

# The Epistle

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Kansas City, Missouri  
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## Deacon Linda Says Farewell to a Grateful Parish

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . ." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

When I was young, I thought that we finally "got" somewhere in life. That is, that we arrived at a place where we would stay, not only in a physical way, but in a mental and emotional and psychological way as well. As I have aged, I have discovered that life is composed to a great extent of one transition after another. I have had many transitions in my life, as I know that you have in yours. My journey has taken me from daughter to student to wife to mother to grandmother to teacher to deacon to chaplain and on and on with many stops on the way.

I believe that it is time for another transition, which is to a slower pace with time for my family to take center stage. This is a difficult transition because it means leaving a place and a group of people whom I love and who have shown me the true meaning of acceptance. Though I have been at St. Peter's scarcely five years, my heart feels at peace here among you who have been so very gracious to me and to Jon. I am sad to say that our last Sunday with you will be May 22.

This congregation takes mission seriously. Our outreach is continuous and committed, from the food pantries we supply each month to the back packs that we fill every week to the Christmas tree and Easter tree giving to the volunteering at St. Paul's to the help we give the KC Rescue Mission to the eyeglasses to the coupons we

clip to the support we give Maison de Naissance and on and on.

This congregation takes study seriously. Tuesday afternoons for the past four years have been a time of learning for many of us. We have grown in the knowledge of scripture and history and people—and of one another. Those who attend Adult Forum and Lenten Series and Advent activities and couples' Bible study are all dedicated to growing in mind and spirit.



This congregation takes fellowship seriously. I take my hat off to those who plan the round-robin dinners and Bunco tournaments and pancake suppers and outings to ball games and all the other bonding activities we share. And about the refreshments after services: FANTASTIC!! This time of eating and sharing is more valuable than we sometimes give it credit. It helps us relate to one another and share our lives.

This congregation takes worship seriously. From the beauty of the liturgy to the voices of the choir to the faithfulness of the acolytes and Eucharistic ministers and lay readers to the devotion of the altar guild. And to the leadership of Father Russ, who works hard, cares deeply, and believes fervently in the goodness and grace of God amidst this congregation.

I thank you all.

**Linda Yeager**

## Parish Spring Cleaning Day a Success

A hearty applause to the many "helping hands" on parish clean-up day April 16. We had a great turnout, with altar guild members, boy scouts from Troop 46 and some of St. Peter's faithful handy helpers. Thank you all very much for your support, hard work and willing hearts.

**John Fisher**  
Buildings & Grounds

**Rebecca Fisher**  
Altar Guild



## Honor Mothers May 8, Help Haiti

Mother's Day will soon be here. It is a time for remembering and giving thanks for the mothers in our lives. One way to show your thankfulness is by helping mothers who have no one else to help them, the mothers in Haiti. Thanks to the love, care, and conscience of Kansas Citians, Maison de Naissance is a reality, a safe place for mothers and babies. This birthing home is a far cry from the dirt floors of the homes of many Haitian mothers, assisted by neighbors with no health background, bringing their babies into the world without sanitation or hygiene.

If we want to continue to drastically reduce the mortality rate of babies and mothers, we must continue to support this effort. You can honor mothers you love by making a donation in their names on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, at St. Peter's. Coffee hour will be full of Haitian goodies and pictures of this valuable ministry.

## Rummage Sale Donations Soon Accepted

St. Peter's annual rummage sale will be Saturday, June 11.

We will begin accepting donations for the rummage sale beginning May 8. For items that you bring in, please place on the stage in the undercroft. Larger articles will be placed in a storage unit, which will be placed in the church parking lot on May 12.

If you need large articles picked up, please call Clay Glenn at 816-250-5402 or the church office to make arrangements.

### Gift Shop News

## Spring Has Sprung in Gift Shop

If you take a look at the show cases in the Gift Shop, you will find there is hardly an inch not covered with enticing items screaming "Buy Me". And compare these with what is shown in magazines and on television and you will agree that what we are offering is very high fashion. Mother's Day is coming up fast and we feel that Mom would feel very special to receive a new necklace, bracelet or light summer shawl.

A new food item being offered now is Copper Leaf Triple Berry Chipotle. This is a delicious sauce which can be used with meats or as an appetizer with cream cheese and also as a topping with various desserts. I was sold at the first bite.

We welcome Suzanne Hoff back from their winter home in the southwest. Suzanne serves not only the Gift Shop but also the Altar Guild.

**Kathy Morris**  
and the Gift Shop Crew

### School News

## May Will be Busy; 11 to Graduate

Our themes for the month of May are Plants, Frogs and Dinosaurs. The children are planting popping corn with the hopes of having a popcorn party by the end of the summer.

