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St. Peter's sent groups of youth and adults to U.M. ARMY camps in Houston and Normangee to provide home repair assistance to people in need.

New logo reflects St. Peter's mission

You may have noticed that St. Peter's has a new look, specifically on the worship screens, bulletins and newspaper. To reflect our new mission statement "Connecting the World with God's Love," we have selected a new logo to use in a variety of ways, including in print, on signs, on the screens and on the web.

Although introduction of the new logo coincided with the coming of our new pastors, work actually began on it earlier. The Digital Communications Task Force has been looking at all elements of communication at St. Peter's since last fall. One of the elements they addressed was a logo that would communicate our mission statement.

Jeff and Christa Denning donated their time and talent and presented the Task Force with a number of design choices. The final design reflects both the mission statement and who we are as a church today.

There is much symbolism within this simple design. The circle containing a green-to-blue gradient represents the world. The white path "connects" the world with the cross, which is a symbol of God's love. The path also symbolizes our journey of discipleship as we move inward to Christ from the world, but then as disciples we are sent back out again to share God's love with the world. The letters S, T and P are also visible in the white elements of the logo, forming an abbreviation for St. Peter's. The fonts were selected because they are personal and contemporary, while the use of punctuation is a nod to tradition.

There is much more imagery present in our new logo. We hope you'll take some time to see what other symbols you can find.

Practice hospitality (Romans 12:13)

A couple of weeks ago, I decided to venture beyond the safety of the St. Peter's bubble to connect with an organization outside of the church. Since I am a runner (using the term loosely), I was looking to join some kind of fitness group.

I was able to connect with a running group that focuses on training for marathons and half marathons. How did I find out about this group? Well, when I was buying running shoes, one of the store managers asked me if I was interested in a running group. When I said yes, she said, "If you come back to the store on Friday night, then a local group will be having an information gathering."

On Friday, I returned to the store to find out more. When I arrived, I was greeted just outside the entrance, I was greeted once again as I walked into the store and then directed to the information and registration table. After I registered, I was introduced to three different people, all of whom run generally the same pace as I. So by the time I had been there an hour, I had connected with at least six new people and had received numerous invitations to early morning running events.

I am glad I connected with this organization! I'm especially impressed when a group such as this is organized in an excellent way to reach new people and involve new people based on their

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*Connecting the World
with God's Love*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

July 25 and Aug. 1

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
Holy Communion served the
first Sunday of each month

11:00 a.m.
the
element



Suggested Bible Readings
for July 26 - Aug. 8

MONDAY
Psalm 25:1-21
TUESDAY
Luke 12:35-40
WEDNESDAY
Micah 7
THURSDAY
Colossians 3:12-17
FRIDAY
Luke 8:11-15
SATURDAY
James 5:7-11
SUNDAY
Psalm 103:1-13

MONDAY
Psalm 44:1-8
TUESDAY
Isaiah 41:1-10
WEDNESDAY
Hebrews 10:19-25
THURSDAY
Revelation 21:1-8
FRIDAY
1 Corinthians 1:9
SATURDAY
Hebrews 6:13-20
SUNDAY
Psalm 105:1-11



Children attending Camp St. Peter's this week were treated to a break-dancing demonstration. Camp St. Peter's continues next week for first-through fifth-graders. This year they are learning about heroes in the Bible and in their lives and how they can be heroes.

Sermons Online

Did you miss last week's sermon? Or were you in traditional worship but want to hear what Scott had to say in *the element*? Go to <http://www.vimeo.com/13446136> to find St. Peter's sermons online. We are in the process of having the sermons available on our website, but until then you don't have to miss a word!

St. Peter's Events Calendar

Sunday, July 25

2:30 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Charge Conference Sanctuary

Monday, July 26

Camp St. Peter's
Sunny Days

Tuesday, July 27

11:00 a.m. Seniors Game Day E106
7:00 p.m. Women of Joy S201

Wednesday, July 28

10:00 a.m. The Gathering Asbury Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Friday, July 30

6:00 p.m. Friday Night Friends Asbury Hall

Sunday, Aug. 1

2:30 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Women's Cancer Support S209

Tuesday, Aug. 3

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Conference Rm.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Friday, July 23

6:00 p.m. Adults with Disabilities Wesley

Learn about United Methodist missions at Lakeview Conference Center July 29-31

There is still time to register for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission, July 29-31, at the Lakeview Conference Center in Palestine.

