
The Wave - JULY 2015

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

Transitions are all around us. . .

Last month, I began my column with the words from Ecclesiastes that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." And that continues to be true as we enter into a new month. During the month of June, in addition to saying goodbye to our long time secretary, Addie Carrara, and welcoming our new secretary, Kathy Letzeisen, we also learned of two more transitions in leadership.

Don **Smith** has headed up our Pancake Breakfast each 1st Sunday of the month for more years than he can remember (by his own admission). He and his great team of chefs and servers have given us a wonderful treat month by month (except in the summer) and on Shrove Tuesday as well. Don has decided it is time to turn over the Pancake Breakfast duties to someone else. Ken Lihzis has come forward to take on this task but he will need some additional help as several of the "regulars" have decided to hang up their pancake turners and egg beaters as well. Look for an announcement about a meeting in August to talk about the fall start up.

Early on in my tenure at St. Peter's, Don **Goershel** came to me and said he would like to start up the Men's Breakfast Gathering. Month by month he has written a faith-filled message for THE WAVE as he has called the men to gather on the 3rd Saturday of the month. From the now closed IHOP to Leo's to Persey's Place, the men have followed his leadership and gathered for food and fellowship. Now Don is turning over the leadership of this group. Ken Lihzis has agreed to take this on as well. Thank you, Ken!!

Both of these men named Don have done so many things for St. Peter's over the years – too many to list here. They have been good and faithful servants for the Lord in this place. And we all owe them a lot of applause and thanks for their dedication to this parish – in the good times AND in the bad times.

Now it's time for new leadership to step forward for these groups as well as for other parish activities and events. Soon you will see posted in the Parish Hall (and also in a brochure) some of the other ways you can be involved in the life of St. Peter's. It does "take a village" to keep things running. And there are opportunities in which people of various talents and interests can take part.

While transitions are seldom easy, they provide ways in which people can take on new roles and offer new ideas. And transitions are part of the life of a healthy parish. So as Ecclesiastes would tell us, this is "a time to mourn" as well as "a time to dance." As you spend some time enjoying this summer (and forgetting the snowy winter!), think of ways you might serve God here at St. Peter's in new and different ways and let Linda Masson, Senior Warden, or me know what you would like to do.

Blessings on your summer! Sue Lederhouse+

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

For the past 11 years, I have had the privilege of working for St. Peter's Church as your secretary. I learned that a church is just a building until you add the people, and what people we have here at St. Peter's Church!

From my small office, I watched many of the daily transactions always changing around me. Over the years, I saw many priests, deacons, Vestry, M&Ms, Helping Hands, Compassionate Friends, Altar Guild, Kid's World, Monday morning counters, hardworking housekeeping parishioners, jelly making ladies, and so many others all doing their magic in order to make St. Peter's Church come alive. I, also, eagerly awaited each Easter for the next installment of the beautiful new addition to our Stations of the Cross.

When our red front door would be open, it was humbling to see the needy people come into the church seeking assistance and to see visiting guests enjoying the beauty of our church and its history.

After so many years, it was with great thought that I finally came to the realization that it was time to say goodbye. It was a hard decision to make because I came to love this church and its people.

It was my full intention to exit softly without fanfare, but Reverend Sue, with the help of the parishioners and the Vestry, would not hear of it. So, I agreed to be honored by you with a delightful farewell luncheon with all of you making this trip to church in spite of busy Friday afternoon traffic in June!

I am so grateful to all of you for going to all that trouble to make my last day memorable. It really meant a lot to me. And with the words of Sally Field, "You liked me, you really, really liked me".

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Addie Carrara

ALTAR FLOWERS / SANCTUARY LAMP

Have you ever wanted to do something special to honor a loved one? How about dedicating the altar flowers or the sanctuary lamp on a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or as a memorial? On the wall in the Narthex, there are two calendars – one for altar flowers and one for the sanctuary lamp. Check and see if your date is available – sign your name – and fill in the pink sheet that you will find in the rack underneath. Altar flowers are \$35/Sunday; the sanctuary lamp is \$7. You can write a check to St. Peter's or pay in cash. Place the pink sheet with attached offering in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it to the Office on a Monday or Friday.

WE NEED HELP! CALLING ALL ST. PETER'S PARISHIONERS!

St. Peter's has had many needed upkeep projects that have successfully been taken care of over the last few years. However, there are still many that need to be done. As Junior Warden of the Vestry, besides working closely with the Rector and Senior Warden, it is my duty to have an understanding of property maintenance needs. This is not a major strength of mine. I have been fortunate to have had the cooperation and hard work of Henri Masson, Jim Lema, Don Smith, George Darling, John McGuinness, and Bob Benting. I know there are more of you. I have been the "reporter" of all their work, to the Vestry. Another of my responsibilities is to recruit and motivate members of the congregation to take responsibility for the maintenance work. Again, many of you have stepped up. Our bathrooms are always clean, our floors are vacuumed and washed, and our grounds are well groomed.

Here is the main reason for this appeal. I have been asked to co-chair a **Building Committee**. I need members for this committee. I personally do not know contractors who may be able to help with what needs to be done at our Church. Some of you probably do. Maybe a friend, relative, someone who has worked on your property, or you yourself. We have many members with expertise and talents that are useful to St. Peter's. I don't know who you are, but I hope I soon will.

