
The Wave - AUGUST 2015

St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal - Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

*FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

GENERAL CONVENTION WRAP-UP – LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, & CHANGE THE WORLD!

Every 3 years, the Episcopal Church gathers in a “General Convention” to deliberate and discern God’s will for the Church in this time and place. Each Diocese elects representatives, both clergy and lay, to the House of Deputies. The other House is made up of the Bishops who serve the Church. This year’s General Convention was held in Salt Lake City from June 25 – July 3.

Perhaps the most major outcome of this 78th General Convention was the election of a new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry. Bishop Curry is currently the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina and is the first African American Presiding Bishop the Episcopal Church has elected. He also was elected on the first ballot (quite a feat indeed!) from a slate of 3 other nominees which included The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, formerly of the Diocese of Massachusetts and currently the Bishop of Connecticut. I have had the privilege of hearing Bp. Curry preach during two Lenten Preaching Series several years ago and he is a dynamic evangelist. He speaks with power, with courage, and with great faith! His sermon at the end of General Convention was 25 minutes long but incredibly spellbinding. You can watch it and read it at <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/07/03/video-presiding-bishop-elect-michael-curry-preaches-at-general-convention-closing-eucharist/> He closed with a mission for all of us – part of the mission statement that the Diocese of Ohio has adopted: LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, AND CHANGE THE WORLD!

Another major event during General Convention followed on the heels of the June 26 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage for all Americans. In turn, General Convention approved canonical and liturgical changes to provide marriage rites that can be used by both same sex or opposite sex couples.

There were also steps toward revising our 1979 Book of Common Prayer and 1982 Hymnal. The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music was directed to prepare plans for revising each of these and to present them to the next General Convention in Austin, Texas in 2018. This does not mean that there will be a new prayer book or a new hymnal approved in 2018; it only means that plans for revision will be presented then.

In the wake of admitted alcohol abuse among some clergy and bishops (most recently involving The Rt. Rev. Heather Cook, Suffragan Bishop of Maryland), General Convention passed 3 resolutions on the issues of alcohol and drug abuse.

A group of Bishops United Against Gun Violence led a procession joined by about 1500 General Convention participants. Members of Utah anti-gun violence groups and civil rights organizations joined in.

Other resolutions and conversations centered around greater solidarity for persecuted Christians in Pakistan, Syria, Liberia, South Sudan and Sudan and closer relations with the Episcopal Church of Cuba. There were also resolutions aimed at environmentally responsible investing and others calling for a focus on peacemaking and reconciliation in places of conflict and support for Christians in Israel and Israeli-occupied territories. I encourage you to check out the fuller descriptions of the actions taken at General Convention on the Episcopal News Service website – <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/>

When the Episcopal Church was founded after the break with England during the time of the Revolutionary War, it was purposely structured like the American government. The Presiding Bishop, like the President of the United States, does not have immense and sole power. General Convention functions like the Congress with its two houses and its need to get consents from both groups. Unlike Congress which does meet regularly throughout the year, General Convention only meets every 3 years. Thus, an Executive Council (which now includes our soon-to-be former Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary and also former Rector of Christ Church, Plymouth – The Rev. Mally Lloyd) meets and makes necessary decisions in the interim time between General Conventions.

You may delight greatly in some of these decisions from General Convention; others may have you “up in arms”; and some may not affect you one way or the other. And still others may leave you scratching your head in confusion or amazement. Such is the way of a democratic process! But in all our thoughts about General Convention and the Episcopal Church in general, I hope you will remember these words from Hymn 534 of our *1982 Hymnal*: “God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year; God is working His purpose out and the time is drawing near. Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be. . .when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.”

May it be so - Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!

With love and blessings to you all –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Nancy and Suzanne are “heading on down the road” to Weston Priory, to join women from St. Peter’s and St. Luke’s in Scituate, for their 3 day “Retreat.” Meanwhile, back at the barracks, Buddy and I are “head-down” slaving away on this article. Well, maybe not Bud. He’s prone on his bed behind my chair in the office, with one leg touching the floor, dreaming whatever he dreams about. He always sleeps with one leg touching the floor. Go figure! I know he’s dreaming because he’s “woofing” and his legs are moving. He never barks in real life, only in his dream state. Me? I’ve got a terminal case of writer’s block. My sermon for this Sunday seemed to write itself, but now the well is dry.

I think that the problem is that there is nothing uplifting in the news today at all. Nothing but fear in the media. You probably know that as well as I do. Sometimes it’s hard to “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life.”

