

St. Peter's

CONNECTION

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Connecting the World with God's Love

THIS ISSUE:

Stephen Ministry Training

You can offer Christian compassion and listening to others by training to be a Stephen Minister.

Methodism 101

Learn more about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church and how St. Peter's is serving Christ in our congregation and in our community.



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United Methodist Church

Master Plan helps St. Peter's to continue to live out our mission

As St. Peter's grows in membership and in ministries, it becomes necessary to address how our current facility can be enhanced and expanded in a way that will enable us to more effectively live out our mission to "connect the world with God's love." Some of the areas needing improved space are the nursery, Children's Ministries, SPLASH children's worship, Student Ministries, Music Ministries and administration. Through a rearrangement of our current space and the addition of some new space, our Master Plan addresses the needs of these ministry areas while recognizing the importance of making the best use of our resources.



One of the issues the Master Plan addresses is the need for a child-appropriate space for SPLASH, St. Peter's children's worship service. Currently SPLASH uses Asbury Hall, the same space as the adult Heritage Sunday School class.

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Help needed with receptions

Are you looking for a way to serve at St. Peter's? Volunteers are needed to help provide receptions for families after funerals or memorial services. The Funeral Reception Team is an important way that St. Peter's reaches out to these families in their time of loss.

Each reception has a team leader who can guide the volunteers in the process of setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in serving on this team or want more information, contact Rev. Kim Meyers at kmeyers@stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031, ext. 305.

Coffee With the Pastors

Are you thinking about joining St. Peter's? If so, you are invited to attend Coffee With the Pastors, which is Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in E106. Please contact Rev. Lorna Bradley at (281) 492-8031, ext. 316, or lbradley@stpkaty.org for more information.



“Being the Church”

Upcoming congregational conferences illustrate the variety of the “business” of the church

In the element, our contemporary worship venue at St. Peter's, each service ends with this invitation, “Now, go BE the Church!” I love the statement as it calls us to the awareness that we are the manifestation of Jesus Christ in the world. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. We are the people to whom the task of living out the Good News has been entrusted. We ARE the Church!

This is a time of year when a good portion of “being the Church” involves meetings. It is a time when new leaders of various teams and committees replace others who have faithfully served in the year past. It is a time of dreaming, visioning and planning for the ministry possibilities of the new year. For many, meetings are the inspiring means through which “being the Church” happens, as groups strategically design and implement ministries. For others, the prospect of going to a church meeting may seem like drudgery.

Reflecting back on my decades of life in the church, I would agree that many meetings along the way have been drudgery, and some of them have been downright painful! Many more of these meetings through the years, however, have been inspiring, informative and motivating. “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.” Church meetings provide an environment in which the plans for life-changing ministry can be created and, ultimately, implemented.

The “business” of the church takes on many forms, and conferencing is a part of our Methodist DNA, going back to the early days of Methodism in the 1700s in England. In the weeks ahead, two of our conferences at St. Peter's illustrate just how varied the purposes of carrying out the work of the church can be:

1) On Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., a Church Conference will assemble to hear a presentation from representatives of our Master Plan Strategy Team and Studio Red, our architectural design firm. The purpose of this meeting is to communicate the work that has been done thus far with regard to expanding and updating the ministry facilities at 20775 Kingsland Blvd. The congregation will also be asked to empower the church's Committee on Lay Leadership to appoint a Building Committee to continue working with Studio Red in the coming months to continue developing the plan.

2) On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m., a Charge Conference will assemble to hear from one of our ministry candidates, Vicki Campbell. This meeting is for the purpose of taking an official vote to affirm Vicki in her ministry journey. This is part of the candidacy process for all those who seek ordination for ministry in the United Methodist Church.

So ... whether it's to receive a report from an architect or a testimonial from a candidate for ministry, “Christian conferencing” is an important part of our life together in community. Every week, the meeting rooms of St. Peter's are filled with people who are planning for ministry. This is not busy



Rev. Don Smith

Master Plan *continued from page 1*

Information about our Master Plan is being presented to the congregation this month in a series of Sunday morning sessions presented by Kyle Mefford, a member of the Master Plan Strategy Team. These sessions, which are at 9:45 a.m., are open to anyone. Please contact Jennifer Hollingshead at jhollingshead@stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031 for locations.

The Master Plan information also will be presented at a Church Conference, a meeting of the entire church membership, on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in Asbury Hall. Following this presentation, members will be asked to vote to empower the Lay Leadership Committee to appoint a Building Committee.

Even as these information meetings and conferences are taking place, St. Peter's will embark this month on a capital campaign to fund the improvements presently being designed and developed in more detail. Since funding is an essential part of any improvement project, the capital campaign and the work of the Building Committee will work hand-in-hand to ensure that the stewardship of our financial resources will help shape the extent of the expansion and enhancement of the church's facilities.

