during our own Mardi Gras party!

Prayers List Update

On the first Sunday of 2016, we will be updating our list of people that we pray for each Sunday. If you would like to keep people on the list, please update the list in the Gathering Area by Christmas Eve.

There will be a posting on the bulletin board with the names of the people currently on the list.

Pack Away Hunger Games

This year the churches that are part of the Lebanon Area Clergy Alliance (LACA) are putting on the Pack Away Hunger event on 31 January 2016 from 2-4:30pm at the Fairgrounds.

We will be preparing a total of 30,000 meal packages which will provide 180,000 meals for people in need around the world.

Each church will bring one team consisting of the following people:

10—12 person teams

4) 5-18 years old

4) 19-59 years old

4) 60+

2) Substitutes any age

1) Coach (members of LACA cannot be on the team or coach as they will be referees)

We will be getting new T-shirts with our church name on them as part of the event as well.

Invite your family and friends to be a part of this event. Sign-up sheets will be available on the Welcome Table.

Points will be scored by accuracy and by limiting waste. 1 point for every package that hits the 14 oz mark when it arrives on the scale and 5 points for the team with the least amount of waste at the end of the game. The game will end when 30,000 meals are packed.

The responsibilities of the team members are as follows:

- 4 people at the head of the table dumping various products into a funnel (standing position)
- 2 people feeding empty bags to the bottom of the funnel (standing position)
- 2 people operating the weigh station scales (possibly a sitting position)
- 2 people operating the electric sealing knives (standing position)
- 1-2 people packing meals in boxes (standing position)
- 1 runner (filling product containers and taking full packing boxes to the shipping pallets)



Seeking Bishop's Committee Members

Each year, as put forth in the bylaws, the Bishop's Committee is charged to receive those names of individuals who wish to be nominated for election to the Bishop's Committee. Individuals desiring to be nominated should make it known on or before 17 January 2016.

No experience is necessary to be a member of the Bishop's Committee, but to be eligible you must be a lay member in good standing, 18 or more years of age, not a member of the household of a current Bishop's Committee member, be a good representative of the mission of St. Peter's, faithfully attend parish functions, worship services, encourage and support parish members in mutual ministry, and be willing to work with other members of the Bishop's Committee.

We will elect two new members for a three year term at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, 24 January 2016.

Our Facebook page now has 117 "likes." The link is <https://www.facebook.com/Weseegodinyou>.

Updates on the Roof

If you have been in the chapel recently, you will have noticed some water damage in the far corner. Late last year, we had three separate contractors come and inspect our roof and all three found evidence of hail damage from the storms last Spring.

This past week, an adjuster for Church Insurance Company was out to St. Peter's and concurred with the contractor's assessment. Once the report is filed, we should be progressing towards getting a new roof on both the church and Blackwell Hall.

We will still need to address the other work that needs to be done to the spire and the building sometime during 2016.



Thank You...

♥ Thanks to the women of the Yarn and Craft (YAC) for baking and decorating the St. Nicholas gingerbread cookies in preparation for St. Nicholas' visit to the kids (young and old) on his feast day, December 6th.

♥ Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the 24 Christmas shoeboxes we filled for children at Hattie B. Stokes School.

♥ Thank you, one and all, for your help in decorating the church for Christmas and the Blue Christmas service that same afternoon.

♥ Thanks to those in the congregation who are willing to serve on the new Bishop's Committee. Two new Committee members will be elected at the January 24th Annual Meeting.

♥ Thanks to everyone who participated in making a gingerbread house after the service on December 17th. Thanks also to Shelbi Fortner and Sandy Dailey for organizing this annual event. And we are grateful that Lisa Smallback was able to make her very first gingerbread house!



Photo courtesy of Jason Fortner

♥ Submit a "thank you" in the offering plate and we will list it in future editions of *For Pete's Sake*.

Altar Server Training

We had our first training session back in October with the hopes we would be ready for Advent. Well life happens and we are just now getting around to having our next training session.

If you would like to learn about serving at the altar on Sunday mornings, come to the church on Thursday, 21 January from 6-8pm for a second refresher course! Questions, see Fr. Christopher.

Confirmation/Reception Classes

If you are wanting to be received or confirmed into the Episcopal Church, we will soon begin our Confirmation Classes.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8pm starting in February. There will be a total of six classes during this course. We will explore the basics of our faith and prepare you for confirmation.

Class meetings are: 4 Feb, 18 Feb, 3 Mar, 17 Mar, 31 Mar, 7 Apr, (make-up/snow day 21 Apr).

Congratulations!

On 3 January, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Dailey renewed their vows in celebration of 35 years of marriage. Family and friends attended and a wonderful reception was held following the service.

Congratulations!



Photo courtesy of ???????

COMING SOON!

Italian Night will be held on Saturday, 6 February from 5-9pm. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Please see Sandy Dailey if you need additional tickets.

My Church

A Mad Lib for the Parishioners of St. Peter's

When I tell people that I attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church they always seem a little _____ (feeling) at first .

"That _____ (adjective) church on Washington and John Bart Road?" they ask.

