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## St. Peter's KeyNews!

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**The Road to Roanoke with the YACs:** Our youth and their leaders will be leaving next week for a long weekend of helping families in the Roanoke, VA area spruce up their homes. We will happily receive any supplies that you might offer such as: plastic drop cloths, industrial paper towels, work gloves, new paint rollers and extra covers, new paint brushes of all sizes, paint trays, small paint containers, masks, painter's tape. We will be leaving on the morning of July 6 and returning on the night of July 10. All those going on the trip will meet tonight at the rectory for a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. The youth will be accompanied by their advisors, Clive Knowles, Marguerite Smith and Rev. Adele. We ask for your prayers as we go to do God's work in Roanoke!

**For a quiet beginning to your day, join us every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. for Porch Prayers!** George Dredde will be leading these weekly services of Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer* each week. We meet on the Rectory front porch for prayers and coffee. All are welcome!

**The Caring Card Ministry's next gathering is July 13 at 1:00 p.m.** This ministry is open to all who are interested in this part of St. Peter's Church's pastoral care. We send cards of encouragement and cheer as well as participating in a short prayer service on behalf of those on our parish prayer list. This group meets in the parish nursery.

**A new Stewardship Ministry Team is being developed.** Stewardship is about discerning what God calls us to do in our ministries and what how we might secure the revenue to do them. For those who want to be part of this developing ministry, contact Jen L'Estrange or Don MacGowan. There is an organizational meeting this Friday.

**Reflections on the past year from our Senior Warden:** Two weeks ago when the St. Peter's Vestry met, we heard an update of our finances thus far in 2017. It was a good report. Our cash position is decent, pledges are more-or-less on track, there have been no unexpected expenses, and we've gotten some things done (like removing two big trees).

During the Vestry meeting we reminisced briefly about our situation at this time last year -- as we realized what we faced with the Academy for Children, the fire alarm system, check-off lists, the NJ Dept. of Youth & Family Services, and so on. In retrospect there was a very fine St. Peter's-type effort by everyone involved. A year later we're in decent financial shape, the Academy for Children is completing a successful season, and the fire alarm system is in place (and happily it hasn't been needed).

We've said many "thank-yous" along the way, so it's not necessary to do that again. But each of us can spend a quiet moment thinking back over the accomplishments of the past year. And we can be proud of the teamwork that made it possible. --- Don MacGowan

**Due to the holiday next week,** the office will be open only on Wednesday, July 5 and Thursday, July 6. The next edition of *St. Peter's KeyNews* will be on July 12.

**From our Prayerbook, The Collect for Independence Day, July 4:** *Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**Blessings,  
Adele+ and Chuck+**