You are encouraged to attend the information meetings and Church Conference as, together, we gather to make decisions about the future of St. Peter's United Methodist Church.

**Church Conference
Feb. 6, 7 p.m.**

Get help with your job search

The Job Search Assistance group is available for anyone who is looking for work, including those who are looking for their first job as well as those who have work experience.

You will receive information on how, when and where to search, what benefits to expect, and how to make the most of job fairs. Beginning Jan. 25 we will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in S209. For information, contact John Caudill at (281) 597-0097 or j.caudill@qualitec.com.

Altar flowers



You can donate the altar flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone for \$45. Sign up online at stpkaty.org, on the bulletin board in the Lobby or by calling the church office. For information, contact Patty Campbell at pcampbell@stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031.

Mothers group to focus on marriage in February



Mothers of Young Children is a group of moms focused on connecting mothers of young children with God and each other. We meet every Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in E221 following the KISD calendar. Our focus is on the needs of moms with children ages newborn through elementary school. MYC offers programming, Bible study, socials and playmates, and more.

Jan. 27 is our Mom to Mom Bible Study: "In Our Fathers Eyes." Our February series will focus on marriage and intimacy. Events include a featured speaker, two Mom to Mom Bible Studies and a Ladies Night Out. More details can be found on www.stpkaty.org/mothers-of-young-children. We look forward to seeing you!

KEYS

Senior Adults

Brown Bag Bridge. Fourteen tables of Brown Baggers met for their January bridge game, and it was a great day for the men. Winners for the day were Frank Womack, high, and Bob Lee, second high. Congrats to you both. Our next play date will be Feb. 9. If you would like to play, please contact Martha at (281) 395-3825 or mckit@comcast.net.

Seniors Game Day. Senior adults are invited to join us Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. in E106. A variety of games are available or you can bring your own. Bring a sack lunch; drinks are provided. For information, contact Richard Powell at (281) 392-2941.

Choral Concert is Jan. 26

The Pacific Lutheran University Choir will present a concert in the Sanctuary Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. This choir is a highly regarded group of 45 singers with an extraordinary sound and quality. This is a very special opportunity to hear one of the premier collegiate choirs in our country.

Being the Church *continued from page 1*

work. It is an essential part of our life together. It is the part of ministry that enables us to go beyond the walls of our facility with the confidence that there is a plan and a focus ready for implementation in our commitment to manifest the love of Jesus in the world.

Now, "Go BE the Church!"
I'll see you in worship.

Love everybody ...

Pasta Don

Parenting with grace

The challenges of parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming. What do we do when we run out of patience? How do we handle our anger when it seems

to be getting the best of us? Where do we find the affirmation our children need? Parenting With Purpose and Grace will show you what Bible says about how to reflect the love, wisdom and grace of God in your parenting. The class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in S202. For more information, contact Scott Rawlings at (281) 492-8031 or srawlings@stpkaty.org.



Wednesday Night Dinner

5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Lott Hall

Menu

January 25

Mexican cornbread, Doritos salad and tres leches cake

Kid's meal: Corn dog, tater tots, and cookie

February 1

Chopped pork, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and banana pudding

Kid's meal: Hot dogs, baked beans and banana pudding

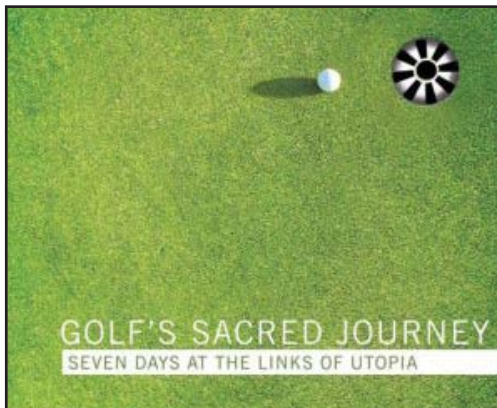
A healthy option of a chicken breast or chicken Caesar salad is available on request.

Adults: \$6 Kids: \$3

Reservations should be made by Tuesday at 7 p.m. online or at the Information Desk.

'Two Days in Utopia'

Join Pastor Don Smith for "Two Days in Utopia," a study of David L. Cook's "Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days at the Links of Utopia." The class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in E225. Following the study, participants will have the option of taking a two-day road trip with Pastor Don to the Utopia, Texas, golf course, the setting for Cook's book. Registration is online at www.stpkaty.org.



Wee 2s provides transition to Sunday School

Wee 2s Nursery is a transitional program that helps 2-year-olds move from the nursery to Sunday School. This year's session begins Feb. 12 at 9:45 and 11 a.m. in E134. It is designed for children who will be 2 years old as of March 1. These children will be promoted to Sunday School in the fall.