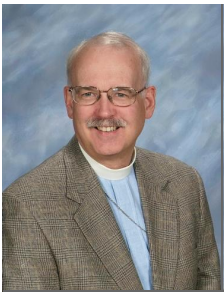
The month of May is a busy one with our trip to Deanna Rose Farmstead. The children get a chance to feed sheep, milk cows and mine for gold. We top off the visit with a picnic and some play time on the jungle gym.

This year we have 11 children graduating from preschool. Our graduates are: Gavin Bailey, Madison Lehew, Adrienne Shimaka, Charles Uhde, Cameron Purvis, Ava Whitaker, Joshua Thornton, Diego Dinneny, Vincent Nixon, Dominic Nixon and Makayla Waters. We wish them well on their way to kindergarten.

A big thank you to John Fisher for making a trip to the recycling with our aluminum cans. We made \$47 in one trip!

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

**Cathy Henson**  
Day School Director



## Rector's Ruminations

By the Rev. Russell W. Johnson, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

What a grand time of the year to celebrate the risen Lord, and what a grand time Easter Day was at St. Peter's! Many thanks to all who participated in bringing food that complemented the hot food that was provided by Larry Kennedy, Clay Glenn and friends. To our choirs (junior and senior), I thank you for your gift of music and Laurie Schwab, our music director, bravo! To those who gathered Holy Saturday to decorate our nave, choir and altar spaces, especially to Barbara Lorenz who ordered the flowers: thank you. To Jana Triplett who organized the Easter egg hunt, St. Monica Guild members who stuffed the eggs and to those who distributed them for the hunt after the 10 a.m. service: thank you for the great time our youngsters experienced! To our office staff and volunteers of Paul Tarro, Sandy Glenn and Bill Brown: thank you for spending much time putting our service booklets together.

Easter Day was very special and during the next Sundays through Pentecost, St. Peter's will continue to celebrate the risen Christ with special flowers in the windows of our nave.

So...

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The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

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In May and June, we'll remember Haiti with two special events.

On Mother's Day, May 8, St. Peter's (as well as other metro parishes) will remember **Maison de Naissance (MN)**, and birthing clinic in rural Haiti. You have heard Deacon Linda speak about her experiences in servicing at MN, and we at St. Peter's will also participate through the loose cash received at both of our offerings from both services.

A donor has offered to double match our gifts to MN. So if St. Peter's collects \$150, the match will be \$300, so our total gift will be \$450. WOW!

I'll have Deacon Linda remind you about this wonderful opportunity the first Sunday in May.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, Bishop Field has asked each parish to help rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, through "buying a brick" for \$10. Your gift will help clear remaining rubble, restore the surviving murals and rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral as a center of hope, faith and refuge to the people of Haiti.

You'll read more about this event in the June *Epistle*. Susan and I will plan on purchasing five bricks (\$50), and if you can join us, I think that will be quite wonderful. Maybe the Vestry will purchase a few bricks from our Garage Sale just ending the day before.

St. Peter's has a wonderful attitude and reputation in giving for specific events and issues. I have great confidence that we'll follow through in both of these events helping our neighbors (The Diocese of Haiti is part of the Episcopal Church – USA) in a time of need.

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By now you know that Deacon Linda will be retiring on May 22 and leaving St. Peter's. I truly will miss her and Jon's presence as active members of our parish family. In conversation with her about her retirement, this was a difficult decision for her to make, especially when you are loved by the congregation, and for me, her help in teaching and pastoring to this congregation through preaching and presence at the altar was a true gift that I cherished very much.

Our coffee time on May 22 after both of our services will honor Linda and Jon for their ministries here at St. Peter's. If you wish, bring your signed card of appreciation with you and place it in a basket so that we may collect and give them to Linda and Jon.

Although I know that this is a sad time in the life of St. Peter's, yet as a Christian family, we wish Linda and Jon God's blessings as they move forward in their lives together.

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Remember the Great 50 days of Easter!

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS  
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. ❁❁❁

# St. Peter's Golf Tournament

St. Peter's will hold its 1st golf tournament on Sunday, May 22, at Shamrock Hills Golf Course. This event is a four-person scramble format, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Check-in will be at 12:30 p.m. The \$65 per person registration fee includes a cart, prizes, a sleeve of golf balls with the St Peter's shield on them and a buffet dinner in the undercroft at St Peter's following the tournament.

There will be prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive and trophies will be awarded to the winning teams in each flight.

Additional dinners in the undercroft are available for a cost of \$10 each to allow spouses, family and significant others to enjoy the awards presentation and participate in the fellowship. Any parishioners, who would like to come to the dinner only, are welcome.

