

The Wave DECEMBER 2018

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

PENTECOST IS OVER – ADVENT IS HERE – CHRISTMAS IS COMING & SO IS EPIPHANY!

One of the things I seem to notice more and more as I get older is how quickly time seems to move. No more of those times of childhood when the clock never seemed to move and the days passed so slowly! And the church year right now mirrors that quick pace. December 2 marks the end of the “long green” season after Pentecost and the beginning of the Advent season and a new Church year. And the 4 weeks of Advent pass very quickly as we walk through December on the way to our Christmas celebration. This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 23 so we will have a quick transition from our Advent purple into the white of the Christmas Season on Christmas Eve, December 24. Because of the way the calendar falls, we will only have one Sunday in the Christmas season, on December 30. Then on January 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and march headlong into the Epiphany season. That’s a lot of change in a month’s time!

But we do have a theme that carries us through this fast moving month – and that’s the theme of LIGHT. In Advent, we await a Savior that will bring us out of darkness into light. That light shines forth in the birth of Jesus (the Incarnation) that we celebrate at Christmas. And light continues to be a theme throughout the season of Epiphany as Jesus shows through His works of healing and ministry that He indeed is the light of the world. Finally on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, we see this light most fully in the Transfiguration as the disciples see Jesus in a different light.

In our natural world, we experience much more darkness than light at this time of year. Sunlight is precious and it is quickly gone. The days are shorter and shorter until December 21 when we finally are on the upward path toward more sunlight and less darkness. One can understand how significant sunlight, moonlight, and starlight were for the ancient peoples in those days before electricity. As Herb Alpert once sang: “Doesn’t it make you feel like trying to save the sunlight?”

What are the ways we are called to spread light into a darkened world? How are we called to bring the Light of Christ into a world that so desperately needs it?

A blessed Advent season to you and yours and a glorious Christmas to come –

Sue Lederhouse+

DEACON'S CORNER

So much anger, and outright hatred in the world today. It's inescapable. You can't pick up a newspaper, magazine, watch TV or listen to the radio today without being reminded of it. Ironic isn't it, as we approach the Advent and Birthday of the Prince of Peace. Let us remind ourselves that, as St. Matthew wrote, it is the foretold birth pangs of the Kingdom of Heaven breaking into a hostile world, and the Kingdoms of This World are certainly not happy about it! Our times are certainly no worse, indeed they are a good deal better than those St. John faced when he penned in the prelude to his Gospel:

"The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it!"

Our time utterly fails to approach the dire conditions that the Evangelists faced as they wrote their Gospel renditions of the Good News to their flocks. The Light that John wrote of is still shining, even after 2,000 years. The Kingdoms of This World cannot put it out. It just keeps getting brighter as generation after generation of people continue to be attracted to it, and come into its light.

Let us commit ourselves to finding a quiet place within ourselves this Advent and Christmas Season, away from the gloom and doom, anger and hatred, where we can bask in the glow of that Light as we celebrate its gift again this Christmas. Let us help each other to tend and nourish that Light in our own hearts and time and then, like the Evangelists, carry it out to a world that desperately needs it, is crying for it, is dying for it.

Let us be Keepers of that Light in our own time, and may the Peace of the Lord be always in your hearts.

Deacon Bob

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018.

1. Stewardship ingathering was Sunday, November 18. The 2019 budget process will start soon. The goal is to provide a preliminary budget to present to Vestry at the December 17 meeting. If you have not submitted your 2019 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Budget planning depends entirely on what finances the Vestry has to work with.
2. Cleaning service: Our regular cleaning person is temporarily out due to knee surgery, however, the agency has a temporary person covering his duties.
3. Snow shoveling: An ad has been placed in the *Bourne Enterprise* and will run for two weeks. Robin Higgins placed the position request on the Bourne Residents Facebook page and there was one response. Rev. Sue has contacted that person and will be setting up an interview.
4. Two new pumps have now been installed in the Discovery Preschool to prevent any flooding from reoccurring in the future. Thank you to Henri Masson for all the time spent overseeing this long process and coordinating a time with the plumber to finally complete this installation.

