

The Wave APRIL 2019

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Holy Week has always been a very special time for me, both as a lay person and as an ordained priest. The journey of Holy Week is one that is not for the faint hearted, not for those who are unprepared for both the sorrow and the ultimate joy of it.

In the 1980s, I was a layperson living in Memphis. I was fortunate to attend a parish whose Rector really honored Holy Week. From him, I learned about rejoicing on Palm Sunday at the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and I sang "All Glory Laud and Honor" with gusto. On Maundy Thursday, I overcame my skittishness at the footwashing and let him wash my feet. At the end of that service, I felt the great sense of loss as the hangings and objects on the altar were removed or shrouded in black. On Good Friday, I was in tears as the Passion was read and as the mood became more and more solemn. Singing "Were you there when they crucified my Lord" tore me apart. At the end of the service, the Rector was standing at the exit handing out a nail to each person. A nail that represented the nails that bound Jesus to the cross. A nail that made you think about what part you might have played.

And unbelievably, when Easter arrived, I wasn't ready for the joy. I wasn't prepared to rejoice. It was hard to make the transition from the emotional journey of Holy Week to the joy of the Resurrection. Hard to hear the shout that Jesus was indeed alive – that death had not overcome Him. It took me a while to believe that this was true, just as I expect it did for the first disciples.

This is the last Holy Week and Easter I will share with all of you as your Rector and I have a great and profound sadness as I think about that. It has been very special for me to share this sacred time with you and to offer you that larger sense of these final days of Jesus' life.

I invite you to join with me on Palm Sunday, April 14; Maundy Thursday, April 18; Good Friday, April 19; and Easter Day, April 21 as we walk this journey together for a last time. It will be a great gift for me to see all of you there.

Blessings on this Holy Week and Easter –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE VISIBLE VESTRY FEBRUARY 2019

The Vestry meeting in February started with the annual Vestry Retreat. Members, old and new, introduced themselves, told a little about who they are, and told what they thought the Vestry could do to make our upcoming transition smooth: “Keep an open mind, listen, pray, be sure to have the process transparent to all.”

Goals for the upcoming year were set, ministry assignments were established and new ideas were talked about including, but not limited to, combining a couple of services a year and having a brunch so all the 8:00 and 10:00 people get to know each other better, a ministry fair to let people know what they can get involved in, name tags?, WiFi in the entire building?, and we need more ushers. The goal sheets are posted in the meeting room if you would like more information.

The retreat was followed by the regular February Vestry Meeting.

There was no financial report this month.

January minutes were approved.

The Parochial Report was discussed and approved. A small glitch in comparing 2017 and 2018 reports was found and it will be addressed and rectified.

Rev. Sue announced that The Rev. Kelly O’Connell, the Regional Canon, would be visiting St. Peter’s on May 12 to discuss the transition process as Rev. Sue leaves us and we search for a new priest. Lots of discussion as this seems late in the process and it is Mother’s Day. Celeste will contact Kelly and try to change the date to something sooner.

St. Peter’s received a flyer from the Bourne Library announcing a pajama drive for children. It was decided that we would not be a drop off location as there are many others around.

We received an email from Chris Mills wanting to discuss solar possibilities for St. Peters. We will be looking into this.

Celeste reported that the first opening day of the Paper Pantry was a huge success. Not knowing what to expect or how much this was needed, we ran out of products in the first 45 minutes. We will be restocking and replanning for the 2nd day, March 19th.

It was brought up that maybe we should look into an AED for the church. Celeste will check with the local Fire Department.

Henri reported that he has found a new snow shoveler for St. Peter’s.

MARCH 2019

The Rev. Kelly O’Connell will be meeting with the Vestry Saturday, March 23 between 11:00 and 12:00 to answer questions and give the Vestry direction as we move forward seeking a new Rector for St. Peter’s.

The Paper Pantry has received an incredible number of donations. It appears that we will be very well stocked for March 19th, the second time we will be open. Time is 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

Bishop Gayle will be visiting St. Peter's on Sunday, June 23rd for Rev. Sue's final service. The Vestry will meet with her on the 22nd to discuss the changes at St. Peter's.

Rev. Sue is pleased with attendance for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday afternoons. She has added a Good Friday Stations of the Cross service at 3:00 pm to the Holy Week schedule.

