

ST. PETER'S UMC

CONNECTION

CONNECTING THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE



ST. PETER'S FAMILY TABLE

Wednesday's Menu

Featured Meal: BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Roll, and Peach Cobbler
 Vegetarian Entree: Meatless Meatballs
 Kids Meal: Hot Dog, Chips, and Mandarin Oranges



St. Peter's opens it's table and you are invited to join us for dinner every Wednesday night. Pastor Parker extends an invitation to everyone and talks to us a little more in detail on the next page about St. Peter's Family Table.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Stephen Ministry will celebrate their 25th anniversary at St. Peter's on Sunday, September 15.

Discover how this ministry has been changing lives here at St. Peter's and in the Katy/Fulshear area over the last 25 years.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. PETER'S

It has been a little over a year since I was appointed to St. Peter's UMC.

Since my first weeks here, I've noticed that we love to gather as a church family. I've been invited to crawfish boils, cookouts, fun days at parks, sporting events, lunches, coffees, baseball games, and even breweries!

I'm reminded of Paul's letter to the Galatians, when he encourages believers, "For freedom you have been set free." He goes on to clarify, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another." There is something so special about these events, when we meet to celebrate freedom in Christ and fellowship with one another.

When we gather together, we are creating opportunities to not just learn new names and stories, but we are setting the framework for relationships marked by mutual love and deep respect.

If you've been around St. Peter's on Sundays in any of our venues, you've seen the way these relationships grow through times of worship, prayer, and Communion. I want to tell you about another weekly opportunity to break bread together.

Starting September 11, come and join us on Wednesdays at the St. Peter's Family Table in Lott Hall. This is a full meal prepared at the church, and more importantly, a weekly chance to gather as a family of faith. This is not a potluck, so plan to bring a friend, not a side dish!

Come and be a part of the blessing as we enjoy dinner in Lott Hall from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m., then check out seasonal studies for adults and age-level programs for children and students around the Kingsland Campus.

The cost for dinner is \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids, when you register online. If you forget to sign up ahead of time, no worries! Registration at the door is \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids. You can browse the menu and register online by looking on our [website](#).

If you are interested in serving with the setup, cooking, or clean-up teams, or if you have any questions, please email [Elizabeth Bucher](#).

We hope to see you at the Table!



Parker Zimmerman,
Pastor to The Element

Pastor Parker

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH

September 15 will be an extraordinary day in the life of St. Peter's as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Stephen Ministry at our church and the first Stephen Ministry in Katy. This program is unique as it trains laypeople to minister to other laypeople in order to offer help to those who are going through difficult situations.

During the last 25 years, 153 laypeople from St. Peter's have each gone through 50 hours of training to become Stephen Ministers. Throughout that time, our caregivers have ministered to several hundred people. Over the years, on average, our Stephen Ministers have ministered to 50% St. Peter's members and 50 % non-members.



Stephen Ministers meet twice a month to continue their education and support each other.

"For the last 25 years, Stephen Ministry has been making a huge difference in the life of those within and outside the St. Peter's community. By offering spiritually based guidance, Stephen Ministers offer men and women supportive partners who listen, pray, and encourage, in order to help them as they navigate the hardships of this life," said Whitney Peper, Pastor of Care Ministry.

"Through the years that Stephen Ministry has been active at St. Peter's, we have seen God work mightily through people both giving and seeking the relationships that offer so much."

Ken and Mary Knowlton brought Stephen Ministry to St. Peter's in 1993, and little did they know the huge impact this ministry would make in our community. In the last 25 years, our Stephen Ministry group has sent 23 people to Leader's Training Courses to be equipped as Stephen Leaders. These Stephen Leaders have recruited, selected, trained, commissioned, and supervised 153 Stephen Ministers who have cared for countless people in our congregation and beyond.



On March 17 St. Peter's commissioned its newest class.

