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St. Peter's KeyNews!

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Grant Received by the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust: We are excited to announce that of the \$280,000 requested, St. Peter's has been awarded a grant of \$261,848 for the replacement of our slate roof! We have also previously been granted \$35,000 from the Diocese of Newark for this project. It is anticipated that the roofing work will begin in October. We have also received an anonymous gift of \$25,000 from a friend of St. Peter's with the stipulation that these funds be matched by parishioners and other donors. The roof replacement is our legacy to the generations to come as we continue to offer our ministries to the surrounding communities. St. Peters' Church has received God's abundant blessings throughout its 90 years. We ask you to be a part of God's work in our community and to express your gratitude for what God has done in our lives by contributing to the Slate Roof Fund. Checks should be made out to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with "roof fund" on the memo line. We are grateful to Bethany Russo for her leadership, determination and expertise in managing the entire application process.

Women's Retreat this Friday/Saturday will be local! We have made a change to our retreat plan for this weekend. Dinner will be at Fasil's in Boonton at 6:00 pm. on Friday. Please let Adele know if you plan to come so that reservations can be made. Fasil's is Turkish food, BYOB and is located at the Walmart Plaza. Saturday morning's gathering will be on the Rectory porch from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are asking everyone to bring a breakfast/brunch food to share. Adele will have coffee and juice. The theme for Saturday will be "Letting Go" as we use scripture, poetry and art to reflect on becoming who God already knows us to be. The retreat will be co-led by Darlene Hart and Rev. Adele. Come and join the conversation and fellowship!

Youth Mission in Roanoke: "The Road." Monday night, our youth and their advisors returned after an extended weekend of serving their neighbors in Virginia. Seven youth and young adults (Stephanie Muller, Genevieve O'Donnell, Charlotte O'Donnell, Jeremy Anderson, William Waldron, Emmet Waldron and Dominic Floreno) were accompanied by youth advisors, Clive Knowles, Marguerite Smith and Rev. Adele to serve on crews to provide needed repair for homes of residents in the Roanoke Valley area. Repairs included building handicapped ramps, painting porches, decks, interiors of homes, drywall patches, and many other types of repairs. There were 17 sites served by over 100 youth and adults. The weekend was framed by Luke 24 with the story of disciples who encountered the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, hence the theme of "The Road" where campers explored the ways that we see the presence of Jesus in our lives. Special thanks to Janet Waldron and Mary Lou Musciano for contributing significant funds for this youth mission trip and future youth activities! The youth are planning a trip to Six Flags later this summer. Thanks to all who prayed for and support the youth of St. Peter's!

The Caring Card Ministry meets Thursday (tomorrow) at 1:00 in the parish nursery. Help us send cards of encouragement and cheer to those near and far. All are welcome to join in.

Our new "Sign-up Genius" has been activated—an easy way to sign up to host Summertime Lemonade Fellowship and Coffee Hour during the program year. Use this short cut link to get to the site: <https://tinyurl.com/y8cd9fx6>. Lemonade Fellowship Hosts are needed for next Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 3. Please sign up on Sign-Up Genius, or on the paper sign-up sheet in the parish hall or call the office.

Outreach Ministry BBQ for MHA Social Club is Aug. 1 at the Tourne (Set-up at 5:00 and dinner 6:30 p.m). The Social Club is an opportunity for clients served by the Mental Health Association of Morris County for some fun, conversation and food with members of St. Peter's. Each summer, one of the "dinners" that St. Peter's hosts is held at the Tourne. This year, it will be a large group—around 50. We need help in providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, baked beans, watermelon, cookies, Cracker Jacks, etc. as well as people to help serve. To find out more about how you can help, email Don MacGowan at dmacgowan@verizon.net.

Rev. Chuck is attending a week-long retreat/conference for clergy at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Maryland which began yesterday. He will return on Tuesday evening. The conference entitled, "Going Deeper," is a reference to deepening one's relationship with God. The work of this conference, offered by the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, will require continued reading and journaling by the participants, concluding in August of 2018 with another residency week.

Summer offers time for renewal of body and spirit. As we enjoy time away with friends and family, the beautiful weather, we invite you to also take some time to *refresh your spirit* through prayer and worship. Each Friday at 8:00 a.m. at the Rectory, join us for "Porch Prayers," for 30 minutes of peace, prayers and coffee. Sunday worship continues at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Front Porch Theology, a salad supper gathering for adults on the Rectory front porch will return this summer during August. This is a "Salad Potluck" where we will ask everyone to bring salads to share or veggies & other additions to the big bowl of greens. Afterward there will be a short discussion or other presentation. Dates for this event will be August 3 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rectory.

Blessings all,

Adele+ and Chuck+