

# The Wave - JULY 2017

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

*FROM THE RECTOR  
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

## TRAVELING LIKE THE DISCIPLES

On Sunday, June 18, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we had a long and challenging Gospel reading from Matthew 9:35-10:8, [9-23]. I preached on the first part of the Gospel and in that first part of the passage, we heard that the 12 disciples were called and sent out as apostles to proclaim the good news, to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. In the second part, we hear that the disciples were sent out with very little baggage. "Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff. . ." (Matthew 10:9-10). They had to trust that what they had would be enough – that God would provide for them.

So often we set out on trips with way too much baggage – way too many things that we won't use on the journey. And the baggage weighs us down. And our lives can be like that, too – far too many layers – too many things that keep us from knowing who we truly are – and too many things that keep us from seeing who God really is. We can get so bogged down in the trappings that we lose the core – lose the essence of who we are and how we relate to God. What would it be like if we looked at our life as if it were an onion? An onion has many layers and so do our lives. And sometimes we need to keep peeling those layers away so that we can get to that inner core which is the fundamental essence of our lives.

**What would it be like to travel light without so much baggage – either physical baggage or mental baggage? How might our lives be improved if we took that approach?**

The disciples were setting out on a mission – a mission that would change the world and would change their lives as well. Sometimes we forget that we too as the spiritual descendants of those disciples have a mission. And week by week we're called to that mission as Deacon Bob dismisses us.

One of the monks at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, Brother James Koester, wrote some wonderful words recently about that dismissal and its charge to us: **"What would your week look like if you took seriously the dismissal to 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,' and did so because you had a mission to do and a message to proclaim and you were so excited you couldn't contain yourself?"** What indeed would your week look like? Words worth pondering. . .

Blessings in this Ordinary Time – Sue Lederhouse+

## WHO WROTE THAT HYMN?

Information taken from Wikipedia and other links, which contributed to the information I compiled in a summary of John Newton's interesting life and conversion.

John Newton was born in 1725 in Wapping, a section of London. His father was a Catholic shipping merchant. His mother was a devout independent, unaffiliated with the Anglican Church, however, she wanted her son to grow up to be a clergyman. Sadly, she died of tuberculosis when John was only six years old. He was raised by an emotionally distant stepmother while his father was at sea. She sent him to a boarding school where he was mistreated. At age 11, his father took him to sea as an apprentice. He was a difficult child and when older was so wild and unruly, he was forced into service in the Royal Navy. He deserted and became involved with the Atlantic Slave Trade, however, he was so disobedient and verbally obscene that the Captain and several of the crew members imprisoned him at sea. They chained him like the slaves on the ship and he was starved almost to death. He was enslaved and forced to work on a plantation. He was rescued by his father and he returned to the sea again on a slave ship.

In 1748, while at sea, there was an extremely violent storm off the coast of Ireland, in which he thought he was going to die. He cried out to God for mercy and it was during this incident that his spiritual conversion began. In 1750, he married Mary Catlett against the wishes of her parents, because of his bad reputation. He continued sailing and slave trading until around 1755, when at age 30, his poor health drove him to give up the sea. In 1756, he taught himself Latin, Greek and theology. Wanting to enter the priesthood, he was turned down for lack of a formal university education. Some say it was more because of his tendency to socialize with Methodists. His conversion story, however, was so impressive that he was ordained in the Church of England in 1764 and was offered a curacy in Olney, Buckinghamshire.

John wrote *Amazing Grace* which is said to be his spiritual autobiography in verse. This was written as a sermon he preached on New Year's in 1773, and it is unknown if there was any original music with it, or if it may have just been a chant. It has since been associated with more than 20 melodies until 1835 where the tune "New Britain" was added to it and is the tune sung today. It is estimated that it is performed ten million times annually. Its message is one of forgiveness and redemption regardless of sins committed, and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God. John wrote many hymns, many in the first person. The New Testament was the basis for the words of *Amazing Grace*. The first verse was taken from the story of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke: "This son of mine was dead and is alive again: he was lost and is found". It also finds its roots in the story of the healing of the blind man from John's Gospel: "I was blind but now I see." In the overall composition, he uses the word grace many times reflecting his personal story of conversion and his personal testimony to his parishioners.

Critics thought he was an "unashamedly middlebrow lyricist writing for a low brow congregation," noting that only 21 of the nearly 150 words in six verses of *Amazing Grace* have more than one syllable. However, Newton preached to the people of Olney, a village of 2,500 people whose main industry was making lace by hand. The people were mostly illiterate and poor. Evangelism was his strength.

