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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' (John 1:38)."

People who visit churches are looking for something. Sometimes they know what they seek; sometimes they cannot put their yearning into words.

We see this in the exchange between Jesus and His first two disciples in John's Gospel. When they come to Him, He does not tell them about Who He is or what He is doing. Instead, He asks what they are looking for—then He simply listens. Either the disciples do not know what they seek, or they feel their need so intensely that they cannot describe it. Unable to directly answer Him, they simply ask for more time with Him wherever He is staying.

This is a part of the mind-set that congregations need to have when welcoming newcomers. Before describing a list of ministries or events—no matter how interesting—it is far more helpful to simply ask what the visitor is looking for. To ask, "what brought you here to be with us today" (or words to that effect) is to show how much we care about a guest's actual personality and story.

This is especially true when a person is from a different denominational tradition—particularly one whose Sunday worship does not follow an historic liturgy.

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When we have worshiped in a certain way for a while, we can become dulled by what Samuel Coleridge described as the “film of familiarity:” we lose our ability to see things with new eyes and to imagine what a new visitor or member might be thinking or feeling. Out of a spirit of simple curiosity, we need to ask what interests another person and not tell them what we think should interest them. As an added benefit, we get the chance to reignite our own enthusiasm with the newness of their perspective.

About ten years ago, many American churches (like anyone involved at that time with marketing) became obsessed with what was called Millennials—those who were born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s. According to a [Pew Research Center study](#) in February of 2010, “Fully one-in-four members of the Millennial generation [...] are unaffiliated with any particular faith.” And even those in that generation who were raised in a certain faith tradition attended religious services less often than older Americans. Further, according to the study, “Fewer younger people say that religion is very important in their lives.”

To attract these young “nones” (those who are religiously unaffiliated), congregations began to offer a Sunday morning experience based on what they imagined would appeal to this group. More and better contemporary music, hipper large- and small-group programming, industry-leading technology, and edgy marketing. According to Rachel Held Evans, an influential blogger and author who became an unofficial religious spokesperson for the Millennials, these ideas only make the problem worse. [In an opinion piece](#) written in 2015 in the Washington Times, Evans said “Young people don’t simply want a better show. And trying to be cool might be making things worse.” She writes:

For a generation bombarded with advertising and sales pitches, and for whom the charge of “inauthentic” is as cutting an insult as any, church rebranding efforts can actually backfire, especially when young people sense that there is more emphasis on marketing Jesus than actually following Him.”

She quotes her fellow blogger Amy Peter:

I want a service that is not sensational, flashy, or particularly ‘relevant.’ I can be entertained anywhere. At church, I do not want to be entertained. I do not want to be the target of anyone’s marketing. I want to be asked to participate in the life of an ancient-future community.



Her point is that “the trick isn’t to make church cool; it’s to keep worship weird.” Not long before she wrote her first book, Held left her generally Evangelical congregation and joined the Episcopal Church in which she discovered this 'weirdness:'

You can get a cup of coffee with your friends anywhere, but church is the only place you can get ashes smudged on your forehead as a reminder of your mortality. You can be dazzled by a light show at a concert on any given weekend, but church is the only place that fills a sanctuary with candlelight and hymns on Christmas Eve. You can snap up all sorts of free swag for brand loyalty online, but church is the only place where you are named a beloved child of God with a cold plunge into the water. You can share food with the hungry at any homeless shelter, but only the church teaches that a shared meal brings us into the very presence of God.

We are now in the season of Lent in which we prepare for Easter, or Resurrection Sunday: the weirdest part of the very weird story of the Gospels. Having become fully human at His Incarnation, the Son of God suffered the worst form of punishment of the Roman Empire, died, and then rose from the dead. This death perfectly and permanently secured mankind’s Atonement with God the Father and prepared the way for the Resurrection of all who put their trust in Him. And this is only one of the many weird ways that the followers of Jesus in general, the Episcopal Church, and St. Peter’s in particular, follow and fall in love with God.

It is important for a parish to know and love who it is and what it loves. St. Peter’s has a lot of things that its members know and love. But when we see a new face in the pews or in the Parish Hall, before we say anything about these things that we love, it is important to first ask that person what drew them here, what they see here, and how that fits into what they are looking for. When people see that St. Peter’s is a place that cares enough about them to ask what they are looking for, they will be likely to ask more about “where we are staying,” to decide to stay with us, and thereby become one more person who can teach us how to love.

Faithfully,

Chris Bowhay+



Easter Candy Donations

The annual Easter Candy Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 9th, on the front lawn of the church after the 9:15am service. Donations of candy for this event would be greatly appreciated. Please take the candy to the church office by Friday, April 7th. Please ensure that the candy is individually wrapped.

Mother/Daughter Tea - New Date

The Mother/Daughter Tea has been rescheduled for April 16th, from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Please send the names of Mother/Daughter Tea attendees to Jane by April 7th.