5. The Pet Remembrance service was held on Sunday, November 4 and was well received by the 10 people in attendance.
6. Deacon Bob continues to alternate Sunday services as a parishioner in the pew, but we were happy to have him back preaching at yesterday's services for the first time since May, and hopefully back full time again early next year. Welcome back!
7. Viveanna Eloranta will be baptized on November 25, Christ the King Sunday, at the 10:00 service. Congratulations Viveanna!!
8. Bishop Gayle's mother passed away in early November. Posting with details is in the Narthex.
9. Thank you to all who participated, donated and helped to make the Friendly Kitchen Thanksgiving meal such a wonderful success! Thanks to generous donors, \$202.00 was collected to help with the expenses.
10. We received a nice letter from the Diocese thanking us for our donation of \$508.00 to the Merrimack Valley Disaster Relief Fund. This amount was collected through our loose plate donations from our September 16 church services. Thank you everyone for your donations!
11. There was a wonderful celebration with the St. Margaret's Friendly Kitchen team on November 12 for their last dinner. Thanks to Lynne Brune for organizing the cake and the cards.
12. Thank you also to Lynne for all her hard work getting St. Peter's authorized to receive food donations from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Our first pickup will be Tuesday, December 11 and will remain the second Tuesday of every month. This is a great resource and will help our Friendly Kitchen budget once it is up and running. If you have a truck or large SUV and can help with any of our future pick-ups, please contact Lynne. It took a lot of time and effort on Lynne's part to make this happen. We thank you, Lynne!!!
13. Two of six Confirmation classes have been completed by 8 students. Thanks to Rev. Sue and to Lisa Platanitis and Melissa Scannell for their assistance in these classes.
14. The first planning meeting for the Paper Pantry on November 13 was very successful. If you are interested in joining us, we still need more helpers, so stay tuned for the next meeting. We have set an opening start date of Tuesday, February 19, from 3:00-6:00. Robin Higgins and Patti Metcalf will be working on creating a brochure for the Pantry. If you can donate any time at all, please contact Priscilla Ellis or Linda Masson.
15. Vestry voted on which donations St. Peter's will be making for our Outreach Grants for 2018. Our 10% tithe from the non-specific donations we received this year amounted to \$326 and is added to the \$1100 remaining in the Outreach expense line (TOTAL - \$1426) and will be distributed to the following organizations:

Cape Cod Needy Fund	\$300.00
Amazing Grace Camp	\$300.00
Samaritans	\$300.00
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$526.00 (for assistance to the California fire victims)

16. Len Hathon attended the Episcopal Relief & Development U.S. Disaster Program Training and presented an informational report to the Vestry. Len will be working on developing a disaster/safety plan for St. Peter's, which is going to require a lot of work and research to put together. Thank you to Len for tackling this much needed plan!!!

17. The Nominating Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 26 at 6:00 pm to select new Vestry members and other positions needing to be filled for 2019.

Upcoming dates:

December 9, Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting Service

December 17, is the 13th anniversary of Reverend Sue's Ordination to the Priesthood. Congratulations Sue!!!!

December 24 Christmas Eve Services at 5 pm and 8 pm with a choral prelude by the choir at 7:30 prior to the 8 pm service.

January 6 – Epiphany Sunday.

January 27 is our Annual Meeting following one service at 9 a.m.

Mark your calendars.

Next Vestry Meeting is on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of **November 29**, we have **53** pledges including **2** new pledges for a **total of \$93,220**. If you have not made a pledge yet for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. If you have been a regular contributor but have not made a pledge, please consider pledging. This is a real help to us as we develop our budget for 2019. It helps us better gauge how much money we can expect and also ensures that your contributions can be tracked more easily. Additional pledge cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Pledge envelope books for 2019 will be available beginning **December 16**.

Also – If you made a pledge for 2018 and you have not completed your pledge, please try to do so before the end of the year. Thank you for your generosity and your support of God's mission here at St. Peter's.

ADVENT AT ST. PETER'S

Advent begins on December 2 this year. During Advent, we mark the change in season by some changes in our liturgy. Purple is the color for Advent, the color of penitence and of expectation. We use the color purple on every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of Advent. On that Sunday, "Rejoice Sunday," we use the rose colored vestments and hangings. In Advent, we have no flowers on the altar in keeping with the penitential nature of this season. We will bless the Advent wreath on the First Sunday of Advent (December 2) at both services. Each week we will light a new candle on the Advent wreath (assisted at the 10 a.m. service by some of our parish families).

During Advent, we make a few changes in our worship. At the 8 a.m. service, we will use Eucharistic Prayer I (in the Prayer Book, p. 333). At the 10 a.m. service, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship* (pink insert). The choir will again be doing a special introit (“Christ is Coming – Prepare the Way”) each Sunday immediately before our opening hymn. For our service music, we will use the Schubert settings of the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei and for a post-communion piece, the Taize chant, “Wait for the Lord.” These will be printed as a music insert in the bulletin. At the Presentation, we will sing one verse of “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Hymnal #66) as we have done in previous years. It will be printed in the bulletin.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. PETER’S

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Special Presentation

8 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II (Choral prelude begins at 7:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 2 - 9 A.M.