We will begin to introduce Sunday School curriculum and procedures throughout the spring and summer to make the transition an easy one. For information, contact Heather Bauerschlag at heather.bauerschlag@hotmail.com.

Welcome to Our New Members

Scott and Camille Grow, Janis and Russell Jones, Brian and Meredith Larson, Janet Wentworth, David and Sarah Woods, and Donna Zunker

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

January 8

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| Traditional Worship | |
| 8:30 | 230 |
| 9:45 | 236 |
| 11:00 | 689 |
| <i>the element</i> | |
| 9:45 | 95 |
| 11:00 | 142 |
| <u>SPLASH</u> | <u>110</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,502 |

January 15

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| Traditional Worship | |
| 8:30 | 270 |
| 9:45 | 334 |
| 11:00 | 457 |
| <i>the element</i> | |
| 9:45 | 66 |
| 11:00 | 102 |
| <u>SPLASH</u> | <u>75</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,304 |

Upholding the Church

PRAYERS

Karen Champion, Rick Cook, Jerry Dewitz, Tom Ellis, Gary Eure, Mary Gentry, Ann Kelly, Bill Miles, Tom Nelson, Joy Prendergast, Judith Preto, Harold Spradley and Doug Stockton.

SYMPATHY

To Jim Hampton and family on the death of his mother.
 To Sarah Morrison and family on the death of her mother.
 To James Plummer and family on the death of his brother.
 To Keith and Wilma Ritter on the death of their daughter.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Tony Bailey, Johnathon Baker, Tim and Alison Batig, Jared Behne, John Belsha, Amanda Berg, Colin Binion, Patrick Boutall, Will Brandt, Martin Busch, Randy Butcher, Sean Cain, Devin Camp, Andrew Camponelli, Darron Chamblee, Paul Cordner, Thomas Cotten, Joel de Sola, Parker Allen Dial, Kathryn Donnelly, Brandi and Josiah Fast, Daniel Fritz, J.M. Floyd, Charles Fray, James Gilbert, Anita Marie Gilliam, Tyler J. Gorcie, Jason Gordon, Eric Graesley, Tye Grasshoff, David Gutierrez, Richard Harp, George Harrison, Steven Heath, Matthew C. Houghton, Matthew Ivester, Scott Lewis, Mike Linn, Andrew Locke, Ryan Lueders, Austin McCall, Jason McFadzen, Mick McNaughton, Adam Miller, Collin Mooney, Robert Near, Michael Neubert, Blake Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Neal Osburn, Austin Paynter/149th Division, Casey Pontious, Sherri Pontious, Don Rolleg, Jason Salter, Brandon Schumacher, Daniel Sewastynowicz, Joel Simmons, Dusty Stoddard, Shannon Thorthan, Patrick Bishop Turner, Bert Walker, Tom Walsh, Matthew Weible, Michael Wendt, Leonard Will, Jasen Wilson, Jason Woods and Marine Co. 1157.

Classes for families coping with mental illness

NAMI West Houston will provide free 12-week Family to Family Education Classes for families dealing with mental illness. Classes begin Feb. 7 at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Contact Betty Dimiterchik at (281) 392-4825 or bdimiterch@aol.com to register.

KIDS JAM Children's Choirs

KIDS JAM Children's Choirs rehearse Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for grades 1-5 and from 6:30-7:15 p.m. for ages 3 through kindergarten. (Child care is offered for the younger children from 7:15-7:30 p.m.) Contact Anne O'Quinn at annieroonie@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Training begins Feb. 28

Consider becoming a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers provide caring friendship and concerned listening to individuals who are going through a difficult time such as loss of a loved one, illness, job loss, divorce, a spiritual crisis or any other life challenge.

Stephen Ministers are not therapists or casual friends. They are Christian friends who are called and trained to really listen.

If you are interested in serving in this way, a new training class begins Feb. 28. You can get more information or sign up at the Stephen Ministry table in the Lobby or by contacting Kim Meyers at (281) 492-8031, ext. 305, or kmeyers@stpkaty.org.



ServeFest brings churches together to make a difference in Katy

St. Peter's Mission Ministry is highlighting a mission project each month to provide you with a variety of opportunities to serve. The February Mission Focus is Katy Servefest 2012.

This mission event is organized by Compassion Katy (a mission outreach of The Fellowship at Cinco Ranch) as a way of bringing all of the Katy-area churches together once a year to impact our community. The work event takes place Feb. 18 and 25 and includes projects at Katy YMCA Camp Cinco



Ranch and Katy Christian Ministries and for local families in need. We will be doing painting, basic construction, landscaping, plumbing, electrical and general clean up. Register online at www.compassionkaty.org/katy-servefest/register later this month.