Intentional Communion Class

Our Intentional Communion Class for our young children, geared towards ages 7-10, will be on two days: Sunday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 7th, from 10:45am-11:15am in the upstairs classroom. Make up classes will be on May 14th if needed. We will participate in a service recognizing these students on Sunday, May 21st, at the 9:15am service. They will all participate in communion together. Feel free to invite family, godparents and friends.

Spring 2023 Graduates

If you have a loved one who graduates this spring, please let us know! We will continue our tradition of honoring graduates from high school, college or another educational program. Please email office@saintpeterscolumbia.org to submit your graduate's full name and the school from which they will graduate.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group will NOT meet in March or April. We will see you in May!





Lenten Supper Speaker Series

Join us for our annual Lenten Suppers and Speaker Series! This year, the topic will be the History of the Episcopal Church in Southern Middle Tennessee. Our guest speakers will talk about area Episcopal churches that are still active, and some that are no longer in existence.

Evening prayer is at 5:30pm, and supper begins at 6:00pm. Donations for each night will be taken at the door. Visit www.saintpeterscolumbia.org/lentensuppers for more information.

March 1 - Pamela Garrett, The Columbia Female Institute

Meal provided from the Vestry

March 8 - Tom Price, St. John's, Ashwood

Meal provided from DOK

March 15 - Jo Ann McClellan, Holy Comforter, Columbia

Meal provided from the Choir

March 22 - Dr. Ken Vickers, Church of the Messiah, Pulaski

Meal provided from the Outreach Committee

March 29 - Alicia Fitts, Grace, Spring Hill

Meal provided from the Men's Fellowship





Daylight Savings Time!

In just a couple of weeks, Daylight Savings Time begins. Be sure to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday evening, March 11th, before you go to bed.



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WORLD UNIT

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5K & 1-Mile Trot
Columbia, TN

April 1 • Riverwalk Park

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FIRST FARMERS BANKING | WEALTH MANAGEMENT | TRUST

REGISTER ONLINE AT [RUNSIGNUP.COM/MULEKICK5K](https://runsignup.com/mulekick5k)

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Riverwalk Park

5K race: 8:00 a.m. | 1-Mile Trot: 9:15 a.m.

Sign up today to support the Maury Regional Foundation! For more information and to register, click the link below.

[Mule Kick 5K Race Registration](https://runsignup.com/mulekick5k)



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John Finney, Junior Warden
John Breyfogle, Clerk

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Mark Sells
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Dave Glowacki
Peggy Harmon
Becky Clayborne
Wilks Halliday

Sarah Robert
Larry Trotter
Lucia Vining

Summary of St. Peter's Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, February 28

- Reviewed the policy approved last year that all Memorial Donations are placed in the Capital Fund unless specifically designated elsewhere and approved by the Vestry.
- Received report for the Christian Life Committee that the Pancake Supper raised \$277. Of that, \$100 will be given to Maury County Students in Transition (MCSIT) and the remainder deposited into the Youth Ministry Budget.
- Approved recommendation from the Outreach Committee that \$1000 be granted to the Crossroads to Home Coalition from the Outreach Budget and \$1000 be granted to the Discipleship House from the Hales Fund.





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Financial Summary for January 2023

Below please find a very broad overview of St. Peter's financial activity in the month of January 2023. We will receive the February Financial Report at our Vestry meeting in March. This summary is drawn from our Treasurer's Report to the Vestry which is much more detailed. Those who would like to see it may find it in the hallway that leads to the Church Office where it is always posted.

| | January | Year to Date |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Revenues | \$45,722.60 | \$45,722.60 |
| All Expenses | \$49,561.05 | \$49,561.05 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (\$3,838.45) | (\$3,838.45) |

Thank you for your gifts to God through your gifts to St. Peter's. If you have any questions, please call St. Peter's or send an email to office@saintpeterscolumbia.org.

Our Lord said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Faithfully,

Chris Bowhay+





Kristin and John Husaim 3/3
 Sue and Neil Clark 3/17

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|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Toni Smithson | 3/2 | Piper Garcia | 3/13 |
| Amy Moore | 3/3 | Stacey Ross | 3/14 |
| Ted Trainor | 3/4 | Rob Fleming | 3/14 |
| Trish Hennessy | 3/4 | Megan Thornton | 3/14 |
| Nicolas Abdallah | 3/6 | Barbara Crawford | 3/16 |
| Judy Dake | 3/7 | Dee Cooke | 3/17 |
| Janet Turner | 3/7 | Beth Moore | 3/19 |
| Paulette Scoggins | 3/9 | Pamela Garrett | 3/19 |
| Joann Belcher | 3/11 | Pete Bottoms | 3/19 |
| Michael Bryan | 3/11 | Michael Baltimore | 3/20 |
| Dawson Gray | 3/11 | Betsy Duling | 3/26 |
| Stacie O'Brien | 3/12 | Karin Roach | 3/26 |
| Deborah Notley | 3/12 | Joey Ciccoline | 3/26 |
| Win Halliday | 3/13 | Crystal Woolard | 3/26 |
| Sally Bowhay | 3/13 | Stephanie Yost | 3/28 |
| Bill Riley | 3/13 | | |



