



THE ROCK

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..."
Matthew 16:18

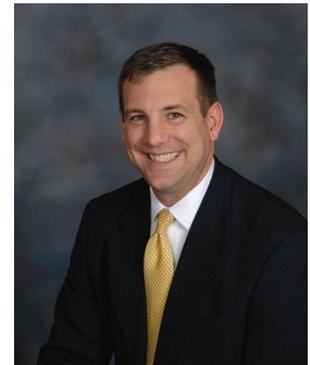
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MAY 2019

Month Year

Last month, I related to the change that Jesus made to the world. Many of you heard the announcement in church on the Sunday after Easter about another change. There is a change of pastors happening in our church this summer. We will be going to serve at the North Naples Church. St. Peter's United Methodist will be receiving Cory Britt who is coming with his daughter, Sydney.



**Rev. Dr. Mark
Caldwell**

This is a change that was not anticipated by many as we have only been here for four years. We would have enjoyed many more in Wellington if this particular call had not come. But we did get a call that relates to the focus of my doctoral work. It is also a ministry situation where I once again will follow a pastor after decades under appointment. In this particular case, I am following Ted Sauter who has served that congregation for 27 years. St. Peter's taught me some good lessons about how to follow a pastor well.

Ecclesiastes 3 is one of those chapters of the bible that many of us can quote with amazing accuracy. It begins, 'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven'. It then tells of a time to do this and that. This is a season where change is happening and I believe that the hand of God is not only moving, but blessing congregations and their pastoral families. I feel confident that the congregation will extend its Christian love to Cory and his daughter as well as it did to me and my family. Let us remain in prayer and to always remain in God's love.

In God's love,

Mark



MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY TEA

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
FEATURING THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

*May 11, 2019
11am-1pm
in the Fellowship Hall*

Finger food and desserts will be served.

RSVP BY MAY 8
to Shelly Albright

Suggested Love Offering \$25 per family
to benefit Children's Ministry and Arts programs

On Mission Together Weekend-May 18

*Volunteering is
a work of heart*



St. Peter's is participating in a weekend of service with other local congregations to serve our community. On May 18th, we will work in the CROS ministries warehouse to sort food and help in other capacities. Other opportunities will be posted in the bulletin where you can serve Christ and His world as information becomes available. To sign up, please email mcaldwell@stpeters-umc.org

Searching for a Full Time Youth Director

St. Peter's United Methodist Church is in search of a full-time director of youth ministries. The applicant should be a Christian of strong conviction with enthusiasm mixed with confidence, authority and compassion. As this is a job that requires a variety of hours, the applicant and family members, if applicable, should be aware of the non-traditional work schedule involved with this position. Interested persons can submit questions or a resume to mcaldwell@stpeters-umc.org.

Worship Services



Traditional Worship

8:00 & 11:00 am

Contemporary

9:30 am

Sunday School All Ages

9:30 am

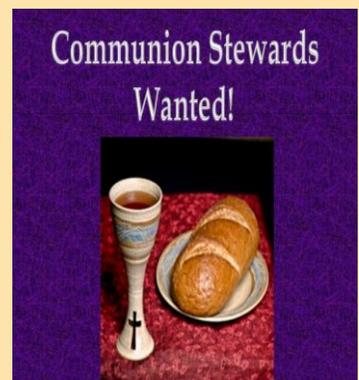
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Communion Stewards



We are in need of a few communion stewards to alternate throughout the year. You will be serving communion on one or more of the first Sundays of each month depending upon how many stewards are on the list. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, please contact the church office at 793-5712 ext. 13.

Traditional Music by Jim Shel Drake



It has been a joy stepping into the role as your music director for traditional services. Your welcome to Kathy and me has been one of great warmth. We already feel we are part of this wonderful church family.

As I told the choir recently, there are two windows of time that a church should not be hiring a music director....Advent and Lent. Debbie Douglas experienced the Advent hire, and I experienced the Lenten hire. I am forever grateful to Debbie for her leadership. Hopefully, we will see her again in the days ahead. Her sweet spirit and genuine friendship certainly made the transition easy. It must have been because we share the same birthday...month, day, and year! Thank you, Debbie, for all that you did for St. Peter's.

