

St. Peter's Press

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July and August 2016

Update on Refugee Family

I wanted to take a moment to thank the members of St. Peter's for their generous donations to help support a large Refugee family I've been mentoring through USCRI in Albany.

Nearly \$300 was collected from the congregation, and I wanted to share with you how those funds were used.

Your money helped:

- Pay for a pizza picnic party for nearly 20 Karen and Burmese refugee children. Funds were spent on sidewalk chalk, bubbles, squirt guns, glitter nail polish, soccer balls, hula hoops, pizza pies, brownies, fresh fruit and water.
- Cover the cost of gas used ferrying the family to and from doctors, grocery trips, pharmacy and services appointments.
- Cover the cost of new socks for the entire family, adult diapers, toys, reading materials and extra school supplies.
- Feed this family of 12 for an entire week when Food Stamps didn't come. Your money bought

chicken legs, pork hearts, a large bag of rice, cooking oil, fresh vegetables, dried chilies, fresh fruit and coffee.

Thank you again for your incredibly generous and forthcoming support. As I transition into a new job, I am no longer actively mentoring this family as of June 1. However, I urge those of you with a little extra time to consider volunteering with USCRI or RISSE.

Information about both organizations may be found below. People with real interest should contact me via email or text. I will put you in touch directly with volunteer facilitators at both programs.

<http://risse-albany.weebly.com>
<http://refugees.org>

Yours in Christ,
Morgan Deane
Morgan.deane@gmail.com



Prayer List

Jean Brower
Don and Peggy Shriver
All Servicemen and Women and Veterans



Lectionary Readings

July

- 7/3:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; Gal. 6(1-6) 7-16;
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- 7/10:** Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 81; Col. 1:1-14;
Luke 10:25-37
- 7/17:** Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28;
Luke 10:38-42
- 7/24:** Hosea 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Col. 2:6-15
(16-19) Luke 11:1-13
- 7/31:** Hosea 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9, 43;
Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August

- 8/7:** Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23;
Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
- 8/14:** Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19;
Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- 8/21:** Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Heb. 12:18-29;
Luke 13:10-17
- 8/28:** Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16;
Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 1:1, 7-14

Tea on the Green



With summer comes our annual tradition of Tea on the Green. Volunteers are needed to host these events.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex and we hope you'll be willing to provide the refreshments for an after-worship fellowship time. Not able to do it alone? Why not ask a friend to help you.

Happy Birthday

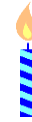
July

John Lange	7/3
Adam Fischer	7/7
June Keller	7/7
Ann McChord	7/11
Esther Young	7/11
Louis Wambach	7/12
Raeph Sanderson	7/13
George Jahn	7/15
Emma Braley	7/20
Lael Cashen	7/21
Peggy Shriver	7/23
Teresa Barenfeld	7/25
Emma Roberts	7/25
Timothy Newton	7/26
Morgan Patterson Dean	7/27
Galen Lange	7/29



August

Brianna Diskin	8/2
Randy Ezinga	8/2
Patti Scheppman	8/2
Doug Conkling	8/8
Marion Ulmer	8/8
Nicholas Hudson	8/9
David Hudson	8/10
Jane Fischer	8/19
Richard Fischer	8/19
Dan Conkling	8/18
Beth Cozzolino	8/23
Austin Groupp	8/30



“Welcome to Summer in Spencertown”

A Success

A total of \$3,000 was raised at this year's summer event. Thanks to all who made this so successful. This is a fund-raiser for the Friends of Historic St. Peter's Church.

Trash and Treasure

Donations

May be left downstairs

under the tables

on the Manse side

After July 1

News From the Men's Group

The Men's Group has continued to meet on a monthly basis during 2015–2016. Attendance is usually around ten, and we are pleased that men who are not Church attendees also join us. Earlier this year we changed the venue for our meetings to the Chatham Grill and have found it well suited to our group—although on one occasion, a table of other diners asked to move to the other side of the restaurant as our group, in the midst of robust discussion, was making too much noise.

We have discussed our objectives on a number of occasions, and the consensus remains that we should remain a social and discussion group but making ourselves available to assist in Church activities when requested. We would, however, like to increase the number of regular attendees both from within the Church and also from the local community and in the fall will be looking at ways to do this.

Discussion topics have ranged from international events and politics to the functioning of the Chatham school boards and other local issues. We have also talked about our personal activities and life stories as a means of getting to know each other. The discussions are always lively, and members often say they have learned something new about the issues we discussed or each other.



The Men's Group enjoyed running the pancake breakfast at the "Welcome to Summer in Spencertown Rhubarb Festival" and raised approximately \$600.

We welcome all men in the congregation to join us and share in the camaraderie of the group.

