

Crossed Keys



January 2007

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Dear Families and Friends of St. Peter's

Please make note of the Annual Meeting, January 28, 2007, with a light lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting beginning at noon. Please plan to attend this important celebration of the life and ministry of our parish.

How did they know?

On Sunday, December 10, I gathered with the children in the parish hall, while Kevin preached, to work on music for the Christmas Pageant. A bit of pressure, I must say...all those faces, with great interest, and great attention, for that matter! The expectations are almost unbearable. "Fr. Dave, can I sing a solo?" "Fr. Dave, can I be a Wise Man?" "Fr. Dave, can I be Jesus?" *No, you're too heavy...Joseph can't carry you.* "Fr. Dave, are you going to have a surprise for us this year?"

"Just keep moving," is one of my mantras...along with, "Just land on your feet." We began the music practice. They sang beautifully. As we sang, Sadie got up from her seated position, and stood on my left, facing the other children. She would gently touch the wood on the back of my guitar, and then fold my suit jacket over her shoulder like a blanket. Soon she had dragged a wooden chair to the same spot, now making her place next to me official. Leah, taking her cue, dragged another chair to my right, standing on it and providing the other child book-end to the priest. Then, one after another, the children began to stand and move, from their positions seated in front of me to standing, on feet and on chairs, beside me and directly in front of me. All without prompting. All while we kept singing.

Soon we were a group standing so close to one another

that it was, I must admit, a little uncomfortable, especially as I continued to play the guitar. "What's happening?" "Why are you doing this?" I wondered, and I said aloud. They really had no answer. There was no plan.

When some of them had begun to realize the unusual nature of our gathering, and when we had taken a break from song to song, finally Joey piped up and said triumphantly, as if he had discovered the answer, "GROUP HUG!" And so we did. They all needed only a half step more, and a little lean, and we all embraced one another, like so many gentle birds gathered in a nest.

This had never, in my memory, happened before. I left thinking, "how did they know?" How did they know that on that morning, perhaps more than any other, I was missing my own children so deeply?

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones," Jesus said. "For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my father in heaven." (Matthew 18:10-11)

There was a lot of communication going on that day. God ministered to me, through them. It was another one of those reminders to never underestimate the spiritual intuition of children.

Peace,

David+

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KEVIN'S CORNER...

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

In a few days I will be heading off for two weeks to do some missions work with a friend of mine from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Each summer my friend, Brian, and his wife take a team of University students to Kenya for about 6 weeks. They spend half their time in a rural setting and the other half in an urban one. They work with pastors, in an AIDS hospital, or perhaps with an orphanage. One such orphanage is just up and running, and we will be staying there while we are in Nairobi.

As I think about the plight of these children, all of them orphans whose parents have died from AIDS, (which is pandemic in parts of Africa,) I am struck with the opportunities and chances which my own children will have because we had the fortune of being born on this side of the Atlantic. I have had the luxury of traveling in a number of 3rd world countries in my life, and I have seen to some small degree the painful and sinful side of poverty. I am grateful for the possibilities which exist for me and my family, and I certainly don't want to squander, nor take for granted, the fact that we have the options that we do.

This is true with the financial and material possibilities which exist for us in America, but it's also true with the spiritual ones. So, when a member of our church approached me a while ago and asked if there was something that we could do to better prepare our kids for the difficulties they will face in Junior High school, I knew this was something I needed to pay attention to.


So we are now in the process of gathering information about what the interest is for a mid-week program for students between the third and fifth grades.

While we are still in the formative stages of sorting out exactly what the curriculum would look like, we would want to include scripture, prayer, lessons, play, music, and snacks. We would like to include students from Districts 1 and 2, so we would likely begin around 4:30 and go until 5:45 or 6:00.

If you are a parent or caregiver for youth who would fit into this age range, please contact me and give me your feedback, either pro or con. We don't want to add one more thing to schedules for parents or kids who are already overloaded, but if this seems valuable and something you would want to take advantage of, I need to hear your opinions. You can call me at the church at 674-7655 or email me at kncjones@fiberpipe.net.

I'll probably ask if you can help serve in some capacity. In fact, even if you don't have kids who would be interested or fit into this age range but you have gifts that would be beneficial in a ministry like this I would be interested in finding a spot for you to serve our kids.

Opportunities like this aren't abundant everywhere. We are fortunate that they are available to us. It will serve our future to invest in our kids spiritual formation today.

By Grace,

Kevin Jones

Our 2006 Vestry Members

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Please pray daily for
our Vestry and for
their ministry to
St. Peter's.

