

# *The Wave - APRIL 2018*

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

*FROM THE RECTOR*  
*The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

Resurrection – new life – rebirth. All words we use to describe Easter and its impact on our lives. And this year we probably need to have new life in many ways.

This has been such a topsy-turvy season of Lent and months of February and March. Such changes in our weather from the warmth and almost summer like conditions of February to the horrendous and violent weather that we experienced in March with all its power losses and cancellations. And we began Lent on Ash Wednesday in an odd way. It was strange to have Ash Wednesday fall on Valentine's Day. A tough time for anyone who likes to celebrate that day with lots of chocolate!

We celebrate Easter on April 1 this year – April Fool's Day. And this is an interesting day to celebrate as well because to much of the world, what we celebrate on Easter is foolish. We celebrate a man who died on a cross, a man who was hanged in between 2 common criminals, a man who looked nothing like the king that the sign above His head proclaimed. And indeed WE ARE fools for Christ – fools who believe that out of that death did come new life and new birth. Fools who believe that Easter is not just about candy (once again) or Easter Dinner or Easter bonnets and Easter parades. It's not just about ducks or rabbits or Easter Egg Hunts, but about the miracle that happened on that first Easter Day.

And Easter is about the miracle that despite all the ways we turn away from God – all the ways that we hurt those around us and ourselves – all the ways that we may fail to live up to what God would have us do. . . despite all those things, God continues to love us. God loved us enough to send Jesus to live among us in His humanity, to teach us, and to die among us. And God continues to love us more than we can ever imagine.

That is the gift we are called to share with one another – that amazing miracle of Easter – that wondrous love of God. As we sing in Hymn 439 in our Hymnal:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**  
**to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,**  
**to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

A blessed Eastertide to all of you –

Sue Lederhouse+

## *THE DEACON'S CORNER*

While Deacon Bob will not be writing a column this month, I want to share the good news that the Diocese is allowing him to stay with us for another year. I look forward to having my "sidekick" in place!

Hooray!

Sue Lederhouse+

## *MUSIC NOTES*

To clap or not to clap??

That seems to be the question buzzing around St. Peter's.

**Clap your hands all you people; shout to God with songs of joy! - Psalm 47:1**

**There is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under Heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1**

So, feel free to give praise to God when the Spirit moves but, please refrain from applause during solemn liturgies and anthems.

The choir is grateful for the support and appreciation you all express.

Lisa Platanitis

## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

Vestry met on Monday, March 19, 2018.

1. Thank You to our Substance Abuse Committee for a great job planning the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition on March 9 which raised \$1000.00!!!! Thank You to the volunteers who worked in the kitchen and our servers, especially the students from Upper Cape Vocational Technical School. A thank you article has been written for the *Bourne Enterprise* for the wonderful donations from Olive Garden in Plymouth, Mezza Luna, and Honey Dew Donuts. The Committee is discussing their next possible educational program which is called "Hidden in Plain Sight". More information to come on this program.

2. Thank you to Caroline Stone's son, who teaches at the Blue Hills Vocational Technical School in Canton, and his students for the fabulous St. Peter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday cake which we shared at Coffee Hour on March 11, Refreshment Sunday. Almost too pretty to eat and what a lot of work and detail that went into making it. Just wonderful!

3. We have new handicapped signs for our parking lot that will be put up soon. We are planning to have the parking spaces striped and are considering doing the entire parking lot, as it hasn't been done since 2010, and they are fading. Signs must be in place by June 1, in order for us to be in compliance with the timeline given to us by the Bourne Police Department.
  4. We still need to get 12-inch street numbers for the front of our church building.
  5. We have had some significant issues with our water pumps in the Discovery Day Care, resulting in flooding and the loss of some of their rugs. We have upgraded the primary pump to a more powerful and better pump to remove the ground water faster. A basement company has been contacted for an assessment and estimate to possibly seal the foundation to prevent future water leakage.
  6. Three parishioners have attended the Eucharistic Visitor Training at St. David's and have received their certification. Another person will attend a training in April, and all will be commissioned soon.
  7. The Lenten study, "Bible for Dummies," is going well with 20 plus folks registered.
  8. An ad for Holy Week/Easter week services has been placed in the *Bourne Enterprise* and will run on March 23 and 30.
  9. We will be hosting the Diocesan Altar Guild meeting on April 28, which will include a Eucharist and luncheon.
  10. There will be two baptisms on April 29, and one baptism on May 20. All of these baptisms are at the 10:00 service.
  11. The Vestry has been assigned the task of developing new goals for the 2018 church year. Areas of need that small groups worked on during the Vestry Retreat in February will be discussed and reviewed by the liaisons for each group. Goals in the following areas will be developed: Administration, Communications, Outreach, Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Building & Grounds, and Archives.
  12. St. Peter's is still in need of volunteers to work as part of a Building and Grounds Committee. These folks would identify and assess, on an ongoing basis, any physical plant needs/repairs inside and outside the building. These identified needs or concerns will be brought to the Vestry for action. The Committee is **not required** to necessarily do any actual repairs, just stay on top of checking out the building and grounds.
  13. Deacon Bob reported that the Men's breakfast had a brief meeting regarding the future location of the breakfast. Leo's does not have adequate room for the men to sit together, thus defeating the purpose of a time of fellowship. A majority voted to finish off this season at Leo's but in the fall they will return to the former location of Persy's in East Wareham on Cranberry Highway at 8:00 a.m.
  14. Cape Light Compact will be returning soon to complete the replacement of our church lights with more energy efficient lighting. They did some of our lights in February.
- Please see the schedule of Holy Week services and join your church family in walking that difficult journey with Christ to the cross and then rejoicing together in His glorious resurrection!!!  
Wishing Easter joy to all of you and your families, from your Vestry.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