Submitted by
Ian Wing

Mission Group News Summer Cooking Workshops Topics To Be Announced

We are planning for 3 or 4 Cooking Workshops again this summer, in the basement "community space" of St. Peter's. A number of people have asked me about them, over the year, and I know that they were greatly enjoyed last year. At this time, we have scheduled:

Tuesday, July 12, 2016: 10–noon
Tuesday, August 16, 2016: 10–noon
Additional dates to be determined

Workshop fee: \$5/person but no one will be turned away for lack of funds

The workshops are open for anyone to attend. If you or someone you know needs transportation assistance, please contact Frances (392-2675) or other Mission Group member, and we can arrange something. If you have any other questions or requests, please feel free to ask!

Generally, at a workshop we have three tables, with a recipe being prepared at each table. We separate into three groups, and each group rotates through each of the tables... so that by the end, everyone has made all three recipes. We each leave with a beautiful, nutritious, tasty meal to take home! The workshops have been very fun: a wide assortment of people and ages, camaraderie, and food.

Also, I'll be soliciting for volunteers to help thoroughly clean the kitchen before the workshops, and also to set up on the day and clean up afterwards.

Thanks,
Frances Culley

(Mission Group comprises Rev. Drew Paton, Patricia McKeon, Raeph Sanderson, and Frances Culley)

Donations Needed for Trash & Treasure

Our annual St. Peter's Trash & Treasure Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 3, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, and we need your unwanted possessions!

Small, working appliances
Kitchen gadgets
Small furnishings
Sporting goods
Decorative objects



These will have the opportunity to find renewed purpose in new, loving homes.

REMINDER—Pick-up service is available if needed!

Volunteers are gratefully welcomed to help organize and price the items beforehand, and/or assist visitors during the sale. There are many ways to support St. Peter's during this fun event!

Please call Mindy Gardner at [\(917\) 975-8966](tel:9179758966) about volunteer opportunities or to arrange for donation pick-up.

Sunday School Resumes



Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 11. We hope to see many faces there as we continue with our fun projects and story lessons. If you have any questions, you may contact

Shirley Newsome, Katie Smith, Frances Culley, or Jennifer Lippert.

PC(USA) Leaders Mourn Victims of Orlando Nightclub Tragedy Recommit to Advocating for a Just Society

June 14, 2016, Louisville

We join our heavy hearts with the great multitude of those who mourn the killing and maiming of so many of our brothers and sisters at the Pulse club in Orlando, Florida.

As people of the Reformed tradition, we are not naïve about the reality of evil in the world in

which we live, or the capacity within us all to choose evil over good. Nor can we doubt the profound capacity to accomplish such evil deeds in a society overrun with weapons designed to kill. Even so, it is shocking when that evil is manifest in such a horrendous way.

We applaud the courage of those touched by these killings, who even in their grief, have joined together to declare their intention to stand firm against all the forces in the nation and the world who wish them harm. We pledge our support to them and promise to work with them, as we seek to quell all the forces in our society that divide us.

It would be naïve to ignore the implications of this brutal attack for the LGBTQ community as a whole. Likewise, we would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the fact that the attack in Orlando primarily impacted people of color, particularly the Latinx community. This provides a painful reminder that experiences of oppression are shaped by multiple social identities and lived experiences.

Facing this evil, we reaffirm the commitment of our own General Assembly to oppose all efforts to demean or exclude those in our society and our churches whose sexual orientation has made them targets of abuse and hatred.

In that regard, we stand with our friends in the Muslim community, knowing that there are those who continue to stereotype all persons of Muslim faith or identity, and who will characterize the attack as further evidence of the danger posed by such persons within our midst. We also stand also with immigrants and oppose any effort to turn this tragedy into a cynical opportunity to demonize people who seek freedom of movement.

As we share our grief for those lost and those scarred by this violence, let us renew our own mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to choose love over hate in all our relationships and to “seek the peace of the city” in the living out of our faith.

Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; Heath Rada, Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014)

Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director,
Presbyterian Mission Agency

Submitted by Teresa Barenfeld

July 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Trash & Treasure Items can be left downstairs under the tables by the Manse side	2
3 10:00 am Worship, Tea on the Green	4 Fourth of July Celebrated	5 Women Unabridged at Barbara Conkling's	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 am Worship, followed by Picnic & BBQ (Rev. Paton's last Sunday at St. Peter's)	11	12 7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting	13	14 Agenda items due to Doris Jean or office for Council Meeting	15 5:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	16
17 10:00 am Worship, Tea on the Green (Paul Randall preaching)	18	19 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 am Worship, Tea on the Green (Rev. Shannon VanceOcampo Preaching)	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 am Worship, Tea on the Green (Jere Wrightsman preaching)	Notes: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We wish Drew, Selene and baby Beckett well in their move to Dobbs Ferry.</i></p>					

August 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Women Unabridged Meeting -- Details TBA	3	4	5 5:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	6
7 10:00 am Worship followed by Tea on the Green (Mary Jo Pattison preaching)	8	9 7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting	10	11 Agenda items due to Doris Jean or the office	12	13
14 10:00 am Worship followed by Tea on the Green (David Haase preaching)	15	16 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 10:00 am Worship followed by Tea on the Green (Paul Randall preaching)	22	23	24	25	26	27
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