
The Wave - MAY 2016

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

*FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

HOW IS THE SPIRIT MOVING IN YOUR LIFE??

A breath of fresh air – a sudden moment of awareness of God's presence – a desire to do something different with your life. Have any of these ever happened to you?? These are all indications that the Holy Spirit is at work.

The Holy Spirit is a hard thing to get a handle on. This 3rd person of the Holy Trinity can be very elusive at times. We can feel stuck; we can feel that nothing is happening in our lives; we can wonder where God is. And then just as sudden as the wind blowing and the tree leaves rustling, we have a new idea, a new plan that wasn't there before. Suddenly we feel we have power to change our lives – to do something we may never have dreamed possible.

For the early Christian Church, this power of the Holy Spirit gave boldness and confidence to people who had cowered in fear. This Holy Spirit gave them power to speak about their faith and to witness to what God had ignited in them. As the Acts of the Apostles tells us, hundreds and thousands were changed by this power of the Holy Spirit.

But sometimes we discount these moments of insight; sometimes we try to tamp down the Holy Spirit and say: "Not now" or "Send someone else." But the Holy Spirit doesn't give up. It keeps working on all of us breathing new life into difficult situations; helping us to see with new eyes.

As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on PENTECOST – May 15 this year – take a moment to reflect on where the Spirit may be leading YOU. Perhaps you're being called to a new ministry, a new relationship, a new job, a new way at looking at things.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD – FALL AFRESH ON US!

Blessings and love in the Spirit –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but I'm up to here with endless, droning, hectoring speeches by politicians claiming they're the only ones capable of saving the Union, and if we don't elect them we're all doomed. Buddy has decided he can't take any more. He's voted with his feet, "flown the coop," in search of peace and quiet. He's found it under the rhododendron bush where he spends most of the day watching the rabbits cavort in the grass while he excavates huge "craters" he can lie in to stay cool during the coming heat of summer.

My German son-in-law assures me that in Germany, elections are way more civilized. No negative personal attacks on candidates or their family members are tolerated. The government provides most of the campaign funding to the political parties. Private donations are permitted, but only to the parties. The parties must then report these donations to the government. The duration of the campaign is measured in weeks, not years. Quite different from the 2 year mud-slinging marathons that the networks subject us to, isn't it? Anyone ready to vote for that?

It occurs to me that we don't really need politicians to save us anyway. We already have someone who has promised to do that. Sure, we need to do our duty as citizens and make wise, well-informed choices, but we don't have to live in fear as the political parties and the media would have it. As far as making our political process more efficient and cleaning up our campaign funding mess, well... that's a subject for another day.

Meanwhile, with respect to the current campaign, I think Buddy's got the right idea. Move over Bud!

Deacon Robert Sherwood

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016.

1. A new Barbara C. Harris Campership Fund has now been established. Thank you to the parishioners that have already donated to the fund. This is an ongoing fund set up to assist our parish youth who would like to participate in this summer camp. If anyone is interested in donating to this new fund, please let Reverend Sue know, or one of the Wardens or Vestry members.
2. We have received a very generous donation from one of our parishioners, which we are very grateful for, to have a new fire box installed. This was a requirement that we had to comply with by this June.
3. We received \$100.16 from Waddle Books for March. This is a very good amount, since winter is not always a good drop off time for our book bin.
4. The Diocese has appointed a new Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Bill Parnell, who was the Archdeacon for Mission for the Diocese of New York. He will be replacing The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd. This is the top position in the Diocese directly below the Bishops.
5. We have three children in our communion class. These children will be presented at the 10:00 service at Pentecost.
6. Holy Week/Easter, we had the best attendance in many years!! Palm Sunday 101, Maundy Thursday 48, Good Friday 83, Easter Sunday 165. Fabulous!!! A lot of new faces. Inviting a friend is the best public relations our church can receive and the best outreach program we have available to all of us.