Stephen Ministers take their call very serious as they see this ministry as an opportunity to be of service to those who need it the most. For some, it is an opportunity use their God given gifts and abilities to further the Kingdom of God.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Our calling is to understand and use those gifts to further the kingdom of God," said Nancy

Taylor, Stephen Minister at St. Peter's. "As a Stephen Minister you will receive 50 hours of training to prepare you for your role and you will be part of a larger supervision group that can help your care for others. You will be richly rewarded through this service to others."

Stephen Ministries

In times of trouble, we look for friends to listen to us while we work through our feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or to someone you know. Stephen Ministers are committed to providing Christian care for others going through a difficult time. If you or someone you know could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. [Whitney Peper](#) at 281-492-8031.

Get Connected

There is a free app that will make it easier to connect with St. Peter's through your mobile devices. The ACS Church Life app allows you to access the information in the member database found on our website. You can search through our member directory, register for events, check the church calendar, and give online. Once you have downloaded the app, use the same log-in information that you use on our member database. If you have questions or don't have a user name and password, contact [Ashley Eidson](#).

SUNDAY'S INFORMATION

Rooted in Christ Sermon Series

This Sunday we begin our new sermon series, Rooted in Christ. The theme is derived from Psalm 1:3, which describes one who meditates on the word of God as being like "trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season." This sermon series will reflect our upcoming capital campaign which will enable us to build our West Campus building. The campaign can be imagined as planting trees whose shade future generations will enjoy.

We will cover these topics during the four weeks of this sermon; Vision, Spiritual Discernment, Sacrificial Giving, and Bearing Fruit. We hope you will join us.

Title: Rooted in Christ: Vision **Scripture:** Daniel 4:1-12

Preaching Lineup:
 Traditional Service: Dr. Pat Sparks
 The Element: Rev. Parker Zimmerman
 West Campus: Rev. Alex Zeisig
 Courage: Rev. Whitney Peper

CHURCH BUDGET

OPERATING BUDGET
 Projected Giving for 2019
 \$3,190,000
 Actual Giving through July 2019
 \$2,004,529
 Expenses through July 2019
 \$1,633,203
 2019 Apportionments
 Paid \$13,110 of \$295,713

RE/MEMBER CAMPAIGN
 Starting Loan Balances
 \$4,322,712
 Loan Balance at the End of July 2019
 \$2,481,876
 Remaining Pledge Balance at the
 End of July 2019
 \$496,021
 Remaining Opportunity to Give
 \$1,985,855

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

August 25		September 1	
Traditional Worship		Traditional Worship	
8:30	174	8:30	139
9:45	196	9:45	156
11:00	339	11:00	278
The Element		The Element	
9:45	204	9:45	92
11:00	89	11:00	88
SPLASH	45	SPLASH	39
Splish Splash	26	Splish Splash	21
West Campus	155	West Campus	108
West Campus Students/Kids	57	West Campus Students/Kids	24
Courage	20	Courage	18
TOTAL	1,305	TOTAL	963

LISTEN TO LAST WEEK'S SERMON

Don't ever miss a sermon again! If you were unable to join us on Sunday, or want to listen to a sermon from another venue, you can visit stpkaty.org/sermons and find every sermon preached at The Traditional Service, The Element, and West Campus.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Daily Bible Reading

September 9-15

Monday: Luke 13:1-17, **Tuesday:** Luke 13:18-75, **Wednesday:** Psalm 15,
Thursday: Psalm 37, **Friday:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-17,
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, **Sunday:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

September 16-22

Monday: James 1:1-27, **Tuesday:** James 2:1-26,
Wednesday: James 3:1-18, **Thursday:** James 4:1-17,
Friday: James 5:1-20, **Saturday:** Psalm 119:1-24, **Sunday:** Psalm 119:25-48