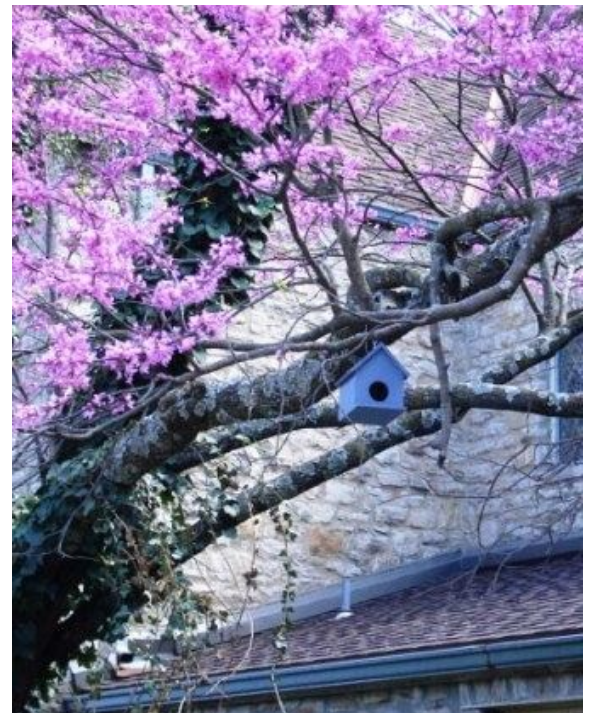
Please contact Larry Kennedy or Clay Glenn for arrangements and for payment. Entry forms are due by Monday, May 16. To obtain entry forms or for additional information, contact Larry Kennedy at (913) 636-8862 or Clay Glenn at (816) 250-5402.



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## For the Birds

The church has some new tenants, thanks to Boy Scout Alex Harris of Troop 46 who built and hung bird houses around the church yard. The project will help towards his Eagle requirements.



# May 2011 Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 The Second of Easter</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 6:30 p.m.—Movie Night	<b>2</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>5</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 7 p.m.—Couples Bible Study 7 p.m.—Backsnack Packing 7 p.m.—1st Thursday Club	<b>6—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 4-6:30 p.m.—Chapman/Meisburg Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m.—Pantry Team to St. Paul's, KCK Chapman/Meisburg Wedding Reserved Chapel and Undercroft all day
<b>8 The Third Sunday of Easter</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>9</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 10:30 a.m.—AARP 11 a.m.—Outreach Mtg 2 p.m.—Bible Study 7:30 p.m.—Troop Committee Mtg.	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>12</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 6 p.m.—St. Monica's Meeting 7 p.m.—Backsnack Packing	<b>13—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m.—Team One to St. Paul's, KCK 9 a.m.—Praise Band
<b>15 The Fourth Sunday of Easter</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 2-4 p.m.—Emily Davidson Piano Recital	<b>16</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>19</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 7 p.m.—Couples Bible Study 7 p.m.—Backsnack Packing	<b>20—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>21</b> 8:30 a.m.—Team Two to St. Paul's KCK 9 a.m.—Praise Band
<b>22 The Fifth Sunday of Easter</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 1 p.m.—St. Peter's Golf Tournament	<b>23</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.—Praise Band	<b>26</b> <b>10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist</b> 7 p.m.—Backsnack Packing	<b>27—Office Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics	<b>28</b> 9 a.m.—Praise Band
<b>29 The Sixth Sunday of Easter</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 and Healing Service. *Nursery provided	<b>30</b> 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 7 p.m.—Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 2 p.m.—Bible Study				

