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A newsletter for and
about the people of
St. Peter's Church

JUNE 2018



See you at the
STREET FAIR!!

June 8 & 9
5:30pm to 9:00pm

GAMES, FOOD & FUN!!

OpShop at St. Peter's

Donations of new and gently used clothing size 3 and up, jewelry, home decor, small wood furniture, artwork, & recent bestselling novels may be placed in the thrift shop shed in the church parking lot. These donations help us prepare for the shop's September opening. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

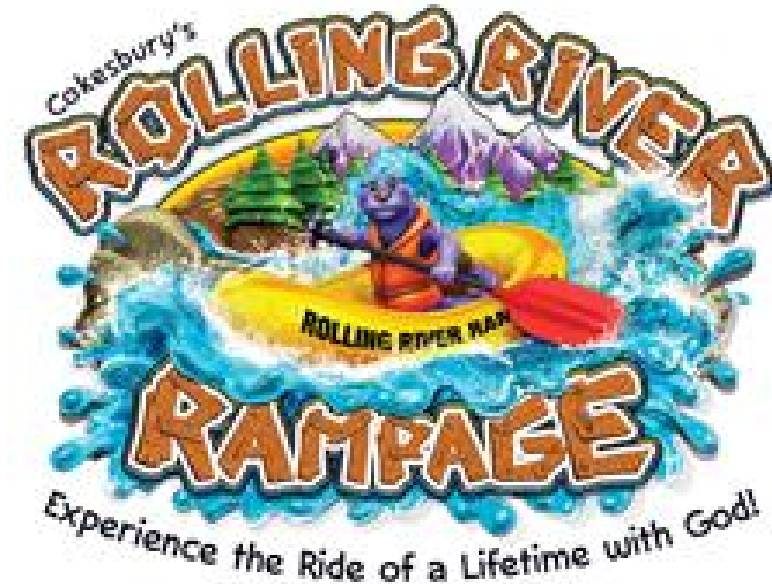
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When: August 6-10, 2018 (9am to Noon)

Who: Interested families may visit 2018.cokesburyvbs.com/spef to register campers and volunteers! Contact us at spfvbs@gmail.com with any questions.

Cost: \$65 per camper

We would love help! Volunteers are needed during the week of VBS, and people may join in the fun for one day, two days, or all week! In addition, we will be holding a Craft & Decorating Night on Monday, June 18 at 7:30 in the Upper Room. This event is BYOS (Bring Your Own Scissors!) and light snacks will be served.

Sunday School

It has been a wonderful year in the Sunday School classes! We have all learned so much and grown together along the way. We have been blessed with new teachers, new carpets, new lights and ceiling, and we will have a fresh coat of paint to start next year off right. We are also looking forward to June 2nd's *Taste of Godly Play* when all can come and hear about this wonderful method we use at St. Peter's to bring our faith to our children. June 3rd will be our last day of class for Sunday School :(

I want to thank our FABULOUS teachers this year: In PreK-kindergarten we had Jennifer Jackson, Serena Watkinson & Michelle Spell with Emily Blake greeting for unit 1, in 1st-3rd grade we had Dana Leach & Sarah Blake with Emily Blake greeting for unit 2 and in 4th-6th grade we had Christina Doyle, Mary Beth Weber and Quinn Egan. Please join me during our June 10th Family Church to say, "THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!" to these lovely individuals for all of their dedication and care! Please consider becoming a part of this very special ministry!

With Faith & Love,
Dana Leach

973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com

Family Church

WOW!!! I can't even tell you how many compliments I got Sunday on our readers. One guest from Pennsylvania even tracked me down to offer her appreciation. Thanks MILLIONS to Amanda Luke, Sofia Seaman, Elizabeth Green & Jack

Latson!!! And also a GIANT thank you to Sean & Stephanie Panitch who were a huge help with ushering! Element bearers didn't quite work out as planned so my WONDERFUL Samantha Vitiello and mom, Patty, jumped to my aid...thanks to them as well! I so often get compliments on Family Church, but the fact is it has nothing to do with me; I have such a treasure chest full of children who care, and try, and help, and DO for our church. We at St. Peter's are blessed, both by the children, and by their families who support and encourage them :)

Our last Family Church of the program year will be June 10th. Please let me know if your child(ren) would like to participate as a reader, usher or element bearer.

