

# *The Wave*    **SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**FROM THE RECTOR**  
*The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

WHAT IS LIFE? WHAT IS TRULY LIFE?

**In my sermon on August 19, I invited those present to think about how they were living their lives. It was a lot to digest and so I want to offer you a few excerpts from that sermon to chew on as we enter our fall season.**

Think about how you viewed your life when you were younger – what your plans were – where you thought you would live – what you would be doing. Have you done any of the things you thought you would do? Or as you grew older and hopefully wiser, did you discern that those weren't the best choices for your life? What insights did you have that made you change your mind? If you did follow in the path that you planned out so long ago, how has your life been? Is it as good as you thought it would be?

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he tells them to "be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." For Paul, this world was not the prize – the prize was what lay ahead in everlasting life – life with Jesus – life outside of the cares of this world. That was the life worth living – that was the life to be hoped for. And that may seem scary to us because we don't really know what happens after we leave this life on earth. We don't know what happens after death. We trust and believe that there is an eternal home awaiting us more wonderful and beautiful than anything on this earth. But sometimes we just don't know and we cling to this life because we fear the unknown. What do we mean when we say at the end of the Nicene Creed: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."?? What is that life of the world to come? How do we see that with our earthly eyes?

It's a lot to take in – a lot to think about. But I think it's essential for us to be thinking about it now and not when we are in our last days on this earth. To think about what our life here is all about and what true living is all about. Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing in God's eyes?

It's time to think about that – don't wait. And may God bless our pondering and our discernment.

In Christ's love – Sue Lederhouse+

## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

Vestry had their monthly meeting on August 20, 2018.

1. Vestry reviewed and approved the annual audit conducted by Terry Robinson on July 11.
2. We had two wonderful baptisms on August 12 with great attendance.
3. Deacon Bob continues to do well and will alternate attending both services, but his surgeons still want him to be careful with no bending, lifting or twisting for 6-9 months.
4. The three new Eucharistic Visitors, Charlotte Daigle, Celeste Hankey and Linda Masson, plus Lisa Platanitis, will be attending Diocesan Safe Church Training in October. Rev. Sue will do her Clergy Refresher Safe Church Training (required every three years for Clergy) in October as well.
5. The Substance Abuse Prevention group will be meeting on September 10. Thank you for your continued support to the Bourne Substance Free Coalition donation jar.
6. St. Margaret's Friendly Kitchen team is having their final day on Monday, November 12. Vestry has voted to donate to St. Vincent de Paul in thanks for all their years of service to our Friendly Kitchen. We will determine the amount of that donation at our September Vestry meeting.
7. Julie Lytle of Amazing Grace is resigning from her position to take another position. A job announcement has been posted for her job.
8. Rev. Sue is beginning to look at some dates this fall/winter for Confirmation and Inquirers Classes, (our Deanery Confirmation will be on June 15). Interested in either of these programs? See Rev. Sue.
9. We have a new Diocesan Regional Canon appointed to the Southern area of the Diocese including the Cape & Islands. The Rev. Kelly O'Connell will start her position on October 1.
10. Thank you to all who are supporting our Bakeless Bake Sale. It has been decided to wait on having a fall Craft Fair at this time. We will see how the Cape Cod Canal Days celebration on September 15 goes and we may do something next year if we can recruit enough crafters.
11. We are still planning to have our annual Yard Sale October 6 together with the Hidden in Plain Sight program by Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition. The Blessing of the Animals will be on October 7. More information to come.
12. Priscilla Ellis and Linda Masson along with two parishioners from Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham attended a meeting at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth. The purpose was to observe their Paper Pantry Ministry. This ministry provides certain baby products, paper goods and personal items to individuals in need who cannot purchase these items with their existing food stamps allowances. Priscilla and Linda will be meeting with the Bourne Food Pantry to see if we can partner in any way on this ministry and to determine if this is a community outreach service that we think we can offer. We will be providing you with more information to come soon.

13. The *Cape Cod Times* did a great article in their "Curious Cape Cod" about St. Peter's Church. If you have not seen the article, there are still some newspaper copies on the back table in Stephenson Hall.

14. Abbey Glass will be making the new door for Discovery Preschool the end of August and should be installing it hopefully by the September school season.

15. Henri Masson, our Building Manager, attended our Vestry meeting to answer any questions we had regarding the installation of air conditioning for the meeting room, Rev. Sue's office and choir room as well as Stephenson Hall and the Kitchen. We received two quotes and Vestry discussed these quotes and made a decision about awarding the contract. Further information about installation will follow soon. We are happy that we have a donor who is funding this project. Thank you to Henri for all his hours of service in meeting with these companies and gathering information/bids on the A/C, as well as the other building projects this year.

16. Our kitchen has passed its recent Bourne Board of Health inspection held last week. We are inspected every six months.

