

St. Peter's Church

IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO

JULY 19, 2020 — 10:00 AM

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us virtually this morning. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community even when we cannot be together physically. We encourage you to leave comments and even post pictures of yourself. In this way we can see one another even when we are not able to be with one another. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 19:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour – Via Zoom |
| 4:00 p.m. | Outdoor Eucharist |

MONDAY, JULY 20:

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| 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live |
| 9:30 a.m. | Atwater Walk – Limit 4 people |
| 2:00 p.m. | Worship Committee Meeting – Via Zoom |

TUESDAY, JULY 21:

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| 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live |
| 7:15 p.m. | Vestry Committee Meeting – Via Zoom |

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study and Morning Prayer – Via Zoom |
| 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live |
| 6:00 p.m. | BYOB Social Hour – Via Zoom |

THURSDAY, JULY 23:

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| 10:30 a.m. | Prayer Group – Via Zoom |
| 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live |
| 8:30 p.m. | Youth Movie Night – Rector's Grove |

FRIDAY, JULY 24:

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| 8:00 a.m. | Gathering of Men – Via Zoom |
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SUNDAY, JULY 26:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour – Via Zoom |
| 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group – Via Zoom |

* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website stpetersgv.org

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (BWV 654)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Hymn 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Presider Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God,**

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Presider says

Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Psalm 86:11–17*Inclina, Domine*

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah*

Setting: Hymn 679, *Thomas Merton*



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

Setting: Hymnal S-236, John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

he a - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Presider Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Reverend Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Presider Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**

People Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Anthem *Behold the Tabernacle of God*

William H. Harris (1883–1973)

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:

for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are:

for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity.

Alleluia.

text: *Sarum Antiphon*

Intercessions

We invite you to pray for any concerns or thanksgivings either aloud, via Facebook comment, or in the silence of your hearts.

We pray for all those on the St. Peter's parish prayer list.

We pray especially for Charles Kenkelen and Travis Quillman, for whom our altar memorials are given.

A Litany for Changing Times

Oh God, as we slowly begin to venture out into the wider community but continue to worship at a distance, we ask for the strength and wisdom to discern the best course for us and our community. We know that we are always encircled by your loving embrace. God, we welcome your presence with the faith community of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley as we respond, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all gifts and blessings we thank you for the comfort we find in your creation. For the trees and flowers, birds, and insects. We thank you for the beauty natural world that surrounds us and that reminds us of our unchanging God. We thank you for the gift of mindfulness and time spent tending the gardens of creation. God of serenity, **Hear our prayer**

God, this pandemic is a piece of a bigger picture of the lack of care and respect for the gifts God gives us. Our focus is distracted from the blue and green ball that is our home. We pray for the tools and will to conserve the bounty you have given us and to use these resources in the service of others. Ignite our love for you in a shared quest to protect the planet. God of our natural world, **Hear our prayer.**

Pandemic illness and endemic racism assail us and mock our complacency. Compassion without action does violence to those cannot breathe for want of nutrition, education, health care, economic opportunity, political agency, legal justice or personal liberty. Jolt us from our comfort and help us commit to walking and working alongside those who are fighting to have their voices heard. God of justice and equality, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our solidarity with all races and peoples. We especially pray for people of color, and all who have been disadvantaged by the imperfect structure of our society. That all may have access to housing, education, health care. As Christ comes to us in the Eucharist, let us be the body of Christ for all. Kindle in us the aspiration to elevate the dignity of every inhabitant, one with each other, through you to God. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

As summer pleasures beckon, we seek to celebrate simple pleasures of the season, curb our appetites and waken us to our duty toward our common safety and the greater good. Help us to find joy in modest services and to support those with the least means, and those at the greatest risk. Help us show the power of your love in the world. God of unity, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the safety of our families and loved and all those who are providing essential services. We pray for those who are the most at risk, the elderly and the sick, for the poor and the homeless, and for all who live alone. We pray for all who are now seriously ill and for the souls of those who have died. May they rest in peace with you. God of comfort and healing, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you and ask for your prayers for our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, and Abigail and Chris, our priests as they continue to provide spiritual guidance and wisdom. We thank all those who have contributed to allow us to stay connected through worship, online dialogue, and our first steps towards gathering safely in person. Continue to comfort, strengthen and support the community of St. Peter's and all who join us in learning and prayer from near and far. God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Announcements

Please see last page of the leaflet

Hymn 609 *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Postlude *Prelude in c minor* (BWV 543)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace. Our worship and programs are happening virtually at this time, but we remain a community in which all are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Readers: David Parkyn, Suzanne Casey

Litany of Thanksgiving: Gail Malcolm

Flower Guild: Susy Baum

Thank you to Mark Clark for assistance with filming.

