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Children took to the High Seas for the week.

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Celebrate America

Join us for a patriotic July 4 party.

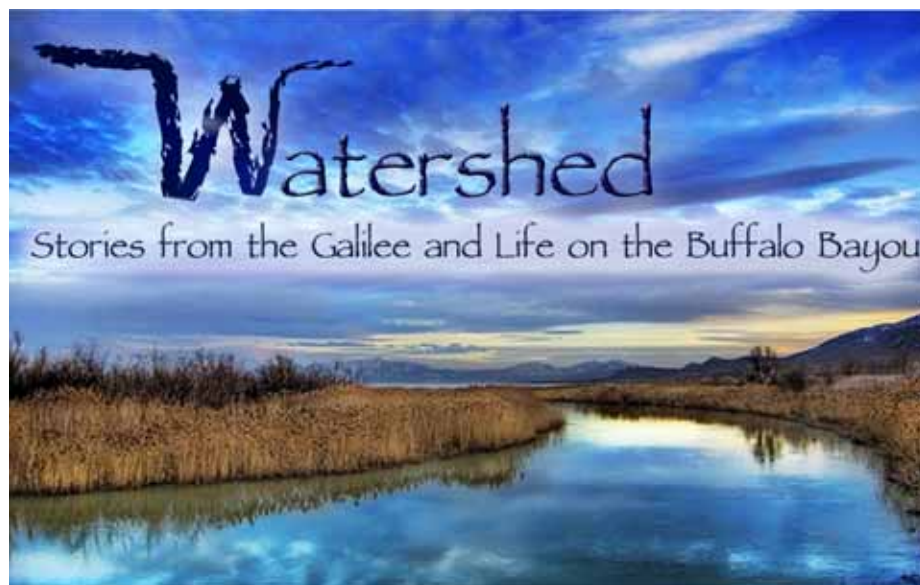
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JUMMP

Junior high youth spend a week in mission and service.

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If you live in Katy, Texas, you live in the Buffalo Bayou Watershed Area. Interestingly enough, most of Jesus' ministry was spent in the Lake Kinneret Watershed Area (otherwise known as the area around the Sea of Galilee). For six weeks beginning June 27 in the traditional services and in the element service, we'll be looking at stories from the Galilee Watershed and considering what they mean to those of us living in the Buffalo Bayou Watershed in 2010. Here's the schedule of sermons for Watershed: Stories from the Galilee and Life on the Buffalo Bayou:

June 27 – "The Invitation"

July 4 – "The Storm"

(a special day of patriotic music and celebration at St. Peter's!)

July 11 – "The Exorcism"

July 18 – "The Declaration"

July 25 – "The Miracle"

Aug. 1 – "The Reunion"

Please plan to join us each Sunday for this exciting sermon series.

Key Connection to go electronic

At St. Peter's we are constantly asking ourselves how we can be the best stewards of the church's resources. As technology has improved, one way we've discovered we can do this is by changing the way we deliver news to the St. Peter's family.

Currently the St. Peter's newspaper, The Key Connection, is one of the primary ways we keep you informed about how we as a church are connecting the world with God's love. The newspaper is published ev-

ery other week. It is printed by the United Methodist Reporter in Dallas and delivered to you by mail. It also is posted (in color) on the St. Peter's website.

We can save the church a significant amount of money, reduce the amount of paper we use and lower our carbon footprint if we deliver the newspaper electronically to our members. This would involve sending you an e-mail message that would include a link to the newspaper online.

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Something you should know...

As my ministry here at St. Peter's begins, there is something you should know ...

Please feel free to blame it on Bill and Joan, church members of one of my previous congregations. Back in 1992, they believed that their pastor should take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They signed up, invited me to come along and for 10 days we journeyed with a tour group through the land of Jesus — praying, singing, and crying our way from Bethlehem to the shores of the Sea of Galilee (the "home base" of his ministry) to the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem and strategic points in between. Soon after, I took my best friend (along with some church members) and then we took our wives (along with some more church members). Then, I took my parents and my in-laws with other groups of church folks. Since 1992, I've traveled to the Holy Land 10 times and taken more than 250 pilgrims with me.

