



The Spire

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Smyrna, Delaware



"A Community of Faith Offering Hospitality, Hope and Healing"

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Rector's Reflections –

Bishop's Annual Visit: Bishop Kevin S. Brown is visiting again this year on the day of our **Patron Feast, Sunday, June 30**. He has requested one service be held on the day of his visit as well as time scheduled for an adult forum. Keeping in mind our annual block party is the same day, the morning schedule will be:

9:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Confirmation/Reception/Renewal of Baptismal Vows

10:30AM - (or immediately following the service)

Adult Forum time in Parish Hall

11:30AM - The Bishop meets with Vestry Members and preparation for lunch

12:00PM - Block Party starts with lunch

One of the principal ministries of bishops is Confirmation and Reception. This is the time when those baptized as children can make an adult confirmation of faith, usually around the age of 16. It is also when those who belong to another denomination can join the Episcopal Church and those who are members of the Roman Catholic or Lutheran Churches can be received into the Episcopal Church.

Please email (smyrnarector@verizon.net), call (302-670-3800), or speak in person with Mother Donna Jean if you are interested in being presented to Bishop Brown for confirmation or reception. In preparation, you will be given a white binder that provides a variety of useful information on *The Episcopal Church* with an opportunity to meet to discuss the information in the binder and answer any questions you may have on *The Episcopal Church*.

I believe it is important for our Church to be a witness in our culture today to the values of belonging together in a larger community as family members.

Our **Flags for Heroes** fundraiser for our historic cemetery takes place near the end of this month for Memorial Day. Currently, we have 43 flags sponsored in the name of local heroes: someone—past or present—who has made a positive impact on your life or on the world. This can be a veteran, military, first responder, medical personnel, teacher, mentor, family member, friend, or significant person.

If you are interested in sponsoring a flag, there is still time to complete and submit a Sponsorship Form, which can be picked up at church or printed by going to http://www.stpeters-smyrna.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/201905_FfH_Flyer.pdf.

A round medallion will be attached to each flag identifying the honoree and sponsor. The flags will be in alphabetical order by honoree so those who desire can visit their sponsored flag and take pictures. The south front section of our cemetery is an ideal location for visibility as well as parking so people will be able to walk among the flag display.

When the flags arrive we will need help assembling them as well as measuring and marking the place for each flag and inserting the flag holder into the ground. We are planning to put the flags out on Thursday, May 23 and take them down on Thursday, May 30. High winds or heavy thunderstorms may require some modification of the timing.

In Christ's Love and Service, *DJ+*



Outreach for 2019

Thank you for supporting our monthly Outreach Projects in 2018. We had a busy year and it is our hope that we have made a difference in our community. Our monthly schedule for 2019 will be the same as in 2018 and we will continue our on-going Outreach projects as well. The project for each month is listed below. If you have suggestions for Outreach projects, please contact me.

May we all have a giving heart in 2019!

Mary Sanders
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Matthew 25:35-45

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- January – P.I.C. (Personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell~St. Paul's Church, Clayton
- February – "Souper Bowl of Caring" (funds collected), Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium
- March – Food of the Month (food items), Food Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna
- April – PIC (personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell St. Paul's, Clayton ERD Episcopal Relief and Development -ERD (funds collected) Lent Project
- May – Food of the Month (food items), Food Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna**
- June – Home of the Brave (wish list items) Veterans Home, Milford
- July – Food of the Month (food items) Food Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna Alex's Lemonade (funds) 4th of July Event, funds for Children's Cancer Research
- August – Back Pack Project for North Smyrna Elementary School
- September – Kent County Animal Shelter (wish list items), Camden
- October – Thanksgiving Dinner (funds & breakfast food items), Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium
- November – DHCI Christmas for Residents (wish list items) Smyrna
- December – Veterans United Outreach of Delaware (Gift Cards)

Harvest Sharing – May

During the month of May, we will be collecting food items needed at Asbury Methodist Church Food Pantry. Food slips have been made based on the needs of the food pantry. Food slips will be available the first Sunday in May.

