

Weekly Announcements

NOTE: To place an announcement, please prepare a *brief* copy, including contact information, to bonnie@saintpeterscolumbia.org no later than TUESDAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

January 23 (Thursday)---AED Training

January 24-25—Diocesan Convention, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood

January 26—ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—11:30 AM--Parish Hall

January 31 - February 1—Vestry Retreat

AED TRAINING AT ST. PETER'S

Scott Storey of the Columbia EMS Department has offered to provide training for our new AED. He will be here on Thursday, Jan.23, at 9:00am to train anyone who is interested. The training should take about an hour. The training is free!! Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

PEOPLE'S TABLE JANUARY 2025

Volunteers are needed as St. Peter's will host the People's Table again at the Columbia First United Methodist Church from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays in January 2025. January 24th remains. In the event there is snow any of these days in January, People's Table will still be open, but our volunteers do not need to come in.

Contributions to purchase the food served at People's Table are always appreciated, please designate "People's Table" on your donation. Contact Joann Belcher at 931-212-7254, if you would like to volunteer.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. PETER'S!

We invite you to join us for Starting Point, a membership class that takes place in the Library during the 9:15 AM Sunday School hour. This class is designed for both newcomers and current members alike to learn more about St. Peter's and covers the following topics over the 4 week class:

Week 1 (1/12): Get to Know St. Peter's and Our Rector (building tour)

Week 2 (1/19): Instructed Eucharist

Week 3 (1/26): Fellowship and Ministries

Week 4 (2/2): Governance and Stewardship.

If you have any questions, contact Anne in the office. Hope to see you there

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop. Confirmation classes for both adults and youth are scheduled to begin Sunday, February 9th at 9:15am. This class will continue each Sunday through March 23rd. If you and/or someone in your household would like to attend the classes and be confirmed, please contact us: (931) 388-3331 or office@saintpeterscolumbia.org

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025, after our 10:15am service. During the meeting we will be electing our new vestry members, take a look at our 2025 Budget, and hear from our ministries and guilds. It will be a great opportunity to learn of the way that God is blessing our church family and our community. Also, please know that there will be a potluck lunch following the meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Also note---we DO NOT have a stove t this point, so we cannot reheat anything.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

At our Annual Parish Meeting we will be electing 6 Vestry members--five for a three-year term and one to fill a two-year open spot for a member that has moved away. Please prayerfully consider candidates for nomination. The whole congregation serves as the nomination committee. Any member may make a nomination. The candidate must be over 18 years of age and a confirmed communicant in good standing. Please get permission from anyone whose name you wish to submit, and then send that name and a brief bio to the Parish office. According to Section 4.03 of our Bylaws,

which declares that “no person shall be eligible to serve until two (2) years have passed since their previous Vestry service,” the following individuals are **ineligible** for nomination: Mike Sharpton, Ginger Moon, John Breyfogle, Mark Sells, Jane Rodriguez-Keeton, Tom Brewer, Carol Baker, Ken Vickers, Jennifer Ballard, Dave Glowacki, John Finney, and Peggy Harmon. Any questions may be directed either to Fr. Bowhay (priest@saintpeterscolumbia.org) or our Senior Warden, John Finney (finneyjohnsandy@bellsouth.net).

FLOWER AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN UP'S FOR 2025

The mission of the Flower Guild at St. Peters is to enhance our worship experience and glorify God by bringing the beauty of God's creation into the church. Members of St. Peters are invited to dedicate Sunday Altar flowers in celebration or in memory of a person or event. The name(s) of the donor(s) and the occasion will be printed in our service bulletin.

Options for providing flowers for a Sunday Service:

- You may call a local florist of your choice and order what you like. They will use our brass urns for the arrangements.
- We can order arrangements from a local florist. The cost for large arrangements is \$250 for both urns, smaller is \$200 for both brass vases. St. Peter's will pay for the flowers and we ask that you send a check for the amount you would like to pay.
- The Flower Guild can do the arrangements, and you donate what you can towards that.
- You are welcome to bring flowers in yourself to put in our crystal vases

After the services on Sunday you are welcome to take the flowers home or if left here we can use them to take smaller arrangements to shut ins.

Members may also dedicate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in celebration or in memory of a person or event. The name(s) of the donor(s) and the occasion will be printed in our service bulletin. A donation of \$10 is suggested. There is a sign-up sheet in the office, or contact Anne Ciccoline, Anne@saintpeterscolumbia.org

NEEDS FROM THE VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

Most needed Items

Canned Beef Stew, Syrup, Dish Liquid, Small bottles of Cooking Oil, Pop Tarts, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Cereal, Canned Roast Beef, Ramen (Beef/Chicken), Coffee, Drink Milk packets.

Thank You! John Breyfogle

We kindly ask that all beverages be consumed before entering the church. Thank you.