

# The Epistle

The Monthly Publication of the People of  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Kansas City, Missouri  
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St. Peter's  
Sale Set for  
Saturday, June 11,  
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Come and find great bargains  
on some terrific donated items.

Out with the old and in with the new-to-you! Spring cleaning? Donate items you are no longer using to support the ministries of St. Peter's parish. Big items, small items. New and gently used. Contact the church office for drop off information.



On May 11, our own Jhennifer Fuller graduated from the Culinary Cornerstone culinary training program of Episcopal Community Services. With her is Bishop Marty Field of the Diocese of West Missouri (left) and Fr. Russ from St. Peter's.



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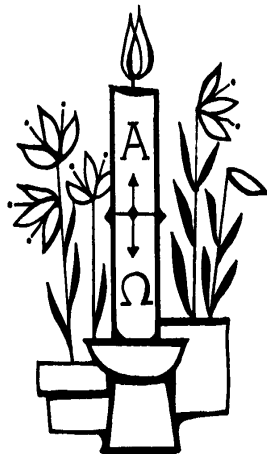
Feeding the Hungry  Changing Lives

## Memorial Contributions

In memory of Dorothy Johnson  
John & Barbara Cipolla  
Hal & Sue Ferraro  
Jim & Jeanne McDowell  
Kathy Morris  
Jon & Linda Yeager

In memory of Dr. Edward Jones  
Cynthia Davis  
Margo & Jim Drummond

In memory of Fred Leive  
Jim & Alice Algie  
Ritchie Bradshaw  
Bud & Dodie Brown  
Hal & Sue Ferraro  
Jim & Jeanne McDowell  
Kathy Morris  
Rosemary Overbey  
Xenia Thomas



## May Brings Graduations

St. Peter's congratulates these graduates:

Alexis Fuemmeler—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.  
Kate Johnson—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.  
Josh Manthei—Missouri University of Science and Technology,  
Rolla, Mo.  
Grant Markham—Lee's Summit West High School, Lee's Sum-  
mit, Mo.  
Brian Markowitz—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.  
Zack Ritchie—Blue Valley High School, Stilwell, Kan.  
Catherine Wiese—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

O God, we ask your blessing for those who have graduated from high school or college. Grant to graduates a readiness to support what is proper in the world and the satisfaction of usefulness in the world which you have made; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



(Prayer adapted from *Prayers for Pastor & People*)

## Gift Shop News

### Dip Mixes Offer Summer Fare

It's June and the warm weather has finally come. It's time for being outside, for parties, picnics, all kinds of events and just enjoying the summer and friends.

As you plan for or attend any of these events, remember the gift shop has some very good dip mixes from Rabbit Creek. The cost of a mix is only \$3. Just add sour cream or sour cream and mayonnaise, and use for dips for veggies or use on your favorite crackers.

Have a safe and happy summer.

**Kathy Morris**  
And the Gift Shop Crew

## School News

### Transportation Theme Featured

The theme for the month of June is transportation. Along with lesson plans based on our theme, we will also be incorporating some outdoor fun days.

There will be a water play day and also a messy day, which will be everything from painting with squirt bottles to wind power painting with ping pong balls.

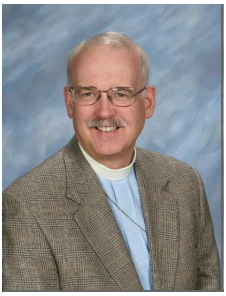
There are several openings in the day school for the summer. If you or someone you know is interested in our program, please come by the day school for a tour and an information packet.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.



*Teacher Nick Mast feeds a baby goat during a recent field trip to Deanna Rose Farmstead.*

**Cathy Henson**  
School Director



## Rector's Ruminations

By the Rev. Russell W. Johnson, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all of you for your words of wisdom and sympathy, for I have felt your caring hands helping me through this difficult time of adjustment with the death of my mother Dorothy. Your ministries of caring and walking along with me are deeply and sincerely appreciated. For your interest, copies of the homily that I gave at the funeral are in the narthex. Thank you for your prayers and words of affirmation.

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Let's talk a bit about Pentecost.

June 12 is Pentecost Sunday. Naturally, our tradition at St. Peter's is to wear red, the color that signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit which is foretold in the lessons from the Acts of the Apostles.

So in wearing something red (look for my red socks), we acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit first, sending out baptized members to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Regardless of language differences, the Spirit spoke to them of the Good News of Jesus Christ and they were energized to share this news with those who did not know of the risen Lord.