As soon as the information is available, I will let you know how much we collected during our Lent Harvest Sharing project. The funds collected during Lent will be used to purchase livestock through the Gifts for Life program through Episcopal Relief & Development.

Thank you for Sharing! Mary Sanders

"We can't help everyone, BUT.... everyone can help someone." ~Dr. Loretta Scott



Our Thanks this month go to...

Dorris Wheeler for planning and coordinating our Mothering Sunday celebration on March 31.

Shirley Biddle and **Dorris Wheeler** for making the traditional Simnel cake.

Patty Murray, Dawn Watson, and **Everyone** who contributed towards and helped make our annual Quarter Auction fundraiser a fun family night out and huge success.

Becky Cronin and **Bob Merrill** for meeting with our financial auditor on Friday, April 12 as well as all they do throughout the year serving as our Bookkeeper and Treasurer, respectively.

Shirley Biddle, Stan McIntyre, Dorris Wheeler, and **Everyone** who made Lunch with the Easter Bunny a fun day for 29 children and their families.

Bob Merrill for leading our 10AM Palm Sunday parade with the drums.

Danny Andrew for mowing our yards.

Kathy Steele and her husband, **Smoke,** for updating, printing, folding, and stuffing all the bulletins needed from Palm Sunday through Easter Day.

Mary Sanders, Shirley Biddle and their **Helpers** for all the work they did for Holy Week and Easter Day in setting up for the services and beautifying the Sanctuary with the garden of flowers.

Dorris Wheeler and **Patty Murray** for coordinating our Easter Egg Hunt following the 10AM Easter Sunday service.

Everyone who participated in our Holy Week Maundy Thursday and Good Friday activities and services.



Inviting Possibilities

Last month, there was a "thank you" connected to the Quarter Auction that was left out and needs to be given! A big thank you to Danny Andrew for making us a wonderful wooden box, fully decorated, for our Quarter Auction paddles. It was great in helping to keep the paddles organized making sure the numbers were easily visible to the workers. Thank you Danny!!

Other Inviting Possibilities news; some plans for the next six months:

- Another Hardee's night out: date to be confirmed, will be either June 11th or 12th ; exact date will be planned in the next couple of weeks
- Scrapbooking with Patty and Dawn: August 23rd and 24th
- Yard Sale: will be at the church; date Sept 21st (more info as it gets closer)
- Witches' Tea: Yes, it is time to think about this! Again, more info as it gets closer. Date: Oct 12th

Please keep these dates in mind when planning your calendars.

Thanks again to all of our congregation for your support of our activities.

Blessings, Shirley Biddle



Thank you Note From:

The Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium

Dear Fellow Servants,

On behalf of the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your donations of \$206.50 and \$291.55 to the Ministerium with your Souper Bowl of Caring program. Your gifts, combined others, will help those in poverty and crisis in our own community. We appreciate your generosity towards our neighbors in need.

Thank you again.

Cordially yours In Christ,

The Reverend Dr. John R. Riley

Treasurer, Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium



First Responder's Appreciation Service May 5th

We had a great appreciation service and refreshments for our local Fireman, Police Officers, Ambulance personnel and Emergency Medical Servers. We are grateful for all of them and the protection and service they render to us and to all the Smyrna/Clayton communities. Thanks to all that helped set up, serve, and clean up after this event. Thanks to Kathy Steele for printing and mailing out the invitations, and Bob Merrill for spreading the word on our invitation. Mother your prayers for them and acknowledgement of what they do was wonderful!!

Inviting/Evangelism Ministry,

Dorris Wheeler



Make Your Summer Memorable at Memorial House!

Dates Still Available

Nestled among the pines, just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean and backing on to Lake Gerar, Memorial House is sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the busy resort town of Rehoboth Beach. Its spacious rooms beckon you to stay. Breakfast and dinner are served daily. Guests appreciate the private chapel where they can enjoy quiet moments alone or join in group worship. We still have rooms available for the following dates; July 5-12, July 12-19, August 9-16, August 23-30, Labor Day weekend, August 30-September 2, September 2-9.