7. There will be a follow up meeting sometime in May or June for the Diocesan Small Church meeting that Rev. Sue, Linda Masson and Lynne Brune attended earlier this year. This meeting was helpful in establishing relationships between churches in our Diocese where we can share what is happening in our churches, and brainstorming and sharing ideas that will be helpful to us all regarding how we can grow and reach out to our communities. Some good ideas were shared at the last meeting and there should be more churches represented at the next meeting.
8. May 15, the Congregational Development Grant is due. Rev. Sue, Linda Masson, Lynne Brune and Henri Masson have been working on gathering information needed for the grant that will hopefully award us some funds to purchase a much needed stove for our kitchen. Our current stove is not energy efficient and is 40 years old.
9. We received another very generous donation from one of our parishioners, for which we are very grateful, for a new generator that is needed in the Discovery Pre School area. This would be crucial if we ever have any basement flooding.
10. John Platanitis is currently on an extended leave. Bruce Lederhouse had his knee surgery on April 11 and will not be able to substitute for John until at least July. We are very grateful that Lisa Platanitis has agreed to be in charge of music through the end of May when the choir season ends on May 29. We may need to consider substitute organists in the interim, until John and Bruce return. Rev. Sue is following up on some possibilities.
11. Deacon Bob continues to work with Father Jim at the Mass. Maritime Academy and they are offering the cadets a four week Bible Study, which started on Wednesday April 20.
12. The Vestry has reviewed the results of the small group activity that they participated in during our Annual Vestry Retreat. The following goals were selected for 2016: 1. Establish a Pastoral Care Committee 2. Establish a Public Relations Committee 3. Establish a Stewardship Committee 4. Rekindle the Archives Committee. 5. Continue the Outreach activities already begun.

The congregation will be receiving more information regarding these committees and will be offered the opportunity to serve on one or more of these committees. Sign-up sheets will be made available soon.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

WAYS YOU CAN HELP ST. PETER'S

As noted in the VISIBLE VESTRY, the Vestry voted to establish several committees to better serve St. Peter's. There will be sign-up sheets for these soon – and several of you have already signed up to help in certain areas. Please be thinking about your call to serve on one of these groups:

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE which will provide extended pastoral care for the parish in areas such as rides, food, visits, prayer chain.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE which will develop and oversee all forms of public relations for the parish such as new brochures, newspaper articles, postcards for new residents, an expanded website, pew cards, new member packets, and signs.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE which will organize the stewardship program for the coming year including developing a theme and devising this year's program which may or may not include a dinner, witness talks, and writing thank you notes for those who pledge.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE which will assess the current archives and their organization and also expand to include updating the building inventory and potential oral history taping of those who are long term members of St. Peter's.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE which has already begun its work to provide items of help for those in need (blessing bags for the homeless and comfort cases for children in transitional housing). Plans are for expanded outreach to the Village at Cataumet. Contact Karen McGuinness (rubymoon777@aol.com) for more information.

Look for the sign-up sheets for these committees soon and prayerfully consider which committee sounds right for you. Questions?? Contact Rev. Sue (lederhouse@msn.com) or one of the Wardens: Linda Masson (masson4@verizon.net) or Lynne Brune (blueflame46@comcast.net).

LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST

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 very early this year, so Pentecost is earlier this year as well. This year, it takes place on **MAY 15**

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, May 15 - at the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service**, please let me know by **MAY 8**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning May 1. I will provide the reading for you.

At the 10:00 service, we also will welcome 3 of our children who have been part of the communion class this spring into a fuller understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

And since it's the 3rd Sunday of the month, we will also have our regular Healing Service at 9:00 that day. It's very appropriate since healing is also an act of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sue Lederhouse+

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE GOING TO LUNCH!

Celebrate spring with a lunch out! All women of the parish are invited to join together for a lunch at Lindsey's on **MONDAY, MAY 16, at 12:30 pm.** It will be a good chance to get together and share our winter stories and welcome spring and summer. Please let Georgi Frampton know if you're able to come (508-888-4976).

