



# The Spire

The Newsletter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Smyrna, Delaware



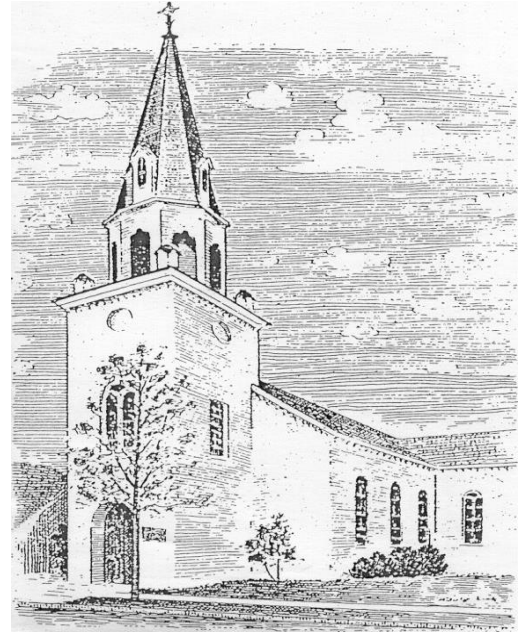
*"A Community of Faith Offering Hospitality, Hope and Healing"*

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**Wishing You  
A Very Blessed  
Christmas  
&  
Happy, Health and  
Prosperous  
New Year!**



**From Your Rector,**  
*DJ+*



*Oh Holy Night*



Please join us for one or both of our  
Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:

- 4:00pm - Family Christmas Service
- 8:30pm - Christmas Music Prelude
- 9:00pm - Candlelight Service

**Office will be closed:**

- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas!
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – Holiday
- December 31<sup>st</sup> – Holiday
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – Happy New Year!!

**Welcome 2020!!**





**Outreach for 2019**

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 (302)-659-1466

**Matthew 25:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> 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,<sup>36</sup> 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.'

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

<sup>40</sup> "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 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 Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna
- June – Home of the Brave Veterans Home, Milford (wish list items)
- July – Food of the Month - Food Pantry @ Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna  
Alex's Lemonade Stand at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event, funds for Children's Cancer Research
- August – Back Pack Project for North Smyrna Elementary School
- September – Kent County Animal Shelter, Camden (wish list items)
- October – Thanksgiving Dinner, Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium (funds & breakfast food items)
- November – DHCI Christmas for Residents, Smyrna (wish list items)
- December – Veterans United Outreach of Delaware (Gift Cards)**



**Harvest Sharing – December**

As the calendar year for 2019 draws to a close, we have one more Harvest Sharing event scheduled for the month of December. We will collect gift cards from WaWa and Royal Farms for Veterans United Outreach of Delaware. This organization, which was started in 2001 provides much needed services for our veterans across the state of Delaware. The gift cards can provide a meal or put gas in a vehicle for a veteran's trip to the VA Hospital or a doctor appointment. This is another way we at St. Peter's remember our veterans and thank them for their service to us and our country. If you would like more information about Veterans United Outreach you can contact our Secretary Kathy Steele, she is part of this organization.

As always, thank you for Sharing!  
Mary Sanders

"Giving to others is the greatest gift you can give yourself."  
~Darren Hardy



**November Harvest Sharing – Follow-up**

**DHCI Christmas for Residents (wish list items)**



Here is a picture of some of the items that were donated and taken over to DHCI. Thank you for your generosity, they are very grateful for all the donations. Your donations helps to brighten Christmas to the residents who would otherwise not receive anything. Thanks again,  
Mary Sanders





Our Thanks this month go to...

**Mary Sanders** and **Dorris Wheeler** for polishing the brass and silver on Saturday, November 2. **Danny Andrew** for polishing the Eagle Lectern the week of November 25.

**Shirley Biddle** for coordinating our fundraiser at Pat's Pizza on November 12.

**Patty Murray** and **Dawn Watson** for organizing a scrapbooking fundraiser on November 22 and 23 that raised \$720.

**Shirley Biddle, Neda Biggs,** and **Dawn & Kelvin Arnold** for attending the Invite – Welcome – Connect evangelism conference at St. Anne's School on Saturday, November 23.

**Bob Merrill** for serving at the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24.

**Terri Merrill, Shirley Biddle, Becky Correll,** and **Linda & Bill Slicher** for serving lunch at the reception for JoAnn Crossan immediately following her funeral on Saturday, November 30.

