



*St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley*

# *The Beacon*

*In thy light shall we see light.*

*Psalm 36:9*

*February 2017*

*FROM THE RECTOR . . .*

## *Getting through Winter with God*

The college I attended had all sorts of traditions – some of them were staid and serious, others were not. One that falls into the latter category was called Feb Club: on every single day in the month of February there was a party somewhere on campus, and the idea was to cheer the dreary days of late winter in Connecticut. In my family we have two February birthdays, which give us reason to celebrate in a climatologically challenged month. This year we have the added pleasure of the Super Bowl, with my husband's hometown team pitted against my hometown team! The shape of February from the perspective of the Church depends, in part, on the date of Easter because that dictates the start of Lent. With Ash Wednesday falling on March 1 this year, we have a nice long stretch to prepare for that important season.

The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "spring." It is the penitential season leading up to Easter. At the beginning you will be invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265). So that you are not caught off guard, I invite you to start thinking about this now. At St. Peter's we will offer two Lenten programs, "Popcorn Theology" on Sunday evenings and our usual Wednesday evening soup suppers. Our mid-week Worship and Bible Study will continue on Wednesday mornings, as will our "Bible Challenge" group. Additionally, you will notice that Sunday worship will take on new elements, reflecting the penitential nature of the season. There are so many ways to observe Lent, so start to think about the possibilities now and reach out to me if you want some ideas.

Before Lent begins, February at St. Peter's will bring a variety of opportunities. The acolytes will go tubing; David Kasievich will tell us about the wonderful ministry of St. James School; Bishop Gutierrez will join us for supper, conversation and Compline; Peter Gilmore and the youth group will team up to offer a very special dining experience; and we will end the month with our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! You will find details about all of this, and more, in this issue of the *Beacon*.

Most of all, this month--like all months--will be full of opportunities to develop our relationships with God and with each other. February can be challenging, which is probably why we make such a fuss about Punxsutawney Phil. Through corporate worship, partnership in volunteering, enjoyment of fellowship, and engagement in formation, we make the connections that lighten our days and help build a vibrant community with a firm foundation. Thank you for all of the ways in which you contribute to St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley and for the ways in which you live your faith in the world beyond our beautiful campus. You make a difference. Thank you.

## Winter Second Sundays in the Barn

On Sunday evening, **February 12**, we will welcome our bishop, The Right Reverend Daniel G.P. Gutierrez, back to St. Peter's. The evening will begin at 6 o'clock with a simple supper of ham and mac-&-cheese on the lower level of the barn and a message from Bishop Gutierrez. Compline will follow at 7:30 P.M. Be sure to join us for fellowship, learning, and a wonderful worship opportunity.

## Feast for the Future

On Academy Awards weekend, we too will roll out the red carpet and prepare a fantastic "Feast for the Future"! Plan to join us in the parish hall on Saturday, **February 25**, for a champagne reception at 5 P.M., which will be followed at 6 by an elegant dinner. Chef Peter Gilmore will prepare the meal and our youth group members will serve it.

This event is a fundraiser for the youth mission trip to Boston scheduled for June, and costs \$65 per person. *Please sign up swiftly, as space is limited and we expect to sell out!* To reserve your seat at the table, please email us at [stpetersyouth51@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersyouth51@gmail.com).

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The vestry invites you to enjoy a final evening of feasting before Lent begins us on Tuesday, **February 28!** From 5:30 to 7 P.M., our vestry members will serve up pancakes, bacon, sausage, and more in the parish hall. Bring your friends, bring your family, and spread the word!

**Shrove  
Tuesday**



**Feb. 28**

Look for sign-up sheets in the gathering spaces to let us know that you are coming. They also offer some ways in which you can volunteer to help out.



*March 1*

*Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
in the historic church  
at 12 noon and 7:30 P.M.*



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## 2017 Stewardship Pledges

*by Holly Hardester*

Thank you to the many parishioners who have once again pledged financial support to St. Peter's and also to new parishioners who have made the same commitment. To date we have received 135 pledges, totaling \$421,000, which will provide the funding that is vital to St. Peter's mission. Again, thank you.