Snow removal has gone well with the new person Henri Masson found.

The kitchen and dining area floors are going to be stripped, washed, and waxed.

Henri is looking into repairing the sheds at the back of the parking lot as the ones out there are falling apart.

The Vestry discussed a "property lending policy form". It was decided that we should create a new form in case anyone wants to borrow something from St. Peter's.

Donna reported on what the Bourne Substance Free Coalition is accomplishing with the money we are donating. The Bourne Substance Free Coalition gave St. Peter's a nice "shout out" on Facebook. A pizza party fundraiser is planned for May 10th at St. Peter's.

There is a Congregational Business Practices Workshop on April 6th that Rev. Sue, Dianne, Lynne, Alan, and Celeste will be attending.

There is a Baptism scheduled for May 19th.

Confirmation is June 15th at St. John's in Sandwich. St. Peter's will have a total of 14 people being confirmed/received or reaffirmed.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. The group is most appreciative of the support from St. Peter's. They continue to sponsor programs and activities to both prevent substance use by our young and to support families who have been dealing with issues surrounding opioid abuse. They are working to line up funding for motivational speakers for the schools in the fall, and to continue their "Hidden in Plain Sight" presentations and underage drinking prevention and awareness programs.

Recently we have been discussing the use and dangers of vaping: the use of electronic delivery devices for nicotine and cannabis. We encourage parents to seek information on the topic and discuss it with their teens.

On Friday, May 10, we are planning a Pizza Party fundraiser. We will be sharing more information after our next meeting. Your generous support through the monthly "loose change" jug has been tremendous and reminds us of the need to continue this important ministry.

The next meeting of our group will be on Monday, April 1st, at 3:33 p.m. All are welcome; please join us.

Larry Higgins

NO PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN APRIL

Because we will still be in Lent, we will not have a pancake breakfast in April. Our friendly and dedicated Pancake Breakfast team will be back cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, May 5, 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 / 774-212-0453).

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate money to purchase Easter altar flowers in memory of (or in honor of) family or friends, please fill in the yellow Easter flowers form (which will be found on the Narthex table on March 31 and April 7). Place the form in the offering plate or return it to the Office. Please be sure to print the names clearly on the form. **DEADLINE IS MONDAY – APRIL 8.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - APRIL 8 & 22

On **April 8**, we will continue our study of the women in the 2nd Book of Samuel and look at the **Woman of Bahurim** and the **Wise Woman of Abel**. On **April 22**, we will be studying **Athaliah, daughter (or perhaps sister) of King Ahab** and her story which is told in several of the Old Testament books. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - APRIL 20 - 8:00 A.M.

The men of the parish will gather together for their monthly breakfast. Plan to be present for a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 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 are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or klihzis@gmail.com)

NO HEALING SERVICE IN APRIL

Because of the way that Holy Week and Easter fall this year, we will not be having a Healing Service during April. **The next Healing Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 9 a.m.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PETER'S

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8 and 10 a.m. We continue our tradition of experiencing Palm Sunday as it would have been at the time of Jesus. We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem with our Liturgy of the Palms. Then we process into the church singing "Make Way, Make Way, for the King of Kings." It will be a joyous celebration even as we know what lies ahead on Good Friday when we will hear the reading of the Passion.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist. We also have the opportunity (but not the requirement) to share in the Mandatum – Jesus' gift of love that we observe in the act of foot washing. At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the candles are extinguished, the altar is stripped of all its ornaments, and we depart in silence.

Good Friday, April 19, 12 noon and 7 p.m. On Good Friday, we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus. This is the most solemn service of the Church Year. We participate in the reading of the Passion. We share in the consecrated bread and wine from the Maundy Thursday service to sustain us through the sadness of this day. At the end of each service, we leave in total silence.

Good Friday, April 19, 3 p.m. We will have a special service of the Stations of the Cross as we remember the time that Jesus died on the cross.

Easter Day, April 21, 8 and 10 a.m. We celebrate the day of Resurrection with a festive Eucharist at each service. There will be hymns at the 8 a.m. service and hymns and choir at the 10 a.m. service. An Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10 a.m. service.