This year's Mission Studies are Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, The Beauty and Courage of Sudan, and For the Love of God: The Epistles of John.

You can participate in a comprehensive eight-hour study or a four-hour overview study of one of the above studies.

You also have a choice of one of the following enrichment classes: Songs in the Key of Life; Crossing Barriers into Mission; The Five Pillars of Islam (by Beverly Deerhake); Children's Health and Wellness in Texas; As for Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord, But Do I Have Time?; Human Trafficking; The Difference Between Belief and Faith, Why the Historical Jesus is Essential; and Faithful Witness—a Bible Study.

You may also choose eight hours of participating in a hands-on mission project at Lakeview or a four-hour crafting workshop.

The workshop will include flip-flop projects for women's shelters, greeting cards for missionaries, candy rolls for children in Mexico, and birthing kits to be distributed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The Youth Program includes a field trip, hands-on mission, swimming, and a ropes course. Go to www.txconfumw.org for registration forms and more information.

Hospitality

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point of need and respective levels of fitness.

St. Peter's, of course, should be just as diligent in the way that it reaches out to new people who may be seeking a more "spiritually fit life."

Like my new friend at the running store, we should first simply point our neighbors, friends, family and co-workers toward all that St. Peter's has to offer. And then, once we walk into our church building on Sundays, we should be intentionally focused on welcoming guests among us and assisting them in finding a connection with our community of life, meaning, and unconditional love.

I'll see you in church!

Love everybody...

Pastor Don

Thank you from the Watson family

Overwhelming... there truly is no other word to describe the effect of your generosity on my family and me. We were deeply touched by your many expressions of love and gratitude, as well as by your bountiful gifts at our departing.

For seven years we were blessed to be in ministry alongside you, and our lives will never be the same. We are adjusting to our new lives here in Wills Point and looking forward to great ministry at Russell Memorial, but we will forever look back on St. Peter's with joy and thanksgiving for the blessing you have been in our lives.

Thank you for all you said. Thank you for all you gave. Thank you for all you are.

Grace and peace,

Billy

Detailed weekly calendars of St. Peter's events are available at the Information Desk in the Lobby and on the St. Peter's website.



End of Summer Roundup. Senior adults are invited to the KEYS End of Summer Roundup and Luncheon Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Lott Fellowship Hall. The luncheon will feature Pat Gavin and the Buckaroo Band. Cost is \$17 per person.

Checks should be made payable to Charlie Bratton and are due by Aug. 15.

More information and sign-up sheets are at the KEYS bulletin board in the Lobby.

Help provide backpacks to children in need

Many children in the Katy Independent School District find it difficult to start back to school because they lack basic supplies such as a backpack. In the past the school district has struggled to meet the requests of all the families in need.

St. Peter's Helping Kids Ministry wants to make sure that each of these children has a backpack to hold their school work and supplies.

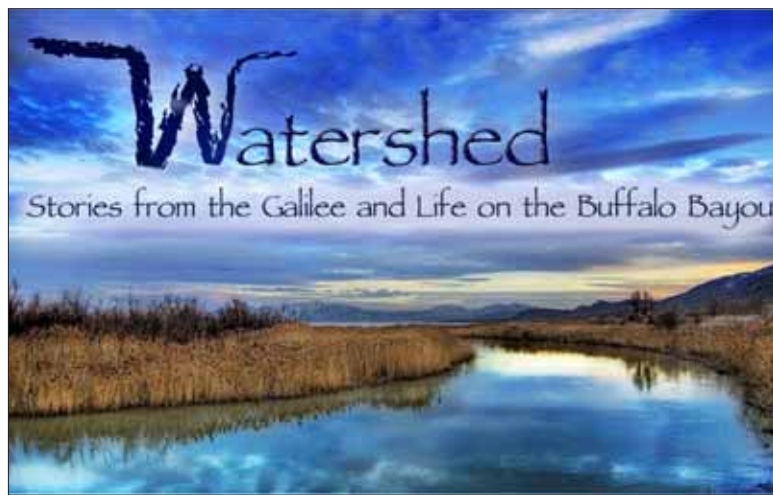
In anticipation of this year's need, we are collecting new or gently-used backpacks.

