



Messenger Weekly

Saturday, May 20, and
Sunday, May 21, 2017

Worship this Weekend

The Sixth Weekend of Easter:

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:7-18,
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Pastor Gil will be giving the message at all services.

Psychologist Milton Erickson says the power of the parabolic metaphor happens in the learning, which takes place within the unconscious. We hear the story and understand its literal meaning—it appeals to us on a conscious level. But, the miracle of the metaphor keeps working on us, even after we have “stopped” listening—like Jesus’ stories shaping us for two thousand years.

My grandfather was a storyteller. He told stories about my grandmother, who died before I was born. He told stories how she raised their four children. How she could transform the meager food they had into a banquet. How she sewed their clothes out of flour sacks. How she picked cotton stride for stride with him. He said, at fifteen, she covered his back in a fight, breaking a bottle, holding off two would be attackers while my grandfather had it out with a third man. He told me how she fearlessly faced death in her mid-thirties. For years, he hated God in his grief.

My grandfather never told me how to live, how to love a woman, how to care for my family. My grandfather never told me to value hard work. My grandfather never told me one thing I “should do,” or “ought to do,” or “had to do.” My grandfather only told me his stories. Though he died twenty-five years ago, I still hear his raspy voice. I am still learning from his words, something new everyday. His parabolic stories had the impact of the Jesus’ stories in my life. So, what stories are you telling and who are you telling them to?

Pastor Gil

Last Week at St. Peter's

BAPTISMS AT PERRYVILLE PRISON
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

Christine
Karlene
Ariana
Josephine
Rachel
Noemi
Maria
Anna Marie
Sharon



CONFIRMATION AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017



CHORISTERS SINGING AT 9:30 SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

DEACONS ON THE MOVE

FAKE NAMES - REAL STORY

Vivian and Ariel are on the countdown. They have 90 days to the gate. It feels like they've been in prison for 90 years. It hasn't really been that long, but the two of them combined have been in and out of prison at least 9 times.

They didn't know each other over a year ago when they started coming to St. Peter's worship services, but then they were both accepted into the Bridges Mentoring Program. They complained at first about not having time to read and do the "homework." They worked all day and were tired and the reflective study questions took too much time. It was truly close to mutiny when we studied *Criminal and Addictive Thinking*.

But now, as they approach the gates, their story has changed because they have changed. They have learned how God loves them unconditionally and that has made all the difference. They see what caused them to make stupid and harmful choices and they have developed a prayer life to help them when times get challenging. They know the commandments to love God and love your neighbor and are eager to make amends and start anew beyond the gates.

They have done their work. Now it's our turn. A successful reentry requires the support and patience of a village. We need to develop a support team of mentors who will provide spiritual guidance, encouragement, and accountability to ex-offenders when they are released. Almost 95% of the incarcerated are released back into society and too many of them don't make it. I'm convinced that strong faith communities can be instrumental in helping the ones who want to change and start on the right track.

I ask that you pray about being a part of our Bridges Reentry program to help mentor women like Vivian and Ariel as they begin to experience new life.

Deacon Gay



MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

The Men's Group of St. Peters will be creating ashes during a ceremony Saturday, May 27th at 9:00 AM in the courtyard. All are invited to participate.

A short ceremony for the Interment of the Ashes will held in the Memorial Garden after the Services on Sunday, May 28th.

DEACONS ON THE MOVE

I-HELP MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our parish is host two Friday nights a month to as many as ten men and women who have no home of their own. We rely on our gracious and generous volunteers to make this work. Our guests show up in need every time they arrive at our door. They need a meal, a safe and comfortable place to sleep, a shower, sometimes a toothbrush, a pair of socks or some underwear. If you find it in your heart to offer a hand to someone who needs it, we will gladly accept your gift to a brother or sister in need.

I-HELP FOOD UPDATE

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044baaaa2eabfe3-ihelp>



You can now sign up on-line to volunteer to provide meals for our I-HELP guests.

This new sign up system should make it easier for all our volunteers to see what dates we host, and also what are the available dates we need meals.

Just go to the URL above and you can sign up for any open date.

Please contact Deacon Michael at mdouglas7@cox.net if you have any questions.