FOOT WASHING - AN OPPORTUNITY NOT A REQUIREMENT

As part of the Maundy Thursday liturgy these past few years, we have offered the opportunity for worshippers to have their feet washed. This is completely optional. It is not a requirement that you participate in this if you do not want to. **You can attend the Maundy Thursday service without having your feet washed.**

This practice of foot washing comes from Jesus' Mandatum (commandment) that we love one another as He has loved us. We model His example of washing the disciples' feet. It is a traditional Maundy Thursday practice and mirrors the Gospel reading that we have each year.

In the past, a number of people have participated. If you would like to be part of the foot washing, there will be chairs set up in front of the first pew near the piano where you can sit while we wash your feet. You can help by wearing socks (no stockings!) and removing them prior to the foot washing. I encourage you to pray about participating in this. As always, please talk to me if you have questions.

Sue Lederhouse+

EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 21

Once again this year, we will be offering an Easter Egg Hunt for our smaller parishioners. Children should assemble in the Narthex after the 10:00 service and everyone will go out together with the youngest going out first. An adult must accompany each child/group of children. This way every child has a more equal chance of finding some Easter Eggs of their own. Thanks for your help in making this a fun event for all!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - MAY 20 - SAVE THE DATE!

All women of the parish are invited to a luncheon at LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT (Cranberry Highway, East Wareham) on **MONDAY, MAY 20 at 12:30 p.m.** More information will be in the May issue of the WAVE.

A SIGN HAS BEEN SEEN

Many folks have asked about the engraved wooden sign that hangs on a cross-beam over the altar. It's a rather long phrase or sentence in two lines of text and appears at one time to have had gilded letters that have now faded. What does it say?

I took some photos with my phone and by zooming in, I was able to discern the first few words of each line. An internet search for those words found that they come from a Bible verse from Deuteronomy 33:27 KJV (King James Version):

*The eternal God is thy refuge
and underneath are the everlasting arms*

The verse continues: "and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."

There are many dedication plaques around St. Peter's: on walls, doors, and stained glass windows, for example, and many pictures and other types of wall hangings and decorative pieces, the history of which has been lost over the years. I have been curious about the ceramic pieces on the walls near the altar and several of the dedication plaques I see every time I go in and out of church. Are any of these from when the church was in Allerton (Hull)? Were they added after our little church came down the canal and across Main Street? By whom? Who are these people to be honored and remembered? If anyone has background information about any of these items, I would love to share that with St. Peter's parishioners and WAVE readers. I invite everyone to submit any information to me or assist in researching, if you are so inclined, to learn more about our lovely church.

Kathy Letzeisen

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you ever considered hospice volunteering? Have you questioned if it's the right choice for you? Training will be held for those interested on **THURSDAY, APRIL 18, from 9:00-12:00** at the Fidelis Hospice offices – 258 Main Street, Suite A3, in Buzzards Bay. Please RSVP to Lisa Regan, Volunteer Director, at (978) 333-1730 or lisa.regan@fidelishospice.com

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2019 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

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. Thanks for your help!

PRAYER CHAIN

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 two 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.

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

A Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex for the first part of 2019. Share the fun and sign up with a friend! We appreciate your generous donations of baked goods, fruit, or other goodies you'd like to share! Monetary donations are accepted every Sunday to help defray the cost of providing coffee and tea, cups, napkins and other essentials to ensure everyone enjoys this time of fellowship.

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 will be removed from the print mailing list.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (April 17), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **May** issue is Friday, **April 19**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

APRIL 2019

1	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Substance Abuse Prevention Group
4	Thursday	2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Stations of the Cross
8	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
11	Thursday	2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Stations of the Cross
14	Sunday	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY 8 & 10 a.m.	Palm Sunday Services
15	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
16	Tuesday	3 – 5 p.m.	Paper Pantry
18	Thursday	10 – 4 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Maundy Thursday Service
19	Friday	12 noon & 7 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	NO OFFICE HOURS / NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Good Friday Services Stations of the Cross
20	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
21	Sunday	8 & 10 a.m.	Easter Day Services with Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 service
22	Monday	12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Inquirers Class
29	Monday		NO BIBLE STUDY
30	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Buzzards Bay Water District Meeting

UPCOMING DATES

May 12	Visit of The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell		
May 20	Women's Luncheon		
June 9	Pentecost	June 15	Confirmation
June 23	Rev. Sue Last Sunday / Bp. Gayle Visitation		

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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