Moving forward, I will share with you some of my background, as well as Kathy's. I will tell you that Kathy is a news and weather junkie. She is also a sports nut, which does give us occasional conflict. Kathy is a Boston area native and is passionate about the professional teams of her hometown. Me? I am a loyal Philadelphian. So, yeah, we have had a few interesting playoff seasons, especially the 2018 Super Bowl! We both rally behind Florida State University Athletics, which is her alma mater. My alma mater is a smaller school, James Madison University (Virginia), so you will often see me dressed in purple.

As we move into summer, I am hoping to present a variety of music options for you through ensembles and music styles. My passion is the corporate worship setting. Whatever I can do to get you engaged in the service, I will do it. I look forward to discovering your favorite hymn, your favorite music style, hearing you SING...oh, yeah, and don't forget to tell your face!

Adult Choir is open to everyone...no auditions required. All I ask is that you have a heart for worship. We meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm. We have plenty of chairs...all God's people have a place in the choir!

See you Sunday!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES by Shelly Albright



We are so excited about all the great things happening in Children's Ministries! Our annual Easter Egg hunt was eggstra-special with 3,500 eggs distributed. Kona Ice was a big hit with kids and parents alike!

The "Walk with Jesus" field trip for CEC students and families was a great way to introduce new families to St. Peter's, while teaching the children about Holy Week. April's Chapel time featured Steve the Donkey, played by Geri Purdy. The kids absolutely loved hearing about Palm Sunday from the perspective of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem! Make sure to check out all our summer programs below!

Food Ministry



Urgent Need Please Donate

We have been helping those in our congregation, their friends and families who are in need every month with Publix gift cards. The need for help continues to grow so if you can help, please make your check out to St. Peter's putting Food Ministry in the memo section.



REACH OUT TO CROS MINISTRIES

Make a difference here at home! Help us alleviate hunger in Palm Beach County. Help us stock the CROS Food Pantry in Lake Worth by bringing non-perishable food items with you to worship. Demand is heavy and often the supply is limited.

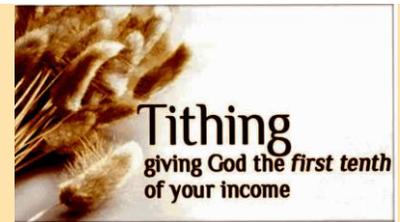
**CROS - Christians
Reaching Out to Society.**



Vacation Bible School June 10-14

Registration is open for participants and volunteers. To register go to our website. Look under "See What's Next", click on the ROAR photo. VBS is from 9am-12pm and is \$45 per child.

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.



**ST. PETER'S
AUTOMATIC OFFERING PLAN
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
MADE EASY**

St. Peter's Automatic Offering Plan is similar to payment programs offered by banks and utility companies. Your contributions are automatically withdrawn from checking or savings accounts at any bank or credit union. It's 100% safe. No one but you has access to your account and nothing can be withdrawn without your authorization. You can change or cancel your contribution by simply sending a written notice to St. Peter's. For more information or to obtain an authorization form just click on the link [Electronic Funds Authorization form](#) or please call the office, 793-5712, ext.13.



KIDS IN MISSION
St. Peter's United Methodist Church

SUMMER CAMP
\$45
Rising 2nd -6th grade
July 22-26
9am-12pm



Kids in Mission is our newest edition to Children's Ministry summer fun! This camp will provide children with an opportunity to participate in service-focused activities. Our goal is to teach the importance of serving others through worship, lessons, and mission activities. This will be for rising 2nd -6th graders. The cost is \$45 per child. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers.



The hospitality program has increased since it was started. The coffee and donuts have become a big hit with the children and adults. It was decided to set up in the Fellowship Hall for the comfort of everyone with the addition of tables and chairs so we can all enjoy fellowship with others.



Please contact Shelly Albright for more information and to register.