Please visit memorialhouse.church for more information or call Dina Hollingsworth at 302.567.2808



Flags for Heroes



A new fundraiser to support our historic cemetery

Our first event will be this Memorial Day in which the 3 x 5 feet flags mounted on a ten-foot pole will be displayed on the south front section of our cemetery from **May 23 to May 30** (weather permitting).

Sponsorship of a flag for this event is **\$50** per flag which is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Each flag will have a medallion with the name of the Honoree and the Sponsor. Your Hero can be anyone who has made a positive impact on your life or on the world.

Flag orders are due by May 10th. We are in the process of determining the number of flags to order. If interested, please contact the office at 302-653-9691 or email the rector at smyrnarector@verizon.net. You can pick up a Sponsorship Form either at church or online by clicking [here](#).



Mother's Day – May 12th



**“WHAT’S HAPPENING”
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

May

- 5/9 Becky Cronin
- 5/12 Duane Young
- 5/15 Betty Grant
- 5/17 Charlotte Costello, Suzanne Chafin
- 5/22 Georgia Carter
- 5/24 Allison Gallo
- 5/25 Anita Saamoi
- 5/28 Lauren Steele

Anniversaries

- 5/20 Tom & Allison Gallo
- 5/23 Jerry & Millie Spencer, Juan & Leslie Rodriguez
- 5/26 David & Pat Womelsdorf



If anyone would like to brag about a milestone birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, birth of a child or grandchild or any major event in your lives, this is the place to do it!!! Call the office and we'll make sure to get it into the Spire so we can all enjoy your news!!

If you would like to have the Altar flowers put in Church In Memory of or in Thanksgiving for someone, please sign your name next to the date on the charts in the Parish Hall (next to the kitchen). **The florist will bill you** (Note: the price for both vases is \$40.00) or if you would like to have the Aumbry Candle (\$20.00 a month) please sign up.



ALTAR FLOWERS – May

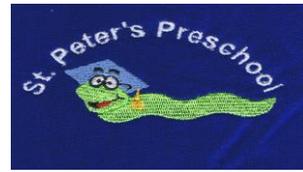
- 5th Kathy Eichler
- 12th Dorris Wheeler
- 19th Shirley Biddle
- 26th David & Pat Womelsdorf

AUMBRY CANDLE – May

Dennis & Charlotte Costello

May Parish Cycle of Prayer:

- 5th Mitch & Carol Gauge
Betty Grant
- 12th Bill & Jill Hanford
Danny, Monica, Zachery & Allyson Holmes
- 19th Kitty & David Holtz
Catherine Huidekoper
- 26th WillElla Jackson
Evy & Dave Jacobs



Patter from Preschool

Well the bunny has run out of eggs and we have run out of time off. Back for the last push to the end of school. Graduation is our main focus and we have LOTS to do! Throw in a couple of field trips and May will be over before it starts.

The children were reminded again and again about the reason for Easter, JESUS!!!

We have ants in school, in an ant farm of course, and now we have caterpillars that we are watching. It's hard to wait and not see much going on. I get read one of my favorite books, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Butterflies are in the future hopefully and projects to reflect the birth of something lovely. Then our minds will turn to summer plans.

Hoping you enjoy the next month. Pray for Us, Graduation, School Ending and My Retirement.

Beth Wessell



Important/Fun Dates for May:

- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5/6 National Nurses Day
- 5/8 No Socks Day
- 5/10 Clean Up Your Room Day
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/18 Armed Forces Day
- 5/22 St. Peter's Preschool Graduation
- 5/23 World Turtle Day
- 5/24 Beth Wessell's Last Teaching Day at St. Peter's!
- 5/27 Memorial Day (Observed)



St. Peter's Preschool 2019 Graduation Class

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| Stevie Banaszak | James Partin |
| Emma Dzedzinski | Charleigh Sacco |
| Parker McCaffery | Jase Spencer |
| Kaleigh Martin | Clara VanName |
| Sophia Parks | |

Congratulations to All!!!

Please feel free to join us for the Graduation Ceremony beginning at 7 pm, and or the Graduation Reception and Retirement Celebration for Beth at 7:45 pm.