

Join us in...

September

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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From the Interim Rector

On January 11, 1890, The Rev. Lindsey Rucker died. According to the book that details the history of St. Peter's edited by Betty Plummer and Louellen Pledger, The Rev. Mr. Rucker served St. Peter's 1853–54, 1857–59, 1862–1865, 1867–1884, as locum tenens from 1884–1886, and as Rector Emeritus, 1890. What he did in 1855–56, 1860–61, and 1866 is unknown. What is known is that he is the second longest serving clergy person next to the tenure of the Rev. Mr. Bird, who served St. Peter's from 1905–1921, and then from 1929–1955. The clergy of St. Peter's have come and gone. Some stay for several years, others for a short while, yet each of them left their imprint on the souls of the people who call this church their home.

In August, we celebrated the ministry of The Rev. Michael Farnell and his wife, Karen. The Farnells were only with us a little while, but they represent the truth of our church. No matter how long we may be in a place, we work to diligently make it better. St. Peter's has been a church in Brenham since 1848. A long time. And it has in the course of its history endeavored to make Brenham, Texas a better place. The Rev. Mr. Rucker helped establish the free school system in Washington County.

Today, the feeding initiatives of St. Peter's through Feed My Lambs, the Mobile Food Pantry, and the gift of food on Tuesdays and Wednesdays ease the food insecurity many residents face. When St. Peter does this, we live into the call of Jesus to feed and care for others in a generous and compassionate manner.

As we live into the future, in a search for a new rector, through a busy fall season, in and outside of our church community, we would do well to remember our generational legacy of Christian service to our town and our county. We continue to do the work of those who came before us. Even though we feel as if the future is uncertain, we walk with the blessed assurance of the saints who came before us. Aware of our call as a parish community, and grateful for each other as we walk along. As the Rev. Mr. Rucker's favorite hymn reads:

In each event of life how clear
Thy ruling hand I see,
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferred by thee.

In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

Fr. Patrick+

From the Volunteer Coordinator

New Volunteers

Thank you to Cornelia Estey and Jennie Meyer, who have been busy restocking church pews!

Special Mention

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make our August Special Events such a success:

Church members for the delicious food at the August 2 Holy Cow Potluck, and all the countless volunteers who always help with cleanup and table reset.

David Geick and Bill Davis for serving as super scoopers for the Back to School Ice Cream Social on August 9. Tyler Rankin for the delicious hometown Blue Bell ice cream. And to all the members who helped with cleanup.

Special Events Team for the meal as well as setting up and decorating the Parish Hall for the Farnell's Last Curate with a Tea Farewell Luncheon on August 16.

Opportunities to Serve

If you have a little time now and then and would like to serve in some capacity, let Beth know. There is something for everyone.

Contact Beth Appel: (979) 451-3020 •
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Don't Forget

First Sunday Breakfast

Be sure to join us Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Deck for the first First Sunday Breakfast. This will be a full breakfast of Migas with all the trimmings (plus plain scrambled eggs). Cheerios and bananas as an option for the kiddos. Someone wants to see you there!

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Spoken Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Choir and Organ

Nursery: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Midweek Prayer: Wednesday, noon

The Episcopal Church welcomes you.

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St. Peter's Staff

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Parish Commitments

Committed to Biblical Faithfulness

Striving for Beauty in Worship

Building Strong Families and Children

Vestry & Officers

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Shane Barton — Vestry

Gerrald Giblin — Vestry

Richard Magness — Vestry

Tiffany Morisak — Vestry

Doug Peck — Vestry

Reka Pennington — Clerk of the Vestry

September Activities

Weekly gatherings and special dates

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM–12:00 PM Nursery
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Monday

9:30 AM Low Impact Exercise Class
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

9:30 AM Bountiful Blessings
11:00 AM–2:00 PM Food Pantry
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
1:30 PM Tuesday Book
5:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Al-Anon

Wednesday

7:30 AM Chamber
9:30 AM Low Impact Exercise Class
10:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM–2:00 PM Food Pantry
12:00 PM Prayer with Holy Communion
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday

No standing weekly events listed.

Friday

8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30 AM Exercise Class
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

September 4

9:30 AM Mobile Food Pantry

September 5

9:00 AM Altar Guild

September 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18A)
9:00 AM First Sunday Breakfast — Lower Deck
After 10:30 AM service Daughters of the King

September 10

1:00 PM Knit Together in Love

September 12

9:00 AM Altar Guild

September 13

16th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19A)

September 15

6:00 PM Vestry

September 18

2:00 PM Monthly Book Club

September 19

9:00 AM Altar Guild

September 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20A)

September 23

5:45 PM Prayer Ministry

September 24

1:00 PM Knit Together in Love
Newsletter Mailout

September 26

9:00 AM Altar Guild

September 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21A)

September 2026 Calendar

Weekly activities appear on their dates • See the activities page for the separate list

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September 2026 Lay Ministry

Assignments by Sunday • A dash indicates a blank assignment in the supplied schedule

Ministry	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Vestry Person of the Week	Gerrald Giblin	Bill Davis	Shane Barton	Doug Peck
Altar Guild	Diana Evans Cornelia Estey Sr. Anna Grace Madden Jennie Meier	Jeff Zeiss Karen Radabaugh Mary Mabry Bev Baker	Betty Fortner Stephanie Buchanan Samme Barton Harris	Sally English Susan Warburton Kathy Thompson Mary Mabry
Hospitality	Sally English Missy Peck	Chris Duckworth Kim Duckworth	Mary Ann Herndon Bev Baker	Terry-Ann Moss Michael Hannawald
8:00 a.m. Greeter	Mary Ann Herndon	Philip Taft Tye Taft	Mary Eikenhorst Ron Eikenhorst	Cherry Daugbjerg Ray Daugbjerg
8:00 a.m. Lay Eucharistic Minister	Chris Bullock	Doug Peck	Mike Callaway	—
8:00 a.m. Pray and Heal	—	—	—	—
10:30 a.m. Greeters (N)	Jan Carroll Chris Carroll	Gerrald Giblin	Charles Schubert Pam Schubert	Kathy Thompson
10:30 a.m. Greeter (H)	Susan Bullock	Marianna Giblin	Cathy Dawson	Linda Warburton
Acolyte	—	Georgia Carroll	Austin Bullock Henry Bullock	Austin Morisak Joshua Peck
Lay Eucharistic Minister 1 (Prayers of the People)	Wendy Bergin	Jan Carroll	Wendy Bergin	Elmer Godley
Lay Eucharistic Minister 2 (Epistle)	—	Leigh Kent	Chris Bullock	Steve Schultz
Lector	George Bishop	Sr. Anna Grace Madden	Mia Magness	Matthew Kent
10:30 a.m. Pray and Heal	—	Nancy Leaton Sarah Parker	—	Sr. Anna Grace Madden Cynthia Raman

N and H are the greeter location designations used in the original schedule.