## *WHO WROTE THAT HYMN? "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"*

George Bennard (02/04/1873-10/10/1958) is the author and composer. This is the story of an old country preacher from Michigan who was almost totally unknown until he wrote the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." George Bennard was born in Youngstown, Ohio. His parents, George and Margaret Russell Bennard, were of Scottish descent. George and his five other siblings moved to Albion where his dad ran a tavern. When his father's tavern burned down, his father turned to mining coal. An accident led to his father's death at the age of 49 which forced George, who was just 16, to support his mother and sisters as a coal miner. He grew up under very poor conditions.

In 1895, across the state in Canton, George attended Salvation Army meetings and at the age of 24, he decided to turn to the ministry. He became a minister when he enlisted in the Salvation Army at Rock Island, Illinois and he was then ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church. By 1898, he was conducting revival meetings throughout the Midwest and later transferred to New York, where he resigned in 1910. At the age of 37, he decided to go out on his own as an evangelist. He preached throughout the United States and Canada. It was during these years that he began composing hymns, and in Albion he started his own hymn publishing company. On writing his hymn, George stated, "I seemed to have a vision....I saw the Christ and the cross inseparable." He wrote the song over a month as he traveled to revival meetings. The melody of the hymn came easily, but he labored over the words in the four verses and the refrain. The hymn was initially published in 1913 and was immediately successful. Of interest is that some folks were known to state that they didn't like the wording, "I will **cling** to the old rugged cross", as the word cling was found to be bothersome and sounded a bit too Roman Catholic. Some have chosen to sing instead, "I will **sing** to the old rugged cross".

Although he wrote around 350 hymns, none were as famous as "The Old Rugged Cross." The hymn was first sung formally at a revival meeting at Pokagon, Michigan. Noted evangelist Billy Sunday, an Iowa native, popularized the hymn with his nationally broadcast radio show. By 1939, more than 15 million copies of the hymn had been sold and numerous recordings made.

George's first wife Willaminta died, and in July of 1944 he married Hannah Dahlstrom, his accompanist. Bennard played guitar but not the piano. He was known as a persuasive speaker and a sharp dresser, yet he was known to be a very humble and sincere person. It is said he was a pastor before he was well known but he was never spoiled by the notice he received. "He was as common as an old shoe".

George retired to Reed City and died there at the age of 85 of asthma on 10/10/1958. As of October 9, 1968, near his home, there still stands a twelve-foot-high cross with the words, "The Old Rugged Cross-the home of George Bennard, composer of this beloved hymn". The town also maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry.

Information obtained for my writing of this article was taken from *Wikipedia* and *Blessed Quietness Journal*. "The Old Rugged Cross" can be found in our *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) Songbook #38.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST - APRIL 8***

The first Sunday of April is Easter this year so we will be moving the Pancake Breakfast in April to the next Sunday BUT our friendly and dedicated Pancake Sunday team will be back cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m.**, so that both eight o'clockers and tenners can enjoy a treat and a visit. For more information, contact Ken Lihzis ([Klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:Klihzis@gmail.com) / 774-212-0453).

### ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - APRIL 9 AND 30***

On **April 9**, we will be studying Lot's Older Daughter from the Old Testament. Because Rev. Sue will be away at Clergy Conference on April 23, we will be moving the other Women's Bible Study in April to **April 30** when we will study the Queen of Sheba, a powerful woman of 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***HEALING SERVICE - APRIL 15***

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, April 15, at 9 a.m.**

### ***MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - APRIL 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, April 21** at Leo's Restaurant, 249 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. At the March meeting, it was decided to stay at Leo's through the June gathering and then reconvene in the fall at Persy's Place in East Wareham. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. Contact Ken Lihzis ([Klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:Klihzis@gmail.com) / 774-212-0453) for more information.

