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Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, October 28th, at 8:30 a.m.! The cooking begins at 8:00 (for those who would like to help). This monthly fellowship event is coordinated by Kevin Edwards, a member of the vestry. Please RSVP to Kevin by tomorrow if you are planning to attend at kse10022@aol.com.

This Sunday, October 29th is North Porch Sunday! According to the Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, President of North Porch, there is a need for Pampers in sizes 3, 4 & 5, as some of the smaller sizes were sent to hurricane-damaged areas. You may also bring wipes and Enfamil formula. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we have designated that Sunday as "North Porch Sunday" for the benefit of this diocesan-wide ministry. There are several centers for mothers in need to get milk and diapers for their babies as well as medical support. Financial support is also welcomed—with check made directly to "North Porch" and placed in the offering. .) E.V. Janopaul now serves on the board and can tell you more about current North Porch needs. Contact her at ejanopaul20@gmail.com.

Stewardship letters were mailed out earlier this week. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to the mission and ministries of St. Peter's for 2018 by offering a pledge commitment. The mailing included a pledge card. Your pledge allows our treasurer, Ray Rogers and the finance committee to create a budget for the vestry's consideration for 2018. The wardens and vestry ask that you return your pledge card as soon as you are able. All pledges of any amount are important. *God has given us our lives and our abilities. We are called to express that generosity to God through the gifts of our time, talent and treasure.*

Short stories of Faith & Listening for God: Rev. Chuck continues the "Faith in Fiction" series each Wednesday evening at 7:15. To participate in this small group discussion you do not have to have attended before. If you'd want a copy of this week's story to check it out, please let us know and we can send you a pdf the story. Then you can purchase the book: *Listening for God, Volume 4*. The book can be purchased through Amazon and via EV Janopaul you can get a St. Peter's Scrip to make that purchase that'll benefit the church. Contact Rev. Chuck at twopriestsatstp@yahoo.com.

Photos of the roofing project and its progress are on our church's Facebook page and you do NOT have to be on Facebook to view them! The link is on our website (www.stpetersmountainlakes.org) or search on Facebook for St. Peter's Mountain Lakes, NJ – Episcopal Church to upload the page. Or go here: <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersMountainLakesEpiscopal> and if you are on Facebook, please "Like" the page so you are up-to-date on events at St. Peter's and other topics of interest.

Porch Prayers are continuing at the Rectory on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. As the weather becomes cold or inclement, prayers will be held in the church's chapel. George Dredde leads these services of Morning Prayer each week.

St. Peter's is hosting a forum on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on *Mastering the Way to Peace and Happiness in Modern Times*. This presentation will be led by The Most Venerable Bambalapitiye Gnonoloka Thero, a Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka. A light supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. This event is free!

Please note that Buddhism and Christianity have much in common in the realms of ethical behavior, discipleship, compassion, materialism and the inner life. The teachings of Jesus have parallels with the teachings of Buddha like: Jesus: *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* Luke 6:31; Buddha: *“Consider others as yourself.”* Dhammapada 10:1. Jesus: *“Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”* Matthew 25:45; Buddha: *“If you do not tend to one another, then who is there to tend you? Whoever would tend me, he should tend the sick.”* Vinaya, Mahavagga 8:26.3. . The monk’s disciples in our area wrote about him: *His teachings are intended to overcome stress in modern times and problems in life and directed towards reaching lasting peace and happiness.* Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend. 973-334-4429 or stpeter2@optonline.net.

Coffee Hour “Now” can be figured out on-line or with a pen in the parish hall. The link to sign up electronically on Sign Up Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/y8cd9fx6>. You can contact the office or continue using the sign-up sheet in the parish hall. The ministry of fellowship and hospitality is an integral part of our parish. If you have not yet participated as a host, Directions and advice are available. Ask Sue in the office to send you a PDF of instructions. It’s easier than one may think or partner with another person. The next year’s (**2018**) Coffee Hour schedule on Sign up Genius will be available soon ... but with a new web address/link. It will also be posted in the parish hall.

As we navigate the process of transitioning to a new ministry in a new location, we want you to know we will be fully engaged as your Co-Rectors through January 7, 2018. You are always welcome to reach out to us anytime. We will always feel part of St. Peter’s family.

Peace and love to all,

Chuck+ & Adele+