# May 2011 Ministry Schedule

	May 1 The Second Sunday of Easter	May 8 The Third Sunday of Easter	May 15 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	May 22 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 29 The Sixth Sunday of Easter
SACRISTANS 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Nancy Rozell* Betty Ritchie, Rebecca Fisher	Nan Bohl* Staci Czar	Ellen Bartels and Suzanne Hoff* Helena Fults, Crystal Cameron-Vedros	Barbara Lorenz Kemp Wiese, Elizabeth Fuemmeler	Kathleen Clarke Irislee Pringle
ACOLYTES 10 a.m. Crucifer Gospel Book Torch Torch	Elizabeth Fuemmeler Nicole Wright Julia Misemer	Janie Turner Abbie Czar Emma Czar Molly Johnson	Ted Bell Noah Ralston Spencer Ralston	Ted Bell Travis Triplett Benjamin Schwab	Elizabeth Fuemmeler Molly Johnson
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 Jim McDowell Elizabeth Fuemmeler	Larry Christie* Bill Brown Linda Manthei Jim McDowell	Sheri Wingard*, LR Jack Knuth*, EM only Clay Glenn Tim Schwab Frank Anderson	Debbie Dribben* Bob Noll Ted Bell Jhennifer Fuller	Donna Stanford OSL Member OSL Member OSL Member
INTERCESSOR 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Terry Rozell* Amy Ralston	Larry Christie* Sandy Glenn	Sheri Wingard* Laurie Schwab	Debbie Dribben* Tim Schwab	Donna Stanford OSL Member
CELEBRANT/HOMILIST 8 a.m./10 a.m.	Johnson/Johnson	Johnson/Johnson	Johnson/Yeager	Johnson/Johnson	Johnson/Johnson
CHAPEL PRAYER 8 a.m.* 10 a.m.	Michael Davis Sandy Glenn	Michael Davis Laurel Bondi	Michael Davis Nancy Harris	Michael Davis Debbie Fuller	Debbie 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 Hafften* Jon Yeager, Bud Brown	Don White Bill and 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, Joyce Fox	Patti Kennedy* Sheri Wingard* Clay Glenn Sandy Glenn	Boo Van Hafften* Donna Stanford* Sue Ferraro Jhennifer Fuller, Frank Anderson	Donna White* Barbara Lorenz, Kathleen Clarke* Pat Gilgus John Schinkel, Tim Schwab
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS After 8 a.m. Eucharist* After 10 a.m. Eucharist	Myra & Raymond Hyatt* Sandy & Clay Glenn	Kathy Morris* Jon and Linda Yeager	Rosemary Overbey* Jhennifer Fuller	Terry & Nancy Rozell* Vestry & Friends	<b>Need Volunteer</b> OSL Members
GIFT SHOP HOSTS 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.	Myra Hyatt* Helena Fults	Kathy Morris* Sandy Glenn	Nancy Rozell* Kemp Wiese	Suzanne Hoff* Crystal Cameron-Vedros	Myra Hyatt* Sandy Glenn

# Donations Needed for St. Peter's UCC

Our Outreach efforts for the month of May will benefit the food Pantry at St. Peter's UCC. The basic items always in demand include canned vegetables such as corn and green beans, toilet paper, paper towels, detergents and other basic items. They also can use disposable diapers in size 4 or 5.



**Mother's Day May 8** is going to be *Maison de Naissance* Sunday. The loose plate offering will be donated to *Maison de Naissance* as approved by the Vestry. Please be generous.

Although it is not our project, you will notice that a boy scout has placed a box in the Narthex for any possible donations for the military.



Cooper Wright, a boy scout in our scout troop, is going to obtain various items to send to those military members on our prayer list who are deployed. This is his Eagle Scout project and he is also going to send boxes for the other troops in Greg Kennedy's and Marcus Martinez's unit which is deployed to Kuwait/Iraq. If you

chose to get anything for the box, please ensure there are no pork products in the beef jerky, beef sticks, and summer sausage.

The Outreach committee would like to thank all of you in the parish for all you do to support our Outreach efforts. As always, if you would like to donate but cannot get out to shop, you can place a check with "Outreach" in the memo portion and we will shop for you.

God Bless You All,  
**Clay Glenn**  
 Outreach Chairman



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 1 Linda Yeager
- 2 Erika Abbott
- 4 Robert Bondi  
M. Cletson Cox II  
Bob Murphy
- 6 Craig Murdock
- 8 William Ritchie, Jr.
- 11 Barbara Roberson
- 12 Steve Thibodeau  
Jana Triplett  
Meta Ann White
- 13 Nancy Harris
- 14 Allene Hunt  
Paul Vedros
- 16 Staci Czar  
Janna Johnson
- 18 Everet Leimer

- 22 Jacob Brown
- 24 Bob Bogucki  
Diane Greene  
Genevieve Triplett
- 25 Kristen Reaves Vleisides
- 27 Ken Markham

### Anniversaries

- 3 Andrew & Mary Anne Brown
- 5 Bryan & Erika Abbott
- 15 Raymond & Myra Hyatt
- 20 Chris & Stacie Czar
- 23 Terry & Elizabeth Fuemmeler
- 27 Vern & Cricket Nelson
- 29 Bernie & Suzanne Hoff
- 31 Bob & Irene Bogucki  
Terry & Nancy Rozell

### Financial Status

<u>Year to Date thru March</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$ 78,724	\$ 78,345
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 67,074	\$ 67,968
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>		\$ 10,377

The first quarter of 2011 has been very positive! Thank you for all your efforts to continue to keep your financial commitment to St. Peter's up to date!

**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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