If you have not pledged yet, it is not too late to do so. Please give it prayerful consideration. You can pick up a pledge card in both gathering spaces and in the church office, or you can pledge online ([www.stpetersgv.org](http://www.stpetersgv.org)). Please contact treasurer Peter Kreek (484-422-8917, [PeterKreek@verizon.net](mailto:PeterKreek@verizon.net)), or me (484-319-6323, [hahardester@gmail.com](mailto:hahardester@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

## *A New Look for St. Peter's*

*by John Orr*

In March of last year, against the backdrop of a new rector, new energy in the parish, and new building development all around us, a sub-committee of the Communications Commission began to explore the idea of refreshing “our brand.” In other words, our goal was to investigate and assess who we are, how we can communicate that, and what it will look like. The branding process is a journey of discovery, development, and implementation. In meetings throughout the summer and fall we analyzed data, reviewed materials from other area churches, discussed various communications strategies, and tried to reach consensus on key messages, positioning, a new mission statement, and communications tactics. We will report more on these efforts in the near future.

In marketing terms, our brand—how we perceive ourselves and how others perceive us—is the foundation: it drives the messages, tactics, and execution. St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley has existed for over three hundred years; as we continue to grow, our need for a uniform and consistent brand identity is more important than ever. Its first element is a new logo—one that refreshes our look in an exciting, modern, and convincing way. We engaged Tony Ross, an accomplished art director at one of the area's largest advertising agencies, to assist us in developing a new look. He initially offered four main concepts with multiple variations on each, and we whittled those down to three finalists. The commission ultimately chose the design pictured here which Abigail fittingly unveiled on Sunday, January 22, the Confession of St. Peter. Tony also created iterations of the full-color logo for various applications, including stationery and an oval car magnet, which we invite parishioners to place on their cars to silently “spread the word” about us wherever their travels take them.



If you access this issue online at our website ([www.stpetersgv.org](http://www.stpetersgv.org)), you will see the new logo in “living color”; for those seeing it here in the grayscale print iteration, the window and cross are depicted in yellow and the text appears in blue, in the same Book Antiqua font that graces our new exterior signage. For those applications of the logo that do not support a full-color rendering, we will use high-quality versions of it in black, blue, grayscale, or a “reverse” option that appears as white when printed against a color background or photograph.

It is important for us to maintain St. Peter's unique brand identity, for all communications to use the same brand elements, applied consistently across all audiences. To help achieve that end, we also created a *Brand Style Guide* that provides straightforward guidelines and templates to help our staff, volunteers, and partners use our brand elements as intended.

Finally, we also decided to take this opportunity to “clean up” our former logo—a photocopy of a photocopy of a third-generation image of St. Peter's seal. After a total reconstruction of the artwork, our official seal has taken on a new life and will continue to be used for certain important documents.

### *Upcoming Opportunities for All Ages to Get Involved*

#### *It's Tubing Time!*

The acolytes are going tubing at Bear Creek on Saturday, **February 11**. Our reserved time is from 4 to 6 P.M., and we will gather for dinner afterwards. If you are an acolyte now, or want to become one, please join us! For details, contact Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)).

#### *Square Dance, Anyone?*

We have a barn, so why not hold a square dance there? Many parishioners have asked just that, so we have reserved October 28 for our first “barn” dance. If you are interested, please come to a brainstorming session about it in the parish hall at 12:30 on **Sunday, February 5!**

#### *Plan the Palooza!*

The parish is partnering with the preschool to plan the May 7 “Palooza.” This is a great opportunity for us to support the preschool and to get to know each other. If you are interested in being a part of the planning fun, please let Abigail know ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)).

## Adult Forum in February

Adult formation in February explores some ways we carry St. Peter's mission into the various communities we reach. Join fellow parishioners at 10:20 in the barn on Sunday mornings this month for thoughtful and invigorating conversation about these topics:



- **February 5**—Rip Tilden and our seventh- through twelfth-graders will engage the adults of the parish in a discussion how Jesus modeled three of the five principles of exemplary leadership and how the young people can live them out during their June mission trip.
- **February 12**—David Kasievich will present his annual update on the successes and challenges at St. James School and remind us of how we can offer the school practical and prayerful assistance.
- **February 19**—Brenda Grove and fellow needleworkers will review the history of our needlework ministry and describe how both stitchers and recipients have responded to the handwork. We may even have a chance to try our hand at a stitch or two!
- **February 26**—Michael Andress of Sage Atwater will update us on the progress of the senior living community being built next door and initiate a discussion of how we can work together to build relationships with our future senior neighbors.

