



# *The Spire*

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



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

**March 2020**

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**These are our children      Please try to attend!**

**Come Join Us!**

## **St. Peter's Preschool Art Show**

**March 18, 2020**

**6:00 – 7:30**

**The Jungle Book comes to life through our children's art work**

Visit our classroom, see our art and register for our '20-'21 school year!





**Outreach for 2020  
Harvest Sharing for 2020**

Thank you for supporting our monthly Harvest Sharing Projects in 2019. Each July will become a medical awareness month and in 2020 we have selected Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation. It is my hope that each project we work on makes a difference in our community. 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 2020!  
Mary Sanders  
302-659-1466

- January – PIC (Personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell St. Paul’s, Clayton
- February – “Souper Bowl of Caring” (funds collected) Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium
- March – Food of the Month (food items) Asbury Methodist Church Food Pantry, Smyrna**
- April – PIC (personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell St. Paul’s, Clayton  
ERD -Episcopal Relief and Development (funds collected) Lent Project
- May – Food of the Month (food items) Asbury UM Church Food Pantry, Smyrna
- June – Home of the Brave (wish list items) Veterans Home, Milford
- July – Medical Awareness Month – Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- August – Back Pack Project for North Smyrna Elementary School
- September – Kent County Animal Shelter (wish list items) Camden
- October – Thanksgiving Dinner (funds and breakfast food items) Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium
- November – DHCI Christmas for Residents (Wish list items) Smyrna
- December – Veterans United Outreach of Delaware (Gift Cards) Smyrna



**“Souper Bowl of Caring” – Follow-Up**

We started “Souper Bowl of Caring” on Sunday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued it throughout the month. We asked for a donation of \$2.00 (or more) to be given to the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium to help the less fortunate in our area towards housing, utilities and etc. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a total of **\$328.00** over to the Ministerium. Thank you for helping those less fortunate in our area. ☺

Mary Sanders  
Chairperson



**Your Choice of Harvest Sharing Opportunities**

Our Harvest Sharing project during Lent will be to collect funds to purchase livestock for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Gifts of Life program. Last year our donations were used to purchase 2 goats, 2 flocks of chickens, 1 pig, 1 share toward a cow, 2 shares toward flocks of chickens and 1 share toward the purchase of a pig. These animals provide a means of support as well as food for families in need. Coin boxes, envelopes and a donation box will be available in the church through Easter Sunday.

During the month of March, we will be collecting food items needed at the Food Pantry at Asbury Methodist Church. Food slips are available in the Food of the Month basket in the church.

Thank you for sharing!  
Mary Sanders

“No-One has ever become poor by giving.”

~Anne Frank



**Inviting Possibilities Update**

March has come in like a lamb but the end of February really gave us a ROAR with a sold out Pancake Supper. The event brought in the gross amount of **\$1320.00** (still need to pay for the sausage and scrapple) and our raffle basket brought in **\$308.00**. Our congratulations go out to Ken Correll as the winner of the raffle!! Also, many, many thank yous go out to everyone who contributed and/or helped with the supper. I believe it was one of the best ones we have had yet!

Great shout outs to Dawn Watson and Patty Murray who hosted another successful scrap booking event on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. They were able to bring in **\$140.00**. Thank you Dawn and Patty!

Looking forward, we have the Quarter Auction coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup>; Lunch with the Easter Bunny on April 11<sup>th</sup> (this is not a fund raising event but it has a lot of “Inviting Possibilities” with all the little ones running around); and on May 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Spring Tea (if you are interested in attending this, please see Dorris Wheeler as soon as possible as tickets go fast). Our last event for the spring/summer will be another night out at Hardee’s – date for this is not confirmed yet.

One of ongoing fund raisers is the collection of Redner’s receipts. If you shop at Redner’s and have one of their store cards for discounts or points, be sure to show it at the time of check out. This will show on your receipt and will allow us to have a percentage of

all receipts paid back to the church. There is a box in the parish hall where you can leave your receipts; we thank everyone who does this as it does help toward our budget deficit. Our thanks to Wendy Lampe for handling this fund raiser for us.

