

The Wave - JANUARY 2018

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

In my sermon on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 service, I talked about the many reasons we come to church on Christmas. I talked about our need to see **LIGHT** in our darkened lives and in our darkened world – to remember that the light of Christ can and does shine. And we come to church to see that light.

Perhaps we also come to recapture a sense of the **JOY** that we may have lost over the years – the unspeakable joy that Christmas can bring.

And maybe we come to **HOPE** – to hope that all that we have faced this year – all those burdens upon our shoulders will be eased in the year to come. That Christmas will make a difference this year.

And maybe we also come to **REMEMBER**. To remember past Christmases, to remember family, to remember who we are, to put our lives back together again with those memories. To remember a time in our life when things seemed much simpler.

And perhaps we come to be in **COMMUNITY**. To worship together, to add the light of our candle to the other candles lit throughout the church and to be part of something greater than ourselves.

Many come for the **MUSIC** – both the familiar words and sounds of the carols and the great music of the choir and the organ and other instruments. To be surrounded by all those sounds and words with their power to move and inspire us.

But we also may come to get our **MARCHING ORDERS** to start the work of Christmas in this new year ahead. As the writer and theologian Howard Thurman reminds us, the work of Christmas is: “To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, and to make music in the heart.”

So in this month of January and in this year 2018 – what is the work of Christmas that you are called to do to help this sometimes dark and broken world we live in? How is that you are to take Christmas into this year ahead?

Questions to ponder as we begin this New Year. . .

Blessings in these days ahead –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Looking ahead to the New Year. All is as it should be here in Falmouth. Fresh snow on the ground. Very cold! Brrr! My faithful Squire (Buddy) seems invigorated by it. He was immediately out powering through it as soon as it fell. Can't keep him indoors now. He exults in the snow and cold, as if he were saying, "Yess!! I was made for this kind of weather! After enduring the heat in my thick fur coat all summer, I'm entitled to this."

In the larger world "over the bridge," world leaders continue to do whatever it is that world leaders do. The news media reports it to us folks here on "The Island" 24/7. Too much of it is bad. How did we ever manage when we only got the news once a day in a newspaper with a cup of coffee and a Dunkin' Donut?

A long-time friend tells me that now he turns the sound off and only occasionally glances at the headlines, just in case something important has happened. Says he's much happier. Maybe I'll give that a try.

Let's hope that 2018 is a better year than 2017 has been, for the sake of our family, friends (don't forget Buddy!), our country and the world (Oh yes, and for us too!). It might be too much to hope that "little old you and me" can have a direct impact on national affairs, but we can change things right here where we live.

We can do that by doing a better job of living according to the example Jesus set us, by committing "senseless acts of kindness" that make a difference in the lives of those around us. We can work to be better stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us for use in the service of others. We can take better care of the corner of the world we live in. It's sort of like throwing pebbles in a pond. The little pebble we throw in is insignificant, but the ripples spread out a long way.

Hold onto that thought in the New Year. By the Grace of God, all will come round right. In the words of Julian of Norwich from "**Revelations of Divine Love:**"

"And all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well."

I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Deacon Bob

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, December 18.

1. We are very excited to have gotten a \$3000 unrestricted donation!
2. We have purchased a snow blower that Frank Walker can use on the days that he is at St. Peter's. The snow blower is battery operated making it safe to store inside the church building.
3. We are very happy to report that Dillon McGuinness will be doing our snow shoveling /salting this winter.
4. The Epiphany Service/Party will be on **January 5** beginning at **5:30 p.m.** A short service with our

Three Wise Men, will be followed by an Italian feast organized by Lisa Platanitis and Melissa Scannell. A big thank you, ladies, from the Wardens who especially appreciate your stepping forward to organize this event. **(see article in this edition of the WAVE.)**

5. We are expecting to have two more baptisms during the Epiphany season. More information to come.

6. Thank you to Donovin Tavares for his great presentation of his experiences at the Barbara C. Harris Camp (BCHC) on December 3rd at the 10:00 service. We received a loose plate donation of \$189 plus toward our BCHC scholarship income line.

7. Larry Higgins and Len Hathon will be attending the Safety & Security Workshop for churches on January 11 in Taunton.

8. Our Annual Meeting will be held on **January 28**, with one church service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a pot luck brunch. Vestry voted the Annual Meeting Warrant and approved the slate of nominations presented by the Nominating Committee **(see article in this edition of the WAVE.)**

9. The new Book Group is doing well and has grown to 9 ladies. The book next month will be by Barbara Struna, a Cape Cod author of mystery books; "The Old Cape House" is a book of historic fiction.