He continued to preach until the last year of his life although he was blind by that time. He drew large congregations wherever he preached. Of interest is that among those he influenced, was William

Wilberforce, who became a leader in the campaign to abolish slavery. Newton died in London on December 21, 1807. As Al Rodgers noted in his article "Amazing Grace-The Story of John Newton," "Infidel and libertine turned minister, he died secure in his faith that Amazing Grace would lead him home." *Amazing Grace* can be found in both our *1982 Hymnal* (#671) and also in the *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal* (#181)

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on June 12, 2017.

1. Worship attendance has been very high over this past month. Our average Sunday attendance for this year as of June 11 (including both 8:00 and 10:00 congregations) is 102. On Pentecost, June 4, we had 138 people (more than we had for Easter!)
2. Deacon Bob has recently been on vacation in the Dakotas and was scheduled to return today. We look forward to his return.
3. Lynne Brune, our Junior Warden, is recovering at home from knee surgery and Vestry Member Kathy Finnegan has severe back pain. Please keep them in your prayers.
4. Julie Lytle, from Amazing Grace Camp, will be coming to St. Peter's again on July 9 to update us on this year's camp activities. She will speak at announcement time at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services and will be available after each service to answer questions.
5. Our annual audit is coming up on August 23. Rev. Sue and our Treasurer Dianne Cartmill have been busy preparing all the required documents needed for the audit.
6. We will have our Craft Fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you would like to donate food items, baked goods, your time that day, or gift cards to any of the local grocery stores, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is our only Craft Fair of the year, and thanks to the parade attendance and our prime location, it was successful last year. Thank you to Patti Metcalf for her help in gathering interested crafters for this Fair. If you know of anyone interested in renting a table for this Fair please contact Patti.  
We still plan to have our annual Yard Sale this fall as well as our annual Holiday Fair in November. Stay tuned for future information regarding dates for these fund raisers.  
If you have any items you would like to donate for the yard sale, please contact Marcia Willmott for more information.
7. The Parish Life Team and the Archives Team had very productive meetings on June 3. A rough draft of our menu for the Friday, September 29 church rededication celebration with Bishop Gates was planned, as well as discussion of an Open House/concert we will be having on Saturday, September 16. Many interesting pictures and articles were taken out of the archives closet in anticipation of decorating our Stephenson Hall bulletin boards for our celebration.

Anyone still interested in helping with the planning of events, please contact Linda Masson. We will be having a final preparation meeting on **Wednesday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars.

8. The Outreach Team has been working with Friendly Kitchen folks to establish new teams for the coming summer and fall schedule. Anyone interested in assisting or helping with the food planning and prep please contact Priscilla Ellis. Any new ideas for outreach activities are very much welcomed!!!
9. Thank you to Lisa, Bruce, the choir, and all the musicians who worked so hard to make this such a fabulous season!! Lisa and Bruce, as well as others, will continue to be part of our summer services until the choir returns in September.
10. Our 11:00 a.m. weekly Monday morning Bible Study and our Women's Bible Study, which is on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, have completed another successful year. Thank you to all who participated, and who continue to make these studies interesting, educational and exciting. If you haven't been a part of these studies, they will begin again on September 11, and we encourage you to try them out. Lots of fun as we learn through sharing with each other about the Holy Scriptures.

**Our next Vestry meeting will be July 17, 2017.**

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

## *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 -3. We will also be selling our signature jams and jellies as well as baked goods. We will also provide hamburgers and hot dogs at lunch time – along with fried dough!

A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Contact Patti Metcalf for more information (508-685-5582 or [patmijo@comcast.net](mailto:patmijo@comcast.net) )

## ***AMAZING GRACE CAMP PRESENTATIONS - JULY 9***

On July 9, we will have the opportunity at both services to hear some more about the Amazing Grace Camp plans for this summer. Julie Lytle, Program Coordinator and Camp Director of Amazing Grace, will return to speak with us again. In addition, she will be available to talk with people and answer questions after both services.

Amazing Grace Camp is for children who currently have, or have had, a parent incarcerated. The camp experience demonstrates unconditional love, with the intention of breaking the chain of intergenerational incarceration. Over the last three years, 54 children ages 7-11 have attended the camp.