Summer Basketball Camp Dates:
Week 1: June 17-21
Week 2: July 8-12
9am-2:30pm
\$150

Our summer camps is for children who have completed 1st grade through 6th grade. For the registration form contact Shelly Albright at salbright@stpeters-umc.org.



**ST. PETER'S GREETERS AND
WELCOME CART VOLUNTEERS**

CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER by Lori Maxwell



The month of April was an exciting month filled with many fun activities. Our children experienced seeing their caterpillars turn into butterflies and then participating in their release. The addition of our butterfly garden was a success!

The VPK students participated in a *Walk with Jesus* under the leadership of Miss Shelly in the Gym. This is the second year we have implemented this opportunity for our students and families to learn the story of Easter. Here are some of the children showing their "Follow Jesus" bracelets they received at the end of their walk.



Graduation is just around the corner. Our graduating preschoolers will begin the preparations for their Graduation this month. They are practicing their songs for Graduation and learning to walk in their caps and gowns. A blessing of the graduates will be held at the 11:00 service on Sunday May 19th. Our staff is dedicated to the children at C.E.C. and always show patience and love in their work. If you have the chance, take the time to thank them for all they do. May 6-10 is teacher appreciation week.

I would like to thank you for your generous gift of time to volunteer to greet our church family and welcome visitors as they come to worship on Sunday.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you have an interest please contact Shelly Albright

salbright@stpeters-umc.org

or call 561-800-8375.

Thank you again for your help.



Coffee and donuts are served from 8:00 to 11:00 am.



We are always looking for some volunteers to help on Tuesday mornings to straighten out and supply the sanctuary. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Debbie Ferrugio in the church office at 561-793-5712 ext. 13.



Methodists have "The Upper Room Living Prayer Center" prayer ministry with a 24-hr, toll-free Prayer Line at:

1-800-251-2468.

Here at St. Peter's we have an intercessory prayer group called the Pathway to God Prayer Team.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLING ADULT MINISTRIES



Rev. Rachel
Lever

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Melissa and Matt VanWeelden on the birth of their son,
Ezra Harrison on April 10, 2019.



THE JOY-FILLED LIFE

DVD Collection

Filmed at Women of Faith Conferences

Wednesday, May 1, 12:00 noon or 7:00 PM
Finding Your Voice - Patsy Clairmont, speaker

Wednesday, May 15, 12:00 noon or 7:00 PM
Learning to Let Go - Sheila Walsh, speaker

Wednesday, May 29, 12:00 noon or 7:00 PM
Never Alone - Marilyn Meberg, speaker

Hey, Ladies!

There is no book to buy or to read. You can participate in one, two or three programs. Just come and enjoy a positive message and discussion. To register, email rlever@stpeters-umc.org.

Kelly Hutcheson is our new Pathway to God Prayer Chain coordinator. You can send your prayer concerns to HutcheKe@gmail.com and she will forward them to the rest of the prayer chain team.

RESOURCES

Click on icons to for more information.

UMC 2008 Book of Discipline

Cokesbury



Atlantic District

The Florida Conference

UMC Global



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
COUNSELING CENTER





WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S

April 8 ~ *Bingo Night*

32 women attended our April event. We all enjoyed fellowship, fun, prizes and refreshments. Many thanks to Tonya Pignato for doing a great job as our Bingo caller. See picture above!

May 13 ~ *Salad Bar Supper and Guest Speaker*

Women of all ages are invited to attend this event. Rev. Emily Denmark McGee will be our guest speaker. There is no cost to attend, but a love offering will be received. To register, please email rlever@stpeters-umc.org.



UNDERWEAR DRIVE FOR KID'S KLOSET

Sponsored by Building Better Moms

MANY THANKS to each of you who participated in our fourth annual Underwear Drive. As of today, April 30, 673 pairs have been given. This project will benefit needy children who are served by Kid's Kloset. You can still donate new, packaged and unopened, underwear for boys and girls. Please bring these to the foyer of the sanctuary.

BUILDING BETTER MOMS

Registration

Registration for 2019-2020 has begun. All those interested in this program are encouraged to register early. This helps the planning team, and you save money! To request a registration form, email rlever@stpeters-umc.org.



