

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

FARE WELL AND FAREWELL

And so my dear ones, my beloved in Christ, this is it. This is the last cover article I will write for the WAVE as your Rector.

How can I sum up all the moments we have shared over these 9 years together? How can I tell you what a joy it has been to be your Rector and to watch this parish come alive again and grow in so many ways? How can I tell you how much it has meant to me to get to know you and to share in the events of your lives, both happy and sad? I am so glad that we said YES to each other back in 2010 when you called me as Priest-in-Charge and then again at the end of 2012 when you called me as Rector. What wonderful things we have accomplished together!

But I also want you to believe and trust that you will accomplish great things in these days ahead, too! It may not be easy going through this transition time to come, but you are strong and your faith in God is strong and your trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance shines forth. **You will make it!** You have great leadership and a solid foundation. Remember the words of that great hymn: "On Christ the solid rock I stand." Remember our patron Saint Peter who withstood many times of trial and hardship and became one of the leaders of the Church. Remember our church building floating on the waters from Hull down to Buzzards Bay. Remember our "Little Church that Could." **YOU CAN DO IT!**

Although I will not be with you, I will continue to pray for you and to remember our times together. And I will look forward to hearing great things about St. Peter's in the time to come.

In the meantime, may you FARE WELL! That's the original meaning of that word for good bye.

And for now, FAREWELL from me to you.

God's richest blessings to each one of you -

Sue Lederhouse+

FROM YOUR ORGANIST

I asked for this opportunity for a farewell "Postlude" as Sue and I move into retirement from this extraordinary Parish-on-the-Canal!

As you know, I am substantially older, so this is not my first retirement! I held my earliest position at age 14, and I'm now pursuing my 80th year. By my count, that's 66 years in harness; it's time enough!

What I want to say is this: you are an extraordinary parish of loving, energetic, faithful, imaginative, fun-loving folk, who take your faith very seriously, and I am proud and pleased and honored to have shared these years with you.

I want to take this chance especially to thank our Choir, along with our instrumental musicians, for their faithfulness in providing beautiful and meaningful anthems week by week, in season and out. Thank you, thank you.

My final words are reserved for our incomparable Lisa, whose energy is boundless, her willingness to work hard inspiring, her talent admirable. And, on a personal level, what a gift her friendship has been to me. Thank you, Lisa!

So, I join in my wife's "fare-well".

In Christ,
Bruce Lederhouse

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on May 20, 2019:

- The monthly financial reports were reviewed.
- The parish audit was approved.
- Rev. Sue reported that we've had good attendance since Holy Week/Easter.
- Rev. Sue gave the Vestry some interesting statistics that have accumulated since she joined St. Peter's:
 - 50 Baptisms
 - 17 people confirmed or received (with at least 11 more in June)
 - 2 Weddings (with 1 more in June)
 - 59 Burials
- Rev. Sue has been doing lots of pastoral care visits.
- Women's Luncheon was on Monday, May 20; twenty-two women attended.
- Confirmation will be on June 15th at St. John's in Sandwich. St. Peter's seems to be one of the largest groups in this Deanery.
- Donovin Tavares was part of the youth gathering with Presiding Bishop Curry in April. He has also been elected the Youth Representative for the Cape and Islands Deanery.

- Celeste reported that she and The Rev. Kelly O’Connell have been in touch and are starting the transition process. We have supply clergy for June 30, July 7, July 14 and August 4.
- Celeste Hankey and Kathy Letzeisen will be meeting on Mondays and Fridays during the transition time.
- Lisa Platanitis and a small group have crafted a job description for a replacement organist and she will be posting the opening soon. She has secured a supply organist for June 30, July 7 and August 25.
- The compressor on the refrigerator had to be replaced; the good news is, it was covered under the warranty!
- Through a generous donation, the sink in the bathroom next to the kitchen is being replaced with a new, more handicapped-accessible sink.
- The sheds have been repaired; painting is next.
- Rev. Sue and Celeste Hankey will write up a form for lending out tables and chairs.
- The Greater Boston Food Bank is going well.
- Donna reported that the Pizza Party made \$400, which will be donated to the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.
- We will be having a 4th of July event – Patti Metcalf is working on that.
- The Communication Team is putting together a Welcome to St. Peter’s package.
- As of this date, the Paper Pantry has served 257 people. The Paper Pantry will be open on Tuesday, May 21st; the Paper Pantry has received a grant from the Cape Cod Five Bank.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, June 17th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

***HELP CLEAN UP OUR CHURCH INSIDE & OUT!
JUNE 1 - 9 - 12 NOON***

Winter has taken its toll on our yard and we need to spruce it up for spring! Join with fellow parishioners on **Saturday, June 1, from 9-12 noon**, to do some work on our front yard and other areas of our property. We also need some folks to do some work inside the church. Bring your own tools and gloves. Many hands make light work!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JUNE 2 - 9:00 A.M.

Our friendly and dedicated Pancake Sunday team will be cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, June 2, at 9:00 a.m.**, so that both eight o’clockers and tenners can enjoy a treat and a visit. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST PANCAKE BREAKFAST UNTIL OCTOBER.** Additional help is always needed. For more information, contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST UPDATE - JUNE 2

A new Prayer list will begin on **June 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

LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST - JUNE 9

Pentecost is one of those “forgotten” holy days. It doesn’t get nearly the same kind of “press” as Christmas or Easter and yet it’s an important day when we think about the Church and the formation of Christian community. Like Easter, it’s a movable feast. In fact, the date of Pentecost depends on the date of Easter since it falls 50 days later. And since Easter was **late** this year, Pentecost is **late** this year as well. This year, it takes place on **JUNE 9**.