This year the camp will run from **August 20 to August 25 at Camp Burgess in Sandwich.**

Over these years, we have had six parishioners from St. Peter's (Jack and Nancy Kennedy, Karen McGuinness, and Deacon Bob and Nancy Sherwood) actively involved as volunteers at the Camp. Amazing Grace is looking for volunteers, 18 and older, to share their passions and skills with the kids attending the Camp. Volunteers would serve as Camp Mentors (morning, afternoon, or overnight shifts) or Camp Specialists (1-3 hours sharing a skill/talent) during the Camp experience. There are also behind-the scene opportunities for Program Developers, Story-tellers, Recruiters, Fundraisers, and Strategic Planners.

Amazing Grace can always use more volunteers and more financial support. Pray about how you might be able to help!

## ***TOM NORDQUIST'S PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY AT THE PLYMOUTH LIBRARY - JUNE 7 - SEPTEMBER 2017***

Tom Nordquist, our substitute organist, is a man of many talents. This summer we have the opportunity to experience both his musical ability while Rev. Sue and Bruce are away as well as his artistic ability. Tom has an exhibit in the Gallery at the Plymouth Library entitled "Two for the Show," selected works by Maureen Brookfield and Tom Nordquist. It is open during regular library hours from June 7 through September. Check it out!

## ***HEALING SERVICE - JULY 16 - 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, July 16, at 9 a.m.**

## ***DEACON SHARON IS GOING TO GOOD SHEPHERD / WAREHAM***

**Share in the good news from the Church of the Good Shepherd Newsletter in Wareham!**

### **We have a Deacon Coming to Good Shepherd**

Deacon Sharon Powers will soon be joining our Good Shepherd faith community. Sharon lives in Wareham and has been serving Episcopal churches in the area as a deacon for the past 12 years. Some of you may know her or remember meeting her when Bishop Alan came for his visitation last Fall. She will join us formally in September, but will be with us on and off informally through the summer (beginning at the end of June) as she get to know us. Her ministry responsibilities will be determined by her and I as she gets to know our community and discovers how God is calling her to serve. Her biographical information can be found below. I believe you will soon discover the gift that Sharon is to the church, and will soon be to us. *Pastor Dan*

### **The Reverend Deacon Sharon Powers Introduction**

I have been an ordained deacon in the church for twelve years. I have served parishes in Buzzards Bay, North Easton, Taunton, Mansfield and Duxbury. I live in East Wareham with my husband John. We have two adult children a son Jay and his wife Tina who live in New Bedford and a daughter Shannon and her husband Rick and our three teenage grandchildren, Matthew, Jenna and Robert who live in East Wareham. In my secular life I was a manager of an elementary school cafeteria for eleven years in the Bourne school system. I then changed career paths and worked for and managed two different home care companies for eighteen years. I am a life-long Episcopalian growing up and serving in many capacities as a lay person at St. Peter's Church on the Canal. I with my good friend Frances Lachapelle began their community meal "Friendly Kitchen". I believe it was my career choices and Friendly Kitchen and the persistent pushing of the Holy Spirit that drew me into the ministry of the diaconate. I am looking forward to what the Spirit has in store for us as we journey together the next three years. I have a scripture that I have relied on for many years and I would like to share it with you. "For I know the plans I have for you". Declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hopes and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

## ***SAVE THE DATE!! SEPTEMBER 29***

St. Peter's has a special anniversary this year! It has been 70 years since our church building sailed down on a barge through the Canal from Hull and became St. Peter's home!

In honor of this anniversary, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, is going to come to St. Peter's to preside at a service of rededication for the Church and for our ministry here in this place. Mark your calendar for the evening of **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** – time to be announced!

Plans for this evening and for other events in September to celebrate this wonderful part of our history are in the works. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Reverend Sue. ALSO – if you were in Buzzards Bay at that time back in 1947 and remember anything about the building on the barge, let Rev. Sue know that, too. She'll put you in touch with those who are working on this project.

## ***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 July, we will be collecting cleaning supplies and paper goods.** These items 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.

## ***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!

## ***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 (July 19), 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 (July 12), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis.

## *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.

## *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

The Newsletter Deadline for the **June** issue is Friday, **July 21, 2017**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)



## *JULY 2017*

3	Monday		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
4	Tuesday	9 – 3 10:00 a.m.	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY Craft Fair Parade</b>
9	Sunday	.	<b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated AMAZING GRACE PRESENTATION @ BOTH SERVICES</b>
16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
17	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry</b>
21	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Bible Studies Resume</b>
<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>Open House</b>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Rededication of church building / Bishop Gates visitation</b>
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Diocesan Convention @ Cathedral</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>

## Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study [RESUMES SEPTEMBER 11] 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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