## It's Rummage Sale Time Again!

by Stacy Warkentine

Look out! The highly anticipated Preschool rummage sale is approaching fast! It's time to scour attics and cupboards for items that you no longer need or want and can donate to this annual fundraising event, scheduled this year for **March 11**, from 8 A.M. to 12 noon. It's also time to start praying for good weather on that day and the week leading up to it, **March 6 through 9**, when we will collect your donations.

We are happy to receive both used and new items, including toys, clothes, shoes, books, household goods, collectibles, bric-a-brac, seasonal decorations, and everything in between. But there are some items that we are not allowed to accept:

- car seats, sports helmets;
- cribs and cradles;
- mattresses, pillows, stuffed animals, underwear;
- "hazardous material" items (e.g., CRT televisions and computer monitors, paint).



We also **cannot accept** large items (e.g., exercise equipment like treadmills and weight sets) and out-of-date items (e.g., VHS tapes). If you are uncertain about the suitability of any items, please contact me (preschool@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261).

A volunteer will be on hand at the barn to receive donations from **Monday, March 6, through Thursday, March 9**, between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. Please adhere to these times, since we do not have the staff to handle things at other times and need to be mindful of other groups that also use the barn.

Thank you for your prayers and for your material support as we continue our work at the Preschool!

## Expanding the Butterfly Garden

by Brendan Hickey

2016 was the inaugural year of our monarch butterfly way station, or, as it has come to be known, "the butterfly garden." During the summer it was a riot of purple, red, orange, and yellow, a beautiful and welcoming place for butterflies, hummingbirds, our bees, our preschoolers, and visitors to the Hill; it also helped support migrating monarchs, whose population has declined by 80% since the 1980's.

In the fall, the Bad Boys began to expand the butterfly garden to the south and west, marking and

loosening the soil. We will soon begin fertilizing the ground to ready it for planting after the threat of frost is past; we also plan to add a bench.

The Bad Boys will again provide the organization and much of the labor, but if you want to help us, we also need money for seeds and plants. Our \$400 goal will make the 2017 expansion as vibrant this summer as the original portion was. Please contact Brendan Hickey (brendan\_hickey@hotmail.com or 610-306-5898) if you would like to help.



## Spring Term Teachers Needed

by Elizabeth Phillips



We need Sunday school teachers for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>-grade class and an assistant teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>-grade class for the spring session (ten Sundays, March 5 through May 21). Please open your heart to discern if God is calling you to share your love of Him with our children through teaching.

Prior training is not required—just an open mind and giving heart, “for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say” (Luke 12:12). Lesson plans and supplies are provided, as well as a group of amazing children. Please let Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)) or me ([elizabethnicholephillips@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethnicholephillips@gmail.com)) know if you are ready to answer this call.



Meet the children who brought the Christmas story to life in the pageant.

## A New Face among Us

We welcome Sian Myshko, who has signed on to teach the youth group on Sunday mornings. We are grateful to her for volunteering in this important ministry.

All parents with children in the youth group are heartily invited to go down to the youth room, welcome Sian in person, and of course introduce themselves.

## The Sweet Tooth of Our Youth

On December 30, the youth group gathered in the church kitchen for a cookie bake-off that provoked much fun and creativity, and even more good eating! Aleta Ross took home top honors (and a Barnes and Noble gift certificate) for her light and fluffy sugar cookie, but all the young bakers deserve awards for their creativity—think cookie icing from peppermint M&Ms and confectioner’s sugar, and amazing chocolate chip cookies created without a recipe.



Our talented young cookie bakers show off some of their creations.



Making gingerbread houses after Lessons and Carols.

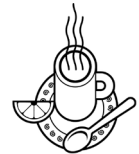


## Cheerful Gesundheit Bags

Yes, you read the title right! It's high season for colds and the flu, and our traditional winter *Gesundheit* bags are sorely needed at The Clinic in Phoenixville now. But this year, those bags will bless the uninsured patients at The Clinic with both *comfort* and *cheer*. The youngest contingent at St. Peter's, including the children in the preschool, have been busy coloring white paper bags with flowers, sunshine, and a sheep or two. When they have finished decorating the bags, the children will pack them with all the simple comforts that make a difference to anyone who is coughing, sniffing and sneezing. Volunteers will deliver the filled, decorated bags to the Clinic staff, who have counted on and appreciated our *Gesundheit* bags over the years.