Puerta de Golpe, Cuba



Zambia

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ST. PETER'S IS 40 YEARS OLD!

In honor of the church's 40th birthday, our summer study will be about the life and ministry of Peter. Watch the bulletin and The Rock for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRIES by Samantha Scott



The Youth Group had a memorable time on the beach watching the sunrise, playing in the water, and taking communion. Special thanks to Lucas Castro for bringing his guitar and playing music on the beach.



We also had a blast at our Easter Eggstravaganza. We had egg relays, egg tosses, egg hunt, egg dying and many more egg games. Thanks to Caroline Scott for organizing this event for our youth group.



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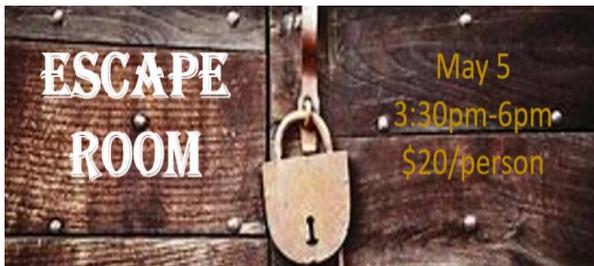
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Our Confirmation class will be Confirmed on Sunday, May 5 at 11am. Please come to support our youth as they make their vows to become members of the United Methodist Church.

Upcoming EVENTS



**May 19
4pm-6pm**

Join us for a day of water games to celebrate the end of another school year.



Please contact Samantha Scott for information about any of the above programs or events at sscott@stpeters-umc.org

CHILDREN'S ARTS



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IT'S BEEN A FANTASTIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR SEASON!

It's been filled with music, dance, laughter and love!

CHRISTMAS EVE "STAR SEARCH"

PASTOR MARK'S VISIT



PALM SUNDAY SINGING WITH THE ADULT CHOIR



COME HEAR THE CHILDREN SING

Mother's Day Family Tea Party

Saturday, May 11th

Fellowship Hall

11am-1pm

RSVP to Shelly Albright

ATTENTION ST. PETER'S YOUTH

Join Us For Open Mic Monday

If you love music, singing, dancing, signing, if you play a musical instrument
come join us and share your talents!

Monday, June 10th

(Immediately following VBS)

12PM-1:30PM in the Youth Room

Operation Christmas Child



DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

TOOTHBRUSHES



SALTY SERVICE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

One for Israel-

The celebrations of Passover and Easter are happening in parallel this year, something that doesn't happen very often. Jesus died at Passover. Why does the Christian church mark his death and resurrection at a different time? Passover is always right in the middle of the Jewish month of Nisan-when the moon is full. The western calendar does not follow the moon's movements so closely. The early Christians did celebrate Easter at the same time as Passover, but as years went by, the gentile leaders did not want to depend on the rabbinic authorities for the right date. So the church leaders decided at the Council of Nicea in 325 that the festival would be on the first new moon after the Spring Equinox, which is always March 21.

Read the full article in the newsletter of oneforisrael.org.

Zambia- Kafakumba- Nate Steury

Nate is traveling in the USA and visiting churches. He will return to Zambia in May.

Liberia- Lena and Johannes Ebner

Things are going well for the family finally as they have a new home, and they are healthy. Pray for them as the ministry of leading people to worship Christ instead of using magic and worshiping devils truly begins.

Cuba- Puerta de Golpe and Alonso de Rojas

On April 13, the western region had a group baptism. This occurs twice a year in the ocean. There are 41 churches in Pinar del Rio. There were 382 people baptized. 5 were from Puerta de Golpe and 15 were from Alonso de Rojas. It's wonderful to see how the Methodist Church is growing in Cuba.

While we were in Alonso de Rojas, the pastor said he was praying for a new generation to continue this ministry. While several people have visited Cuba, no one has decided to take an active part. Of course, Ann, Neil and I will continue as long as God allows, but more people are needed. For example, a Spanish speaker would be needed to communicate. It is a true blessing. Please pray about it to see if the Lord leads you to this ministry.

In His service,
Carol Walters Curtis and Ann Lewis