
The Wave - OCTOBER 2015

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

FROM THE RECTOR *The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

We have many conversations day by day as we go through this life. Some of them are functional – for instance, when we're in a bank or a restaurant. Some of them are more in depth with family or friends. Some are very short and may be one or two words while others may go on for a long period of time. Some may be very one sided while others may be a true dialogue between two people who care deeply for each other. In some of our conversations, we may be able to have what some have called "an undefended heart" – in other words, we don't feel we have to defend our actions or our thoughts. We can come to the conversation and "lay it all on the table" without holding back. Sometimes, we can dare to be foolish or childlike (as opposed to "childish") and to approach things with a sense of wonder.

How many of these types of conversations sound like the ones we have with God?? Sometimes we do the one or two word conversations: "Help" or "Save Me." Sometimes we have a lot to say to God. Are we willing to be honest with God (who actually does already know us through and through?) Are we willing to be childlike and in awe of what God does in our lives and in the life of the world?

Our prayers are truly our conversations with God – but sometimes they take the form of a text message rather than a long conversation. And sometimes we don't listen, don't wait for God's response. "Take it to the Lord in prayer," one of the good old Gospel hymns tell us. And that's good advice.

Our opening collect for Sunday October 4 tells us that "God is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve." Sometimes I fear we don't give God enough credit for wanting to hear what we have to say. God longs to be in communication with us – God longs to hear what our joys and our sorrows are – God desires that relationship with us.

Do you have a particular time of day when conversation with God (prayer) happens more easily or more often? Do you feel like you have a continuous conversation going throughout the day?

Take time to cultivate that wonderful relationship and be in conversation. God yearns for your words! YES – GOD REALLY DOES!

Blessings and love to you all –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Amazing Grace Camp

Amazing Grace Camp is for children who currently have, or have had, a family member incarcerated. The camp experience demonstrates unconditional love, with the intention of breaking the chain of intergenerational incarceration. These children often suffer emotional trauma and are ostracized by peers and peer families. This leads to shame, low self-esteem, low trust and a greater risk of incarceration themselves.

The camp takes place the last week of August at YMCA Camp Burgess in Sandwich and it takes many volunteers to make this experience happen. In 2014, the first year the camp was run, there were twelve campers. This year, twenty campers ages 6-12 attended from Cape Cod and the South Shore. Six parishioners of St Peter's joined members of several other churches in the area to help. They are: Jack and Nancy Kennedy, Karen McGuinness, and Deacon Bob and Nancy Sherwood, who were mentors attending the morning sessions each day. In addition, Donovin Tavares volunteered for the task of addressing about 140 envelopes for thank you notes to donors and volunteers.

Nancy Kennedy sums up the experience well as follows: "For five days the kids who come to Camp Amazing Grace get to be just kids enjoying all the YMCA Camp Burgess has to offer: waterfront, high ropes, horseback riding, caring for farm animals and so much more. They live together in tents, eat delicious food in the dining hall family style, laugh together and sometimes bicker like siblings or friends. And through it all they discover wonderful things about themselves, amazing things. Their self-esteem and self-confidence go up a notch. They are worthy human beings who can accomplish things and make friends. Those of us who volunteered were fortunate enough to be able to be part of their life changing experience."

Deacon Bob Sherwood

DONOVIN TAVARES ATTENDS BARBARA C. HARRIS CAMP

This summer, I got the privilege to go to the Barbara C. Harris Camp for the second time! This year, I got to see some of my old friends from last year, and I also made some new ones! We also got to meet Barbara C. Harris herself, who was the first woman Bishop. When we all took a group picture with her, she said, "To get a better smile, say 'whiskey'!" Another thing that was fun was Counselor Hunt, where one counselor from each cabin hid and we had to find them and do a certain thing that they told you to do, and then you would get a point. My cabin came in third place!