But then, I'm reminded that there is what Paul Harvey called "the rest of the story." Here's just one tiny example:

Today my daughter sent me a picture taken when she was about 5. She has a short pixie haircut. Evidently she's just come home from a ballet class. She's standing on a footstool, dialing a phone number on the wall-mounted phone, and giving the camera a dazzling smile. She was beautiful!

Little things like that remind me that there is a great deal of beauty in God's creation too. It exists right in the midst of all the ugly, negative stuff. It's all around us if we care to look. Everyone and everything has a bit of the Creator in them. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. It is God's creation, God's world after all. How could it be otherwise?

So..... I just reached out and turned off CNN. I'm going to take Buddy for a walk. There's a nice on-shore breeze and the sun is setting. Perfect time for a walk. Doesn't the Book of Genesis say God was accustomed to walking in the Garden in the cool of the day. Maybe we'll see examples of His handiwork walking around out there too, or maybe just count the stars. When I get home I'm going to take another long look at that picture of my daughter.....and smile :-)

Deacon Bob Sherwood

PARISH PRAYER LIST UPDATE

A new Prayer list will begin on **August 2**. Please submit your prayer requests on the yellow forms in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering plate or bring them to the Church Office or you can email them to saintpeters@verizon.net

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - AUGUST 17

All women of the parish are invited to a luncheon at LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT (Cranberry Highway, East Wareham) on MONDAY, AUGUST 17, @ 12 noon. This will be a good chance in the midst of a busy summer to catch up and talk about fall plans. Please contact GEORGI FRAMPTON (508-8884976) and let her know if you can come!

PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 13 - SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, Ursula Cinelli has generously offered her yard as the site for our annual picnic. We look forward to gathering at Ursula's after the 10:00 a.m. service (held in the Church) for a time of wonderful food and fellowship. Be thinking about what you will bring! More information will be in the September newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RE-ORGANIZATION

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Don Smith has retired as the Pancake Breakfast lead pancake flipper and organizer. Several of the other men who have been instrumental in making Pancake Breakfast a success are also hanging up their aprons. Ken Lihzis will be taking on the role of Pancake Breakfast Man starting this fall. But we need YOU to help make this work. We will be having an organizational meeting on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 @ 9 AM** to help start the planning for the first fall Pancake Breakfast on October 4. If you are interested in continuing this wonderful fellowship time, please come and learn how you can help. Any questions, please contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453) or Rev. Sue.

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on July 20, 2015.

1. Our annual audit will take place the week of August 23 and will be conducted by Bruce Rockwell, Head of Stewardship for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts.
2. We have received a check for \$3000 from Mass Maritime Academy (MMA) for FY 2015 parking for their cadets and we are now waiting for the new 3 year parking/plowing contract to be signed for FY 2016-2018.
3. We have been doing very well with Waddle Books and they report that we are their top book bin pickup! We thank the Cotuit Library for their generous donation of left over books from their recent book sale, which filled our bin to a 3/4th capacity.
4. Great news! The Diocese is providing a winter storm reimbursement to parishes whose snow removal expenses went 15% above their budgeted allotment. They will reimburse up to \$500. We are qualified to receive that maximum cap.
5. Bakeless Cake Sale letters have been distributed and several donations have already been received!
6. We participated in a fair held at Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham and our proceeds were \$157. Thank you to Lynne Brune, Mary Tavares, and Diane Simski, our sales reps for the day.
7. More good news is that we have been selected once again to be part of the Bourne Historical Society Trolley Tour this year. The tour will be at St. Peter's on August 11 sometime between 11:00 and 12:00. We will do our usual historic presentation and will also sell our jams/jellies/relish. All are welcome to attend. **[See article below]**
8. At our annual meeting in January there were a number of folks who signed up to be part of the Archives Committee. Anyone else who may be interested in being part of this committee may still join. Please speak to Rev. Sue or one of the Vestry members/officers. There will be an Archives Training on September 12 (Sat.) from 9:30 to 1:00. The presentation will be given by Lynn Smith and another staff member from the Diocese. They will be looking at our storage closet with our old pictures/documents and providing training as to how and what we need to do to develop a formal system of preservation of our historic information **[See article below]**.