Second, history tells us that over time the Day of Pentecost has traditionally been identified as the beginning of the Christian community or church. Adopted from the tradition of 50 days after Passover, the Christian community chose 50 days to celebrate the work of the risen Christ with the twelve disciples and other believers. It was not long after that an event took place where Saul came to be known as Paul, and became the greatest salesperson in proclaiming God's grace for all creation through Jesus' ministry.

The church's calendar now moves from recalling the post-Easter experiences between Jesus and his close followers, into the teachings of Jesus during his brief time among his own people. Not only will we follow Jesus along the way with his teachings and healings, but also his encounters with the Pharisees.

Unlike the color red in acknowledging the work of the Holy Spirit, the season of Pentecost – all 23 weeks – the color is green, signifying *growth and spreading* of the Good News throughout Galilee and beyond.

So with the end of Easter, Christ has now ascended into heaven and "is seated at the right hand of the Father" (from the Nicene Creed). We now come to acknowledge and give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (June 12) and the following 23 weeks until Advent.

So mark on your calendar June 12 to "wear red," as we celebrate Pentecost to honor the work of the Holy Spirit.

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Speaking of the Day of Pentecost, last month I mentioned that I hope that you will participate with Susan and me in the purchasing of bricks for the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti (Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince) campaign. While you are welcomed to offer whatever you wish, Bishop Field has asked each parish to "purchase bricks" at the cost of \$10 each brick.

Susan and I are planning to purchase five bricks (a donation of \$50) and it is our hope that you will match our goal or even give more, if you can.

I know that you were very generous in St. Peter's donations to Maison de Naissance (a birthing place in southwest Haiti), and I hope that you may be as generous to the rebuilding of Holy Trinity Cathedral, too.

Please remember that the Diocese of Haiti is not a foreign diocese, but a member of the Episcopal Church of the United States, just like West Missouri, so please be generous in your giving.

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Don't forget our big "Elegant Second-Hand Sale" (a bit more elegant name) Saturday, June 11, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. I know that beginning the week of June 6 volunteers will be working daily in setting up for the sale. As my mother Dorothy would say, "Many hands make light work." Please help when you can. More info can be found in this month's *Epistle*.

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June 25 is a big day for the Johnson family with the marriage of our daughter Janna to Clayton O'Toole at 5 p.m. at St. Peter's. Our retired Bishop Howe will officiate, as I enjoy my role as father of the bride. The ceremony will be open to interested parishioners. Please let Susan or me know if you would like to attend.

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A blessed and safe June to all of you!

God's peace -

P.S.

Thanks to your generosity, St. Peter's has sent more than \$1,000 to Bishop Field's Joplin Tornado Relief Fund.

# Golf Tourney Termed a Success Thank You from Maison de Naissance

Well, we were able to get St. Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> Golf Tournament completed despite some shaky weather. We only had a few sprinkles on the course and a great time was had by all. Great BBQ was enjoyed by the participants and their guests and the raffle was a huge success.

We exceeded even our optimistic expectations on the funds we would raise. We raised a few cents over \$710.00



which was a welcome surprise to all. The funds will be distributed to Outreach and Fellowship. Fellowship will receive \$110.00 to help cover the cost of our upcoming picnic (more info on that to follow) and \$300 will be allocated to Military Outreach as planned. The remaining \$300.00 will be sent through the Diocese to the Joplin Tornado

Relief Fund. The tornado was occurring while we were in the middle of our tournament and we felt that helping the tornado relief fund was the right and Christian thing to do.

The winners in "A" Flight were David Voran, Fred Watson, Bill Deal and Dan Powers. The winners in "B" Flight were Tom Weise, Terry Fuemmeler, and Ted Bell. Congratulations to all.

We would like to express our thanks to all who helped and all who participated in making our tournament a success. Thanks to Fr. Russ and Jana Triplett for driving the beverage cart on the course. The cold beverages hit the spot on a warm and muggy day. A special thanks to Patti Kennedy, Sandy Glenn and Linda Voran who spent the afternoon setting up for the BBQ dinner and then waiting for all of us to finally arrive back at church.

By the way, the next time you see Fr. Russ, ask him if he can hit a golf ball hard enough to make it explode.

Thanks to all,  
**Larry Kennedy**  
**Clay Glenn**

Dear Rev. Johnson,

Thank you for your support of Maison de Naissance (MN). Your gift of \$667.50, which we received on 5/23/2011, will help us deliver healthy mothers and healthy babies at our birthing home in Haiti.

