

The Mainsail

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BIRTHDAYS:

2	Primrose Dikeman
3	Kaitlyn Noble
5	Jason Freeman
6	Bruce Canoles Lloyd Yonkers
7	Phyllis Brown
9	Adam Eaton
10	Bennett Fisher Scott Moreland
13	Kathryn Mitchell
14	Amy Landis Hopkins
15	Maggie Allinder Johnny Berry
16	Magan Walker
21	Ralf Dulaney II Rhonda Martin
23	Joseph Fancher
25	Charles Hall Rosa Holland
27	Rachel Notar Riley Hollis
29	Aaron Knepper
30	Anna Hollis

Announcements

Annual Parish Meeting & Vestry Elections: The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 9th, 2011 following our worship together. During this time, reports from each functional area and group within the church will be offered to the parish; as well as the FY 2011 budget for the parish's approval. At the same meeting, we will elect four new Vestry members as the class of 2014. Nominations are still being accepted. If you are interested in serving in this leadership position, please speak with Fr Jeff or a representative of your Vestry.

Sunday School & Children's Church: Children's Sunday school continues this month. We have a wonderful curriculum planned packed with lessons, activities and much more! Volunteers are needed! The children will begin learning an exciting Christmas musical program this month! Please contact Whitney or Lindsay for more details, or if you'd like info on how to volunteer or get involved in our children's Christian education.

End of Year Statements: We have encountered a software problem generating our end of the year statements. Once fixed, we will place those statements that are not sent by email in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you need a hard copy or find problems with the new statements, please let us know as soon as possible.

Reminders: Please sign up for host and hostess on the kitchen door. Also, Altar flower sign up list is on the bulletin board to remember those whom we honor or recall. A \$25.00 donation is all that is required. Sign up list is also now posted to the board. Thanks to everyone who has been providing cakes and other foods for our fellowship time together and all those other special celebrations. They mean so much!

Special Thank You from our Children: The Children of St. Simon Peter would like to thank each and every one who came to this year's Christmas Program! They were thrilled to perform the much-practiced songs for everyone, and are already brainstorming for next year's performance! Also a big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make sure this year's program was a success!!

Important Note about Newsletter Inputs: All newsletter inputs are due by the 26th of the month. To make the process faster and more efficient, please have all information and inputs written or typed as you would like them displayed and e-mail them to stsimonpeter.webteam@gmail.com or hand them over to Lindsay.

STSP Website Update: The <http://www.stsimonpeter.org> website is still under heavy construction, and we appreciate your patience with the change-over and re-design. In the coming month you will find full interactive event calendars, photo galleries, inspirational multi-media and forums, online forms & registries for events, state & national diocese information and so much more! If you have inputs you would like included on the website, please send them to stsimonpeter.webteam@gmail.com or contact Lindsay.

Rector's Corner

Greetings,

St Simon Peter is preparing to take on the spiritual and mission-related challenges of the New Year. In our preparation, we will gather as a Parish for our Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday, 9 January 2011. During this time, we will hear reports from the key areas of leadership and church business, elect new Vestry members, affirm our Diocesan Convention delegates, and field questions and suggestions of how we will actively engage our local community and the larger world spiritually and communally in the Name of our Lord.

To help you in preparing for our time together, I have decided to dedicate this space to introducing the seven (7) nominees received thus far to fill the Vestry positions vacated by Matthew Power, Chuck Hall, Mavis Vines and Belinda Allinder. St Simon Peter is all the better for their three-years of service in leading your parish into difficult and challenging times. For that, I'm sure we are all grateful. Now, we look to electing four new members, who will serve with the other eight returning Vestry members to meet head-on the issues this parish will address over the next year. All are qualified; and I provide this information so that you will have a bit of knowledge that may help you in your election choices. Please come and participate on the 9th. To be a voting member, one need only be on the parish roles, regularly attend and support the parish in worship and function, and "be known to the Treasurer." Our nominees for the Vestry Class of 2014 include:

BRUCE CANOLES

- Member of Parish for over 12 years
- Vestry Senior Warden 2008-2010
- Serves on Parish Finance Committee since 2009
- Serves as Lead Usher
- Active participant in Parish Men's Group
- Member of the last Search Committee

CHRIS CONWAY

- Member of Parish since 2004
- Retire from Alabama Power – specializing in Public Communications
- Member of Choir
- Avid woodworker – gifted benches, tables and bulletin stands to Nave/Narthex
- Active volunteer in civic activities

MIKE DIKEMAN

- Served on Vestry during several previous terms
- Formed and first "President" of Parish Men's Group
- Serves as Worship Lay Reader
- Instrumental in re-vamping original Children's Playground

JO KING

- Long-time Episcopalian; joined St Simon Peter in early 2010
- Created, organized and managed "The Country Store" during 2010 Pumpkin Palooza
- Participates as fund-raising developer / coordinator
- Previous experience as Parish Treasurer