9. In the fall, Rev. Sue will again be providing a number of educational Bible Study Activities:
Our weekly morning Lectionary Bible Study will resume on Monday, 9/14 from 11:00-12:15.
A new Women of the Bible Study will begin with an organizational gathering on Monday, 9/14 at 12:30.
[See article below]
A fall evening 4 week Bible Study on the Parables will be on Thursday evenings 10/1-10/22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. **[See article below]**
10. Interesting statistics from Rev. Sue regarding her pastoral activities from 2010-2015, since she has been serving at St. Peter's Church: She has presided at 1. 23 Baptisms (another scheduled on 8/16 at the 10:00 service and one at the 8:00 on 11/1) 2. 16 folks have been confirmed/received 3. There have been 30 burials. A busy five years for our Rector!!!
11. Reminder that on August 1 (Sat.) at 10:00 we will have a final meeting to discuss our September Fall Fair. On August 2 we will post a donation sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to donate food or other items to help defray the cost of the Fair. Gift cards to any local grocery stores are always welcome!
12. Deacon Bob is working with the Chaplain at MMA to work out a fall schedule for the cadets. On August 23, he will lead a Protestant church service for the cadets at 9:00 at MMA. He will also be participating in the Amazing Grace Camp in August along with other volunteers from our congregation (including Karen McGuinness and Nancy and Jack Kennedy).
13. Vestry voted and approved going forward with the repair of our handicap ramp.
14. Lynne Brune facilitated a meeting on July 12 regarding our building needs, which was well attended. A list of repair needs for the church was developed. These needs will be reviewed and prioritized by the Vestry and attended to as our budget allows.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE - SAVE THE DATE

Are you interested in learning more about the women of the Bible?? Join with other women of the parish as we delve into the lives of some of the well known and not so well known women of our faith. We will begin with a gathering on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 12:30 PM**. Bring a bag lunch. We'll decide further meeting times as a group at that meeting, but this will definitely be a daytime Bible study designed for women who don't want to have to drive at night. We will be using a new book called **BIBLE WOMEN: ALL THEIR WORDS AND WHY THEY MATTER** (which features 88 women!). It is written by an Episcopal priest, The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman. It's published by Forward Movement (the same people who produce the meditation booklets available in the Parish Hall). If you are interested in purchasing the book or have any questions, contact Rev. Sue.

FALL EVENING BIBLE STUDY - THE PARABLES

Often during the summer (although not THIS summer), we get a number of Gospel parables as part of our Sunday scripture readings. These are stories Jesus tells to make larger points. Some of them are very famous – the parable of the Prodigal Son and the parable of the Good Samaritan, for example. Others are less well known. This

fall you will have an opportunity to dig deeper into these parables, known and unknown. This study will meet on Thursday nights **from OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 22 - from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Start thinking about whether you would like to be part of this group. Space is limited to 15 people and sign up will start on **August 23**. Cost of the book is \$16 (cash or check payable to The Rev. Sue Lederhouse). Any questions, contact Rev. Sue.

ARCHIVES TRAINING

Perhaps you are aware of the rich history that St. Peter's has from its early beginnings in 1938 to the trip of our building on a barge through the Canal in 1947 to our wonderful St. Peter in the boat that hangs above our front door. There's more history as well. Right now it's not very well organized but it certainly needs to be for all the future generations to come! Lynn Smith, Diocesan Archivist, will be coming to St. Peter's to help us sort out our various photographs and other documents and keep them preserved in the best manner. She will be offering a training session on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, from 9:30-1**. Some of you signed up to help with the Archives during the Annual Meeting but there may be others who are interested in helping as well. Please contact either Rev. Sue or Linda Masson (masson4@verizon.net / 508-743-5139) and let us know if you are interested in helping AND if you can come to this training session. Many thanks for helping us keep our history intact!

SOME HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE COUNTERS

And that's MONEY counters NOT kitchen counters!!

Every week on a rotating basis, 2 dedicated parishioners count the Sunday offerings. You can make their lives a lot easier if you will do these things:

1. If you are writing a check, please write your pledge # (envelope #) in the top middle part of your check. This greatly helps the counters make sure that your donation is credited to you.
2. Please DO NOT combine capital fund pledge offerings and regular pledge offerings or any other contributions in the same check. We want to make sure that your pledges are credited properly and it's not always easy to tell what amount is meant for what!
3. Please use your pledge envelopes to make your donations.

We appreciate all your offerings to St. Peter's and we want to make sure that you get credit for them in the proper way. Thank you so much for your help! Any questions, please contact Treasurer Charlotte Daigle (charlottelee_daigle@yahoo.com / 617-669-1051) or Assistant Treasurer Dianne Cartmill (Dianne.cartmill@gmail.com / 774-269-4348).

