

The Wave - OCTOBER 2017

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

*FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

WOW!! What a month of September we had! So many good things happening in conjunction with our 70th anniversary Open House celebration on September 16 followed by the Rededication Service on September 29 and the first visit of our Diocesan Bishop Alan Gates. What a wonderful chance to reconnect with our remarkable past and to rekindle some old friendships with people who came back to St. Peter's to celebrate! Many thanks to all who participated and all who helped!

But as in all things – we don't rest on our laurels – we continue to look ahead to the future – to the next 70 years of St. Peter's-on-the-Canal in Buzzards Bay. And that's what we will be doing in this month of October. You'll see in this issue of the WAVE a number of ministries, new and renewed, old and refreshed, that are eager to have more participants.

In October, we focus on the problem of addiction in our community. There are two programs coming up on October 14 and 21 that will increase our awareness and help shape our discussion of St. Peter's place in helping to deal with this major problem that affects so many people. How are we called to help? Come and see; come and help discern our role.

In addition, Friendly Kitchen has been rekindled with an outpouring of support from both parishioners and others in our community. It looks like we will be able to have 3 additional teams to add to the continuing Taylor family team as well as our friends from St. Margaret's who provide the holiday Monday meals. But there's always room for more on Monday nights – and it's not just cooks – it's also dishwashers, servers, and set-up folks. And we could also use some substitutes to help when needed.

The plastic bags you brought in during September are being transformed into mattresses for the homeless by a group of folks at St. Peter's. These will be used for the Nights of Hospitality ministry in Wareham which provides shelter for the homeless during the winter months. There's another meeting for this group coming up on October 3 – can you help with this ministry??

And last but definitely not least! Sallie Garden has been refreshed and renewed through the mighty help of Scott Farrell and his team of workers. Scott's work together with the beautiful mums from Jackie Taylor have brought a new look to Sallie Garden and is much appreciated.

The Spirit is a movin' all over, all over this Church! Thanks be to God and to all of you!
Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

The other day I was sitting on the deck, enjoying a pleasant day between tropical storms. Life is like October, I think. We relish the good days as they grow fewer. Bud was there, curled up at my feet as usual. Both of us are suffering from bad backs now, so neither was moving too fast or too far. Nancy came out and asked what we were doing. I smiled and replied that Bud had just observed to me that ***“neither one of us is the man we used to be”***. I won't go into her response.

Anyway, Bud is about my age in Dog years, but he handles it better than I do. Whereas I grumble and get cranky and depressed by my aches and pains, he simply walks a little bit slower, but still insists on his long morning and afternoon stroll, and don't try to take any short-cuts or cheat him on the distance so much as a foot. He won't have it, won't stand for it! He simply plants his snowshoe size wolf feet and refuses to move. Then he looks pointedly in the right direction until I turn around and continue our perambulation. He reminds me of Stephen Dedalus, the hero of James Joyce's novel, "Ulysses", which describes Dedalus' ramblings around Dublin on the morning of 16 June 1904. It's all ordinary stuff that Dedalus is attending to, but it's the stuff of life, made intensely interesting by Joyce's writing style. So with Dedalus, so with Buddy. The inspection of a bush, or rock, or flower, or greeting one of the neighbor ladies, or another puppy is a matter of the utmost daily importance, an experience not to be missed, or shortened in the slightest.

We should live our lives like that. We never really know whose life we will touch or who will make a difference in ours. All we can do is "show up" every day and bring what we have in our "tool kit" that day with us. I think that's all that God requires of any of us after all, that we "show up" and participate fully in the life around us; Sharing what we have, and what we are with others; not holding back, cutting our route short, or shortchanging anyone.

No matter that it's October, life is still so good, isn't it?

Deacon Bob Sherwood

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017.

1. On September 9, we had a church "clean up the yard." A huge thank you to the 11 folks who participated, and who made our property look so terrific for our Open House held on September 16, and for the Bishop's visit on September 29. We also thank the Stephenson/Farrell family for the fabulous job on Sallie Garden. It looks so beautiful!! Thank you to Jackie Taylor for the added beauty of all those mums and to Scott Farrell for also painting the bench in the garden.

2. The paving crew working next to the Police Station, filled one of our potholes in repayment for parking in our lot. And how about that really nice fence between our property and the Police Station?! An all-around Win, Win for us. Rev. Sue sent a note of thanks to Chief Woodside.

3. Deacon Bob is back to work with the Mass Maritime Academy and in August participated in an interfaith Prayer Service and a 5:15 a.m. early morning service on August 17 (Yikes).