Thank you to Jeanne Lockner for providing beautiful photographs.

Thank you to Liam Reid for his technical assistance and film editing skills.

Thank you to Michael Trycleckyj for making it possible to hear our choir singing together even when they are in their separate homes.

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein

Vestry Warden: David Graves

Secretary: Susy Baum

Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham
Doug Jones
Eileen Klein
Alix Markee

Class of 2022

David Graves
Linda Holden
Cathy Terlescki
Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

Mark Clark
Mike Harman
Lyndsay Knupp
Dave Lockner

Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHILE WE ARE APART please check our website stpetersgv.org for updates and resources during the pandemic.

COVID RELATED UPDATES Chester County went green on June 26, but diocesan rules keep us in Phase 2. At this time all in-person gatherings remain restricted to 25 or fewer people and no food or drink is allowed. At St. Peter's we will continue to add outdoor in-person offerings throughout the summer. Our main Sunday morning worship will continue online until September. In late August we will begin to transition from pre-recorded, produced services to live-streaming worship. From there we will add in-person Sunday morning services. Worshipping from home, virtually, will remain an option for the foreseeable future.

PARISH HOUSE PROCEDURES In order to keep everyone safe, our clergy and staff continue to work from home as much as possible. Typically there is someone in the parish office on weekday mornings. Please call in advance to confirm. The number is 610-644-2261. Please note that masks are required inside the parish house and we request that you not enter individual offices. We love visiting with you, but please help us to keep you healthy by visiting from the hallway. Thank you!

OUTDOOR EUCHARIST TODAY at 4:00 p.m. please join us in front of the historic church for a simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist. Our numbers remain restricted by diocesan rules. **As of this writing, four spots remain available.** To sign up, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4EACA62EA1FE3-eucharist>. Details about current protocol will be provided to all who register, but please expect to wear a mask, maintain physical distance and bring your own seating. This will be a lovely, but informal service. Please dress comfortably and with the weather in mind.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING On Monday, July 27th at 6:00pm, all parents and teachers are invited to join Chris and Holly for a discussion about formation with our children in the fall. Understanding that we may, or may not, be gathering for Sunday School in the fall, we are seeking to understand what is working, what isn't working, what parents would like to see happen, and how the church can support parents in the Christian formation of our youngest members. Please let Chris Exley or Holly Hardester know if you plan to attend so that we can send you the Zoom meeting information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL While we are apart, each week we are sending the parents of the Sunday school children emails with attached pictures, puzzles, coloring pages and games related to the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. Families not already receiving these Sunday school emails are welcome to join us by emailing SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT on July 23. The youth group will gather to watch Zootopia on an inflatable movie screen and projector in the Rector's Grove. At least one parent must be present. Information for this has been emailed to youth members. Bring your own chairs and blankets. All safety precautions will be followed, including masks and physical distancing. Also, at this time diocesan rules prevent all eating and drinking. Movies will begin at 9:00 p.m. Please contact Chris to reserve a spot at chris@stpetersgv.org.

ATWATER WALKS ARE BACK Join Abigail on Monday's at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, masks must be worn. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you wish to attend.

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Other people could be sent a simple prayer square. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Elizabeth to make arrangements to pick up a shawl or cap in a Covid-safe way. Or Elizabeth can mail you a prayer square.

FOOD COLLECTION UPDATE Food collection continues. Please place any fresh produce that does not require refrigeration (squash, apples, potatoes, tomatoes) in the laundry baskets, ONLY on Wednesday for the Thursday delivery. We also need anyone to leave small containers which previously held fruits and veggies to help us safely transport these items. Please do not leave fresh items at other times to prevent wild animals from being attracted to the porch.