TROLLEY TOUR AT ST. PETER'S ON AUGUST 11

The Bourne Historical Society's Trolley Tour will again visit St. Peter's Church on **Tuesday, August 11**. The exact time has not been set but will probably be sometime between 11 and 12. We will provide our presentation about the history of St. Peter's, beginning with its sea voyage by barge from Hull, Massachusetts down the coast and up the Canal to Buzzards Bay! All are invited to be part of welcoming our visitors into the church.

OUR PARKING LOT AND OUR BOOK BIN

Our parking lot looks a lot more vacant than it did 2 months ago! The cadets from Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) have finished another year and their cars no longer grace our parking lot. We are an auxiliary parking lot for Mass Maritime students and as you may have noted, most of the cadets leave on the weekends so there's a lot of parking on Sunday mornings even though there's not as much during the week. We have a contract with MMA which provides for \$60/car up to a maximum of 50 cars to be paid to St. Peter's and MMA also does all the snow plowing during the winter. It's a great deal for St. Peter's in many ways. We were thrilled to receive a check for \$3000 recently from MMA.

Not only do the parking spaces bring us money but the outer edge of the parking lot does as well! Out on the front edge of our parking lot stands a book (and CD/DVD/VCR) donation bin. Waddle Books, a local company, owns the bin and collects the donations. And you may not know that St. Peter's receives .08/pound for all the materials that are placed in the bin!! So far this year, we have received over \$800 from Waddle Books! Recently, we have been the recipient of several large groups of donations from unsold materials from library book sales. Every little bit helps. Tell your friends and neighbors and spread the word!!

ANY TAKERS???

FREE to a good home but must be picked up in Falmouth: Nordic Track WalkFit Treadmill. Foot-powered (non-electric) with digital readout and arm-exerciser poles. In good condition. Floor mat and instruction booklet included. If interested, contact Rev. Sue for more information.

HEALING SERVICE

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. This service is usually held on the third Sunday of the month. This month, however, the healing service and laying on of hands will be held on the second Sunday: **Sunday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m.**

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will not meet during July and August, but may resume in the fall. Stay tuned!
Lynne A. Brune

INGATHERING FOR THE VILLAGE OF CATAUMET

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village of Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For**

the month of August, the M & Ms are collecting school supplies. These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Clothing in good condition is accepted every month.

Thank you to all parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

CHILI'S FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Don't forget the monthly fundraising event for Friendly Kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month at Chili's Restaurant in Wareham. Make sure to pick up a coupon (available in the Narthex and in Stephenson Hall), bring it to Chili's, and Friendly Kitchen will get 10% from your total restaurant bill. This month's date is **Wednesday, August 5th.**

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PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146, or Priscilla Ellis at 508-563-7786.

If you would like to join the Emergency Prayer Chain and commit to praying for those in need, please contact one of the individuals listed above and specify if you would like to receive information by email or by phone.

Individuals will remain on the Prayer Chain for 2 weeks unless updated. All requests will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on the Prayer Chain. Please let us know if you would also like to add the prayer request to the Sunday bulletin.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

If you ever feel uncomfortable about exchanging the peace because of illness, feel free to indicate that to those around you. It is perfectly acceptable to bump elbows or nod or bow if you don't feel you can shake hands or hug.

CAN WE E-MAIL YOU?

We make THE WAVE available electronically to anyone who would prefer to receive it via e-mail. This enables us to save money on both paper and postage. When you send your e-mail address, along with your name and mailing address (for clarification) to susanhebb@comcast.net, she will add your name to a list, and you will receive the next month's newsletter by that means; subsequently your name would be removed from the print mailing list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the August issue is Friday, **August 21st.** Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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1	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fall Fair Planning Meeting
5	Wednesday		Chili's Fundraiser for Friendly Kitchen
9	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
11	Tuesday		Trolley Tour
16	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Baptism
17	Monday	12 noon	Women's Luncheon at Lindseys Restaurant
17	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
21	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
23	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Organizational Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Sept 5	Fall Craft Fair	Sept 12	Archives Training
Sept 13	Picnic	Sept 26	Confirmation
Sept 26	Holiday Fair Planning Meeting	Oct 3	Fall Resource Day
Oct 10	Yard Sale	Oct 10	Blessing of the Animals
Nov 7	Christmas Fair	Nov 13-14	Diocesan Convention

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choir Rehearsal [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study [RESUMES IN THE FALL] Friendly Kitchen AA (Men's Closed Meeting)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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