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYERS

Evelyn Asher, Marci Barnes, Les Barlett, Pam Bergman, Pat Bourgeois, Dennis Bowling, Jeri Brock, Jim Brock, Sharon Brown, Nancy Calderone, Deysy Castillo, Tera Christian, Helen Cooper, Jack DeWees, Janice Dewitz, Loretta Dienst, Roger Eaton, Mitchell Eck, Karl & Debbi Emery, Becky Flanigan, Jim Ficalora, Pamela Hoelscher, Carrie Fisher Horgan, Judy Gosnell, Art Henderson, Nancy Holden, Marilyn Joyner, Mary & Bill Jones, Oscar Jones, Cheryl Kelly, Lu Lane, Betty Langley, Carol Laufenberg, Billie Lewis, Ralph Lovell, Ruben Malina, Patty & Vince McDermott, Phyllis Mooney, Grace Mosby, Maybelle Mullen, Joy Nall, Thelma Neufeld, Kimberly O'Farriell, Andrea Ormond, Patty Pierce, Doug Potter, Kathy Powell, James Plummer, Judy Scarce, Mike Shushtari, Jan Sidle, Georgiana Simmons, Janice Webb Skillman, Leslie Smuts, Barbara Spain, Emma Stoddard, Barbara Thoen, Debbie & Vern Vespa, Ruth Wade, Kate Wagner, Bill & Vivienne Wardle, Merle Williams, Michaela Williams, Gladys Wilson, Ann Wimans, Frank Womack, Bill Wright, & Carol & Rex Zerger.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jake Armijo, Clayton Barnes, Tim and Alison Batig, John Belsha, John Buck, Jonathan Burdette, Sterling Burdette, Daniel Clarke, Skyler Cook, Austin Foster, Westley Freeze, Tyler J. Gorcie, Dylan Greismeyer, Stinson Hamilton, Stephen Travis Harding, Anthony Harris, Adam Higdon, Tyler Konrad, Mike Linn, Matthew Moses, Blake Nunes, Cameron Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Tyler O'Quinn, Melissa Ouellette, Kenneth Perry, Matthew Platz, Noah Platz, Shawn Platz, Kevin Quentin, Hamilton Rencurrel, Jack Ritchie, Don Rolleg, Ben Saunders, Jacob Shinkle, Theo Speas, Jason Steele, Kyle Taylor, Jacob Wilke, and Jasen Wilson.

JOY

To Alex and Amy Hunt on the birth of their son, Charles Christopher Hunt.

SYMPATHY

To Amy Flowers on the death of her mother.

To Carlos and Griseida Garcia on the death of his mother.

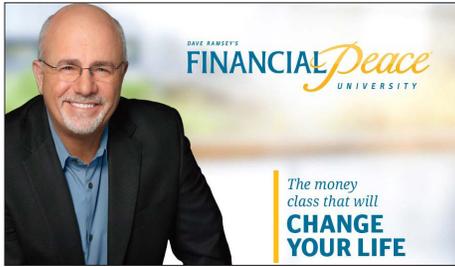
To Michael Girior on the death of his grandmother.

To Tom Matkin and family on the death of their mother, Carol Matkin.

To Kathy Perry on the death of her father.

HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S

Financial Peace University



If you are trying to pay down debt, create and follow a family budget, or you are interested in learning how to faithfully manage your finances, register for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Classes start September 11, and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Cost of the program is \$99. Childcare provided. This class runs through mid-November. Register [here](#).

Prayer Quilt Ministry

You are invited to join the Prayer Quilt Ministry Wednesday, September 11 in E221 from 9 a.m. to noon. This ministry has created more than 1,000 quilts to give to those needing comfort during an illness or after a loss.

After each quilt is completed, the group prays over it for the recipient. Quilting experience is not required, and there are tasks that don't involve sewing. For more information, contact Tereasa Reimer at 281-492-8031.

Phone Calls Shine Light into Darkness

The St. Peter's Rescue Houston Phone Bank Ministry will hold its regular monthly women-to-women's outreach ministry to victims of human trafficking beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept 11 in room E225. Please bring a laptop and/or cell phone. One-on-one onsite training is provided. For more information contact [Shelley Eastland](#).