"What's that place like?" I _____ (adverb) tell them that St. Peter's is a really _____ (adjective) church and that the people are _____, (adjective) too.

Even the priest is _____ (adjective).

When I explain what I like best about St. Peter's, I mention the _____ (noun) and the _____ (noun).

"That's what makes it such a _____ (adjective) place for me and _____ (noun). _____! (exclamation), it sounds like a _____ (adjective) church," they exclaim. "What does it take to make it all happen?"

Submit your story and see it in FPS!

Leadership at St. Peter's

Clergy

Vicar The Rev. Christopher R. Beasley

Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Sandra Dailey

Junior Warden Jason Fortner

Treasurer Cherie Donaldson

Communications Lindsey Dickerson

Welcome/Invitation Debra Hartsock

Stewardship Diana Halstead

Music

Organist Carol Ann Webb

Christian Education

Nursery Attendant Kimberly Thomas

Sunday School Shelbi Fortner



Upcoming Events – January

- 12 January: Christopher+ at Clericus @ Holy Family – 11am to 1pm
- 14 January: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) Group Meets at 5:45pm.
- 16 January: St. Peter's prepares dinner for Shalom House
- 17 January: Bishop's Committee meets at 11:45am in the Library.
- 17 January: Food Drive Sunday. Bring in items for donation to The Caring Center.
- 21 January: Altar Server Training 6-8pm – Church
- 23 January: Painting with a Twist 12 – 2pm. Indy
- 24 January: Annual Meeting of the Parish. Pitch-in lunch will follow the service.
- 28 January: Evening Prayer and Holy Communion at 6pm, followed by Mardi Gras, mask-making, and gumbo.
- 30 January: Bishop's Transition Committee Meets at St. Paul's from 10am-3pm
- 31 January: Pack Away Hunger Games at Fairgrounds from 2-4:30pm.

When Need Arises

If you need to get a hold of Christopher+, you may call the parish phone at 482-2322. Messages are checked at least once per day (excluding Friday).

At any time, you may contact Christopher+ on his cell phone at 765.602.1129 or by email at crb0311@aol.com. He is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 5pm. His Sabbath day is Friday.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive faithful pastors, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, p. 818)

January Birthdays

7	Rocky Myers
8	Christina Donnolo
16	T. J. Barton
16	Lisa Smallback
24	Matt Hartsock
25	Zophialyn Winchester-Miller
26	Chris Jones
29	Frank Moore
31	Natasha Ford



Ministry Team Schedule, 2016

If you cannot serve on the Sunday assigned, please arrange for a substitute.

	01.03	01.10	01.17	01.24	01.31
Altar Server	Debra Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Diana Halstead	Debra Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley
Reader	Chuck Dailey	Norma Sanders	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Chuck Dailey
Intercessor	Lindsey Dickerson	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders	Dorothy Kelley	Gary Sanders
Altar Guild	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	Shelbi Fortner	Sandy Dailey	Shelbi Fortner	Children's Sunday	Sandy Dailey
Coffee Hour	Chuck and Sandy Dailey	Eric Mohringer & Bob & Cherie Donaldson	Volunteer Needed	Pitch-in – Annual Meeting	Carol Ann Webb

	2.07	02.14	02.21	02.28
Altar Server	Diana Halstead	Debra Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Diana Halstead
Reader	Debra Hartsock	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Norma Sanders
Intercessor	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders	Dorothy Kelley
Altar Guild	Carol Ann Webb	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb
Sunday School	Shelbi Fortner	Sandy Dailey	Shelbi Fortner	Sandy Dailey
Coffee Hour	Marion Ritchie	Eric Mohringer & Bob & Cherie Donaldson	Kent South & Christopher+	Volunteer Needed

Please be praying for...

Kalpana Acharya
 Adam & Lindsey
 Eric Alexander
 Patty Bathgate
 Wesley Beasley
 Becca
 Brittany & Annette
 Cammy
 Cary, Alex, Kate, Troy & Gina
 Charlie
 David
 Sandy (Chadd) Davis
 Bonnie & Lew Dailey
 Shirley & George Dehn
 Debbie DeLeon
 Denise
 Emily Dickerson
 Cherie & Bob Donaldson
 Cindy

Vicky Franklin
 Carol & Becky
 Cassie
 Paul Fauser
 Cathy Gray
 Gwendolyn
 Sharon Harpold
 Andy Hartsock
 Deborah Heaton
 Mimi Kuhn
 Ciella Leach
 Luke
 Johanna Mohringer
 John Mohringer
 Vickie Montgomery
 Susan Rice
 Larry
 Desiree Roth
 Patsy Sanders

Betty Saunders
 Mary K. Shelly
 Donna South
 Tasha, Gaby & Omar Strong
 Steve
 Kimberly Thomas
 Deana Weems
 Johnny Williams
 Kevin Wilcox
 Crystal Wilmot
 The Bishop's Committee
 Pathways to Vitality Team
 Kimberly & the nursery children
 The Sunday School children & teachers

The people God is inviting to St. Peter's whom we have yet to greet
 Those who have no one to pray for them

Going forth into the world, we see God in our neighbor.