



ST. PETER'S WAVE
November, 2023

St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship, Proclaim, and Serve.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

November, as a title, comes from the Ancient Latin word meaning “nine.” We are reminded that the original Roman calendar year was made up of 10 months. But when I think of November, I remember all the great feast days of the church – All Saints, All Souls, Samuel Seabury (the 1st U.S. Bishop), C.S. Lewis, Christ the King Sunday, St. Andrew and of course, Thanksgiving Day, one of 2 national holidays we consider “Feasts.”

We turn the clocks back one hour on Sunday November 5, when daylight savings ends. As the days grow shorter and colder, we appreciate the last weeks of the long, green Pentecost season. We also appreciate knowing Jesus as “the light of the world.” As the days grow darker – physically with less sun and spiritually with war, conflict, and death – remember the words of St. Paul.

“It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For the same God who said “Out of darkness let light shine” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation – the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Cor. 4:5-6

If you are not familiar with Evening Prayer or Compline, you might try praying these offices in the month ahead. They are a valuable part of our Anglican liturgical tradition. In the Book of Common Prayer, there are also 2 very short devotions for “In the early evening” and “At the close of day” (pp. 139, 140)

Enjoy the weeks ahead as we come to the end of the liturgical year and join in Thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

Grace, Peace, Love

Bob, Interim Rector



LITURGICAL NOTES

The Liturgical Colors

In our Episcopal / Anglican tradition there are 4 main colors used to mark the seasons and special days in the calendar. There are 4 lesser used colors that can be used as well.

White - the color of purity and holiness used for the great days of Christmas and Easter as well celebrations of some Saints and special occasions, for instance weddings.

Green - the color of growth and mission, used for the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost-seasons when we focus on the teachings of Christ and the growth and mission of the Church.

Purple – the color of preparation and penitence, used for the seasons of Advent and Lent, as we prepare for Christ’s birth and his resurrection.

Red – the color of passion, blood, fire, used for Holy Week, The day of Pentecost, and for Saints who have been martyred.

Colors also used, although rarely:

Gold – can be used instead of white, especially for Christmas and Easter. The color of royalty and richness.

Blue – sometimes used in Advent. Traditionally the color attributed to Mary, Mother of our Lord.

Rose / Pink – sometimes used for the 3rd Sunday in Advent and the 4th Sunday in Lent, celebrating a day of “refreshment” in seasons of fasting and preparation.

Black – for many years used at times of death. Now appointed for optional use on All Soul’s Day (Nov. 2) and Good Friday.



VISIBLE

VESTRY

Alan Kershaw reported that the endowment gift from A. Jones has been deposited into a Vanguard account.

We’re doing okay with pledges, but need this trend to continue.

Rev. Bob would like to have healing services after the 8:00 and 10:00 services on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We are waiting for a cable line to be installed so we can upgrade our Wifi and so we can install bells/cameras at both doors for security purposes.

We now have information from the American Heart Association so we will be purchasing an AED soon.

Still working on details for a columbarium.

The October 1st picnic was enjoyed by all.

We are starting to establish a vestry slate for next year.

The back deck and front threshold will be waterproofed soon.

The thermostat in the meeting room has to be replaced.

We have coverage for snow removal.

We're hoping to have a clean-up of Sallie Garden soon.

Margery Buckingham and Ken Lihzis will be attending the annual convention.

We have an upcoming baptism 10/22.

There will be a funeral on 10/28.

The Middlers group will be hosting an Advent wreath-making session on November 26th.

The Middlers group is going to reorganize the meeting room/s.

There was discussion regarding Christmas – the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Times for the Christmas Eve service(s) were discussed.

The Bourne Substance Free Coalition hosted a bingo night on October 11th. The profit that night was \$360. Periodically people come to the church in need of some help. This money was given to Rev. Bob in the form of gift cards from Dunkin' Donuts, McDonalds and Cumberland Farms – this will cover small meals and/or gas. This group would like to hold another bingo in February, possibly right after the 10:00 service so no one has to drive when it's dark.

We are going to look into purchasing a new sandwich board for the front of the church to announce special events.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30.

WHAT IS THE Vestry

Each year a new Vestry is elected to guide your church for the upcoming year. In November the Vestry will be establishing a new Vestry for the year beginning at the Annual Meeting in February. Are you interested in joining your Vestry? We currently have 11 members – 5 on the board and 6 Members-at-Large. Here are some details that may help you.

Senior Warden – 1 year term. Works with the rector and Vestry to assure that the church is meeting the needs of the congregation.

Junior Warden – 1 year term. Same as the Senior Warden with the additional responsibility of maintaining the buildings and grounds of your church.

Treasurer – 1 year term. Handles finances for the church. Is responsible for Parochial Report. Is part of the Stewardship team.

Asst. Treasurer – 1 year term. Same as Treasurer – is back up when the Treasurer is unavailable.