CONGRATULATIONS on a successful 700 cookies distributed to St. James in June!!! This month we would like to deliver **1000** homemade sugar cookies to the St. James School food pantry. Please consider helping us meet that goal by baking forty of your favorite 2 ½ “ sugar cookies and packaging them flat, eight to a bag, in quart-size ziplock bags. **Take your offering to the parish house porch (and place it in the marked blue bin) on either July 18 or July 19 (by 5:00pm) or, on July 20 (by 11:00am).** All 1000 cookies will be taken to St. James on July 20 before noon. Please contact Cathy Terleski with questions. Thank You!!!

BYOB IS STAYING VIRTUAL The sensibly conservative guidelines of the diocese do not allow us to gather for any events where food or beverages are consumed. For this reason, we will continue to meet via Zoom for our Wednesday BYOB social hour until restrictions are eased. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to visiting virtually!

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP USHERS NEEDED Eventually we will return to in-person worship. You will receive plenty of information before that happens. As we prepare, we need to train ushers in new procedures. If you wish to serve as an usher for our initial offerings when we return to in-person worship, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. In these unusual times, we will not assume that current ushers wish to serve in-person and also we recognize that some people who have not previously been ushers may wish to assist now. Be assured that we are not rushing into anything and we will be following all appropriate guidelines. This announcement is part of our preparation process. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING The youth group will continue to meet every other Sunday through the summer. Sometimes for fun, sometimes for discussion of the events in the world. Our next youth meeting is on July 26 at 5:00 pm.m via Zoom.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED The Stewardship Commission is looking for new members. Our commission plans and executes the annual St. Peter's stewardship season. We generally meet once a month during the summer and fall months. Our group shares the workload in a collegial fashion and with a bit of fun thrown in. If you are interested in joining the Stewardship commission, please contact Helen Ockenden. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

FOOD MINISTRY The Food Drive will continue for the foreseeable future, although the receiving agencies may vary. The Outreach Commission is supporting the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) Food Pantry in Coatesville with a financial contribution. One Commission member is helping to unload, sort and pack donated food and prepare it for distribution. Please continue to put your food contribution of canned goods, rice and beans in the bins on the porch outside of the Parish House. *We have received notice that pet food is welcome as well!* As always, the need is greatest for protein items including tuna fish and peanut butter. For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

PLEASE SEND YOUR PICTURES/VIDEOS As we have become better at moving our worship experience online, we are seeking to include more members of our parish. One of the things that we miss is seeing you and hearing your voices. We usually 'go live' about 15 minutes before the service starts. During this time, we have been just showing a title page that says that the service will begin at 10am. We would like to augment that with pictures and/or videos of our parish family. Please consider sending some digital pictures or a very short (15-30 second) video to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org. We will include them in the gathering time video played before worship begins. We need to receive anything you send no later than Thursday for inclusion on Sunday.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTORAL PURPOSES We are beginning to keep a list of designated emergency contacts for parishioners. This list will be made available to ushers, clergy, and staff to be used in the case of emergency on campus or in the event that we wish to reach you for pastoral purposes, but you are not available at your usual number. This is entirely voluntary and offered as a service for those who wish. If you would like for the contact information for your designated emergency person to be kept on file at the parish, please email the following information— your name and phone number, any allergies you have, the name, phone number and email address of your emergency contact person to: pastoralcontact@stpetersgv.org. Thank you.

VISITING SAFELY AT YOUR HOME OR AT CHURCH We cannot sit with you inside your home, but Abigail and Chris are happy to stop by your house for a visit in your driveway or yard. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Also, our beautiful campus offers plenty of spaces to visit outdoors, and we would be happy to meet with you at St. Peter's if you prefer, following whatever the most current guidelines are at the time. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome a visit.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Since we have moved all church programming into the virtual space, you may be struggling with how to connect to some of the events we are having. Help is available anytime, to handle your technology and connection issues and questions. We want to help you, in any way possible, to participate in our events and worship. Please reach out to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or call the office at 610-644-2261.

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Abigail and Chris have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to you.

PRAYER LISTS Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.