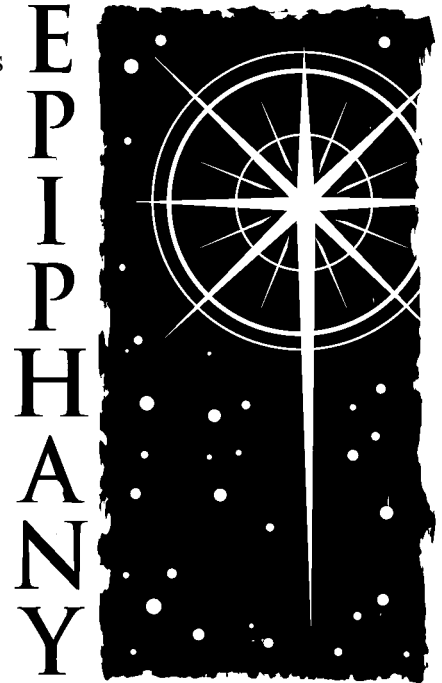
Epiphany Feast of Lights Service

How many of you have actually experienced the Epiphany service? It is a lovely service performed by the youth of the church. They walk us through the 12 days of Christmas and it gives the season much greater meaning. Then we are each given a candle to take home to keep the light of Christ burning.

Last year we had the first annual Epiphany Fellowship Supper prior to the service, a simple supper of soup, salad and dessert, by candlelight. It was awesome, about 35-40 people attended. This year, we ask that you bring your candles from previous services to get an idea of the candlepower these services have brought into our lives. We would love to continue this as a tradition. We sincerely hope you'll join us.

Mark your calendar: Epiphany Feast of Lights Supper and Service -- Saturday, January 6, 2007 in the Parish Hall -- supper at 6:00 PM, service at 7:00 PM.

If you would like to help Shari Peddicord with the supper, please contact her at 672-2510, or call Sandy at the Church, 674-7655.



The Visit of the Magi

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the East and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel'."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me so that I, too, may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the East went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Let me set the mood for you....

AHHHHH.... THROW ME THE BALL, YOU MISSED ME... WOOOO, HA HA HA..... TURN UP THE MUSIC ITS NOT LOUD ENOUGH, I CAN'T HEAR IT OVER THE SCREAMING.

Of course, this would be only about five seconds worth- but I think you get the point. Over this school year we have made a few changes in our meeting time that has produced some good fruit. Of course, we have our goofy time where there are balls flying, music on, kids screaming, skateboards skating and well almost total chaos, but we have also had some great times of worship and young hearts exposed to God's love.

Starting this last summer I mentioned that we were watching a video series called Ultimate Choice. Along with this video series we started splitting into small groups where we would discuss the video and have some in depth discussions on our culture and the choices that teenagers today are faced with. After our small groups we would then go downstairs and review our small group time and enter into a time of worship.

Now most of you have been around teenagers and can understand how squirrely they can be. Now imagine thirty of them sitting close together on couches in a dark room with candles lit and me asking them for two minutes of silence. No, it really happens, we do have those times of worship. I have been blown away and amazed how God is working in their lives. On any given youth night you can expect to spend at least a half an hour in prayer and worship. Our students want to spend time praying for their family, friends and concerns and they want to spend time worshiping God through music and singing.

Two years ago this would probably not have been an option. See, kids are much like adults; they want to be able to trust their leaders before they will open their hearts. 'Thank You' to all of our youth staff and their patience with our kids!

God bless,

AnDy

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

This is the house of God!
Welcome in the name of Christ.
We gather to worship our Creator
who is our refuge and strength.
Lift up your heart and offer praise
to the God of glory.

Reminder!

Let the church office know if your
address has changed or if you will
be away for an extended period of
time and wish to have your church
mail forwarded.

Articles, News and Ads
are due on the 15th
for upcoming X-Keys!
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are available for
members of St. Peter's
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From the Women of St. Peter's:


Dec. 6, 2006, the Women of St. Peter's gathered to
distribute the money made throughout the year to
deserving charities...

Cathedral Home for Children, ECW, Church Army
USA, Seaman's Church, St. Francis Academy, Church
Periodical Club, Sister's of St. Margaret, ERD, Lunch
Together, VOA Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, Big
Brothers, Big Sisters, Advocacy & Resource Cntr.
CASA, Lifelink, Senior Citizen Center, Mini Bus &
Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, National Day
of Prayer, Red Cross, Kata Loukan, St. Peter's Youth
Group, American Friends of Jerusalem, Mayor of Lodge
Grass (Christmas gifts for kids) Thunderchild, Crow
Agency, Northern Cheyenne, Gifts to St. Peter's staff
and clergy, Heifer Project, Vision Beyond Borders,
Home Builders Mission (St. Peter's) Wyola School,
Bootstrap Foundation, Sanctuary of Hope (Nairobi) Free
Clinic meals, MOPS.