One of the great Pentecost traditions is to proclaim the Gospel in many different languages, mirroring that first Pentecost in which people heard the Apostles speaking to them in their own native languages. **If YOU can speak another language and would like to help proclaim the Gospel in that language on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service, please sign up in the Narthex by JUNE 2.** Rev. Sue will provide the reading for you.

And remember the other Pentecost tradition – **WEAR RED TO CHURCH THAT DAY!** Let’s make the congregation a sea of RED!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - JUNE 10 - 12:30 P.M.

On **June 10**, we will be discussing **The Wives and Women of Pathros** from the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah – a very interesting group of women! No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don’t have one, we can provide one for you. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided. **This will be the last meeting of this Women’s Bible Study group which has been meeting since September 2015. Thanks to all who have been part of this group!**

MEN’S BREAKFAST GATHERING - JUNE 15 - 8:00 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, June 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. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEN’S BREAKFAST GATHERING UNTIL OCTOBER.** All men are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or klihzis@gmail.com)

CONFIRMATION - JUNE 15 - 10:30 A.M.

Throughout the fall and winter, 8 of our youth have met to learn more about the Episcopal Church and to explore their faith. On **Saturday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandwich,** they will be presented for Confirmation. They will be joined by 3 of our parish adults who have prepared as well during these months since January. Bishop Gayle Harris will preside at this Confirmation Service. On **Sunday, June 16, at the 10:00 service,** we will recognize this great achievement for all of them. Please join me in congratulating:

YOUTH

Devon Cloutman
Gavin Cloutman
Peter Scannell
Donovin Tavares
Madeline Tsiaras
Bree Whitcomb
Nick Whitcomb
Kaitlyn Willey

ADULTS

Brenda Clouette-Stenquist
Brianna Oakley
Mario Spinner

HEALING SERVICE - JUNE 16 - 9:00 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, June 16, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

JUNE 23 - ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO REV. SUE AND BRUCE AND WELCOME BISHOP GAYLE

On June 23, at 9:00 a.m., we will have a Service of Leavetaking as we honor Rev. Sue and Bruce and wish them Godspeed on their last Sunday with us. Bishop Gayle Harris will be with us and will preside and preach. Please make every effort to be present at this service. The Vestry will meet with Bishop Gayle on the night before so we can all spend our time on Sunday in remembrance and celebration of the time that Rev. Sue and Bruce have been with us and in visiting and talking with Bishop Gayle.

ST. PETER'S ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

On the Fourth of July, get your favorite lawn chair and head to the front lawn of St. Peter's to have a great seat for the Bourne on the Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. Already set up on the lawn will be a craft fair with outside vendors which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will also be selling our signature jams and jellies as well as baked goods, and St. Peter's themed items. We will also provide hamburgers and hot dogs at lunch time – along with fried dough! Be sure to check St. Peter's weekly email Blast for more information on how you can help.

Patti Metcalf

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION GROUP

Thank you to everyone who has supported this important mission throughout the year. A BIG shout out to everyone that supported our recent pizza party!! Although the numbers were lower than last year's dinner, a good time was had by all and we were able to raise \$400.00 for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They honored and thanked our group with an awesome cake. A special shout out to Diane Simski, Merry Smythe, and Henri and Linda Masson for helping us out at the pizza party.

Through the generous donation of the following businesses, we were able to put on this fabulous party: Buzzards Bay House of Pizza, Pizza by Evan, Monument Beach Pizza, Prime Time Pizza, Mr. G's Pizza, Olive Garden Plymouth, Pepsi Beverages, Polar Cave Ice Cream, Lazy Sundaes Ice Cream, and Shaw's Market.

We are exploring educational opportunities for the parish for the fall including Narcan training and additional awareness literature. The Coalition is working on continuing its prevention efforts including the "Hidden In Plain Sight" program and providing warning labels and posters at area package stores to prevent under age sales and use of tobacco and alcohol.

We will continue to have the jar in the Narthex on the second Sunday of each month to help support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. **THE JAR WILL BE OUT AGAIN ON JUNE 9 FOR YOUR SPARE CHANGE!**

Thank you and Godspeed to Reverend Sue and Bruce who have been with us from the beginning and will be missed. We wish them well in their next chapter. Thank you to our team, Deacon Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jane and Jim Lema, Celeste and Jim Hankey, and Donna Beers.

Please consider joining us in our mission to help support and educate all those whose lives are touched by the effects of substance abuse. **Our next meeting will be on Monday September 9th at 3:33pm.**

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 June, we will be collecting anything for the beach, such as sunscreen, beach toys for children, beach balls, etc.** 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2019 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

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 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!

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.

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 (June 19), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

JUNE 2019

1	Saturday	9 – 12	Clean Up Day
2	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Confirmation Class
9	Sunday	PENTECOST SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY PARTY FOR REV. SUE & BRUCE following the 10:00 service	
10	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering Confirmation at St. John's / Sandwich
16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
17	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
18	Tuesday	3 – 5 p.m.	Paper Pantry
21	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
23	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<u>ONE SERVICE ONLY</u> REV. SUE & BRUCE – LAST SUNDAY BP. GAYLE VISITATION

UPCOMING DATES

July 4 Parade – Craft Fair on the Lawn

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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