17. Lynne Brune has been gathering information regarding us applying to the Greater Boston Food Bank for assistance with groceries for our Friendly Kitchen teams. Lynne will have more information after we are officially determined to be qualified for this program.

18. Len Hathon has been researching the possibility of hiring a cleaning service to take care of our church. Vestry discussed a potential bidder and reviewed the contract proposal and approved going forward. More information to come. We extend a huge thank you to the folks who have been keeping our church clean since Frank Walker left his position: Lisa Platanitis, Melissa Scannell, Mary Menz, Merry Smythe, Alan Kershaw, Len Hathon and Barbara Cain.

19. Stephenson Hall looks so nice with our new tables and chairs. It took a lot of lifting and carrying to clean out that room to make room for the new ones. Thanks to Henri Masson, Len Hathon, Mark Taylor and two gentlemen from our AA evening meeting group, who helped to remove everything. Great job and thank you to those men! And we appreciate the donor who paid for these new tables and chairs!

20. Fall is fast approaching and Bible Studies will be starting up again in October. In addition, in September, Book Club and Choir will return. We are always looking for new members to join these great fellowship opportunities. Please see Rev. Sue, Lisa Platanitis, Linda Masson or Lynne Brune, if you think any of these are calling you!!!!

**Next Vestry Meeting will be on Monday, September 10, 2018.**

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### ***A WORD ABOUT DEACON BOB***

Deacon Bob continues to recover from his back surgery in June. He is starting to come back to St. Peter's as a parishioner alternating between the 8:00 and 10:00 service but it will be a while until he can serve at the altar. In the meantime, no bending, lifting, or twisting (NO BLT!) And he gives thanks for all your prayers!

## ***FINANCIAL CORNER- FUNDRAISING AND THE BAKELESS BAKE SALE***

A few weeks ago, we asked for donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale. For some of you, this may have been a new concept. A number of people have asked about the Bakeless Bake Sale, so we decided that it would be helpful to give you some more information about it and our philosophy about fundraising in general.

The Bakeless Bake Sale has been part of our fundraising for many years, but we haven't done one since 2015. In the past, it provided the startup money for our participation in the Scallop Fest. Every year when the Scallop Fest was held in Buzzards Bay, St. Peter's would have a fair on the lawn with food and crafters and of course our signature jams and jellies and breads. We would also provide parking by donation. The Bakeless Bake Sale provided funds to pay for the food we purchased and other expenses.

Every year when we adopt our budget, there is a line labeled fundraising in the income portion of the budget. Over the years, the types and numbers of fundraisers have varied. In 2017, we committed to raising \$5000 by fundraising. We didn't meet that goal and in fact, came up a couple of thousand dollars short. In 2018, we decided to lower the expectation to \$3000 which is what we are currently trying to raise.

In the past, we have had 2 yard sales and 2 fairs each year. Since our congregation is aging, it is very difficult to get individuals who are willing or able to take charge of organizing these events. It takes a lot of planning and hard work and the end results financially have not always matched the hoped for results.

This year we have had a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fair and we will be having a Yard Sale on October 6. We decided not to have a fair in conjunction with the Canal Day on September 15 since we did not have enough commitments from crafters to justify holding it. We will evaluate how the Canal Day went this year and see if we want to have a fair next year on that day. We will not be having a Holiday Fair this year.

Fortunately we do not have to rely solely on fundraisers to fund the budget. **The first and foremost source of money to fund the regular budget is your pledges.** And it's important that you keep up with your pledges throughout the year. Our July financial reports showed that the pledges that have been received for the year to date are almost \$5000 behind what has actually been pledged (\$61,529 received vs. \$66,344 pledged.) Please try to keep your pledges up-to-date!

Our building and equipment expenses have largely been funded by your prior donations to the Capital Fund and by a few very generous donors. This has enabled us to replace old equipment and to provide enhancements to our building. We are very grateful to all who have donated past – present – and future!

In months to come, we will try to update you on the financial status of the parish on a more regular basis so that you don't have to wait for Stewardship time or the Annual Meeting to find out. In the meantime, if you have questions about St. Peter's finances, please contact our Treasurer, Dianne Cartmill, or the Wardens Linda Masson and Lynne Brune for more information.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Peter's the wonderfully vibrant parish that it is.  
Your Treasurer, Wardens, and Vestry

## *AND SPEAKING OF THE BAKELESS BAKE SALE. . .*

Margie Wyman added this poem with her donation:

Pat-a-Cake  
    Baker's Man  
Write me a check  
    As fast as you can  
Write out to St. Peter's  
    Your cake amount  
No hassle – no mess  
    No failure to rise  
Just a heartfelt gift  
    Blessings built in  
No calories too – For all –  
    A BIG WIN!

Many thanks, Margie!