But the children need help to complete this project, and that is where you come in: they need the items to put into the bags. So here's the plan. If your last name begins with

- A to C** – please provide 4 bags of throat lozenges;
- D to G** – please provide 4 boxes of 12-16 tea bags;
- H to K** – please provide 4 cans of chicken soup;
- L to M** – please provide 4 *small* boxes of tissues;
- N to R** – please provide 4 pocket-size hand sanitizers;
- S to Z** – please provide 4 lip balms.



FILL A  
GESUNDHEIT BAG  
THIS MONTH

Please bring your items to church by **Sunday, February 12**, so that the children can pack them for delivery. Boxes set out in both gathering spaces await your donations! If you have questions, please contact Holly Hardester (hahardester@gmail.com, 484-319-6323).

Thank you all, and thank you to the children of St. Peter's. *Gesundheit!* God bless you.

## OUTREACH AT ST. PETER'S

### A Gratifying Alternative Christmas

A huge and heartfelt thank you to the generous parishioners of St. Peter's whose participation in our two-week Alternative Christmas market raised \$6,233 to support our six focus ministries (Chester Children's Chorus, Church Housing Corporation, The Clinic, Good Works, St. James School, and St. Peter's Food Ministry). Many thanks also to those who helped run the market, especially chairperson Gail Guthridge and the outreach commission members and volunteers in the six ministries who staffed the tables.

This year we also supported Hand in Hand, a ministry that builds and rehabs houses for needy folks in Belize. In addition, Susan Dovey and the shepherds raised \$1,388 for the care and feeding of our sheep through the sale of Christmas ornaments they handcrafted of wool "donated" by Rory and Robin at shearing time that, come spring, can help birds feather their nests.



*This joyful photo says it all without a caption! But the needlework ministry members are using this space to remind you that they created the prayer shawls and chemo caps on the shelves of the closets for you to give to friends who would like one. (Please enter the recipient's name in the nearby log.) They also invite you to use one of the hanging shawls yourself during church, and to join them on the first Saturday of any month and see what they are all about.*



## *Looking Ahead to Our Lenten Offerings*

This spring, St. Peter's will offer two distinct evening tracks of Lenten fellowship and conversation, one on the traditional Wednesday evening and a new one on Sunday evenings. Join us for both—or for as many of either as you can!

### **Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers, led by Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt**

**March 8, 15, 29, and April 5, 6 to 8:30 P.M.**

In Matthew's gospel we read that when the scribes asked Jesus to name the first commandment, He responded, "...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Matthew 12:30-31). New neighbors have already moved in to our west, and in March ground will be broken for the neighboring senior housing community to the east. This time of change is a wonderful, rare opportunity for St. Peter's to make God known in the wider community.

The word "evangelism" elicits nervous laughs among Episcopalians, but this Lent, let us gather as a parish community to learn and discuss how we can embrace the concept for ourselves. What is it about our knowledge of our faith, our experience of church, or our encounter with the divine that is worth telling others? How do we invite people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ by inviting them to St. Peter's? Come listen, learn and lend your voice.

Melissa Shaner will coordinate the simple soup and bread meals. Watch for sign-up sheets and announcements later this month.

### **Wednesday Lenten Quiet Evening**

**March 22, 6 to 8:30 P.M.**

During this week in the middle of Lent, a guided meditation and time for peaceful reflection in the historic church will follow the soup and bread supper.

### **Sunday Evening Popcorn Theology, led by Mark Nestlehutt**

**March 5 to April 2, 6 to 9 P.M.**

Have you ever watched a film and been struck by its ethical, moral or religious aspects? Have you ever wanted to discuss the film with others? If so, Popcorn Theology is for you.

On the five Sundays in Lent, we will watch films that examine "relationships lost and found" – more precisely, films in which the protagonist loses a significant supporting individual or community, only to gain a new one. The series, which is structured and intended for adults, spans the experience of loss and discovery from high school through late adulthood. While no meal will be served, we invite you to feel free to bring a snack to share.