The group will meet again on **Friday, January 19 from 10:00-11:30** at the home of Linda Masson, 10 Tacy Avenue, Buzzards Bay. All are welcome to join us.

10. The Vestry reviewed the draft of the 2018 budget. The final vote to approve the budget will be at **the next Vestry meeting on January 15, 2018.**

11. We received a check from the Compassionate Friends for \$150.00 for the use of our building for their Candlelighting Service on December 10.

12. Priscilla Ellis reported that the Christmas gift card donations for Village at Cataumet were a huge success. The church donated approximately \$1,000 In gift cards!!! Thank you to all for your generosity.

13. A special thank you to Marie Whitcomb and Diane Simski, on their recent retirement, for their ten years of service to our Friendly Kitchen program! Both received a card of thanks from the Vestry and one signed by the guests. In addition, they were each presented with a beautiful poinsettia plant. The Taylor family team will continue cooking for Friendly Kitchen as will the St. Margaret's team on holiday Mondays. In addition, we are happy to have three new teams to serve at Friendly Kitchen starting in January and encourage anyone who would like to be part of these teams to talk to Rev. Sue.

14. A reminder, if you haven't had a chance with the busyness of the holiday rush: **please return your 2018 pledge cards.** Vestry has been working very hard trying to prepare a budget to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. Your pledge is of major importance in trying to get as close to a balanced budget as possible. Thank you as usual for your stewardship and support.

The Vestry wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!!

We are looking forward to serving you in 2018, and have faith that we will have another fabulous year for St. Peter's because, "Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!!!!

Linda Masson, your Senior Warden

EPIPHANY SERVICE AND DINNER - JANUARY 5 - 5:30 P.M.

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the major feast days in the Church Year. Most of us probably know it best as the time we celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Men. **This year we will celebrate the Eve of the Epiphany on January 5** with a short service with music and an Italian feast following. And YES – of course we will be singing “We Three Kings” and “The First Noel!” **The service starts at 5:30 p.m.** Then we join together in a wonderful feast after the service. Come and celebrate the beginning of this season of Light as we remember the spread of the Gospel to people throughout the world!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JANUARY 7 - 9 A.M.

We look forward to our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast **on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee, all served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team. **Please also take note of those glass jars in the middle of each table – they are meant for your donations to help make these breakfasts possible. We appreciate your generosity!**

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 8 & 29 - 12:30 P.M.

On January 8, we will look at the one who started it all – **Eve!** On January 29, we will look at one of King Solomon’s famous moments as we study the **Real Mother and the False Mother** and their stories in the First Book of the Kings. No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don’t have one, we can provide one for you. **The group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m.** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MEETING - JANUARY 8 - 3:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group is **MONDAY, JANUARY 8 at 3:30 p.m.** The group continues to discuss ways that St. Peter’s can be helpful to those who have addiction issues and their families. All are welcome to come and share in the discussion. Plans are in the works to host a fundraising spaghetti supper with proceeds to go to the Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition.

HEALING SERVICE - JANUARY 14 - 9 A.M.

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 normally held on the third Sunday of the month, but will be changed this month to the second Sunday, which will be **Sunday, January 14, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - JANUARY 20 - 8:00 A.M.

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 20**, at Leo's Restaurant, 249 Main Street, Buzzards Bay, for a time of food and fellowship. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. Contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453) for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 28

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28**. There will be **one** service at **9 a.m.**, followed by a potluck brunch, and then the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, new officers and parish leaders will be elected (see the list of nominees below.) Reports from parish organizations and committees will be received and the 2018 proposed parish budget will be reviewed. This is the most important meeting of the year for the Parish. Please make every effort to attend and **bring your favorite dish for the potluck.**

Deadline for submission of reports for the Annual Report Booklet is JANUARY 15. Please submit them in electronic form to susanhebb@comcast.net or in printed form to the Church Office.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee (Lynne Brune, Emily Johnson, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Linda Masson, Patti Metcalf, and Merry Smythe) present the following slate of nominations for Parish Offices for 2018:

OFFICERS

SENIOR WARDEN	(1 year term)	Linda Masson
JUNIOR WARDEN	(1 year term)	Lynne Brune
CLERK	(1 year term)	Robin Higgins
TREASURER	(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill
ASST. TREASURER	(1 year term)	Priscilla Ellis

VESTRY

Term ending 2020 (replacing Kathy Finnegan) Patti Metcalf

Term ending 2021 Donna Beers
Celeste Hankey

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

(1 year term) Ken Lihzis
Merry Smythe

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES

(1 year term) Dianne Cartmill
John Powers

DEANERY DELEGATES

(1 year term) Jane Goershel
Nancy Guimond
Caroline Stone

DEANERY ALTERNATE

(1 year term) Chuck Conway

“LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION” - DID YOU KNOW?

