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A Thank You for Convention



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November 2016- Crossed Keys

I just want to again say Thank You to everyone who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make this Convention happen. Thank you to Rick and Roberta Thompson for all your hard work, and to all the Committee chairs who had been prepping for months. Thank you to all the volunteers, without you this would not have happened. Thank you to Suzie and everyone who gave of their time to be the most amazing choir and music team on Friday night and Sunday morning. There were so many that helped it would be impossible to name you all and with my memory I would probably forget, but please know I was so proud of this church the entire weekend, and grateful for each of you.

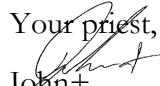
I think it is important to share a remark the Bishop made as often the people closest to something have the least ability for perspective – that the Bishop comments on how he finds St. Peter’s so joyful and alive when he comes here. I think we all need to hear that. Surely we are not done yet, we are by no means perfect, and can always be better but let’s be thankful that the life giving, joy giving Spirit of the Lord is here among us.

Diocesan elections - I do want to make a note of Diocesan elections from this Convention as two people from St. Peter’s joined Diocesan council and Committees. Roger St. Clair was elected to Diocesan council and joins our Laura Galloway on that body. Peter Clark was elected to Standing Committee and joins your truly on that body.

Convention 2017 – The 2017 Convention will be October 6-8 in Lander, Wyoming. If anyone has a desire or interest to serve as a delegate and represent St. Peter’s in Lander it is never too early to talk to me about it.

The Bishop is coming! - I want to also mention something new the Bishop is doing. He is hosting a “Dream Day” for all of you on Saturday December 10 here at St. Peter’s from 10-2. He will come and have a conversation with you on what dreams you have for St. Peter’s and the Diocese of Wyoming going forward. He really wants to listen and hear from you all about your dreams for the church and Diocese. Churches from Buffalo, Kaycee, Gillette, Wright, Sundance, and Newcastle will also be invited. The Bishop is buying lunch for everyone that day so there is no need to prep anything. For those wondering, this visit will be different than his annual visitation which will be in Feb 2017.

Please mark this date on your calendar and try to attend to support our Bishop.

Your priest,

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Learning to Study the Bible

The Bible occupies a strange place in our culture--both inside and outside of the church. Surveys find that people have a high view of it, a majority even considering it inspired by God. The average household owns 4.7 copies. And yet it is seldom read and Biblical knowledge is at a pretty low level. Among regular church attenders, only 45% read the Bible at least a few times a week. (And that number is probably much exaggerated. In a related matter, church attendance, research suggests twice as many people say they attend church regularly as actually do.) 18% of this same group never read it.

Why the disconnect? One of the top answers people give is that they are too busy to read scripture. (According to one study, 62% said they wish they read the Bible more, they just don't know how to find the time.) Many other answers, however, have to do with the nature of scripture itself. Some feel it is irrelevant to the needs and concern of the modern world. Others find it boring. Many find it confusing and aren't sure how to make sense of it. Still others don't see any particular need to be in scripture more often. Finally, there are those held back by doubts about its historical reliability or theological accuracy.

Regular study of scripture is one of the most important things for our relationship with God and transformation of ourselves into Christian maturity. For this reason, I will be starting a Sunday school series on November 6th at 9:00 aimed at helping us be better equipped to read and understand the Bible. We will address questions like: Why should I study the Bible? What is the big story and how do the various pieces fit together? How do I know the text we have is reliable? How do I actually go about studying a passage of scripture? Isn't the Old Testament God really different from the New Testament picture? The goal is to help provide tools and motivation to pick up this most important book more frequently and more competently.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

John

St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • November 2016

LEMS	Lay Readers	Ushers Greeters	Acolytes
November 6			
A: Juanita Smith B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith	7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike & Mary Beth Evers	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Frank & Georgia Boley Karen Ferguson Mary Dailey	Nate Haworth Landon Alsup Kate Alsup
November 13		Convention Sunday	
A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith	7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Holland Duell Linen Greenough	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Pam & John Standish Sandy Tharaldson Cara Nicholls	Aria Heyneman Quinn Heyneman Bailee Mentock Cori Mentock
November 20			
A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith	7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Stan & Shari Peddicord	7:30 Steve & Jane Jennings 10:00 Sarah Mentock Dorothy Goodwin Robert & Jodene Prusak	Corey Mentock Bailee Mentock Nate Haworth
November 27			
A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith	7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Linen Greenough Lee Helvey	7:30 Janet Holcomb 10:00 Lynne Outland Stan & Shari Peddicord	Bobby St. John Maya Fritz Maria Black

*For ministry schedule changes
contact Juanita Smith at 673-4928
(November 30)
WESTVIEW: Phil Dorsch*

Thanksgiving Day Service
November 24th
10:30 AM
Reader: Holland Duell





- 11/01 Lori Karajanis
Nalin Fletcher
- 11/03 Victoria Green
- 11/06 Mary Pelesky
Lawarence Gill
- 11/08 Chris Galloway
Nan Wallach
- 11/09 Jack Chase
- 11/10 Peter Clark
Blakely Treide
- 11/11 Renee Gebault King
John Milliken
Rosemary Perkins
- 11/12 Emma Manor
- 11/13 Vi Fitzpatrick
- 11/16 Alice Orr
Mary Eaton
- 11/17 Patrick Henderson
- 11/18 Connie Perkins
- 11/20 Dane Farman
- 11/24 Kathleen Buchanan
- 11/25 Peg Campbell
James Spell
- 11/27 Betty Zahradnicek
Jeannine Zahradnicek
- 11/29 Karen Ferguson
- 11/30 Linda St. Clair



God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.
Hebrews 6:10 NIV

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are ready to be filled and sent around the world to spread the joy of Jesus' love to millions of children. How does a shoebox filled with clothing, shoes, hygiene items, school supplies and a small toy bless a child in another country with the knowledge of Jesus? Along with the box of gifts, each recipient is offered the Greatest Gift ever given – knowledge of Jesus Christ's love and salvation through a 12-lesson discipleship course!