March 2023 Lay Schedule

Sunday, March 5

Sun, 8:00 AM

Dave Glowacki Server

Sun, 9:15 AM

Margaret Berry Kennedy 1st Crucifer
 Emmie Wallace 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Evangeline Shockley 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Sam Wrather 2nd Crucifer
 Avah Gonzalez Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Joyner Wallace Lector
 Joyner Wallace Intercessor
 Maximo White Server

Sun, 11:00 AM

Kate Whatley 1st Crucifer
 Madeline McWhorter 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Anne Ciccoline 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Jane Anne Whatley Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Anne Ciccoline Lector
 Kate Whatley Server

Sunday, March 12

Sun, 8:00 AM

Ted Trainor Server

Sun, 9:15 AM

Katherine Tarter 1st Crucifer
 Nathan Tarter 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Emmie Wallace 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Joyner Wallace 2nd Crucifer
 Rylan Ross Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Nathan Tarter Lector
 Nathan Tarter Intercessor
 Carson Hutto Server

Sun, 11:00 AM

Madeline McWhorter 1st Crucifer
 TBD 1st Torchbearer (A)
 TBD 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Anne Ciccoline Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Anne Ciccoline Lector
 Madeline McWhorter Server

Sunday, March 19

Sun, 8:00 AM

Roy Crews Server

Sun, 9:15 AM

Elliott Hutto 1st Crucifer
 John Russell Tuck 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Cooper Ross 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Ann Christopher Robert 2nd Crucifer
 David Tuck Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Maya Keeton Lector
 Maya Keeton Intercessor
 Carson Hutto Server

Sun, 11:00 AM

Madeline McWhorter 1st Crucifer
 TBD 1st Torchbearer (A)
 TBD 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Anne Ciccoline Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Anne Ciccoline Lector
 Madeline McWhorter Server

Sunday, March 26

Sun, 8:00 AM

Bob Thompson Server

Sun, 9:15 AM

Litton Robert 1st Crucifer
 Naomi Shockley 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Ann Christopher Robert 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Cooper Ross 2nd Crucifer
 Evangeline Shockley Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Carson Hutto Lector
 Carson Hutto Intercessor
 Maximo White Server

Sun, 11:00 AM

Anne Ciccoline 1st Crucifer
 Kate Whatley 1st Torchbearer (A)
 Jane Anne Whatley 1st Torchbearer (B)
 Allyiah Crawford Book Bearer (Gospel)
 Madeline McWhorter Lector
 Jane Anne Whatley Server

USHERS

Gail Lewis
 Kile Patrick
 Tom Brewer

HOSTS

Gail Lewis
 Connie Hardin
 Carol Baker

TIMES

8:00am
 9:15am
 11:00am





March 2023 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir 6:00pm-Lenten Speaker Series | 2 11:00am-Women's bible study 6:30pm-Scouts 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 3 | 4 7:00pm-NA (NA room) |
| 5 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 12:15pm-Confirmation class | 6 9:00am-Quilters 9:00am-Mark Lenninger visitation 10:00am-Mark Lenninger funeral 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 7 1:00pm-Staff Meeting 5:15pm-Estes Committee 6:00pm-Outreach Committee 7:00pm-AA (youth room) 7:00pm-NA | 8 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir 6:00pm-Lenten Speaker Series | 9 11:00am-Women's bible study 5:00pm-Buildings and Grounds Committee 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 10 | 11 4:00pm-Agathos Protocol Ball 7:00pm-NA (NA room) |
| 12 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 12:15pm-Vestry F&G 12:15pm-Confirmation class | 13 9:00am-Quilters 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 14 11:30am-Lunch Bunch 7:00pm-AA (youth room) 7:00pm-NA | 15 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 12:00pm-David Dodson visitation 1:00pm-Mark Lenninger funeral 5:30pm-Choir 6:00pm-Lenten Speaker Series | 16 11:00am-Women's bible study 6:30pm-Scouts Meeting 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 17 4:00pm-Polk lecture, Parish Hal | 18 7:00pm-NA (NA room) |
| 19 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am-Sunday School 11:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 12:15pm-Vestry Exec Committee 12:15pm-Confirmation class | 20 9:00am-Quilters 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 21 3:00pm-Crossroads to Home Committee 7:00pm-AA (youth room) 7:00pm-NA | 22 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir 6:00pm-Lenten Speaker Series | 23 11:00am-Women's bible study 6:00pm-Membership 101 7:00pm-NA (NA room) | 24 | 25 7:00pm-NA (NA room) |
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