

Ephah Guild

Many Episcopal churches today are beginning a fun new ministry in which people bake bread for first-time Sunday morning guests. If you would like to help out with this ministry, please let Fr. Rick know.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

There are many new families whose special days aren't in our parish database. Please, if you know that your birthdays and anniversaries aren't included, write them down and put them in the parish office.

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Building and Grounds To-Do List:

- Church Window sills – see Fred Sloan.
- Church steps – see Rick+
- Narthex floor – see Mark Deckers
- Bishop Murray upstairs hallway has been painted by Joe and Kathy!
- Parish Hall Floor – done July 2005
- The rain ledge – see Mike Cook

The Cross and Keys

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Summer Youth Calendar:

Summer Sanctuary: Noon-5PM

July 6, Swim and Picnic at Dans Mountain

July 27, Trip to the movies

August 3, Bar-B-Q and Games at St.
Peter's

August 24, Swim and Picnic at Dans
Mountain

Campin' Out on St. Peter's Place:

August 4, 5, and 6 (Details to come later)

Youth Beach Trip:

August 14, 15, 16, and 17

(If you want to go to the beach let Fr.
Rick know ASAP!)

Summer Church Calendar:

7/ 10-15 – Fr. Morley at Claggatt

7/12 – Bingo at Egle

7/24 – Ice Cream Party 6-9PM

8/9 – Bingo at Egle

8/14 – Church Picnic

Summer Worship Changes

As you all know, over the past couple of years our Sunday School has more than doubled. And, so now more than ever we're in need of a Sunday School program in the summer too.

So... each Sunday in July and August the children and youth will begin in the church with everyone else. We'll be singing fun songs in the beginning of worship and will be using visual media. Before the Gospel reading, the children, youth, and teachers will leave, and weather permitting go outside for the reading of a story, a small craft or a game. They will then join the church service again to receive communion.

This should be a fun summer, and a wonderful way for the whole family – the whole church family to worship together.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It wasn't long ago that someone asked me where I worked. I told them that I worked at the Episcopal Church in Lonaconing. They then asked, "Which church is that?" I told them that it was the little white church near the bridge. They said, "Oh, is that still a church?"

Yikes. People don't even know we're here. They don't even know that we're still a church.

Well, we're about to change all that. St. Peter's and St. John's have been given \$7,000 to begin an advertising campaign. We're going to let people know that we're here, that we're alive, and that this is a pretty exciting place to be.

Our advertising campaign is going to include a color brochure, and two holiday postcards mailed to every household in the Lonaconing, Frostburg, and Grantsville zip codes. There will also be large coordinating ads in the Cumberland Times News at the times of the ads.

But, as good as the ads are going to be, and as effective as direct mail has proven to be in the advertising world, they aren't going to be enough as they are. The ads are going to be there to give us, as individuals and families, an opportunity to share our faith, what God has done and is doing for us, and how St. Peter's is a place where God is known and where people and families of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to worship and grow in the faith.

These ads are designed to be a launching pad for us to tell others about the faith and our church. And, these ads are an opportunity for us to grow in our own hospitality to those who will respond to our invitations and be our guests.

Already we've completely redone our bulletins to be more user-friendly for non-Episcopalians. Already we've redone our website to be more inviting and informative to people who are curious about us. And, already, we're beginning to line up a ministry of hospitality to people who will come here and be our guest.

Someday – and someday soon – people won't wonder if that little white church by the bridge is still a church. They'll know we're here, they'll know why we're here, and they'll know that they're invited to be here too, by us and by God.

God's Peace,
Fr. Rick Morley, Vicar and Area Missioner



Our Website

Years ago Pope John Paul II said, "If it didn't happen on Television, it didn't happen." With that insight, the late Pope changed the way that the Roman Catholic Church interacted with the world.

Well, times have changed since the Pope realized the importance of television. Today, he might say that if it didn't happen on the Internet, it didn't happen.

St. Peter's has had a website since Fr. Morley arrived in 2002, but recently it's had another major face-lift. The updating of the website isn't just for looks, but also to make it more friendly to people who are trying to see who we are, what we're all about, and whether or not they want to join us for a Sunday or a lifetime.

Recently we've been getting hundreds of visitors (some from across the world!) to our website each month. Actually, we currently get more visitors to our website in a month than we do people in church on Sunday mornings in the month!

Please, take some time to look at it, make some suggestions, and see what people across the world are seeing of us: www.stpeters.ang-md.org

Wanted: A Good Treasurer

We're looking for a new treasurer to manage the church's books, income, and bills. Fr. Morley is taking a good bit of time this summer streamlining the treasurer's job, and automating as much of it as possible. If you're interested, or if you would like to nominate someone please let Fr. Morley know.

WOSP

The Women have, as always, been busy this Spring preparing and serving meals. They also treated themselves to a well-deserved meal out, when they went to dinner at the Candlewick Inn. The Women don't officially meet during the summer, but meetings will resume in the fall.