There's a "preacher saying" that goes like this, "Send your preacher to the Holy Land and you'll pay for it for the rest of your life." Bill, Joan and I still talk about what they started 18 years ago. Indeed, a preacher who has been to the place where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose from death has a lifetime of experiences, images, and insights from which to draw. For better or for worse, therefore, you will be hearing some of mine in the

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*Connecting the World
with God's Love*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

June 27 and July 4

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



Suggested Bible Readings
for June 28 - July 11

MONDAY
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
TUESDAY
Psalm 28
WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 40:12-31
THURSDAY
Philippians 4:10-20
FRIDAY
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
SATURDAY
Ephesians 3:14-21
SUNDAY
Psalm 91:1-10

MONDAY
Luke 14:25-33
TUESDAY
Matthew 12:46-50
WEDNESDAY
Acts 7:54-60
THURSDAY
2 Corinthians 4:7-18
FRIDAY
2 Corinthians 13:5-10
SATURDAY
John 21:15-23
SUNDAY
Psalm 17:1-7

Vacation Bible School 2010



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years ahead, as nothing has influenced my ministry and especially my preaching more than these pilgrimages to the land of the Bible. There is a special place in my heart for the Galilee, where Jesus lived and spent more than 80 percent of his ministry.

As we launch our sermon series in the traditional services and in *the element* titled "Watershed – Stories from the Galilee and Life on the Buffalo Bayou," I hope you enjoy considering the images from this special place. No, we can't take everyone to the Galilee right now, but we'll do our best to bring the stories and the images of the Lake Galilee Watershed to the Buffalo Bayou Watershed right here in Katy, Texas.

I'll see you in worship on Sunday!

Love everybody ...
Pastor Don

St. Peter's Events Calendar

Sunday, June 27		
8:00 a.m.	Blood Drive	Asbury Hall
4:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 28		
Music and Movement Begins		
8:00 p.m.	Men's Ensemble	Choir Room
Tuesday, June 29		
7:00 p.m.	Women's Retreat Planning	E106
Friday, July 2		
6:00 p.m.	Adults with Disabilities	Wesley
Sunday, July 4		
12:00 noon	Celebrate America	Church Grounds
4:00 p.m.	Women's Cancer Support	S209
Monday, July 5		
Church Office Closed		
8:00 p.m.	Men's Ensemble	Choir Room
Tuesday, July 6		
Cooking with Kids Begins		
7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations	Conference Rm.
Wednesday, July 7		
6:00 p.m.	U.M. ARMY Orientation	Wesley
Thursday, July 8		
10:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bridge	Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 9		
6:00 p.m.	SPARK	Wesley

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

Ice cream social to welcome new pastors

You are invited to help welcome the Smith and Rawlings families to St. Peter's at an ice cream social June 27 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Lott Fellowship Hall. The social is sponsored by the Staff Parish Relations Committee. There will be plenty of ice cream, toppings and cookies, so please join us!

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So we are asking you to send us your e-mail address to ensure that you will stay informed about what is happening here at St. Peter's. You can e-mail your information to Jennifer Hollingshead 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 St. Peter's e-mails at a different address.

If you would like to continue receiving the newspaper by mail, just call 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. We will continue publishing the newspaper on a biweekly basis.

This is an exciting time in the life of St. Peter's and making this change is just one of the ways we are trying to improve communication with you. If you have questions, please contact Elaine Saunders at esaunders@stpeterskaty.org or (281) 492-8031.

Office volunteers needed urgently

One of the ways you can serve at St. Peter's is to help out as a substitute office volunteer. Substitutes are critical to keeping the church office running smoothly during the summer. Volunteers answer the phone and greet people coming into the office.

If you can give a morning or afternoon to help out in this way, please call the church office at (281) 492-8031.

St. Peter's Blood Drive
June 27
Asbury Hall West
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please help us replenish the blood supply in honor of five St. Peter's members who have needed blood in recent weeks.

This is a patriotic T-shirt drive!

Thank you

Dear St. Peter's Friends,
We are so thankful for all your expressions of love over these past few weeks and we are also thankful for our five years of ministry with you. And as our Georgetown home nears completion, we are so excited as we begin our retirement. The great news of paying out the Hearts and Hands debt is the greatest gift I could receive as I end my active ministry. May God richly bless you as you continue to Connect the World with God's Love!

Your Friends,
Dan and Ann Miller

Can we borrow your tools?

U.M. ARMY needs your help with supplying tools to our camps July 11-17. You can loan tools such as axes, ladders and lawnmowers. For a complete list of tools and instructions, please see the insert in this Sunday's bulletin or contact Jeff Campbell at (281) 647-0503.