Haiti has the highest maternal and neonatal mortality rates in the Western Hemisphere, and ranks among the highest in the world. The generous support of St. Peter's Episcopal Church is greatly appreciated and



helps MN significantly improve these outcomes, by providing FREE, compassionate and high quality healthcare to women and babies. MN offers a clean, safe and dependable clinic where mothers can give birth. MN also provides prenatal, postpartum and women's reproductive healthcare accompanied by testing, medications, newborn vaccinations, community outreach and health education and counseling services.

Our vision is "healthy mothers and healthy babies" - communities where maternal and neonatal mortality rates are low, and where every child has the opportunity for a healthy birth. Thank you for partnering with us to make this vision a reality every day. Please share our grateful thanks with your parishioners.

With appreciation,

*Jim*

Jim Grant  
Foundation Director

## Sunday School Classes Continue

The Sunday School program for elementary-aged children will continue throughout the summer. We will be doing crafts, and short videos and music to prompt discussions.

Class will start at 10 a.m. in undercroft classroom behind the stage. All elementary children are welcome. If parents have any questions, please contact me at [wsfuller@kc.rr.com](mailto:wsfuller@kc.rr.com) or phone (cell) 816-522-5474.

**Debby Fuller**

# June 2011 Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics  6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>2</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 7 p.m.—Couples Bible Study 7 p.m.—1st Thursday Club	<b>3—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m.—Pantry Team to St. Paul's, KCK
<b>5 The Seventh Sunday of Easter; The Sunday after Ascension Day</b> 8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *9:15 a.m.—Adult Forum: Bible Study 10 a.m.—Children's Christian Learning* *10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *Nursery provided	<b>6</b> 7 p.m.—Eagle Court of Honor	<b>7</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>9</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10—Office Closed</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7am -3pm—Rummage Sale</b> 8:30 a.m.—Team One to St. Paul's, KCK 9 a.m.—Praise Band
<b>12 The Day of Pentecost</b> 8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *9:15 a.m.—Adult Forum: Bible Study 10 a.m.—Children's Christian Learning* *10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *Nursery provided 11:30 a.m.—Vestry Meeting	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>14</b> 10:30 a.m.—AARP 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics  8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>16</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 7 p.m.—Couples Bible Study	<b>17—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m.—Team Two to St. Paul's KCK 9 a.m.—Praise Band
<b>19 The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday</b> 8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *9:15 a.m.—Adult Forum: Bible Study 10 a.m.—Children's Christian Learning* *10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *Nursery provided	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>21</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics  8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>23</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>24—Office Closed</b>  5 p.m.—Johnson/O'Toole Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 9 a.m.—Praise Band  5 p.m.—Johnson/O'Toole Wedding OUT OF OFFICE
<b>26 The Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *9:15 a.m.—Adult Forum: Bible Study 10 a.m.—Children's Christian Learning* *10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist *Nursery provided 10:30 a.m.—OSL Meeting	<b>27</b> 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts  FR. RUSS OUT OF OFFICE	<b>28</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study  OFFICE	<b>29</b> 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>30</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b>	FR RUSS	

# June 2011 Ministry Schedule

	June 5 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	June 12 The Day of Pentecost	June 19 Trinity Sunday	June 26 The Second Sunday after Pentecost
SACRISTANS 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Nancy Rozell* Betty Ritchie, Staci Czar	Nan Bohl* Irislee Pringle, Rebecca Fisher	Ellen Bartels and Suzanne Hoff* Helena Fufts, Elizabeth Fuemmeler	Barbara Lorenz, Kathleen Clarke Kemp Wiese, Crystal Cameron- Vedros
ACOLYTES 10 a.m. Crucifer Gospel Book Torch Torch	Janie Turner Abbie Czar Emma Czar Julia Misemer	Elizabeth Fuemmeler  Nicole Wright Molly Johnson	Ted Bell  Noah Ralston Spencer Ralston	Ted Bell  Travis Triplett Benjamin Schwab
LECTORS/EM 8 a.m.* Lector/EM 10 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector/EM Eucharistic Minister	Terry Rozell* Tara Markham Nancy Harris Tim Schwab	Donna Stanford* Barbara Roberson Linda Manthei Frank Anderson	Debbie Dribben*, LR Jack Knuth*EM only Amie Ralston Jim McDowell Jhennifer Fuller	Larry Christie* Cletson Cox Ted Bell Laurel Bondi
INTERCESSOR 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Terry Rozell* Ted Bell	Donna Stanford* Amy Ralston	Sheri Wingard* Laurie Schwab	Larry Christie* Tim Schwab
CELEBRANT/HOMILIST 8 a.m./10 a.m.	Johnson/Johnson	Johnson/Johnson	Johnson/Johnson	Beef/Bee
CHAPEL PRAYER 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Michael Davis Sandy Glenn	Michael Davis Laurel Bondi	Michael Davis Nancy Harris	Michael Davis Debby Fuller
USHERS 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Charles Harvey* John Fisher, Bill Norman	Ford Bohl* Chris Czar, Sam Manthei	Larry Kennedy* Cletson Cox, Paul Vedros	John Van Haften* Bill & Debby Norman
GREETERS 8 a.m.* Narthex: Vestibule 10 a.m. Narthex: Vestibule:	Ellen Bartels* Larry Christie*  Nancy Harris Jim & Cindy Giddings	Becca Coleman* Linda Voran, Clint Haberland*  Sue Johnson Cletson Cox	Patti Kennedy* Sheri Wingard*  Clay Glenn Sandy Glenn	Boo Van Haften* Donna Stanford*  Sue Ferraro Jhennifer Fuller, Frank Anderson
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS After 8 a.m. Eucharist * After 10 a.m. Eucharist	Kathy Morris Sue Johnson	Jim and Alice Algie Jhennifer Fuller	Donna Stanford <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Raymond and Myra Hyatt <b>Need Volunteer</b>
GIFT SHOP HOSTS 8:00 a.m.*/10:00 a.m.	Myra Hyatt* Sandy Glenn	Barbara Lorenz* Helena Fufts	Nancy Rozell* Kemp Wiese	Suzanne Hoff* Crystal Cameron-Vedros

