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From the Rector.....

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Whenever I read the above verse, I wonder about the status of hope in this triad of gifts which “abide.” We speak constantly, in the Christian tradition, of the importance of faith and the centrality of love. But how often do we speak of, or cultivate, *hope* in our theology and spirituality?

In my life, I have always seen hope through the lens of past experience. When life has gotten rough, I’ve always seen joy return eventually. So now, in these rough times, I want to hope that joy will come again, and soon. But how has this unprecedented time in our life together changed our definition of hope?

I see hope not as a desperate wishing for something better, but as the knowledge that we already have something

better: the promise of resurrection. Hope as theology rests on our understanding that God, in Jesus Christ, has lived the human life and that God remains with us in this challenging and scary time.

How do we keep hope alive as a vibrant part of our spirituality during a time when so much of the news is painful and frightening? We begin to nurture hope by small acts of grace: for ourselves, for the people we love, and for people we do not even know. The generous and joyful support of the Red Wagon Ministry expresses our Christian hope in tangible form. When we contribute food, cleaning supplies, school supplies, or other gifts to that ministry, we bring hope to other people.

We need to check on one another at St. Peter’s, and to support one another in this time of isolation. If you do not have a current directory of

church members, we can send you one by email or regular mail. Please use that directory to touch base with people in the church. If we send a prayer request about a person in our church, you may want to call or write that person to offer support. If you miss seeing someone, by all means, take time for a call, text, email, or card to connect with that person.

Finally, focus on what is good and true and beautiful and important, at St. Peter’s and in the world. Much in this world passes away quickly. But faith, hope, and love *abide*, and they equip us to survive this experience and even to thrive in it.

Blessings (and hope) to each of you!

Carol +



The Rev. Carol Mead

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August Birthdays



*Happy
Birthday*

August 2
Kitty McCleave
Tom Stafford
Anna Lyn Whitt

August 3
Jim Garrison
Edward Jaubert

August 4
Courtney Graham

August 5
Jackie Wilson

August 7
Lawrie Gervin

August 13
Woods Turner

August 16
Lloyd Chatham
Dick Phillips

August 20
Nichole Carruth

August 21
Avery Smith

August 22
Rita Fetzter
Sofia Miranda

August 23
Ted Thomas

August Anniversaries



*Happy
Anniversary*

August 2
Jerry & Linda Pelly
44 years

August 3
Chris & Dawn Goolsby
18 years

James & Patty Lyles
47 years

August 5
Billy & Ruthie Mitchell
15 years

August 8
Jim & Glenda Black
50 years

August 10
Bobby & Karen Houston
52 years

August 12
Jeff & Dell Zubkowski
31 years

August 14
Todd & Pam Clapp
27 years

August 31
Mike & Kathleen Duke
18 years

ST. PETER'S SERVES MEALS TO OUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

St. Peter's continues to provide outreach in our community during these difficult times. With recommendations from our outreach committee and approval from the vestry, we recently provided meals to our local fire fighters.

Becky Adams and Karen Houston delivered meals to four of our area fire stations, Castlewoods, Vine Street, Spillway Road and Church Road. These men were very appreciative of the meals.

Thanks to all of our church family for your continued support so that we can continue to do the work God has given us to do.





EVENING PRAYER

Monday through Friday

6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:30 a.m.

Services streaming via:

Facebook - Boxcast T.V. - YouTube

Links to Boxcast T.V. and YouTube are found on our website as well as Evening Prayer readings and Sunday's bulletin.

In-person services have been suspended for now. Please join us as we live stream our Sunday morning service each week at 10:30 a.m. If you miss the live service, you may go to any of the above streaming sources to watch a previous service.

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Dear St. Peter's by the Lake Friends and Ladies of the ECW,

During this time of uncertainty, it is clear that the Art On the Rez event, held these past 3 years at St. Peter's by the Lake will not take place as it has in the past. The outreach programs that benefit from the money from AOTR are very important to the ECW as is the ability to showcase our local artists. The ECW board has met and voted on having an alternate way to present the art and still raise funds for outreach. We are planning a Virtual Art Show. The plan is for the show to be held on the weekend of September 25th. By doing this, we will be able to maintain continuity with the program and show our loyal artists that we are here to help them even if we cannot have a formal gathering.

At this time we are looking at the positive side. The artists will have a format to sell their art and we will continue raising funds for outreach. We will continue to use the fellowship hall to hang and photograph art. We will have a limited amount of people, less than 10, in the hall at any time. There will be no crowds. There will be no reception. All activities will be done virtually. We are looking at different platforms and are leaning towards an event through Facebook.

Traditionally, AOTR is dependent on the women of the ECW volunteering their time and efforts. This will be true of the "new" AOTR also. We will have an extended number of days for artists to bring art and we will need volunteers for that particular part of the event. Volunteers will be needed during the actual event and then again for pick up. So many opportunities to be involved.

We are receiving reservations from artists who plan to participate in our show. Watch your emails and newsletters for more information.

Thank you,

Kathy Lewis
St. Peter's by the Lake
ECW President.



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Seeking to know Christ and make him known