Clerk – 1 year term. Is responsible for recording and keeping records of all Vestry meetings.

Members at Large – 3-year term, 2 members elected yearly; participate in meetings and assist in any way they can to guarantee the smooth running of your church.

If you have any interest in being part of this team, please contact Rev. Bob or Celeste. If we have multiple interest, we will have a slate to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Thank you for your consideration.



Beginning Oct. 30 Lisa will offer a service of Evening Prayer & Meditation with music of Taize. The church will open at 5pm and the service will begin at 5:30pm. All are invited to come spend some time of quiet and reflection. The services will run for eight weeks.



MIDLERS NEWS

The Middlers are on the move...We are excited to announce several events to take place during the next few months.

The Middlers will be hosting a Design-Your-Own **ADVENT WREATH** session, following a combined 8 & 10 morning services to **ONE SERVICE at 9 AM on November 26th.**

Advent is a special time of preparation and waiting for the birth of our Lord Jesus. Every family and/or individual will have an opportunity to get their creativity flowing and arrange their wreath with natural greens and decorations which will be provided. You may also bring your own greens, sprigs, twigs, cones etc... to adorn your wreath. We will also have coffee, tea, cocoa

and scones and muffins to sustain us as we work to make our Advent wreaths. If you already have an advent wreath, consider making one and giving it to a neighbor or friend. Let them experience HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE during this season and throughout the entire year.

If you are a MIDDLELER, you will be receiving an email from me regarding our hosting responsibilities as well as the following meets and gatherings.

THE MIDLERS BOOK NOOK CLUB

The Middlers will begin our first Book Nook meeting MONDAY, November 6, at 7 PM. We will meet on the FIRST MONDAY each month. All Middlers welcome to be part of the BOOK NOOK Club. We welcome you and look forward to your presence.

If you have any questions, please feel free contact me.

Peace and Love, in Christ,
Lisa



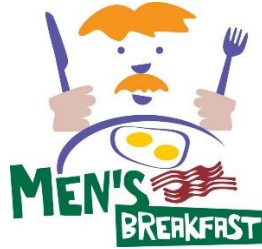
A Note from the Music Director

November has arrived so quickly and the seems to be just flying by... with that being said, I wanted to extend the invitation to anyone who would like to join the choir for our Christmas Eve prelude concert and service. The only requirements are that you come to rehearsal on Sunday mornings after the 10am service, one extended rehearsal on December 10th (with lunch provided) and that you love to sing praises unto the Lord. If you have any questions, please see me.

Singing and Making Melody in our Hearts to the Lord!
Peace, Lisa

Spiritual Surprises for the Second Half of Life

Wise leaders and our own experience tell us that the first half of life is about building up – our homes, our families, our careers and our reputations. The second half of life is more about letting go – downsizing our houses, losing loved ones, retiring from paid work, and becoming aware of our limited time here on earth. Our spiritual priorities also change. Our focus is more on our personal relationship with God and less on sin, dogma and judgement. If you are nodding in agreement or just curious, please join us on **Saturday morning December 2nd from 9:30 – 12:30** in Stephenson Hall for prayer, meditation and conversation about spirituality in the two halves of life.



Our opening get-together was held on October 7th. We had 8 attendees and the conversation was lively!

Our next breakfast get together will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 8:30 AM. As usual, we will gather at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign up sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, don't let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!
Jim Hankey



Substance Abuse Prevention Group: Update for November

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent BINGO night. We were able to raise \$360.00 that is being used to purchase gift cards for the rector's discretionary fund.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 13th at 3:33pm. Please Join us.

Larry H., Jim H., Celeste H., Kathy L, Jim L., Jane L., Donna Bob S. Dianne B. or Nancy S.

Here are some resources that are available in our area:

WAREHAM CONNECTS: This is a youth coalition in Wareham similar to the Bourne Substance Free Group and provides prevention and training programs they can be found on Facebook @WarehamConnects

RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY: Weekly recovery walk and talk meets every Friday at 9:00am at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20-40 minute stroll through nature as they chat about paths to recovery. No RSVP is required but feel free to Contact Richie Newbert at 339-832-5387 or richiesroadtorecovery@gmail.com

YARMOUTH SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE: Monthly Resource Drop-In Night offers resources for people and families dealing with addiction and assorted issues. Counseling and education will be available. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 5pm to 7:00pm 1338 Route 28, S. Yarmouth. At the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050
Learn to Cope www.learn2cope.org
AA Zoom 425-436-6360 Access number 422932

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR/SEARCH PROCESS

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search for a new clerical leader. empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission of discovering the one you have called to serve with us as our rector. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
(unless otherwise noted)
Mondays: 5:30pm – Evening Prayer & Meditation
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS
1st Saturday: 8:30am - Men's Breakfast
1st Monday: 7:00pm – Middlers Book Nook
2nd Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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