Donovin Tavares

FALL YARD SALE - OCTOBER 3

St. Peter's Fall Yard Sale will be held on our front lawn on **Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, weather permitting. If you would like to contribute any quality items to our sale, please drop them off at the Church before the date of the sale. Please, no clothing.

Fundraiser Tupperware Party with Denise Ragno, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 3rd, during our Yard Sale. St. Peter's will earn **15%** from products sold from the main catalog (copies available in the Parish Hall). We will also earn **50%** from a sales catalog that will be available soon!

We need some workers to help set up, at 7:30 a.m., and to work the sale as well as to help take things down.

For more information, or to sign up to help, contact Marcia Willmott at mwillmott@live.com or by phone at (508) 743-9387.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 3

Immediately following the Fall Yard Sale, we will hold our Blessing of the Animals service **at 1 p.m.** on the old thrift store property. This is a particularly appropriate day since it is the day before the Feast Day of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. All are invited to bring pets (both alive and stuffed) or pictures of favorite pets. Pray for good weather and tell your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - OCTOBER 4

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast, now under the leadership of Ken Lihzis, will resume on **Sunday, October 4, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee all served up by a team of both old and new smiling faces!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - OCTOBER 12 & 26

The Women's Bible Study got off to a great start on September 14 with a rousing discussion about Herodias and Salome. On September 28, the discussion focused on Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Who will we be discussing on October 12 & 26?? Come and see!! 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 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 - OCTOBER 17

After the summer hiatus, the men of the parish will gather together for breakfast once more. The new coordinator for the Men's Breakfast Gathering will be Ken Lihzis. He cordially invites all the men of the parish to join with him at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham**, for a time of food and fellowship. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty.

SAY FAREWELL TO CHILI'S FUNDRAISING FOR FRIENDLY KITCHEN

For a number of years, on the first Wednesday of each month, the Chili's in East Wareham has provided St. Peter's parishioners and friends the opportunity to eat there and donate to Friendly Kitchen at the same time. Chili's has generously given 10% of the total bill to Friendly Kitchen with our coupon each month. This is now being discontinued and we are looking for another opportunity to provide some additional funding for Friendly Kitchen. If you have suggestions, please talk with Reverend Sue or one of the Wardens (Linda Masson or Lynne Brune).

NECROLOGY ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Each year on All Saints Sunday – this year on the actual date, **November 1** – we remember those family members and loved ones that have died. In the Sunday bulletins on October 18 and 25, there will be forms for you to list the names of those people so that they can be part of the Necrology on that day. Please print the names clearly as they will be read as part of each service that day. Deadline for submitting names will be **October 26.**

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on September 21, 2015:

1. The initial annual audit was approved by the Vestry at a Special Meeting on August 30 and was submitted to the Diocese. Additional material still needs to be submitted to the auditor for the audit to be completed.
2. Handicapped Ramp is finished and it appears everyone is enjoying its new and improved makeover.
3. PM Systems who installed our initial sound system has given us an estimate on a sound system upgrade which would add a new microphone for the lectern and two new lavalier mikes. The Vestry will vote on this in October.
4. Our Fall Fair was successful despite the fact that we did not have a Bourne Scallop Fest to piggyback onto this September. Receipts were \$1400 plus. We thank all who helped to make this a great success! Linda would especially like to thank Lynne and David Brune, Priscilla and Charlie Ellis and Patti, Mike and Joseph Metcalf. The Metcalfs were also very much responsible for the wonderful weeding and improved landscaping job in the front of the church!
5. Chili's Fundraiser for Friendly Kitchen is being discontinued, so we are looking for a restaurant that offers a similar fundraiser. If anyone knows of any other similar opportunity, please speak to Rev. Sue or the Wardens.
6. We have received \$500 from the Diocese to offset our snow expenses this past winter.
7. We had our Parish Picnic at church this year, due to the inclement weather. It went very well with a good mix of 8:00 and 10:00 parishioners attending. Having it at church actually made it more accessible for some who would not otherwise be able to attend it at Ursula's home. We did miss the beautiful ocean view though. Thank you Ursula for your generous offer to use your back yard.