United Methodist Women



UMW met on August 21 to put together 2019 "Hands On" UMCOR health kits. They had enough donated items to make about 20 kits.

The September kick-off meeting was held on Wednesday, September 4. A representative from Hope Impact spoke about the organization and their mission.

There will be an informal get-together on Wednesday, September 18 at 10 a.m. to bag beans for Pick-a-Dilly with a potluck salad luncheon following. This is a fun event and is a good chance for newcomers to meet the group and see what we are all about and to share in some great food.

For more information, please contact [Linda Elms](#).

Open Hearts Support Group

Open Hearts is a support group for families and friends of LGBTQ persons. They offer a safe and affirming setting for those who desire understanding, education, and support. They welcome anyone to be a part of this group, whether you need support or can provide support. Open Hearts meets the third Thursday of the month. Their next meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in E225. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Elaine Saunders](#).

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. PETER'S

Join us every Wednesday evening as we grow together as a community through Bible studies and fellowship. Check out the list below for a study or group that interests you. For more information and to register, visit stpkaty.org.

Childcare is available, with age-appropriate programming, for infants through 2nd grade whose parents are involved in a class or study.

GROUP	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday Nights Kids	6 p.m.	Splash Theatre
Rooted (6th-12th grade)	6 p.m.	Wesley Student Center
KIDS JAM	6:30 p.m.	E221 & E222
Disciple 1	6:30 p.m.	E106
Wednesday Night Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	S205
No Labels, Just Faith	7:15 p.m.	Off Campus

STARTING THIS UPCOMING WEDNESDAY

GROUP	TIME	LOCATION
St. Peter's Family Table	5:15 p.m.	Lott Hall
Financial Peace University	6:30 p.m.	Asbury East
Parenting with Love & Logic	6:30 p.m.	Asbury West
Comparative Religion	6:30 p.m.	S209
The Gospel of Mark	6:30 p.m.	S225

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For others, it is an opportunity to grow and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are going through a difficult time.

"Becoming a Stephen Ministry has really changed my life. I have grown spiritually, realized there are many things that can cause someone to go through a tough time, learned that people need to talk about their feelings and that God does not want people to walk through tough times by themselves," said Clifford Johnson, Stephen Minister at St. Peter's. "I have many memories about being a Stephen Minister, but the most gratifying is hearing the Holy Spirit talk to me so I can say words to my Care Receiver that helps them get through a tough time."

The effort our Stephen Ministers have poured into this ministry has not gone unnoticed and has earned the admiration of Dr. Kenneth Haugk, founder of Stephen Ministries, who sees our ministry as a blessing to our community.

"What a gift St. Peter's has been to the Katy community. It's great to see how your Stephen Ministry has offered much-needed care to both members and non-members for the past 25 years. I pray it continues for many years to come," said Dr. Haugk.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship

9:45
The Element
Contemporary Worship

Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m.
St. Peter's West Campus
at Cinco Ranch High School

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m.
The Element
Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m.
Korean Worship Service

SPLASH Children's Worship

Sunday School for Adults

5:00 p.m.
Courage Worship for All

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ST. PETER'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8

12:30 p.m. Grow Group Leader Training Asbury

Monday, September 9

9:15 a.m. As You Walk S101
9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study E225
9:30 a.m. One A Chord Asbury

Tuesday, September 10

9:30 a.m. Grace Notes E106
12:30 p.m. Better Bodies The Quad

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Prayer Quilt Ministry E221/E222
9:30 a.m. Rescue Houston Phone Bank E225
5:30 p.m. St. Peter's Family Table Lott Hall

Thursday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bridge E106
12:30 p.m. Better Bodies The Quad

A detailed calendar of St. Peter's events is available on our website.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.

Whataburger

23540 Westheimer

Join us!