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .

Lynne and David Brune and their work on the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall.

The donations of money and supplies to our new Outreach initiative.

All who provided food for Bishop Gayle's visitation on April 3 and for all who came to worship and to meet with her on that very snowy morning.

Casey Hancox who was baptized at the 8:00 service on April 17

For all who are part of the communion class who will be presented on Pentecost, May 15: Mercedes Suarez, Michael Suarez, and Kaitlyn Willey.

GOD'S FAITHFUL STEWARDS

On Tuesday, April 12, God's Faithful Stewards constructed twenty-four Comfort Cases for the children living at the Village at Cataumet. Most of the durable canvas duffel bags included a 50" x 60" fleece blanket, Biblical story book, coloring book, 24-count box of Crayola crayons, a 50-piece puzzle, comb, (hair elastics for the girls), toothbrush, toothpaste, and Beanie Baby stuffed animal. Some substitutions were made for three older children, ages 11, 12, and 13, which included youth Bibles and faith-based chapter books. The cases were given to all of the children, ages 2 – 13, currently living at the shelter, and nine additional cases were given to comfort incoming children within this age group.

The Village at Cataumet is so very grateful for these Comfort Cases, and I extend their thanks to all who helped contribute to this outreach. Although we did not have the supplies on hand to construct cases for the seven infants at the shelter (ages 4 months to 1 year), we were assured they received many needed items at Christmas. If anyone would like to donate any infant items (diapers, wipes, bottles, baby wash and lotion, baby blankets, pacifiers, etc.), I am sure the shelter would be very thankful, and I would be very happy to deliver them.

On Wednesday, April 20, God's Faithful Stewards led another arts and crafts project, this time for the older children and parents. Eight participants enjoyed the evening, and plans are underway for another project next month!

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.**, and we will be filling more Blessing Bags for the homeless. Diners at Friendly Kitchen were so very thankful for the bags in March, and we will be extending this outreach within our community. Please consider donating items we could place in a gallon sized ziplock bag for those in need. Thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity!

Yours in Christ, *Karen McGuinness* (rubymoon777@aol.com; 508-367-9647)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MAY 1

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will be served on **Sunday, May 1, 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - MAY 21

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 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 of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - MAY 9 AND MAY 23

On **MAY 9**, we will be looking at PILATE'S WIFE, a challenging figure in the New Testament and then on **MAY 23**, we will be studying ABIGAIL, an interesting character in the Old Testament.

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.

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 May, we will be gathering twin bed sheets, standard pillowcases, blankets and anything to help make a bed comfortable and pretty.** 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.

HEALING SERVICE - MAY 15 - 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, May 15, at 9 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **May** issue is **Friday, May 20, 2016**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

After services, please put bulletin inserts in the Narthex table basket to be re-used. Music inserts and special prayer service pages can be re-used week-by-week or season-by-season. Doing this will help keep down paper and printing costs. We encourage you to take home the bulletin itself to review the announcements for activities you might like to participate in or lend your special talents to, and to pray for those on our parish prayer list throughout the week. Thank you and God Bless! Kathy Letzeisen

MAY 2016

1	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Communion Class
2	Monday		NO Bible Study
5	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Deanery Altar Guild Ascension Day Gathering at Christ Church/Plymouth
9	Monday		Women's Bible Study
12	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies
15	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	PENTECOST (Wear Red!) Healing Service Presentation of the Communion Class
16	Monday	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Luncheon at Lindsey's Vestry
17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	God's Faithful Stewards (Outreach)
19	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies
20	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
23	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
29	Sunday		Last Choir until the Fall
30	Monday		Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED NO Bible Study
31	Tuesday	10 – 4 11:00 a.m.	Office Open Bible Study

Upcoming Dates

June 2

Deanery at Christ Church/Plymouth

September 11

Parish Picnic

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	[LAST CHOIR - MAY 29]
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study	[LAST BIBLE STUDY - JUNE 13]
	5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen 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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