Please place your donations in the container in the Lobby labeled Helping Kids Ministry Backpacks. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, Aug. 15.

Many of the children for whom these backpacks are provided are on the school district's homeless roster.

Thank you for your generous, caring spirit in reaching out to this special group of kids in our community.

If you would like to be added to our team distribution list or learn more about this ministry, please contact Anne Jones at amm5246@gmail.com.



Join us for the final two weeks of this exciting sermon series in the traditional services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and in *the element* contemporary service at 11 a.m.

July 25 – “The Miracle”
Aug. 1 – “The Reunion”

Grace Notes welcome new members

All women are welcome to bring their singing, instrumental or dancing talent to our women's choral ensemble, the Grace Notes. We provide music ministry at St. Peter's and throughout the Katy area.

We sing once a month during worship at St. Peter's. We also perform secular and sacred music at retirement homes and other facilities. Rehearsals for the fall begin Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact director Gail Shipley at (281) 347-0233 or gshipnote@live.com.

Help us keep you informed

We want to make sure that you stay informed about what is happening at St. Peter's. As we begin the process of delivering the news to most of you electronically, it is important that we have your current e-mail address or that you notify us that you wish to continue receiving the newspaper by mail.

You can e-mail your address information to Jennifer at jhollingshead@stpeterskaty.org. If you are already receiving e-mails from St. Peter's, you don't need to send us your address unless you would prefer to receive the newspaper at a different address.

If you would like to continue receiving the newspaper by mail, just call Jennifer at the church office at (281) 492-8031 to let us know. We will print the newspaper in-house for those who want to receive it by mail.

To access national United Methodist news, go to www.umportal.org and read all the articles in the United Methodist Reporter. If you would like to receive the United Methodist Reporter by mail, call (800) 947-0207, ext. 186. To access news from the Texas Conference, go to www.txcumc.org, or to receive the Cross Connection by mail call (713) 521-9383.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Saunders at esaunders@stpeterskaty.org or (281) 492-8031.

Understanding Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association will present a series of programs on understanding Alzheimer's. Nikkol Blackmon will present "The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease" Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m. The other presentations are "The Next Steps after Diagnosis" on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. and "Connecting with Persons with Dementia" on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. All programs will be in Asbury Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the presentations. Refreshments will be provided. These programs are supported in part by the Harris County Area Agency on Aging. If you want more information, contact Beverly Deerhake at (281) 856-6217.

Sunny Days



St. Peter's offers two weeks of fun and learning through Sunny Days for children ages 2 to 5. This past week they explored oceans and next week will feature storybook classics.



Rainbow Camp. St. Peter's Crew will be at Rainbow Camp, a youth-taught Vacation Bible School mission, July 26-30. Jr. high youth and senior high leaders will be planning and teaching a group of children at Parkway Village Apartments. We cannot wait to share our experience with you.

Homeless Ministry. Join St. Peter's Crew July 25 at noon in the Wesley Youth Center. We will travel to downtown Houston to hand out lunches to those in need. We will assemble the lunches at SPAM that morning. Plan to return to the church around 4 p.m.

Fiesta Texas. The youth have a fun-filled trip planned to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio. We will leave Aug. 1 and return Aug. 2. Please contact the Youth Office if you would like to join us!

Katy Manor Play Day. The youth enjoyed a fun "Play Day" at Katy Manor Apartments. Many thanks to the youth who played basketball, football and made crafts with the kids. Afterward we shared

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a great lunch at Chick-Fil-A. If you have questions about these are any other youth activities, please go to our website www.peteycrew.org or call (281) 492-8031.