Wednesdays are 4 everyone

We⁴ (Wednesdays 4 Everyone) offers a weekly devotional, crafts, games, sports, stories, outdoor playtime and more for children who are 3 years old through fifth-graders. We⁴ meets Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in E224 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. For 3s and 4s, We⁴ meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in E120. Please register your child at stpkaty.org through mystpkaty.org. Contact Ali Witherspoon at (281) 492-8031, ext. 311, for additional information.

Acts 17:6

ST. PETER'S STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Ministries Summer Camps.

You can register now for any of our summer camps: U.M. ARMY Mission Trip, Rainbow Camp and Student Life. Please go to www.stpstudentministries.org to print registration forms. Space is limited, so be sure to register as soon as you can.

Super Bowl Party. Students in 6th-12th grades, join us Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. through the end of the game. Please bring some snacks to share!

Golf Tournament. Don't forget to register at www.stpkaty.org by Feb. 9 for this great event.

Methodism 101

If you would like to know more about United Methodist beliefs, plan to attend Methodism 101 on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in E106. This one-hour class will give a brief overview of what United Methodists believe and how the United Methodist denomination is structured and will share some of the exciting ways we are serving Christ in our congregation and our community. Child care is available. For information, contact Rev. Lorna Bradley at (281) 492-8031, ext. 316, or lbradley@stpkaty.org.

January blood drive second best ever

Thank you to everyone who donated blood during the Jan. 8 blood drive. We had 124 people screened, 112 donors and 139 units. We also welcomed eight first-time donors. This was our second best drive ever! Our next blood drive is March 4. Please plan to donate your life-saving blood. For more information, contact Marsha Asplin at (281) 492-0472 or mea1242@aol.com

Swing "Fore" Missions St. Peter's UMC Student Ministries Entry Fee \$100

Golf Tournament
2.20.2012

Falcon Point Golf Club 12:00pm Shotgun Start

Awards, Dinner & Silent Auction to Follow
Invite Your Friends & Neighbors
Ladies, Gentlemen & Juniors Welcome

Register by: 2.9.2012
In the Student Ministries Office
Or Online @ www.stpkaty.org

For Sponsorship Information Contact:
Jason Trice 281-492-8031 X322

Daily Bible Reading

Jan. 23-29

MONDAY

Num. 14:1-12

TUESDAY

Luke 4:14-30

WEDNESDAY

Hab. 2:1-5

THURSDAY

Deut. 18:15-20

FRIDAY

Ps. 111

SATURDAY

1 Cor. 8:1-13

SUNDAY

Mark 1:21-28

Jan. 30-Feb. 5

MONDAY

Exod. 33:12-23

TUESDAY

Exod. 34:1-9

WEDNESDAY

Deut. 10:12-22

THURSDAY

Isa. 40:21-31

FRIDAY

Ps. 147:1-11, 20c

SATURDAY

1 Cor. 9:16-23

SUNDAY

Mark 1:29-39



Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m.

**Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion**

9:45 a.m.

**Traditional Worship
the element
Contemporary Worship
Sunday School for All Ages**

11:00 a.m.

**Traditional Worship
the element
Contemporary Worship
SPLASH
Children's Worship
Sunday School for Adults**

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St. Peter's Events Calendar

Tuesday, January 24

11:00 a.m. Seniors Game Day E106

Wednesday, January 25

10:00 a.m. The Gathering Asbury Hall

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner Lott Hall

6:30 p.m. Job Search Assistance S209

Thursday, January 26

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Pacific Lutheran University Concert Sanctuary

Friday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children E221

6:00 p.m. Friday Night Friends Asbury Hall

Sunday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Methodism 101 E106

Monday, January 30

1:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Board E106

7:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Team E225

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Church Council E106

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women E106

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner Lott Hall

6:30 p.m. Job Search Assistance S209

Thursday, February 2

7:00 p.m. Women of Joy S202

Friday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children E221

Sunday, February 6

7:00 p.m. Church Conference Asbury Hall

*Detailed weekly calendars of St. Peter's events are available
at the Information Desk in the Lobby and on the St. Peter's website.*

Ways to serve ...

Feed the hungry. Bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to the Lobby on the first Sunday of the month to help stock the Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Current needs are for vegetable oil, dry laundry detergent, apple juice, shampoo, Ritz crackers, toilet paper, tuna, dish soap, mayonnaise and toothpaste/toothbrushes.

Volunteer at Friday Night Friends. Help provide a night of fun activities for special needs children and their siblings and a night out for their parents and caregivers on Jan. 27. Contact Sarah Morrison at sarahmorrison75@hotmail.com to volunteer.