Our handicap ramp and the approach to the ramp need replacing or repair, the front door (the first thing people see as they enter our Church) is falling apart and needs repair or replacement, the front stairs are crumbling, the covers on all stained-glass windows need replacing. These are the ones that I am aware of at this time. We all know, as with all properties, others will show up. We need input from all of our brothers and sisters of St. Peter's.

Henri and I will be chairing a **meeting at 9AM on July 12**, between services. I hope many of you can join us. You will not automatically become a member of this committee because you have joined the discussion. We want your ideas, contact information, expertise, and talents. Of course it would be fantastic to leave the meeting with some members who are willing to join in the work of this new committee. Don't let the possibility of committee involvement deter your attendance at this information-gathering meeting. We need **all** the helpful ideas you have to offer.

All of us are The Church. It is up to us to maintain and love the building that the Lord has provided for us. I have been a member of St. Peter's since 1976. I have seen us prosper and seen us almost close. We have survived with dedication and the heart of a servant of God. It is a blessing to see the stability we now share. Please join Henri and me on July 12.

Lynne A. Brune, Junior Warden

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on June 8, 2015.

1. The Church Audit is due shortly. Sue is following up on some recommended auditors. A decision will be made soon as to who will conduct this as it needs to be completed by September.
2. The Diocese has sent out the annual assessment to the parishes. We remain the lowest assessment in our Deanery, however, due to the positive growth of our Parish we will have an increase in this coming year of \$3,297.00. This increase is based on our expenses from 2013.
3. We now have a new contract signed by the Discovery Preschool, which will be for another three years. We have increased the rent by \$150.00 per month.
4. We will be sending out the Bake-less Cake Sale letter within the next couple of weeks. Parishioners are asked to consider making a donation of whatever amount they would like in lieu of actually baking for a real bake sale fund raiser.
5. On July 12, there will be a meeting, facilitated by Lynne Brune, to discuss the forming of a Building Committee. The task of this Committee would be to review the building repairs needed, review bids on repairs, and prioritize needs. Some of the issues to be considered are the repair of our stained glass windows, repair of front door, concrete repair of front stairs and at the base of the handicap ramp, and repair/replacement of the handicap ramp and deck. We are asking for parishioners who would be interested in participating to attend this meeting.
6. The Fall Fair will be on September 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next planning meeting will be on August 1, Saturday at 10:00. If you missed the last meeting and are interested in being part of this Fair, please join us.
7. The Holiday Fair will be on November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next planning meeting will be on September 26, Saturday at 10:00. If you missed the last meeting and are interested in being part of this Fair, please join us.
8. There will be a sign up sheet placed in the Narthex in August with some needed items for our Fall Fair for anyone wanting to make a donation. We are also asking that if anyone would like to donate a gift card to Market Basket or Stop and Shop toward the purchase of food items, it would also be very helpful in defraying the cost.
9. The Board of Health was asked if we could do any baking out of our own home kitchens for items to sell at our Fairs. We have been told that in the case of fund raising for non-profit organizations, they are not as strict as they are when meals are prepared and provided to the public, such as our Friendly Kitchen. This is good news for us, as it makes baking more convenient for most of us that prefer to use our own kitchens on our own time.

10. We will not have a July Yard Sale, but will have one on October 10. We will also have the Blessing of the Animals on that day.
11. The Vestry voted to make a donation this year to the Amazing Grace Camp in the amount of \$400.

The next Vestry meeting will be July 20.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will not meet during July and August, but may resume in the fall. Stay tuned!
Lynne A. Brune

INGATHERING FOR THE VILLAGE OF CATAUMET

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village of Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of July, the M & Ms are collecting cleaning supplies and paper goods.** Clothing in good condition is accepted every month. 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.

CHILI'S FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Don't forget the monthly fundraising event for Friendly Kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month at Chili's Restaurant in Wareham. Make sure to pick up a coupon (available in the Narthex and in Stephenson Hall), bring it to Chili's, and Friendly Kitchen will get 10% from your total restaurant bill. This month's date is **Wednesday, July 1st.**

HEALING SERVICE

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 usually held on the third Sunday of the month. This month, however, the healing service and laying on of hands will be held on the second Sunday: **Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

If you ever feel uncomfortable about exchanging the peace because of illness, feel free to indicate that to those around you. It is perfectly acceptable to bump elbows or nod or bow if you don't feel you can shake hands or hug.

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 August issue is Friday, **July 17th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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1	Wednesday		Chili's Fundraiser for Friendly Kitchen
2	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Inquirers Class
4	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Parade
12	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Building Committee Baptism
17	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
19	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
20	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry

Upcoming Dates

Aug 1	Fall Fair Planning Meeting	Sept 5	Fall Craft Fair
Sept 13	Picnic	Sept 26	Confirmation
Sept 26	Holiday Fair Planning Meeting	Oct 10	Yard Sale
Oct 10	Blessing of the Animals	Nov 7	Christmas Fair
Nov 13-14	Diocesan Convention		

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	After Church School [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
	5:15 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen
	7:30 p.m.	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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