Visible Vestry, continued

8. A Brownies Group started meeting at the church on 9/17. They are meeting every other Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and there are 6-7 girls attending.
9. Confirmation will be on 9/26 at St. John the Evangelist/Bowdoin Street/Boston. Robyn O'Toole (8:00) will be confirmed. There will be a reception for Robyn on 9/27 after the 8:00 service. Congratulations and welcome to Robyn!
10. The Bible Study on the Parables will begin on 10/1 at 6:30 p.m. There are now 12 folks signed up for the study, which will be held for four weeks.
11. We will have our Yard Sale on 10/3 from 9:00-1:00. If you have any Holiday decorations, please sort them out separately, if possible, when you leave them at the church. Please contact Marcia Willmott, 508-743-9387, if you have any questions and if you can assist with sorting and pricing the week prior to the sale.
12. The Blessing of the Animals will also take place on 10/3 at 1:00 p.m.
13. There will be a Tupperware demonstration and sale during the Yard Sale on 10/3 at 11:00 a.m. at Church. We will receive 15% of any sales and there will also be a separate sale book for you to review. We will receive 40% of certain select items. Contact Patti Metcalf if you have any questions, 508-833-0170.
14. Pancake Breakfast will begin again on 10/4. Thank you to all who came forward and will continue to help support this fellowship activity with their volunteer assistance. Thank you Ken Lihzis for being our new pancake chef!
15. Men's Breakfast Group will begin again on 10/17. If you have any questions please contact Ken Lihzis, 774-212-0453.
16. St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Pre-Convention Forum on 10/29.
17. Repairs to the frame of our front door will begin hopefully within the next couple of weeks.
18. Choir will resume again on 9/27. We thank Bruce Lederhouse, who will serve as our interim Music Director/Organist, and Lisa Platanitis for her support and musical talents.
19. Our Holiday Fair will take place on 11/7. If you have any holiday decorations that are in nice condition, please leave them at the church and label them for the Holiday Fair so we don't confuse them with the yard sale items. We are also going to have a Country Corner table, so if you have any very nice country items we would love to have them. Re-gift table items welcome. Those are items you may have received as gifts but have never used and are in great condition. Any ideas for other kinds of specialty table sale items? We would love to hear your thoughts. Please contact Linda Masson 508-743-5139 or Lynne Brune 508-295-6146.
20. On 9/27 at the 10:00 service Joseph Metcalf will join our roster of readers. A big welcome to Joseph!

Visible Vestry, continued

21. On 9/12 we had an Archives Training given by Lynn Smith from the Diocese. There were 7 folks who attended the training. It was a great training and went beyond our expectations in helping us to look at not only our pictures and clippings, etc., but also how we do retention of our business files and information.
22. We ask for prayers for Deacon Bob who will be having foot surgery on 9/25. He is expected to be out 4-6 weeks. When he returns at the end of October or beginning of November, he will resume his activities at Mass Maritime participating in worship and Bible studies with the Cadets. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group did not meet during the summer, 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 October, the M & Ms are collecting clothing and products suitable for babies and children from infancy to 5 years.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. 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.

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 held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, October 18th 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.

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 **November** issue is Friday, **October 23rd**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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1	Thursday	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Brownies Parables Study
3	Saturday	9:00 – 1:00 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Yard Sale Tupperware Demonstration Blessing of the Animals
4	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
8	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Parables Study
12	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
14	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bourne Area Senior Cyclists
15	Thursday	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Brownies Parables Study
17	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Group
18	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
19	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
22	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Parables Study
23	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
26	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
29	Thursday	7 – 9 p.m.	Pre-Convention Forum

Upcoming Dates

Nov 1	All Saints Day / Baptisms	Nov 7	Holiday Fair
Nov 13-14	Diocesan Convention	Nov 22	Stewardship Ingathering
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	Nov 29	Advent Begins
Dec 13	Compassionate Friends		

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)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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