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Littlest Parishioners' Playgroup June 9th

Our next play date is Saturday, June 9th. Although our usual date is the first Saturday of the month, we are shifting it to allow for attendance at the Taste of Godly Play on the 2nd :) We will meet from 9:30-11:30 am. If the weather is nice we will be on the playground (Oh, how I hope it is nice!!), otherwise we will meet in the nursery school (*also a change as Street Fair will have stuff all over upper room*).

Our playgroup is for parishioners (or friends of parishioners) with little people age 3 and under. Siblings are also welcome.

If you know of anyone else with children in this stage of family life invite them along! It is such a great group!!

For questions please contact Nat Bernardo at nathaliabernardo23@gmail.com or Dana Leach, 973-364-7544 scottdanaL@aol.com.



The 2018 Communion Class consisted of Zachary Bivona, Kevin Egan, Frankie Hunkele, Luke Latson, Matthew Muller, Dylan Negrotto, Kayla O'Connor, Andrew Stern, Joseph Wohltmann and Samantha Wohltmann.

Reverend Susan Negrotto



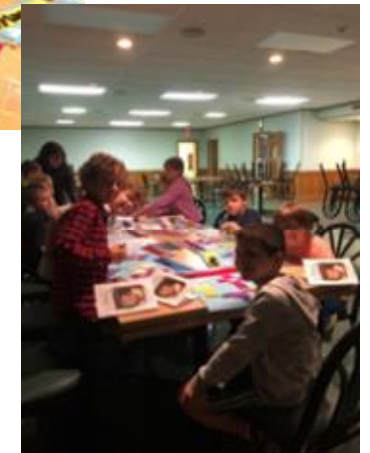
Pentecost - Holy Communion Celebration

On May 20th, Pentecost, St. Peter's celebrated Holy Communion with 10 second and third graders. The children participated in three Saturday classes in preparation. They learned about the history of the Eucharist and Christ's abiding love for them. The children also saw two Godly plays, made banners that hung on their family's pew, and baked bread that was consecrated during the Eucharistic. And their enthusiasm was contagious!!

Many thanks to Liz Muller for her presentation of the Godly plays, the baking of the bread and the invaluable help with the classes.



*May 20th
Pentecost and
Holy Communion
Service*



On Pentecost Sunday we had a beautiful and uplifting liturgy. (As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry might put it, "There was fire in the house!") We had a wonderful family church celebration and recognized our 2nd & 3rd graders who had been learning about the history of the Eucharist and the meaning it has for our lives. The children in the communion class were: Zachary Bivona, Kevin Egan, Frankie Hunkele, Luke Latson, Matthew Muller, Dylan Negrotto, Kayla O'Connor, Andrew Stern, and Joseph and Samantha Wohltmann. I want to congratulate the children and their families. The children participated wonderfully, and I have never heard such clear and forceful responses as I did that day from the class gathered around the altar.



On Sunday June 10, at the 10 am Eucharist, we will celebrate our *Sunday School teachers* that help build community all year long for our children. In that same liturgy we will also recognize our graduating *High School seniors* who have shared in that sense of community for many years. Congratulations to our wonderful seniors: Bryce Bayard, Sarah Blake, Michael Butler, Caroline Camper, Brian Collins, Riley Doyle, Sophia Garrubbo, Jake Livingston, Ava Lopez, Oliver and Grace Irwin, Samuel Adams and Charlene White.

Also, on June 10, *Judy Himes* will be honored by the diocese as our recipient of this year's *David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award*. This award celebration will be held at St. Peter's in Morristown with a reception at 3:00 pm and a Festive Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join Judy in celebrating her many years of service to the St. Peter's community.

On Sunday June 17, again at 10 am, we will have a *choir appreciation* for the essential ministry that our choirs provide to us - energizing our worship and leading us each week in prayer, psalms and spiritual songs.

On a somewhat more bittersweet note, over the summer we will be bidding farewell to **Lisa & Ken Beland** who will be moving to South Carolina. Lisa and Ken have been members of St. Peter's for over 25 years. After getting married they moved to Airmont, NY and now reside in Wayne but still have always made the trek to Essex Fells to be with our community. Lisa has served on vestry multiple times, has run Street Fair (creating the blue print of how it is run down to the last screw and staple). She has served on altar guild for nearly all her time here, becoming a captain and now the directress. Lisa has also been

Pie is Good

Attention all pie makers: calling for entrants for the "Best Pie" event at the Saturday, 9/22/18 Fall Festival. Please let Barbra or Christina (barbraveffer@gmail.com or doyle531@hotmail.com) know what type of pie you'll be submitting between now and 9/1/18.