## Canned Items with Meat Needed

In June we will be supporting St. Mary's Food Pantry with our outreach donations. As always they need canned items containing meat such as spaghetti sauce with meat, ravioli, soups, spam and Vienna sausages. Deacon Leslie advised me that they also are always in need of canned fruit. Check the sale papers and if you happen to see canned fruit on sale this would be greatly appreciated by St. Mary's. The need is always there but now that summer is upon us the children will not be getting meals in school and this means the need is even greater.

As always, if you cannot get out to shop but want to help you can write a check to St. Peter's and indicate "Outreach" in the memo portion of the check. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who support our outreach efforts.

God bless you all,  
**Clay Glenn Jr**  
 Outreach Chair

## Knitting Continues for the Mission

Our project, providing the men at the Kansas City Rescue Mission with warm hats and scarves, was a huge success again last year. With your help, we will continue this ministry in 2011. If you need quick, easy instructions, patterns or have questions, contact me. New knitters are always welcome.



Remember that these items will be worn by men in many cases, without laundry facilities. For this reason we suggest using the darker colored, easy-care yarns.

Again, thank you for your participation.

God Bless,  
**Anita Eulitt**  
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## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 1 Laurie Schwab  
Paul White
- 3 Jim Algie
- 5 Nolen Roberson
- 6 Russ Johnson
- 7 Chris Czar
- 8 Patricia Benner  
Bernie Hoff
- 9 Emma Czar
- 11 Natalie Brown
- 16 Elizabeth Fuemmeler
- 17 Ted Bell
- 18 Vern Nelson  
Boo Van Haften  
Myra Hyatt
- 20 Travis Triplett

- 25 Ian Glenn
- 26 Alexis Fuemmeler
- 27 Robert Jackson  
Jean Jones
- 28 George Dalton
- 29 Madison Markham  
Debby Fuller

### Anniversaries

- 1 Jim & Jeanne McDowell
- 8 Ted & Pam Bell  
Roy & Deborah Gash
- 10 Jon & Linda Yeager
- 14 Jim & Becca Coleman
- 15 Bud & Dodie Brown
- 18 Bill & Debby Norman
- 23 Sam & Linda Manthei

## Financial Status

<u>Year to Date thru April</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$ 98,772	\$ 92,979
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 91,847	\$ 88,455
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>		\$ 4,524

April shows a positive balance, which is great. Your efforts to keep your commitments up to date are greatly appreciated — especially as we move into the summer months.

**Debbie Miller**  
 Financial Advisor

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## Weekly Service Schedule

### Sunday

Holy Eucharist.....8:00 a.m.  
Adult Forum.....9:15 a.m.  
Children's Learning.....10:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist.....10:00 a.m.

### Thursday

Holy Eucharist.....10:00 a.m.



## St. Peter's Mission Statement

We are called by God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to respond in this community by:

- *Worshiping God*
- *Growing in knowledge of God's presence in our daily lives*
- *Providing a warm, nourishing and reconciling fellowship*
- *Sharing God's love with others*

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