**Kathy Steele** and her office helper, **Smoke**, for all they do throughout the year that keeps the weekly bulletins being produced and the Church office running efficiently.

**Tina Morris** and **Karen Sawyer** for their love and dedication to our children in the Preschool.

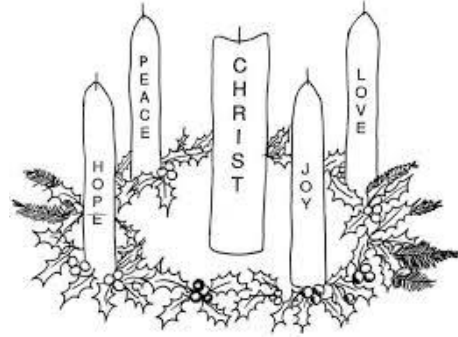


*Thank you*

Thank you to Mo. Donna Jean for putting together the special luncheon on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Trevi's for my 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here at St. Peter's. I also want to thank my husband, Smoke, son Jake, Shirley Biddle, Dorris Wheeler, WillElla Jackson, Bob Merrill and Paul & Paula Buckley for attending and for the thoughtful Gift Card. I truly enjoy my job here at St. Peter's, which is made easy when you are treated liked you are part of a "family".

Thanks again - I am told I am to stay another 15 years! ☺

Kathy Steele ♥



*I Said a Christmas Prayer for You*

*because the season's near.*

*I didn't ask for riches*

*but for gifts so much more dear.*

*I asked for joyful gatherings*

*with your family all around,*

*And for carols to inspire you*

*with their old familiar sound.*

*I asked for quiet moments*

*in your heart on Christmas morn,*

*For a special time to celebrate*

*the Savior who was born...*



And

A Blessed New Year!





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

**December**

- 12/3 Bishop Kevin Brown
- 12/4 Randy Faulkner
- 12/5 Kenny Correll
- 12/7 Linda Slicher, Danny Andrews
- 12/12 Jim Lee, Jimmy Correll, Joan McGrath
- 12/14 Charley Jones, Nichole Welling
- 12/19 Kelli-Ann Jones, Mhargo Bachtel
- 12/21 Jennifer Buckley, Ernie Skaggs, McKenna Wisner
- 12/22 Stephen Deakyne, Abraham Saamoi
- 12/26 Patrick Cronin
- 12/27 Matthew Behler
- 12/29 Cheryl Behler
- 12/31 Cindy Deakyne

**Anniversaries**

- 12/20 Yvonne & Elvis Belle
- 12/22 Wayne & Susan Burris



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!!

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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 door). **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 – December**

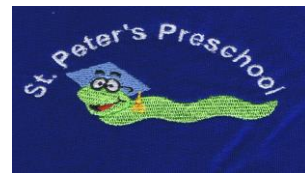
- 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Eichler
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dorris Wheeler
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kathy & Duane Young
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Sanders
- 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Flowers

**AUMBRY CANDLE – December**

**Evy & Dave Jacobs**

**December Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Terri Anderson  
Danny & Dorothy Andrew
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dawn & Kelvin Arnold;  
Kody, Beth & Andrew Edwards  
Patricia Atherley-Liddie
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kay Wood & Richard Bailey  
Rich, Cheryl, Matt & Sarah Behler
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jo Beck  
Elvis & Yvonne Belle  
Shirley Biddle
- 29<sup>th</sup> Neda Biggs; Carol Binns  
Marge and Mary Block



**Patter from Preschool**

Ho, ho, ho the sounds of the season are in the air. Our children are all excited for their visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We are working extra hard at being bucket fillers and collecting socks for Code Purple. The 4 year old class will be performing a Christmas program "The Christmas Miracle".

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tina Morris  
Director/Teacher  
&  
Karen Sawyer  
Teacher



**Important/Fun Dates for December:**

- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/14 International Monkey Day
- 12/16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- 12/17 National Maple Syrup Day
- 12/21 First Day of Winter!
- 12/22 Hanukkah Begins (Sundown)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 12/26 Kwanzaa Begins
- 12/27 National Fruitcake Day
- 12/30 Hanukkah Ends (Sundown)
- 12/31 New Year's Eve



**St. Peter's Preschool Wish List**

**Toy Bin Organizer - 1**



**Book Shelf - 1**