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will be served on Sunday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee. All of this served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION GROUP - DECEMBER 3 - 3:33 P.M.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have raised \$218.83 over the last two collections for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. **THE BOURNE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION JAR WILL BE OUT AGAIN ON DECEMBER 9 FOR YOUR SPARE CHANGE!**

We are planning some activities and educational opportunities for early next year. Rev. Sue has reported that the Diocese is very active in efforts to help and educate also.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 3, at 3:33 p.m.** in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas; we are always looking for new ways to help and support those affected by this crisis.

***CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AT VILLAGE AT CATAUMET -
DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 9***

Once again, we are supporting the good work that the Housing Assistance Corporation does for families in transition at the Village at Cataumet. Through the gift cards we provide from **T.J. Maxx, Walmart, and Shaw's, in any amount**, the families there can have a more joyous Christmas.

The Giving Tree will be available beginning **Sunday, November 25th**, decorated with ornaments that you can take with you to serve as a reminder to obtain a gift card. **Then, please bring the gift cards back to St. Peter's by Sunday, December 9th, and put them in the offering plate.** MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR ONGOING HELP, TOO!!

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 December, we are collecting toiletries for adults.** 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10

If you would like to donate money to purchase Christmas altar flowers in memory of (or in honor of) family or friends, please fill in the Christmas flowers form in the bulletin on December 2 or 9 and return it with your donation. Please be sure to print the names clearly. **DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - DECEMBER 10 - 12:30 P.M.

The Women's Bible Study continues to learn more and more about many interesting women of the Bible. On **December 10**, we will continue our study of the **Women in the Book of Tobit** in the Apocrypha, studying chapters 7-14. We will skip **December 24** because of the Christmas holiday and will meet again on January 14. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - DECEMBER 15 - 8 A.M.

The men of the parish will gather together for their monthly breakfast. Plan to be present for a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or klihzis@gmail.com)

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

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 27, 2019 - SAVE THE DATE

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**. 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. A full slate of nominees will be published in the January WAVE and posted on the bulletin boards in the Church. Reports from parish organizations and committees will be received and the 2019 proposed parish budget reviewed. Deadline for submission of reports for the Annual Report Booklet is **JANUARY 14**. Please submit them in electronic form to susanhebb@comcast.net or in printed form to the Church Office.

COMING SOON! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, FROM 3:00-6:00 PM THE NEW PAPER PANTRY MINISTRY

A: Who is eligible to participate: Anyone who is a Bourne or Wareham resident and is currently receiving Mass Health/SNAP benefits. Proof of eligibility must be presented upon the request of any supplemental paper/personal care items that we distribute. This program is not meant to supply families with all paper or personal care items, but merely an attempt to try to supplement, in some small way, products to alleviate their needs.

B. How can you as parishioners get involved?

1. Volunteers are still needed to assist us one time per month on the third Tuesday of each month during the hours of the Paper Pantry from 3:00-6:00 pm, held here at the church. You don't need to help every month or for all three hours, but any time you can volunteer will be appreciated.
2. Once a month we will be notifying you through the church bulletin and the online weekly Blast of monthly items needed to help keep our Paper Pantry supplies well stocked.

If donating your time does not work for you, but you want to help, you may prefer to donate either a requested item that is needed or make a monetary or gift card donation and we will shop for you!!

Reminder: This ministry is not going to be supported by our current church budget, but is by your donations, any possible grants we can seek, and by soliciting our neighboring businesses.

Christmas is coming!! If you are looking for a way to donate to a good cause this holiday season, how about helping to get our Paper Pantry ministry up and running?? Thank You! If you have any further questions, please contact Linda Masson (508-743-5139) or Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786)

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!

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

Have you signed up to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. 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!

PRAYER CHAIN

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.

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.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

DECEMBER 2018

2	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
3	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Substance Abuse Prevention Group
6	Thursday	10:30 – 1	Clericus @ St. Peter's
9	Sunday	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class Compassionate Friends Candlelighting
10	Monday	12:30 p.m.	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DEADLINE Women's Bible Study
15	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
17	Monday	5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen Christmas Dinner Vestry
21	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
24	Monday	5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED NO BIBLE STUDIES NO FRIENDLY KITCHEN Christmas Eve Service & Presentation Christmas Eve Service (choral prelude at 7:30)
31	Monday		NO FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Upcoming Dates

January 6	Epiphany	January 27	Annual Meeting
March 5	Shrove Tuesday	March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Lenten Study Starts	April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter		

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)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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