### ***WOMEN OF THE SPIRIT RETREAT - JULY 20-22, 2018***

Women of the Parish: Does a spiritual retreat this summer sound interesting? If so, please join us for a relaxing 3-day get-away to a charming Country Inn in Vermont with like-minded women to explore spirituality in our life experiences, attend services at the Weston Priory and be pampered with delicious meals provided at the Inn. The retreat has been an annual event attended by women of St. Peter's and other parishes. In 2018, the program will be led by Deacon Sharon Powers. For more details, please speak to Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786 or [cpellis59@comcast.net](mailto:cpellis59@comcast.net)) or Nancy Sherwood 508-540-5817 or

[nsherwood114@gmail.com](mailto:nsherwood114@gmail.com)). A meeting will be held soon for those interested. Watch for more information.

### ***SPAGHETTI SUPPER***

The St. Peter's Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group held a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, March 9 (postponed from March 2 because of bad weather) to benefit the work of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Approximately 45 people were in attendance. We were amazed and immensely gratified by the wonderful donations we received from local businesses. Mezza Luna Restaurant in Buzzards Bay provided 5 gallons of spaghetti sauce along with 100 of their wonderful large meatballs. Olive Garden in Plymouth provided bowls of salad with dressing as well as 100+ bread sticks. Honey Dew Donuts in Buzzards Bay provided two large containers of coffee along with cups, sweeteners, and stirrers. Shaw's in Cedarville provided a gift card to help fund items that were not already donated. Thanks to all of the donations, we were able to donate all of the proceeds to the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. **These proceeds totaled \$1000!!** Thanks to all who attended the dinner, those who made donations, and above all to these generous businesses! The St. Peter's Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group plans another program for the spring. Watch your bulletin for date and time. Thank you for your support to help in the work to stop the opioid crisis in our community!

### ***WEEKLY EMAIL***

Hopefully you are receiving the weekly email we started sending earlier this year. This email is a brief reminder of lessons for the upcoming Sunday, servers for that Sunday, calendar and upcoming events. It will also be used to notify parishioners of service or event cancellations (in the case of snow, etc.). If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to, please call or email the Church Office (508-759-5641 / [saintpeters@verizon.net](mailto:saintpeters@verizon.net)) and leave your email address with Kathy. (You might also check your Spam folder to see if the weekly email has wound up there!)

### ***TURN OFF THOSE LIGHTS!***

As you may have noticed from your Eversource bills, electricity is getting more expensive. We can all help save St. Peter's some money by cutting off lights that are not in use. Every little bit helps to save some money for other uses. Thanks for your help!

In February, Cape Light Compact replaced a number of bulbs in the Church with more energy efficient ones. In March, Additional bulbs in other parts of the building were replaced as well as part of a grant for non-profits that St. Peter's received from Cape Light Compact. All of these were done at no cost to St. Peter's. This should also help reduce our overall electric bill.

## ***BUILDING AND GROUNDS***

We are still in need of people who are interested in being part of a Building and Grounds group. The focus of this group will be to assess our building and grounds to see what repairs and upgrades need to be done and to help the Vestry prioritize what are the most important things that need to be done to keep our building and grounds in the best condition. Some of these repairs or upgrades may be able to be done by our Building Manager or others in the parish and some may have to be contracted out. **This group would not primarily be charged with doing the work but assessing what needs to be done.**

If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact me or Lynne Brune, Junior Warden. Many thanks for your help!

Sue Lederhouse+

## ***WOODEN REPLICAS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SALE***

Small wooden replicas of St. Peter's Church are available for purchase. The price is \$15.00 each. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's or pay in cash. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (508-759-5641).

## ***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 April, we are collecting baby and toddler supplies.** 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.

## ***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. Then our Building Manager, Frank Walker, can take care of it. 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!

## ***BOOK BIN AVAILABLE***

Don't forget our book bin when you're clearing your shelves! Bring in your books, DVDs, CDs, records, and video games and see them provide additional funds for St. Peter's! We receive 3c/pound for all the acceptable materials deposited in the bin. **No encyclopedias, magazines, Readers Digest condensed books, newspapers, VHS tapes or audio cassettes, board games and toys, or anything wet and moldy.** Thanks for your donations and tell your friends and neighbors!

## ***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](mailto: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 (April 18), 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 (April 11), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis. **WOMEN'S RECOVERY GROUP:** For any woman needing help with addiction to alcohol or drugs: Meets weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

**ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CAREGIVER EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

### ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

The Newsletter Deadline for the **May** issue is Friday, **April 20**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## *APRIL 2018*

1	Sunday	8 & 10 a.m.	<b>Easter Day Services with Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 service</b>
5	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	<b>Lenten/Easter Study</b>
8	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<b>Pancake Breakfast Deanery at Christ Church/Plymouth</b>
9	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
16	Monday	3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Substance Abuse Prevention Group Vestry</b>
19	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Friends of Council on Aging</b>
20	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Breakfast Gathering</b>
24	Monday		<b>NO BIBLE STUDY NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b>
28	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	<b>Diocesan Altar Guild @ St. Peter's</b>
26	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
29	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Baptisms</b>
30	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>May 20</b>	<b>Pentecost / Baptism</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Parade / Craft Fair</b>		

## *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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