Help provide school supplies to Katy kids

It is hard to believe that the first day of school is just a few weeks away, but Katy Christian Ministries is already planning to help ensure that children in our community are ready. Last year through its Red Apple Program, KCM provided new school supplies to more than 600 students in Katy. You can help by picking an apple from the tree in the Lobby and writing a check to KCM for the amount on the apple. Keep the red apple as your tax receipt and place the green apple with your donation in the offering plate or send it to the church office. All apples are due to KCM by Aug. 16.



U. M. ARMY



**St. Peter's
Charge
Conference**

**Sunday, July 25
4 p.m.
Sanctuary**

We will be discussing the sale of the parsonage and mid-year committee appointments. Everyone is urged to attend.

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

July 11	
8:30	240
11:00	546
<i>the element</i>	<u>124</u>
TOTAL	910
July 18	
8:30	277
11:00	515
<i>the element</i>	<u>119</u>
TOTAL	911

**Welcome to our
new member!**

Lisa Leitch

Thank teachers with a plate of cookies

While we are still enjoying summer vacation, Katy ISD teachers are at work preparing their rooms for welcoming children back to school. Teachers make such an important difference in the life of each child. To show the teachers in our community how much St. Peter's appreciates all they do for the young people in Katy, St. Peter's will deliver platters of fresh cookies to many of the schools in KISD. You can help by baking cookies and dropping them off on Sunday, Aug. 15, in the hospitality kitchen, located just down the hall from the Information Desk. We will arrange the cookies on platters and deliver them bright and early to teacher workrooms to celebrate their first day back at school.

Please donate to KCM Food Pantry

St. Peter's is a Covenant Church of Katy Christian Ministries and as such has pledged its financial and spiritual support for KCM programs. KCM's Food Pantry is strongly supported by St. Peter's and for that KCM is very thankful.

Our First for Food Sunday is when we bring non-perishable food items and/or toiletries for the Food Pantry. You can also bring donations at any time, not just on the first Sunday of the month. We will make deliveries to the Food Pantry whenever food has been donated.

So please give generously to those less fortunate and in need of food. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Please look for the food donation bin in the Lobby.

Camp St. Peter's



Upholding the Church

PRAYERS

Kay Arlott, Joe Blackwell, Melba Butler, John Duffield, Lynn Greene, Krista Guild, Shayne Hampshire, Mary Harris, Leah and Mike Ibarguen, Mike Jones, Ava Klein, Tom Matkin, Philip Miller, Bob Nelson, Anne O'Quinn, Lee Palfreyman, Norwood and Judith Preto, Anne Reardon, Sue Robertson, Bette Sanchez, Lauren Smith, Stacy Spilman, Rick Wark, Joe Waterman and Frank Womack.

JOY

To Steve and Natalie Clark on the birth of their daughter Angelina. Grandparents are Richard and Carolyn Cook. To Daniel and Jean Irving on the birth of their daughters Emma and Claire. Grandparents are Tom and Kathleen Irving. To Gabe and Marsha Mitchell on the birth of their son Jameson David.

SYMPATHY

To Daniel, Bill and Greg Laster and Ann Wittman on the death of their father, Jim Laster. To Sandra McKinley and family on the death of her father. To Dan Miller and family on the death of his mother. To Pat Wallace and family on the death of his mother.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Tony Bailey, Johnathon Baker, Jared Behne, John Belsha, Amanda Berg, Patrick Boutall, Baker Brooks, Martin Busch, Randy Butcher, Sean Cain, Devin Camp, Kenneth Conley, Paul Corder, Thomas Cotten, Joel de Sola, Parker Dial, Kathryn Donnelly, Brandi and Josiah Fast, Daniel Fritz, J.M. Floyd, Charles Fray, James Gilbert, Anita Marie Gilliam, Jason Gordon, Eric Graesley, Tye Grasshoff, Steven Heath, Matthew C. Houghton, Chris Hudson, Ryan Lueders, Austin McCall, Adam Miller, Collin Mooney, Robert Near, Blake Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Neal Osburn, Austin Paynter/149th Division, Casey Pontious, Sherri Pontious, Don Rolleg, Jason Salter, Brandon Schumacher, Nick Shabdue, Patrick Bishop Turner, Bert Walker, Michael Wendt and Marine Co. 1157.