We are asking bakers to create 2 pies (for drop off on Friday 9/21) - one for tasting/judging and the other for bake sale, so that non-pie-panel-persons may enjoy the fruits of your labor too! Top pie(s)* may be auctioned. May the best pie(s)* win! (*depending on your responses, there may be multiple categories/ chances to win).

SPY MISSION TRIP 2018 SPONSOR PROGRAM

To raise money to support the Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN

This summer we will be taking 18 youth and 4 adults on a mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN. Every year the mission trip proves to be a life-changing spiritual experience for our youth. A great way to be involved with this ministry and to support the kids is to become a Sponsor and Prayer Partner!

Sponsor and Prayer Partner \$50 donation
Pray for your sponsored traveler each day of the mission trip

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Peter's Episcopal Church. You will be notified of your prayer partner and you will receive a note from her/him at the end of the mission trip. Please return the form to Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 271 Roseland Avenue, Essex Fells, NJ 07021.



SAINT PETER'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 6-10, 2018; 9:00 am – Noon

Hello, Friends!

We'd love to have you join us at this year's Vacation Bible School! Vacation Bible School is for children age 3 through

entering 5th grade. This fun-filled week is an opportunity for your child to interact with friends old and new in a safe, loving and creative environment. At St. Peter's Rolling River Rampage VBS, children are invited on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

Each day your child will work on a craft, explore with a science experiment, learn fun music, hear a bible story, eat a fun snack and play with their friends. A "Sneak Peek" of our music is available online at 2018.cokesburyvbs.com/spef, where you will also find a link to register. Cost is \$65 per child. Space is limited and does fill up so register your child(ren) soon!

Also, VBS is VERY rewarding for volunteers so if you have some time please think about joining us for a day or two or even all week. Volunteer sign up can also be found on our link, 2018.cokesburyvbs.com/spef.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to contact one of us by using the email below! We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Vacation Bible School.

Kris Blake, Christine Corso & Dana Leach

Co-Directors

spefvbs@gmail.com

VBS Craft Night

Many thanks to those who came to help cut, wind, staple & glue!! We got LOTS done in preparation for this summer's exciting Rolling River Rampage!!, but there is still more :) Our next VBS craft night will be Monday, June 18th at 7:30 in the upper room. Please let Dana Leach know if you can attend, 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com. Also, best to bring your own scissors as we have many scissors for little hands, but not nearly enough for big hands :)

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a eucharistic minister and a pastoral caller, faithfully visiting our sick and shut-ins. Ken has worked on street fair for many years and has been a volunteer countless times for building and grounds projects. Most recently Ken has volunteered to help Toby West with preparations for Holy Week and refurbishing the two Godly Play classrooms. Ken and Lisa raised their two boys, David & Dylan at St. Peter's. David & Dylan participated in Sunday School, were both acolytes, attended VBS and were active members of SPY. Needless to say, the Beland's will be sorely missed. Please join me in wishing them all the best for this next stage of their lives and heartfelt thanks for all they have shared of their time, treasure and talent over the years with their beloved community here at St. Peter's.

Fr. Mike

NORTH PORCH

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Saint Peter's invites you to join in our collection of infant and children's items for North Porch.

What is North Porch? The North Porch Women and Infant's Center provide seven-day emergency supplies of formula, baby food, diapers and clothing for needy mothers and infants in the Newark, Paterson, Hackettstown, Clifton, Wharton and Dover areas. The name reflects the custom of the ancient church to regard the "North Porch" as a gathering place and refuge for women.

How does North Porch serve needy families? They provide a seven-day supply of infant items in order to help needy mothers stabilize and improve their lives. They have a part-time social worker that works with these mothers providing counseling, parenting classes and job referral materials.

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

Formula- Similac - blue label, dry or liquid
Baby Cereal and jars of baby food- all stages
Diapers - size 1 through 6 and baby wipes
Baby powder, lotion, shampoo, diaper rash cream- all in small sizes,
new bibs and one piece undershirts (onesies) -in sizes 3 month through 18 months
Size 3-24 month new one piece sleepers, clothing, socks

**During June bring items to church or to the church office Tuesday,
Wednesday or Thursday 9AM-2PM**

**Thank You so much for helping the Babies
Sue Mazur and Jennifer Jackson ECW**