## *A NOTE FROM FRIENDLY KITCHEN TO OUR SUPPORTERS*

Thank you all for your amazing generosity. We now have plenty of pasta, ketchup and mayonnaise. We won't need more of these items for a while. The items that we are in need of now are: canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, mixed vegetables), applesauce, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, cake mixes and brownie mixes. Your generous donations have allowed us to stretch the Friendly Kitchen budget and provide more for our guests. Blessings and thanks to all of you.

The Friendly Kitchen Staff

## *MUSIC NOTES*

If you feel the Singing Spirit is a Moving.....then "inchoir" any Sunday in the Music Room!  
Choir will begin on **September 9, 2018**. We are looking forward to another year of wonderful music.

Lisa Platanitis, Director of Music

## *HEALING SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 16 - 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 held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, September 16, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

## ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING TO RESUME IN OCTOBER***

In September, there will be NO Pancake Breakfast and NO Men's Breakfast Gathering. Both of these popular parish programs are scheduled to resume in OCTOBER. Pancake Breakfast will resume on **October 7** and the Men's Breakfast Gathering will be held on **October 20**. Look for more information in the October Newsletter.

## ***MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RETURNS OCTOBER 1***

Due to a number of factors, the Monday Morning Bible Study will not begin until October 1.

BUT. . .on October 1, come be part of a long standing group that has been exploring the scriptures for years. The faces have changed over the years but the thirst to know the scriptures better continues!

Come be part of the exploration as we delve into the Sunday scripture lessons! Each Monday morning from 11 – 12:30, starting OCTOBER 1, we will have a post-mortem discussion on the previous day's lessons and look ahead to the next Sunday. Absolutely no prior Bible knowledge is required. Please bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't have one to bring, we have a Bible for you! All are welcome!

## ***YARD SALE - OCTOBER 6 - 9AM - 2 PM***

St. Peter's Fall Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Items will be collected until **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**. Please leave your items in the large meeting room in the cubicle where the television is located. We ask that you bring no clothing and that the items are clean.

We will need help pricing the items, setting up on the day of the sale, working the tables during the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Thanks for your help!

## ***BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 7 - SAVE THE DATE!***

Our Blessing of the Animals service this year will be held on **Sunday, October 7, at 2 p.m.** on the front lawn of the Church. All are invited to bring pets (both alive and stuffed) or pictures of favorite pets. Pray for good weather and tell your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

## ***PET MEMORIAL SERVICE IN OCTOBER***

At a later date, we will also be holding a service to remember pets that have died. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin and in the October newsletter.

## ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES OCTOBER 8***

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. The Women's Bible Study resumes again on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, at 12:30 PM**. We will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The October newsletter will have information about the women we will study on October 8 and 22.

The book we are using is 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 (\$22) or have any questions, contact Rev. Sue. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee/tea are provided.

## ***CONFIRMATION AND INQUIRERS' CLASSES COMING UP!***

We will be holding Confirmation Classes for youth in the parish starting in October. Our plan is to hold these in the afternoon once/month on the Second Sunday (time to be determined) from October – March. While these will certainly be a preparation for the Confirmation to be held on June 15, they also will provide a time for our youth to get to know each other better since many of them do not attend the same schools. Please speak with Rev. Sue for more information or to sign up.

In addition, during the Epiphany season (January – March), we will be holding Inquirers Classes for those adults who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church, explore their faith, or prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church. These will probably be held once/week in the evening for 6 sessions. Again, speak with Rev. Sue if you would like more information or to sign up.

## ***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. Thanks for your help!

## ***INGATHERING FOR THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET***

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. **During the month of September, we will be collecting paper products of all types.** Seasonal children's clothing in good condition is always acceptable. The items can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. 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.

## ***PRAYER CHAIN***

The Emergency Prayer Chain is available for any prayer requests that you may have! When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse (508-240-2853 [lederhouse@msn.com](mailto:lederhouse@msn.com)) or Lynne Brune 508-295-6146 [blueflame46@comcast.net](mailto:blueflame46@comcast.net) ), or Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786 [cpellis59@comcast.net](mailto:cpellis59@comcast.net))

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.

## ***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](mailto: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 October issue is Friday, **September 21**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## ***CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS***

**CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (September 19), 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 (September 12), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis

## *SEPTEMBER 2018*

3	Monday		<b>Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
9	Sunday	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Choir Returns</b> <b>Choir Rehearsals begin</b>
10	Monday	3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Substance Abuse Prevention Committee</b> <b>Vestry</b>
13	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	<b>Deanery meeting in Sandwich</b>
16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
21	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>October 1</b>	<b>Bible Study Starts</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>Yard Sale</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>October 7</b>	<b>Blessing of the Animals</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study Starts</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>Diocesan Convention</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>

## *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 <b>[BEGINS 9/9]</b>
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study <b>[BEGINS 10/1]</b> Friendly Kitchen AA (Men’s Closed Meeting)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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