Help plan our next Women's Retreat

Planning has begun for the 2011 Women's Retreat, a time of spiritual growth, fellowship and fun. If you are interested in helping or want to find out more about our plans for our getaway weekend Jan. 21-23, please join us June 29 at 7 p.m. in E106. For more information, please contact Dawn Champagne at bdchampagne@sbcglobal.net.

ECDC now hiring preschool teacher

St. Peter's Early Childhood Development Center has an opening for a lead 4-year-old teacher. Applicants should have a degree in early childhood or a CDA and classroom experience. Substitute teachers also are needed. If interested, e-mail Bobbi McKinley at bmckinley@stpeterskaty.org.

Celebrate America this July 4



Join us July 4 as we Celebrate America in the spirit of an Old Fashioned County Fair from noon to 2:30 p.m. This annual event is a great opportunity to come out and join friends for fellowship, food and fun. There will be games for the kids, including sack races, bottle toss, horse shoes, and three-legged races. We'll have a waterslide moonwalk, a clown with balloon animals and face painting. The celebration wouldn't be complete without a parade, so have your kids bring their decorated bikes, tricycles, wagons and Big Wheels for the famous St. Peter's Fourth of July parade.

And of course we could never have a summer party without hot dogs. James Coney Island will be selling hot dogs with all the trimmings and chips, lemonade, water or tea for \$2.50. Sno-cones will also be available to keep you cool on what is sure to be a hot day.

What Old Fashioned County Fair would be complete without desserts? We have the perfect opportunity for all you bakers to get involved and compete to win some fabulous prizes. To enter the bakeoff, just bring your dessert on July 4 along with a card with your name and the name of the dessert. Winners will be announced by the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you all as we come together to celebrate our great country. For more information about the event, please contact Kelly Johnson at (281) 492-8031.

Thank you for helping KISD students

Anne Jones, coordinator of Helping Kids Ministry, received the following note from a KISD Academic Coach, who worked with a young lady who was evicted from her apartment and couldn't retrieve her books. Helping Kids Ministry helped her pay for the books so that she could graduate from high school. Thank you to all those who put faith into action to help this student.

St. Peter's United Methodist Church,

There are no words that express my gratitude for your helping this student and many others. If it was not for good people like you, we could not do our jobs! Thank you, thank you for your generous efforts to help make someone's life a little less stressful. "One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind." ~Malayan Proverb

With much appreciation,

Yenit Jimenez

KISD Academic Coach

Morton Ranch High School



Leaving Iowa. All senior adults are invited to join the KEYS to see the A.D. Players present "Leaving Iowa" July 15 at 7:30 p.m. "Leaving Iowa" follows Don, a middle-aged man who returns home to Iowa in search of a final resting place for his father's ashes. As he travels across the state searching for the perfect place to scatter the ashes, memories of childhood road trips with his father resurface, and he is finally able to come to peace with his past

and present. Tickets are \$22 each and payment is due to Peggy or Bobby Woodward by Sunday, June 27. We will travel by bus from St. Peter's at 6 p.m. Check the KEYS bulletin board in the Lobby for more information.

Brown Bag Bridge. Brown Baggers found a good way to escape the heat with a cool game of bridge. Winners for the day were Madge Richardson, high, and Joanne Kennedy, second high. Congrats ladies! Our next bridge day will be July 8. If you would like to join us for a day of fun and fellowship, please call Martha at (281) 395-4825.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School teachers and volunteers needed for summer and next school year. Children's Ministries is looking for volunteers for preschool through fifth grade. Please sign up at the Children's Ministries Desk or by calling Children's Ministries at (281) 492-8031.

Summer fun. Still looking for activities and programs to keep your little ones active and entertained? Don't miss out on our fun summer programs. There are still spaces available in Music and Movement, June 28-July 2, Sunny Days and Camp St. Peter's, July 19-23 and July 26-30, and Dance Camps, Aug. 2-6. For information call Children's Ministries at (281) 492-8031.

Do we have your e-mail address?

We are in the process of putting together tools that will allow you to manage your information at St. Peter's in a cost-effective way. To do so, we will need at least one e-mail address per family. If you are currently receiving e-mail event updates from St. Peter's, you do not need to do anything. If you are not getting the updates, please e-mail your address to jhollingshead@stpeterskaty.org.

If you prefer to receive information from St. Peter's at a different e-mail address, you can e-mail your preference to us at the address above. This information will also facilitate our switch to an electronic newspaper.