Deacon Bob, Rev. Sue, Larry Higgins and Donna Beers have been very busy working on an educational presentation program for us regarding the Cape opioid crisis. There will be two program presentations with speakers, a film presentation, and a follow up panel of professionals available to answer any questions we may have and to help us discern what role St. Peter's might have. The first presentation will be held on Saturday, October 14, 10:00-1:00, and the follow up will be on Saturday, October 21, 10:00-12:30. More information will be available soon.

4. We are preparing for our Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 – 3:00. This year since we did not have a separate yard sale we will add a white elephant sale area to our Fair. If you have any holiday items or white elephant articles, please don't bring them to the church until after the September 29th rededication service. Reminder that we do not take clothing/shoes. We hope that you can help us on the day of the Fair, as it takes quite a few folks to run this event. We will keep you informed of our needs as the time draws closer.

5. On September 12, there was a meeting of the Friendly Kitchen folks. There were approximately 15 folks in attendance to talk about the mission of Friendly Kitchen, new teams, to share recipes and discuss buying of supplies, etc. It was a very successful meeting and we now have our four teams (+ St. Margaret's holiday team) that will enable St. Peter's to continue operating Friendly Kitchen, as it has done for the past 25 plus years. Thank you to Priscilla Ellis for all her efforts in putting this meeting together. If anyone is interested in assisting in serving on any of these teams, please see Rev. Sue.

6. A big thank you to our Communications Team of Robin Higgins and Emily Johnson for the fabulous job they are doing with advertising our events. In addition, if you haven't seen them, please check out our new and improved church brochure and history pamphlet with wonderful color pictures. It is great to have them available for both our Open House and our Rededication Service.

7. How about those new Hymnals and Prayer Books in the pews? No more pages falling out or cracked binders to deal with. Interested in the old books? See Rev. Sue.

8. 70th Anniversary Open House was fabulous with over 90 people in attendance! The music was great and the speakers told stories about their memories of St. Peter's in its early days that were both funny and touching. A great time was had by all who attended. It was wonderful that so many members of the Stephenson family were there to celebrate with us.

9. Rev. Sue and Frank Walker met with our electrician to discuss additional needed electrical outlets in several locations and supplemental heating for the meeting and choir rooms.

10. Our jelly ladies have been very busy building up their supplies for our upcoming events. In addition, we have a number of wooden replicas of our church made by the collectible company, The Cat's Meow. If you are interested in purchasing these, they are \$15 apiece. These along with our usual jellies and piccalilli will be on sale at our November Holiday Fair. Of course, you are welcome to purchase them at any time prior to that date. Please see Priscilla Ellis regarding sales.

11. If you haven't seen our new pianos yet, check them out. The one in the Church was paid for by a previous unrestricted donation; the one in the Choir Room was free, except for the tuning and delivery. Fabulous additions to our music department!!!

12. Sunday worship continues to grow and we are so thankful for our faithful parishioners. Since 2010 our average Sunday attendance has grown from then 77 to now 102 in attendance!! Our pledging members have gone from 63 to 74!! St. Peter's is truly alive and well at 70 years of age.

13. We recently had an energy audit by Cape Light Compact and we are waiting to see if we qualify to receive some free significant improvements such as new lighting.

14. We had our annual audit by Bruce Rockwell on August 23 and we did very well. A few recommendations were made, but no "citations". We purchased through a donation a (much needed) fire rated file cabinet for the Church Office as recommended in our last year's audit. Thank you to Dianne Cartmill, our Treasurer, and to Kathy Letzeisen, our Secretary, and Chuck Soule, our Accountant for their help in gathering all pertinent information to make this a smooth and successful audit.

15. In August, the Vestry approved a donation of \$300.00 to be sent to the Amazing Grace Camp. We have received a nice thank you note from them that you can read posted in the Narthex. In addition, the Vestry agreed that the loose plate donation from whatever is collected at our September 29 rededication service, be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development to be used for hurricane relief purposes.

16. Margery Buckingham will be working with the Amazing Grace Camp to coordinate a fall children's event at St. Peter's. The date will be Sunday, November 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in being involved in this outreach activity, please see Margery.

17. It's the time of year for the Vestry to be working on our Stewardship Campaign. Rev. Sue, Dianne Cartmill and Len Hathon attended the Diocesan Stewardship Workshop, "Journey to Generosity," on September 9, held at the Cathedral in Boston. More detailed information about this for parishioners will be coming soon. November 19 has been designated as Pledge Ingathering Sunday. If you would like to share at our Sunday services what St. Peter's means to you and why you pledge, please see Rev. Sue.