DEE PARSONS

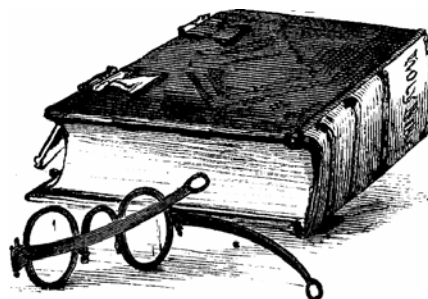
- Long-time member of St Simon Peter
- Served on Vestry last from 2007-2010; served terms before
- Serves as Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)
- Current President of Parish Men's Club
- Active member of the Parish Choir
- Previous years Children's Christmas Program and Presentation Director

KIRK WALKER

- Member of Parish since childhood; returned to active status in 2010
- Helped organize and orchestrate Children's 2010 Christmas Program
- Previously active in Parish Youth Activities; former Youth mentor and leader
- Helps / supports Parish Children's Church
- Looks to become more involved in Parish life

WAYNE WILCOX

- Long-time Episcopalian; joined St Simon Peter in 2008; frequent visitor in years previous
- Served as Oversight and Lead for the Parish Hall water-proofing & structural repair project
- Assisted Junior Warden in several Parish projects to improve facilities and grounds
- Serves as Chair of Parish Facilities Oversight and Improvements Committee
- Instrumental in creating Parish alternative resource gift account (market-related)



Fr. Jeff+

Vestry Info & More



“The Feast of the Epiphany”

Fernando Gallego 1480
Toledo Museum of Art



Solemnity of the Epiphany

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” Matt 2:2



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

“After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him.” Matt 3:16



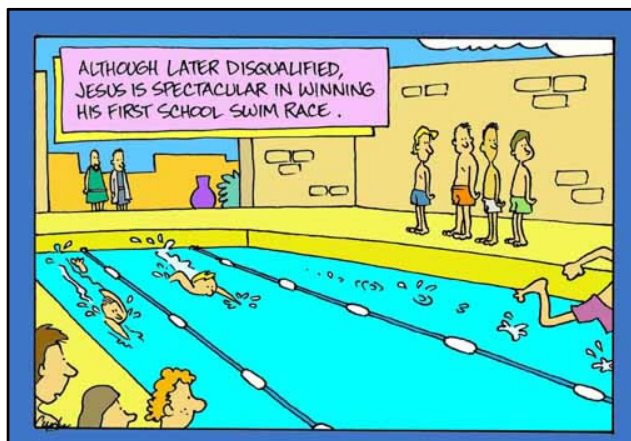
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.’” John 1:32

St. Simon Peter 2010 Vestry

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Smiles-R-Us

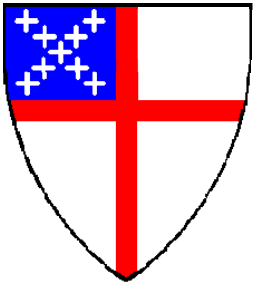


“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.”

~Benjamin Franklin

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Dates and Events (January 2011):

- 5 Christmon Tree disassemble (9am)
- 9 Epiphany
Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry elections (after worship)
NO EYC
- 14-16 DIOALA Winter Weekend (Camp McDowell)
- 15 Men's Group (8am)
DOK (9am)
- 16 EYC (5:30pm)
- 17 Martin Luther King Day Holiday (office closed)
- 23 EYC (5:30pm)
- 25 Hospital Auxillary (10:30am)
- 30 EYC (5:30pm)

During the week:

Sunday	Choir Practice The Holy Eucharist Fellowship Time Adult Sunday School EYC/YPF	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Following Worship Services Following Fellowship Time 5:30 p.m.
Monday	Narcotics Anonymous (NA)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Cursillo Reunion Group #1 AA	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Cursillo Reunion Group #3 Holy Eucharist Bible Study Needle Work Ministry	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	Cursillo Reunion Group #2 (1st & 3rd Thursdays) AA Choir	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Narcotics Anonymous (NA)	6:00 p.m.

Office hours for St. Simon Peter Church are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Lunch normally mid-day)

In case of pastoral emergency outside these office hours, please contact Fr. Jeff at
 (205) 338-2882 (home) or (205) 753-0047 (cell).

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Revolving Weekly Schedule:

- 1st & 3rd Mondays**
12 noon Kiwanis
- Each Tuesday**
12noon Rotary
- Mondays/Tuesdays / Thursdays**
7:00pm NA Group
(Garden Room)
- Each Wednesday**
10:00am Holy Unction &
HE II, followed by Bible / Book
Study
1:00pm Knitting Group
(Garden Room)
- Thursdays**
7:00pm Choir Practice
- Saturdays**
6:00pm NA Group
(Garden Room)



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"At once they left their nets and followed him." Matt 4:20

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