You have probably heard in the news recently that Pope Francis is considering altering the translation of the line in The Lord’s Prayer which reads, “Lead us not into temptation.” This prayer taught by Jesus is often viewed in the catechism of the Roman Catholic Church as the summary of the whole Gospel. Pope Francis stated, “It’s Satan who leads us into temptation - that’s his department. I am the one who falls, it’s not Him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen. A father doesn’t do that; a father helps you to get up immediately.” The Catholic Church in France has already changed the French equivalent to “Do not let us enter into temptation”. The Spanish have also switched to “Don’t let us fall into temptation.” The root of the problem is in the poor translation of the original Greek word “eisenenkes”. The Greek verb, “eisfero,” means “take inside,” and the form used in the prayer, “eisenenkes,” literally means “don’t take us inside.” Thus, the Pope states he is not trying to change Jesus’ words, he just wants to give them a better translation.

Did you know, however, that the question of the wording of The Lord’s Prayer is not new but has been around for a very long time? In fact, did you know that Benjamin Franklin was a proponent of changing the words of this prayer? He not only had serious questions about the wording of The Lord’s Prayer, he actually rendered his own revision of the prayer. Franklin’s translation was as follows:

“Heavenly Father, may all revere thee, and become thy dutiful children and faithful subjects. May thy laws be obeyed on Earth as perfectly as they are in Heaven. Provide for us this day as thou has hitherto daily done. Forgive us our trespasses, and enable us likewise to forgive those that offend us. Keep us out of temptation, and deliver us from evil.”

Franklin glossed his revision with arguments literary, historical and theological. "Heavenly Father" replaced "Our Father which art in heaven" because the former was "more concise, equally expressive, and better modern English." "Lead us not into temptation" gave way to "Keep us out of temptation" because the former reflected an outdated view of the relationship of God to man. "The Jews had a notion that God sometimes tempted, or directed or permitted the tempting of people. Thus, it was said He tempted Pharoah, directed Satan to tempt Job, and sent a false prophet to tempt Ahab. Under this persuasion, it was natural for them to pray that He would not put them to such severe trials. We now suppose that temptation, so far as it is supernatural, comes from the Devil only." To blame God for temptation was unworthy of Him.

And now you have the rest of the story.....

Information obtained from *The Los Angeles Times* and the book, "The First American" by H.W. Brands.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of January, we are collecting cleaning supplies.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's 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.

WOODEN REPLICAS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SALE

Small wooden replicas of St. Peter's Church are available for purchase. The price is \$15.00 each. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's or pay in cash. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (508-759-5641).

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Then our Building Manager, Frank Walker, can take care of it. Thanks for your help!

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

Have you signed up in the Narthex to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

BOOK BIN AVAILABLE

Don't forget our book bin when you're clearing your shelves! Bring in your books, DVDs, CDs, records, and video games and see them provide additional funds for St. Peter's! We receive 3c/pound for all the acceptable materials deposited in the bin. **No encyclopedias, magazines, Readers Digest condensed books, newspapers, VHS tapes or audio cassettes, board games and toys, or anything wet and moldy.** Thanks for your donations and tell your friends and neighbors!

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.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (January 17), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC.: Meets on the second Wednesday of each month (January 10), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis.

WOMEN'S RECOVERY GROUP: For any woman needing help with addiction to alcohol or drugs: Meets weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay.

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 **February** issue is Friday, **January 19**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

JANUARY 2018

1	Monday		NEW YEARS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED NO FRIENDLY KITCHEN NO BIBLE STUDY
5	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Epiphany Service and Dinner
7	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
8	Monday	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study Substance Abuse Prevention Group
14	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
15	Monday	7:00 p.m.	REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL REPORT Vestry
19	Friday	10:00 a.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Book Group @ Linda Masson’s house
20	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Gathering
21	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Deanery at St. Peter’s/Osterville
28	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – ONE SERVICE followed by Potluck Brunch and ANNUAL MEETING
29	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Upcoming Dates

February 13	Shrove Tuesday	February 14	Ash Wednesday
March 25	Palm Sunday	March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter	April 28	Diocesan Altar Guild
May 20	Pentecost	May 27	Trinity Sunday

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
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study 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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