Our next Vestry meeting will be held Monday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - OCTOBER 1 - 9 A.M.

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast, under the leadership of Ken Lihzis, will resume on **Sunday, October 1, 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! And looking ahead, be aware that due to All Saints' Sunday and the Diocesan Convention the day before, the November Pancake Breakfast will be held on the **second** Sunday, **November 12.**

CREATING MATTRESSES FROM PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS - OCTOBER 3

Were you in church on September 24 to get to see and touch one of the mattresses that are being made from the plastic bags that are filling the box in the Parish Hall? These mattresses will be used for the Nights of Hospitality ministry in Wareham which provides shelter for the homeless during the winter months. There's another meeting for the group that is making these mattresses on **Tuesday, October 3 @ 6:30 p.m.** – can you help with this ministry?? Contact Charlotte Daigle (617-669-1051) to volunteer or for more information.

KNITTERS YEARN TO HAVE A BALL

A NEW GET-TOGETHER AT ST. PETER'S

All women who knit, and those who long to learn, are invited to join a new group at St. Peter's. The date, time and frequency of these gatherings are yet to be determined, and will be based on the preferences of participants.

And what will we knit? We could make prayer shawls, which are blessed and given to parishioners in need of a comforting warmth. It's good to have a supply of these on hand; when needed, that's not the time for casting on stitches. Or we can also knit baby blankets to donate to homeless families currently living at Village at Cataumet, a family shelter that offers education and employment services as well as assistance in finding permanent housing. This shelter's families have been recipients of monthly help from St. Peter's for several years now; we help by donating supplies to meet a variety of needs. We also have held craft events for the children there.

We'll also have a chance to get better acquainted, and have a good old-fashioned "chin wag!"

If you'd like to say "yes" to this, or "maybe," please contact any of these three nice people: Priscilla Ellis, 508-563-7786; Lynne Brune, 508-295-6146; or Linda Masson, 508-743-5139.

READERS UNITE!

Well, yes, there is an organization in South Africa by that name, the goal of which is to further education in that country. But here at St. Peter's we just propose to have a get-together of those who like to read, share stories and discuss books. This will be a new start-up, so we ask that those who are interested contact one of the three people list below to let them know of your interest. The date, time and frequency will be determined by the participants. Please contact Priscilla Ellis, 508-563-7786; Lynne Brune, 508-295-6146; or Linda Masson, 508-743-5139.

DRUG ABUSE IN BOURNE - WHAT CAN ST. PETER'S DO?

St. Peter's Episcopal Church-On-The-Canal has a long tradition of "outreach" work in the Buzzards Bay/Bourne community. This tradition reaches back to the founding of St. Peter's as a Mission Church in 1937 and continues to this day. To paraphrase John Donne, the English poet and clergyman and author of the poem, ***For Whom The Bell Tolls***: "*We're involved with our neighbors. What affects them is our concern too!*" And one of the major issues in the Buzzards Bay/Bourne community is drug abuse.

What we aim to do first, is to make everyone aware that there is a problem in our community. Next, we want to spotlight the agencies who are working hard every day to deal with all aspects of the problem: first responders, such as fire and police departments; hospitals and medical personnel; school nurses, teachers and administrators; counselors.....well, you get the idea. Our hope is that parishioners will feel called to volunteer their time and talent to the agencies dealing with the problem. We also hope that an informed congregation is one that will be willing and able to provide non-judgmental spiritual care and support to all those in our community for whom the problem is only too real.

We have scheduled **two events on Saturdays during the month of October**, intended to inform parishioners about the extent of the addiction problem in Buzzards Bay and encourage everyone to find ways to get involved and become part of the solution:

October 14th (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM): Showing of the movie: "**Heroin: Cape Cod, USA**" followed by discussion groups where participants will develop questions to be addressed by a panel of experts at a follow-up session the next week. Light lunch to be served. **NOTE: THIS FILM CONTAINS GRAPHIC LANGUAGE & CONTENT. DISCRETION IS ADVISED.**

October 21st (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM): Panel Discussion with representatives from the Bourne Substance Free Coalition, Bourne Police Department, Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, and Gosnold of Cape Cod & Islands. Refreshments will be served.

We encourage parishioners and their guests to attend both events. **Please sign up in advance so that we can know the amount of refreshments to provide.** Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex and sign up OR email the Church Office at saintpeters@verizon.net

Ms. Donna Beers, Mr. Larry Higgins, The Rev. Sue Lederhouse, The Rev. Robert Sherwood

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 8 - 2 P.M.

Our Blessing of the Animals service this year will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the Church. 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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - OCTOBER 9 & 23 - 12:30 P.M.