Thanks to everyone involved we were able to give even
more than last year!

Office Hours
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. —4:00 p.m.

**VESTRY
MEETINGS**
4th TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH


From the Editor Change
Everything changes, all the time,
it is a constant. Another change
Another change coming up is the
editor of the Crossed Keys. This issue is the last
one for me. I have handed it over to Sandy Collins.
She will do a great job!
It has been a pleasure to put this newsletter
together, I hope I have served you all well with the
information collected over the past several years.
Thank you for all of your support and articles etc.

IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU
FEEL SHOULD BE ON THE
CALENDAR PLEASE LET SUE
KNOW

Holy Eucharist- HE
Healing Service- H
Sunday School- SS
Youth Group- EYC
Daughters of the King- DOK
Morning Prayer- MP
Adult Education- AE

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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28 7:30 am HE 8:30 am AG 9:00 am SS/ AE CHOIR 10:00am HE 11:30 LUNCH 12:00 ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 pm SR. EYC	29 1:00 pm DOK	30 10:00 am HE HEALING SERVICE	31 9:00 am SAINT NICHOLAS 7:00 pm JR. EYC	<p>*ANNUAL MEETING* JAN. 28, 2007 AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 11:30, WITH THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 12:00. JOIN US!</p>		

Make a Stained-Glass Candle



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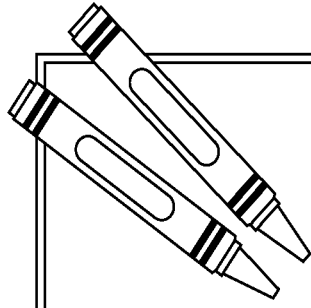
- an empty glass jar
- colored tissue paper
- white glue
- paint brush
- votive candle



How to make it:

- Cut the tissue into small pieces.
- Paint the jar with glue.
- Arrange the pieces on the jar on the wet glue. Do not leave any empty spaces.
- Paint over the tissue with more glue. Let dry.

Place candle inside.




Just for KIDS

Worship and Celebrate

In our many different denominations and congregations, we worship in many different ways. Although we may worship differently, we believe in the same God! We go to one God in worship and celebration!

Use the code to find words and phrases of things that God's people do in worship.

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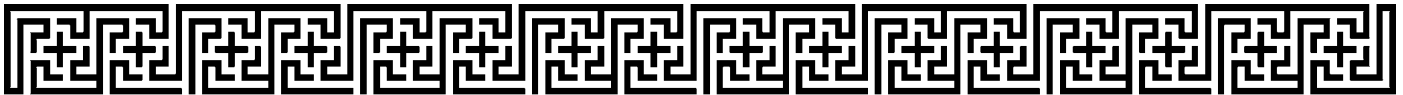
1. Praise, 2. Pray, 3. Light Candles, 4. Play Music, 5. Give Offerings, 6. Sit Quietly, 7. Communion, 8. Lift Your Hands, 9. Read Scriptures, 10. Sing, 11. Say "Amen"

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Take a moment sometime to walk through the church building. Explore all the rooms and crannies in the basement and bell tower, and perhaps spend some unhurried time in the sanctuary and chapel. History oozes from the walls, especially as you note the names and remember the faces of those who have given of themselves for window memorials.

It is truly a remarkable and historical building. History, however, comes with a cost—more history, more cost. The palpable attributes of St. Peters—stained glass, hewn beams, eclectic pews, etc.—are accompanied by old plumbing, heating, wiring, and a nearly century-old brick structure.

During the last several months, you have seen an extensive brick-pointing project underway. This undertaking addressed only the worst of the worst, and should remain ongoing for several more years. Most of the nearly 100 year old mortar has softened, and the erosion will accelerate, if not checked in the near future.

However, with the old, comes the new. The Judy Hornbeck memorial chapel is well underway, and will provide us a unique outdoor setting in an underutilized area. This project is being funded by John Hornbeck and built by Fletcher Construction.

As you consider your support level for 2007, please also consider what a rare opportunity and privilege we have to worship where we do, and what it takes to keep this opportunity alive.

Peace,
Rick Rossa
Jr. Warden