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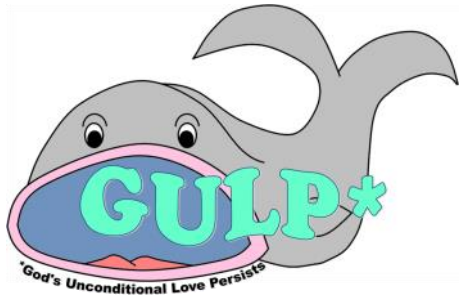
COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Community of Hope would like to train more volunteers starting in September. If you think you might be interested in serving in this pastoral care ministry, please contact Linda Schlabach for more information, 623-332-4563 or email lschlabach@aol.com.

ST. PETER'S BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet on June 12 to discuss the first 3 chapters of Anne LaMott's *Halleluia Anyway*. Anne is a very earthy, honest, and insightful writer about REAL emotions and issues. We read her *Help, Thanks, Wow* a couple of years ago and it was very well received! We meet at Lori Jeschke's home, about once a month. If you are interest in joining us please contact Caroline Wolfe, 623-451-7763.

SP Kids



* **GULP** = God's Unconditional Love Persists

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE ...

...Include Vacation Bible School in your plans! St. Peter's 2017 VBS - **GULP** * - is scheduled for **July 10-14, 8:00 - 11:00 AM**. The regular program is for children ages 3-10. With a sufficient number of adult volunteers, we plan to continue the Jr. Leader program for ages 11-12 (pre-7th grade). We would like to invite children from the special needs community as well to make this an inclusive experience. **Registration has begun!** Forms are available at the SP Kids table or on the St. Peter's website.

Our first volunteer meeting is **this Sunday, May 21**, following the 9:30 service. If you have any interest in helping before or during VBS, we hope you will join us. We will meet in the conference room in Celebration Hall for approximately 30-45 minutes; so grab some coffee and treats, and come on in!

Student Ministries

THANK YOU

Thank you St. Peter's for helping us go on our mission trip. We could not do this without your prayers, love, and support. We still have a small way to go to reach our goal. If you have not turned in your envelope, please do so. Also, if you would like to help but don't have an envelope, you can drop a donation in the offering plate or at the office this week. Please make sure your donation is marked "mission trip". Thank you !!



MAY 24, 2017

DINNER BETWEEN 5:30 - 6:30PM

Please bring any potluck item of your choice for this final Church on Wednesday until August.

PROGRAMS:

Bible Study	4:30 – 5:30 PM
Library - Pastor Ron	
Cherubs Rehearsal	5:00 – 5:30 PM
Sanctuary - Diane Woodyard	
Choristers Rehearsal	6:00 – 6:45 PM
Sanctuary - Mary Bennett	
Episcopal 202	6:30 - 7:45 PM
Celebration Hall CR - Pastor Gil & Deacon Gay	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 – 8:00 PM
Sanctuary - Diane Woodyard	
AA Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Student Ministries - Building C	

Serve

COOK FOR KIDS AT THE NEW LIFE CENTER

Volunteers from St. Peter's are needed to help prep a salad and fruit and serve dinner and dessert to the 100+ women and children at the New Life Center in Goodyear, the third Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are needed from 4:30-6:00 PM. If you are interested in serving, sign up whichever month you are available. Sometimes we have people who can bring food, but can't serve. Other times we have people that can serve, but not bring food - both types of support are appreciated. We welcome those that can commit every month, and those that can only come once. Thank you for your service.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/muufciv>

CAREPORTAL

"Connecting Churches to local children and families in crisis". Does this sound like a good program to you? St. Peter's is already setup and helping families, but we are looking for a leader and it will take less than 1 hour/week. Contact Jenn at office@stpetersaz.com or watch a quick video at careportal.org. If every church helps a little we can change the face of foster care.

Calendar

Sunday, May 21

12:15 PM Town Hall & Potluck (Celebration Hall)
5:00 PM Meditation (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 22

11:00 AM Montessori Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:30 PM Montessori Chapel (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM Walk-in Bridge (Building C)
6:30 PM House Church at Shelley Krispin's

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 AM House Church at Don Povejsil's
6:00 PM PrimeTime Band practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Bldg. C)
7:00 PM Al-Ateen Meeting (Ocean Room)

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Montessori Chapel (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Church on Wednesday (See page 3)
6:30 PM House Church at Angela Cade's
7:00 PM AA Step Group (Bldg. C)

Thursday, May 25

9:00 AM RePete Boutique (until Noon)
1:00 PM Walk-in Bridge (Building C)
5:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting (Desert Rm)

Friday, May 26

9:00 AM RePete Boutique (until Noon)

Saturday, May 27

9:00 AM Memorial Ceremony (Courtyard)
9:00 AM RePete Boutique (until Noon)

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