On **October 9**, we will be discussing Tamar, one of the tragic women of the Old Testament. On **October 23**, we will be discussing the Widow of Zarephath, a woman who has much to do with the great prophet Elijah. 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 usually 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 coffee/tea and goodies will be provided.

HEALING SERVICE - OCTOBER 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, October 15, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 16 - 12:30 P.M.

All women of the parish are invited to a luncheon at LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT (Cranberry Highway, East Wareham) on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, at 12:30 p.m.** This will be a good chance to catch up after a busy start to the fall. Please contact GEORGI FRAMPTON (508-888-4976) and let her know if you can come!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - OCTOBER 21 - 8 A.M.

After the summer hiatus, the men of the parish will gather together for breakfast once more. The coordinator for the Men's Breakfast Gathering is Ken Lihzis. Plan to be present at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, at Leo's Restaurant, 249 Main Street, in Buzzards Bay**, for a time of food and fellowship. All men are welcome!

WOODEN REPLICAS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SALE

Small replicas of St. Peter's Church, made of wood, have been created by a company called The Cat's Meow. 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).

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

What would it be like if we envisioned our lives as a “Journey to Generosity?” Generosity in our spirits, generosity in sharing what we have, and generosity in our giving. What does it mean individually for us to be generous – and what does it mean for our parish as well? These are all questions for us to ask ourselves as we enter into our Stewardship Season for this year. St. Peter’s has had a remarkable 70 years in our building on Main Street. In 2018, we will celebrate our 80th anniversary as a parish from our founding in 1938. What do we want St. Peter’s to look like in 2018 and in the next 70 and 80 years to come? Our pledges can either help or hinder that from happening.

On **October 22**, we will begin our Stewardship Season, and everyone will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee together with a pledge card for you to prayerfully consider. Each week we will look forward to one of our parishioners sharing at announcement time why they feel it is important to pledge to St. Peter’s and what St. Peter’s means to him/her. On **November 19**, we will celebrate what parishioners have committed to give for the coming year from the bounty they have received from God.

God be with each of us as we discern what we are called to do in this year to come.

The Stewardship Committee –
Dianne Cartmill, Len Hathon, The Rev. Sue Lederhouse

HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 4 - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

The time is here to check your closets, attic, and garage for those holiday items you are no longer using and to donate them to our Holiday Fair on November 4. We can also use your quality white elephant items! No clothing or shoes, please. Can you help setup or take down? Can you help during the Fair with whatever needs doing? We hope that you can help us on the day of the Fair, as it takes quite a few folks to run this event. Watch the weekly bulletins for additional information! To volunteer, contact Linda Masson or Lynne Brune, or sign up in the Narthex.

NECROLOGY ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Each year on All Saints Sunday – this year on **November 5** – we remember those family members and loved ones that have died. In the Sunday bulletins on **October 15 and 22**, 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 27**.

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!

AMAZING GRACE HERE IN NOVEMBER!

In July, Carol Bolstad and Julie Lytle from Amazing Grace Camp gave a presentation at St. Peter's at both services. In addition to the August week of overnight camp, they are sponsoring monthly activities for the children throughout the year in order to maintain and strengthen the relationships formed in the summer. After conversation with Rev. Sue, we decided to hold an activity at St. Peter's on **Sunday afternoon, November 19 from 2-4 p.m.** We will be making Thanksgiving wreaths with the children and serving a snack of apple cider and doughnuts. The campers will be transported to and from St. Peter's.

If you would like to be involved or need more information, please contact Nancy Sherwood, Karen McGuinness or Margery Buckingham.

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

Have you signed up to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? The sign up is in the Narthex. 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 AGAIN!

Yes – we have a book bin again! And people are already filling it up. Join them in bringing 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 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.

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 October, we are collecting 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. 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.

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 (October 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 (October 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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1	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
3	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Mattress Making Group
8	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
9	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
11	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bourne Area Senior Cyclists
14	Saturday	10 – 1	Addiction Series
15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
16	Monday	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Lunch @ Lindsey's Vestry
18	Wednesday	7 – 9 p.m.	Pre-Convention Forum in Wareham
20	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21	Saturday	8:00 a.m. 10 – 12:30	Men's Breakfast Gathering Addiction Series
23	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
29	Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Friendly Kitchen Meeting

Upcoming Dates

November 4	Diocesan Convention	November 4	Holiday Fair
November 5	All Saints Sunday with Baptisms / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS		
November 12	Pancake Breakfast	November 19	Amazing Grace program
December 10	Compassionate Friends Candlelighting Service		

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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