Once again, our thanks go out to our whole parish family for always supporting our events. Happy Spring Everyone!! Blessings to all.  
Shirley Biddle



**Mothering Sunday Invitation**  
**“A Homecoming Event”**  
**March 22, 2020**

**Mothering Sunday** is the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral, for a service with their families. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering". Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together.

St. Peter's has chosen to celebrate this old event with our own "Homecoming Sunday" event and invite our families and friends to come back and visit us for service, reminiscing and refreshments. The traditional Simnel Cake, which is a special treat for this event, will be provided.

We will also have tables set up with pictures from the past and ask that you bring any pictures and or memorabilia to share.

Therefore, we invite you all to share this event with us on Sunday, March 22, 2020 and share in a coffee hour after the 8am and 10am services.

Please share/forward this information with/to anyone I may have missed and to your family members and friends, to come join us for a wonderful reunion and visitation day in honor of Mothering Sunday; our Homecoming Event.

Please mark your calendars and spread the word about this Homecoming Event!!!

Dn. Larry Norfleet,  
Inviting/Evangelism Ministry



**“Quarter In!! Paddles Up!!”**



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

**Quarter Auction**

**Friday, March 27, 2020**

**MAMIE WARREN SENIOR CENTER**

**1775 WHEATLEYS POND RD**

**SMYRNA, DE 19977**

**Doors open to the public at 6:00 p.m.**

**Auction starts at 7:00 p.m.**

*We have great items from Local businesses!*

- Door Prizes
- Quarter Auction
- Food & Drinks available for purchase
- Bidding Paddles are \$5.00 Each
- All-In Option Available

**For More Information Contact:**

**Patty Murray at 302-741-2095**

*or*

**Dawn Watson at 302-233-1095**



**March 19<sup>th</sup>**



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

**March**

- 3/2 Dawn Edwards, Bob Merrill
- 3/6 Caryn Deakyne
- 3/7 Jamie Read
- 3/8 Samantha Buckley
- 3/16 Mary Putman
- 3/22 Nancy Saamoi
- 3/23 Mary Block
- 3/29 Shane Cronin, Jake Buckley

**Anniversaries**

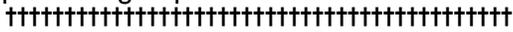
- 3/18 Patty & Scott Murray



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 – March**

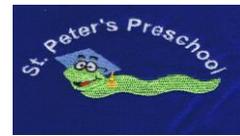
- 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup>
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dorris Wheeler
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dorris Wheeler
- 29<sup>th</sup>

**AUMBRY CANDLE – March**

Dorris Wheeler

**March Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim, Becky & Shane Cronin  
Patrick & Erin Cronin
- 8<sup>th</sup> Robb & Patti Davies  
Jane Davis
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cindy & Lee Deakyne  
Larry & Betty Decker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ray & Marsyl DePhillis  
Tom & Grace DiCuirci
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ed Drake  
Nan Eddy



**Patter from Preschool**

We will be celebrating all things green this month. We're going to try green eggs with Dr. Seuss, celebrating St. Patrick's Day and hopefully a green Spring! We have a new unit this month, we will be learning to Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.

We hope that everyone will join us March 18th for our first Art Show. The children have been working hard at making “The Jungle Book” come to life. The doors will open at 6:00 pm.

Tina Morris, Director/Teacher

Karen Sawyer, Teacher



**Important/Fun Dates for March:**

- 3/1 National Pig Day
- 3/8 Daylight Savings – Turn your clocks ahead!
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day! ♣
- 3/20 International Earth Day
- 3/26 National Spinach Day
- 3/31 National Crayon Day



St. Peter's Future Presidents! (Top) and Donna Carroll (bottom) from Fresh Start Resource collecting the “Blessing Bags” made by our Preschoolers.