At Texas Annual Conference St. Peter's was awarded the 5 Stars of Excellence for excellence in Christian education by adult, youth, and children's ministries. Aimee Wendrock, left, Ali Witherspoon, Sarah Morrison and Kelly Johnson were on hand to accept the award as were Rev. Richard Bauman and Rev. Don Smith, not pictured.



Homeless Ministry. Join St. Peter's Crew June 27 as we head downtown to resume our homeless ministry. All youth will meet in the Wesley Student Center at 4 p.m. and help prepare lunches, hygiene items, and notes to take downtown to hand out. We are also looking for items to be donated such as socks, underwear, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and wash cloths. Any items can be brought to the Youth office on or before June 27.

Celebrate America. On July 4 we will Celebrate America on the church grounds from noon – 2:30 p.m. This is a church-wide event, and all youth are encouraged to attend. The day will be filled with inflatables, music, a parade, James Coney Island hot dogs and more.

Sunday Mornings. You are in-

vited to join us for SPAM this July as we begin classes focusing on Jesus. Class choices will include Jesus in the Movies, Jesus in the Kitchen, and Jesus in the Locker Room. We have another great set of teachers for July and invite all students in grades 6 through 12 to join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Katy Manor. We had a wonderful time on our visit to Katy Manor June 13. Thanks to all of those that attended, and spe-

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cial thanks to Taylor Leonard who led the Bible lesson and craft time. Join us Friday, July 9, as St. Peter's Crew makes their second trip of the summer to Katy Manor apartments. All youth will meet in the Wesley at 10 a.m. Friday and head out for a day of fun, crafts, games and Bible stories with the children at the apartments. Don't miss this awesome mission opportunity.

Welcome to our new members!

Brent and Crystal Bohall; Gary and Joan Eure; John and Scottie Holton; Gabe and Marsha Mitchell; Keith and LeAnn Nicholson; Scott and Charlotte Rawlings; Steve and Ginny Schierman; Don, Amy and Cole Smith; and Rex Travis

Sixth-graders invited to join Youth Choir

If you are entering the sixth grade, you are invited to become a member of St. Peter's Youth Choir. Join us for rehearsal today at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have questions or need more information, contact Director David Galasso at (281) 492-8031 or dgalasso@stpetersky.org.



Members of the Youth Choir visit with residents of a nursing home after their performance. The choir recently returned from their annual summer tour. This year the group sang their way through Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

Upholding the Church

PRAYERS

Kay Arlott, Joe Blackwell, Clara Braswell, Charlie Bratton, Natalie Cook Clark, Loretta Dienst, John Duffield, Lynn Greene, Krista Guild, Shayne Hampshire, Mary Harris, Raymond Helfer, Leah and Mike Iburguen, Mike Jones, Ava Klein, Tom Matkin, Mary K. McNamara, Philip Miller, Anne O'Quinn, Lee Palfreyman, Norwood and Judith Preto, Anne Reardon, Bette Sanchez, Lauren Smith, Stacy Spilman, Rick Wark, Joe Waterman, Jim Wingfield and Frank Womack.

SYMPATHY

To Keith Angel and family on the death of his father.
To Phyllis Hogue and family on the death of her brother.
To Eric Kuwahara and family on the death of his mother.

JOY

To Greg and Jill Allen on the birth of their daughter Aubreigh Danielle.
To Kimberly Hood on the birth of her daughter Katelyn Michelle. Grandmother is Sarah Hood.
To Scott and Charlotte Rawlings on the birth of their son Josiah William.

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 Cordner, 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.

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

June 13	
8:30	303
11:00	650
<i>the element</i>	88
TOTAL	1,041
June 20	
8:30	240
11:00	509
<i>the element</i>	86
TOTAL	835

JUMMP week is packed with hard work, fellowship and service to others



Twenty-three youth and adults from St. Peter's joined members of five other Methodist churches in Bellville June 14-18 for Junior High United Methodist Mission Project (JUMMP). St. Peter's youth led the worship service on Monday evening and talked to the whole camp about having a servant-like attitude throughout the week. They were then divided into groups and worked on several projects, including house painting, roof repair, drywall work, gutter installation and yard work.

The kids worked hard all week and their spirits were really lifted when they received a surprise visit from senior pastor Don Smith and director of music David Galasso Thursday morning.

The highlight of the week was Thursday night when the youth were able to invite the homeowners to a barbecue dinner and worship service. Each homeowner was given the opportunity to stand and share their thoughts about the week. It was a very touching service and a great way to finish the week.