**March 5**     *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, 2012 (PG-13)

**March 12**   *Lars and the Real Girl*, 2007 (PG-13)

**March 19**   *The Intouchables*, 2011 (R)

**March 26**   *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, 2011 (PG-13)

**April 2**     *Quartet*, 2012 (PG-13)

Thanks noted at the November 15<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting:

- Katherine Campbell for her invaluable assistance with St. Peter's grant application to the Pew Charitable Trust;
- Jason Hacker and Paige Infortuna for coordinating the October hayride;
- Bruce Glenny and the choir for the All Souls' Evensong;
- Steve Ockenden, Lynn Mander, Linda Holden, and Gail Guthridge for hosting the November chili cook-off;
- Elizabeth Phillips and Deby Harrison for designing and implementing the children's Christian formation and youth group programs, and everyone who provides snacks for the children;
- David Graves for crafting the walnut cradle for the microphone in the historic church;
- Steve Mark for his diligent oversight of the repairs necessitated by the water damage to the barn;
- The fall term Sunday school teachers – Katie Franz, Sharon Holt, Paige Infortuna, David Lockner, Eric Stoltz, and Kristen Swager – and Ryan Battin for his ongoing work with the children's choir.



*Thanks  
from the Vestry*



*for All You Do*

Thanks noted at the December 20<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting:

- Everyone who helped orchestrate the beautiful Lessons and Carols service (Bruce Glenny and the choirs), the brunch that followed (Gail Guthridge, Pat Harvey, and Gail McLaughlin), and the gingerbread house workshop (Suzanne Casey and family and Bill Harrison);
- The donors who made possible the mold remediation in the church choir room and the installation of heating ducts in the barn choir room, and who contributed to our capital reserve fund;
- The office staff and Abigail Nestlehutt for putting in extra hours to print the Christmas leaflets;
- Jason and Beth Hacker for leading the choir's Williamsburg wreath fundraiser, which added \$1,500 to the 2016 budget.

Thanks noted at the January 17<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting:

- Everyone who helped make our Christmas worship so special: the musicians, the altar and flower guilds, children's pageant director Mary Ann Morgan, and all the lay liturgical ministers;
- The outreach commission members and outreach volunteers who staffed the successful Alternative Christmas market in Advent;
- Ryan Battin for playing the organ on New Year's Day;
- Sian Myshko for volunteering to teach our youth group on Sunday mornings;
- The Bad Boys for their ongoing maintenance work and for clearing snow from our walks;
- Mary Ann Tatum for her many volunteer hours of office help;
- All who made the January Compline service and music so meaningful: Bruce Glenny, the choir, Holly Hardester, and Susy Baum;
- Graphic designer Tony Ross and the Communications Commission for their work on producing the "new look" for St. Peter's logo.
- Dave Tatum for overseeing the mold remediation in the church choir room;
- The anonymous parishioners who quietly attend to tasks that need doing on our campus.
- In addition, exactly one year after Abigail celebrated her first Sunday service here, the vestry gave thanks for the first anniversary of Abigail and the Nestlehutt family's being with us at St. Peter's.

### *The Gathering of Men by Cliff Castle*

One morning, I asked the members of the Gathering of Men to characterize in a few words what this group is all about. The wide range of responses included phrases like "congenial, wonderful fellowship," "what's happening in our lives," "support," "reflective and spontaneous," "the comfort of the familiar," and "a safe place to discuss our feelings and the challenging issues we face." None of what we discuss is talked about outside the meeting room, and the members seem comfortable in this protected environment. We don't offer advice, but we do listen closely to each other and offer to help in any way we can.

We are about all of those things—and for good measure we throw in *brief* discussions of current events. Our members show up in the parish house quite regularly at 7 o'clock on Friday mornings, and the discussions are always lively. We have grown close over the years and have even gone on some memorable weekend retreats together.

If you are a man looking for a place to feel comfortable, make great new friends, and talk about things that may be difficult for you to bring up in everyday life, the Gathering of Men may be what you are looking for. Please come as a visitor and see if what we are all about makes your life a little easier and more interesting, as it has for us. If you have questions, please call me (484-678-5197).





**February 4**  
Needlework ministry  
10 A.M.

**February 5**  
Square dance brainstorming meeting  
12 30 P.M.

**February 11**  
Kairos Outside  
9:30 A.M.  
Acolyte tubing trip  
4 to 6 P.M.

**February 12**  
Supper with the Bishop  
6 P.M.  
Compline  
7:30 P.M.

**February 25**  
"Feast for the Future"  
5 P.M., reception  
6 P.M., supper

**February 28**  
Shrove Tuesday pancake supper  
5:30 to 7 P.M.



**March 1**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Holy Eucharist  
and Imposition of Ashes  
12 NOON and 7:30 P.M.