So I invite you to join in the joy! Grab a box (or more), choose either a boy or girl label, specify the age group (2-4 years; 5-9 or 10-14) and have fun filling it with gifts and supplies for your lucky child. Each box contains a list of suggestions. Please be aware of expiration dates on items; boxes can take up to 6 months to reach their destination, so expiration dates should be at least 6 months out. Liquids cannot be shipped & because of violence and war in many countries any war related images, toys, clothing, etc. should not be packed.

The challenge is to get as much as you can in the shoebox. Packing tricks include: Remove any unnecessary packaging. Place unwrapped items in a baggie or a water bottle! Deflate any balls and include a small ball pump. Children love to receive photos of you and a small note. These can easily be taped inside the lid.

Some gift ideas for older children include calculators, ball caps, tool sets, sewing kits, first aid kits, folding fishing poles, fishing kits, gardening kits (no seeds please), rain ponchos, umbrellas, duct tape and work gloves.

Toy ideas for all ages are dominos, jump ropes, small cars, marbles, small Lego sets, handheld Etch-a-Sketches and Slinkies.

When you've filled the box, put \$7 inside to cover shipping, identify the recipient as boy or girl and mark the correct age range on the label, tape it to the top of the box, wrap a rubber band around the box, say a prayer for the child who will be receiving your box & return it to St. Peter's on or before Sunday, Nov. 6 for the Blessing of the Boxes at the 10 am service. If you'd like to track your box as it is in route to its destination go to the website at: www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/.

Romans 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

St. Peter's THANK YOU for your outpouring last year. We sent out 104 shoe boxes in 2015. With your help, we can top that this year!



Saturday - November 19, 2016
 8 am - 2 pm
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 1 S. Tschirgi Street

**Bazaar Week Schedule
 November 16-19**

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 9 amset up
 center booths & tables

Thursday, Nov. 17, 9 amdecorate booths

Friday, Nov. 18, 9 am - all day)bring
 projects -baked goods, booth fillers, pies
 for lunch.

Saturday, Nov. 19, Bazaar Day.....doors open at
 6 am for booth workers-booth chairs must
 be present to price.

Sunday, Nov 20.....Take down bazaar after
 second service.

Please-if everyone helps we finish quickly.

Thank you!!!!

St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Doors open at 8 am - 2 pm,
 Lunch from 11 am - 1 pm

Please consider the following items to donate:

- homemade goodies
- candies, fudge, cookies
- crocheted and knitted items,
 quilts, aprons, towels
- collectibles, antique pieces and
 small furniture
- all jewelry - necklaces, earrings,
 rings, bracelets
- ornaments (new and handmade)

We will serve lunch from 11 am - 1 pm. (\$6) per person. The menu will include lasagna (beef, chicken, vegetable), Caesar salad, homemade bread, pie and beverages. The luncheon is possible only because all of you contribute so graciously - please see the sign-up sheets in the parish hall for listing of lasagna and pies and for recipe information*. Tobie Alsup and Carmen Rideout will again chair the luncheon.

All the women of St. Peter's should be very proud of our bazaar. The money raised is given to many charitable organizations in Sheridan and around the world. You are an important part of the bazaar and we need your help to achieve our goals. Let us pull together to make this year's bazaar another great success!

If you have any questions/ideas/comments, please contact Linda Ernst (672-2293), Kathy McNickle (752-5745) or Karon in the church office -674-7655.

*Please use a disposable pan for your baked items. The lasagna may be frozen but must be cooked.

Booths

Parish Hall Mercantile.....Christian-based
gift items, Bibles, prayer books, with many new
arrivals

Country Store.....baked goods, preserves,
yummy goodies

Handiwork.....needlework, quilts,
pillows, hand-knit items

Holiday Center.....wreaths, garlands, table
centerpieces, gift items galore!

Jewelry.....earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings

Ornaments.....large and small tree
ornaments, handmade ones, too!

Treasures.....gently used and cherished
items, knick-knacks, furniture and collectibles

Candies & Cookies.....homemade delectables
to tempt your sweet tooth

The Red Door Thrift Store.....(located downstairs)
lots of holiday fashions& jewelry

Coffee Barcinnamon rolls, donuts, coffee

Our hope is that you will be able to attend
the bazaar and enjoy the fruits of the labor
put into this wonderful fundraising event.

We thank all of the ladies and gentlemen who
help. Your time and talents are very much
appreciated!

The Women of St. Peters
Peace to Everyone

Have a Merry **Candyland**
Christmas 



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in
the mission work of the Episcopal Church.
Parishioners are asked to daily collect
pocket change as a thank offering to God,
reflecting on our own blessings.

All UTO funds go to support grants for
ministries at home and overseas. Last year
a donation of \$651.76 was received which
came through by your generosity and
thankful giving.

As a reminder, an “Ingathering” takes place
every May and November. UTO boxes are
available in the church office however other
containers work. Looking towards
November’s Ingathering!

Thankful Living - Thankful Giving



Bazaar Helpers Needed!!

If you are able to assist in the
Christmas bazaar: setting-up, cooking
lasagna or pies; or working during the
bazaar, sign-up sheets are available in
the parish. Choose the area in which
you would like to serve, write your
name and phone number in the in
your selected area.

FYI: We could use strong arms for
setting up on Wednesday and for
clean-up on Sunday the 21st following
the 10:00 am service.

Thank You!!!

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