**March 5**  
Sunday Lenten "Popcorn Theology"  
series begins  
6 to 9 P.M.

**March 8**  
Wednesday Lenten soup supper  
series begins  
6 to 8:30 P.M.

**March 11**  
Preschool rummage sale  
8 A.M. to 12 NOON

## *Building Improvements Accomplished ... and Those Yet to be Made*

*by Dave Tatum*

This fall, the choir was forced to move their music library and practice area from the basement of the church to the lower level of the barn because of a serious water and mold problem that had existed for years. The need to heat the new choir space in the barn soon became an issue, but thanks to an anonymous gift from a parishioner, we were able to install ductwork to also circulate heat to that area of the barn.

Last year, we requested bids from several waterproofing specialists to fix the water problem and remediate the mold, but each bid entailed an expense of thousands of dollars. We were not able to proceed until a gift from parishioner Katy Place made possible the much-needed work. Once the project is completed, we will install a memorial plaque honoring her late husband, John Place.

Attending to much needed repairs like these is very important, and so we have created a prioritized "wish list" of projects. While we are fortunate that pledging has increased, at the present level, we must depend on gifts from parishioners above and beyond what they have pledged, in order to attend to these projects.

Thank you to the two parishioners who made the recent improvements possible. If you would like to know which wish-list project you could turn into a reality, please speak with Abigail for more information.

### *December Financial Snapshot*

	<b>December 2016</b>	<b>Year-end Final</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Parishioner Contributions	\$ 57,327	\$423,073	\$430,982
Total Income	84,631	647,569	665,863
Total Expense	56,458	620,414	665,863
Surplus/ (Deficit)	28,173	27,155	0
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,488		
Interest	673		
Principal	815		
Mortgage Balance	214,672		

Do you believe in miracles? We began 2016 eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new rector Abigail Nestlehutt, trusting that growth, excitement, and the continued support of current parishioners would close the substantial hole in our pared-down budget. We ended the year with all that and more. Thanks to the support of everyone at St. Peter's, we miraculously ended the year with a surplus of \$27,155 – and also had \$27,000 of the allocated 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund endowment distribution left over; we have carried both of these amounts forward to the 2017 budget. This wonderful result was due to everyone's generosity in giving their time, talent, and treasure. Even though our actual 2016 income was less than budgeted, the fact that our actual 2016 expenses were even lower than expected created the surplus.

We look forward to an exciting 2017, with a budget designed to allow St. Peter's to increase outreach and support for both local and global communities, while continuing to expand our parish education and social programs. – Tammy Kraig for the Finance Commission



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 Stacy Warkentine, Preschool Director  
 Gail Malcolm, Marketing and Event Coordinator  
 Liam Reid, Weekend Facilities Manager

*Our Mission:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 to nurture people of all ages in the  
 knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ,  
 and to make Him known  
 in the wider community*

The deadline for the  
 March Beacon  
 is **February 15.**

**Every Week at St. Peter's**

**Sunday**

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I\*  
 9 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*\*  
 10:15 A.M. Christian formation, all ages\*\*  
 11:15 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
 (Nursery care available at 9 and 11:15\*\*)

**Tuesday**

7 P.M. 11<sup>th</sup> Step\*

**Wednesday**

10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer\*

**Thursday**

10:30 A.M. Intercessory Prayer Group \*\*\*\*

**Friday**

7 A.M. Gathering of Men\*\*\*  
 12 NOON Parish office closes

\* Church  
 \*\* Barn  
 \*\*\* Parish House  
 \*\*\*\* Bellingham



**This Month's  
 Scripture Readings**

**February 5**

5<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany  
 Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)  
 Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)  
 Matthew 5:13-20

**February 12**

6<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Psalm 119:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19**

7<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany  
 Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18  
 Psalm 119:33-40  
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48

**February 26**

Last Sun. after the Epiphany  
 Exodus 24:12-18  
 Psalm 2  
 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 17:1-9

**March 1**

Ash Wednesday  
 Isaiah 58:1-12  
 Psalm 103  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**March 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11