

# *The Wave - SEPTEMBER 2017*

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

*FROM THE RECTOR*

*The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dates to Remember:**

**September 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. – OPEN HOUSE**

**September 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – SERVICE OF REDEDICATION**

**"I want a little white church. . .a country church. . .a friendly little church on which the doors will always be open. . .a church where people will want to come in and stay a while."**

**The Rev. J. Samuel Stephenson, VOX POP radio broadcast**

One of the wonderful things about preparing for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been going through the wealth of historical materials in our archives. Hopefully you've had a chance to look at the fantastic bulletin boards in the Parish Hall (**Stephenson Hall!!**) that Linda Masson and Lynne Brune, our Wardens, have put together. These tell a lot about our story as a parish from 1938 when the first people started worshipping together at Red Men's Hall to our building's trip through the Canal 70 years ago to the present day which includes you and me. We celebrate all those years of St. Peter's and the people who were faithful through thick and thin especially Father Stephenson who is quoted above.

On **September 16 at 2 p.m.**, we will have an Open House with reminiscences from people who were part of St. Peter's in those early days as well as people who were there when the Church came in through the Canal, and there will be a dramatic presentation of the **Yankee Magazine** article from June 1967. In addition, there will be a variety of music from our talented St. Peter's musicians. Jams and jellies will be available for purchase as will the wooden representations of St. Peter's. And of course there will be delicious refreshments!

On **September 29 at 6:30 p.m.**, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, will make his first visit to St. Peter's for the Service of Rededication. We look forward to welcoming him to St. Peter's and to a great time of remembering the past and dreaming the future. Fabulous music to sing and listen to – sharing in the Eucharist – blessing of a number of the significant items and places in the church – and again delicious refreshments!

As you know, Lisa Platanitis, our Choir Director, has a wealth of talent and one of her talents is finding music that fits St. Peter's and the occasion. And boy has she hit a home run this time!

She found an anthem that the choir will be singing at one or both of these September events. It ties in so well with Fr. Stephenson's vision of St. Peter's and I want to give you a taste of this beautiful piece, "Welcome and Wanted:"

1. We gather together from all ways of life; the poor and the wealthy, united in Christ. Those blessed with success and those living in debt are welcome and wanted; the table is set.

**REFRAIN: May this place always be a house for all gathered, a church that is shared; may this place always be our home.**

2. We gather together from all ways of life; diverse in our culture, united in Christ. The home-grown, the local, those finding their place are welcome and wanted in this holy space.

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MAY THIS PLACE INDEED ALWAYS BE THAT "HOUSE FOR ALL GATHERED, A CHURCH THAT IS SHARED! MAY THIS PLACE ALWAYS BE OUR HOME."

Blessings –

Sue Lederhouse+

### ***AND SPEAKING OF THOSE DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS...***

We need your help to provide them!! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on August 27 for refreshments for the Open House and on September 10 for refreshments for the Rededication Service. Please sign up to bring items or you can also donate gift cards for local grocery stores. Label items that you bring as either "Open House" or "Rededication." Thank you for your generosity!!

If you would like to help with either of these events, there will be a gathering for the Celebration Committee on **Wednesday, September 6 at 10 a.m.** OR you can contact Linda Masson ([masson4@verizon.net](mailto:masson4@verizon.net) or 508-743-5139) or Lynne Brune ([blueflame46@comcast.net](mailto:blueflame46@comcast.net) or 508-295-6146).

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

September. The mornings get a little cooler and the days a little shorter. Things quiet down around the Cape as “summer people” abandon us to get back to reality. September has a special significance for me. September first is a “red letter” day. It’s the month Nancy and I were married, 55 years ago. (No, Nancy, I haven’t forgotten.) Beyond that, it’s reminiscent of bonfires, football games on Saturdays at Ohio Stadium with 105,000 fanatic OSU fans, and celebrating Oktoberfest with my favorite German son-in-law (Carsten, are your ears red?). Many, many things come to mind when I think September, but the most persistent memory is that of saying goodbye to summer and getting back to school. I think we all share that in common.

Right now it’s hard for me to pen “sunshine,” considering what’s going on in the world. Events in Charlottesville, and in the halls of power, weigh heavily on my mind. It just makes me sad. I had lunch with a good friend and colleague this week. We supported each other through three years of study and preparation for ordination, and through the challenges that inevitably come to us (illness, deaths, doubts about whether we were really “called”, and so on). She’s usually consistently upbeat, a much better Christian than I. That’s why I was taken aback when she asked what we could do in light of the national tragedy playing out before us every day on the news. What is the proper Christian response when organized violence rears its head during the political conversation, and lives are lost as a result? Now, I know my friend’s question was probably rhetorical. Knowing her, she already has figured out what she’ll do. But what about the rest of us? What about us? One thing I know is that getting sucked into the political rhetoric of one party or the other is **not** what Jesus meant when He said “Follow Me!” The church always loses when it aligns itself with one party or the other. Political figures are good at sowing division and hatred. Not so good at bringing us together. Like Pilate, they would cause us to doubt what the truth is. The church is always more authentic and effective when it stands outside the political melee and serves as a mirror to reflect the light of the Gospel onto the national conversation.

So maybe it’s time for all of us to go back to school and reflect on what we really are called to do. How does Jesus require us to be faithful to His command, “Follow Me”? To me, that means to seriously attempt to order my actions and words to the example He set for us. When He said: “Take up your cross, and follow Me”, I don’t think He meant, “Go get yourself crucified, like Me”. I choose to think that He meant for us to be faithful to His example of:

- Loving God, putting Him first in everything;
- Loving all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, political beliefs, or who they choose to love. Standing up for the “stranger”.

Even when it goes against what we would like to do or say. Even when it’s really personally painful to go against our emotional response to “smack someone upside of the head” (Ohio farm boy talk) to bring them to their senses. Even when everyone calls us fools or “unpatriotic”, or even (heaven forbid), “not Christian”. It’s always painful to stand outside the “popular” group and be faithful to His commandments. But that’s what I think He wants us to do. **What do YOU think?**

Deacon Robert Sherwood

## *VISIBLE VESTRY WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH*

Because of the late date of our August Vestry meeting (August 28), we do not have a Visible Vestry column for September. Look for two reports (August **and** September meetings) in the October issue.

### *A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER*

If you have more than one pledge to give on a Sunday, you may place them all in one pledge envelope. You may also write just one check if you choose and note the dates on the memo line. This will save you time (and perhaps money, too) and make counting easier for our pledge counters. Thank you for your help. God bless all of you! Dianne Cartmill, Treasurer

### *BULLETIN PRAYER LIST UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 3*

A new Prayer list will begin on **September 3**. Please submit your prayer requests on the yellow forms in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering plate or bring them to the Church Office or you can email them to [saintpeters@verizon.net](mailto:saintpeters@verizon.net)

### *MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 11*

Come be part of the exploration as we delve into the Sunday scripture lessons! **Each Monday morning from 11 – 12:30, starting SEPTEMBER 11**, we will have a post-mortem discussion on the previous day's lessons and look ahead to the next Sunday. Absolutely no prior Bible knowledge is required. Please bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't have one to bring, we have a Bible for you! All are welcome!

### *WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 11*

Are you interested in learning more about the women of the Bible? Join with other women of the parish as we delve into the lives of some of the well-known and not so well-known women of our faith. The Women's Bible Study resumes again on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 12:30 PM**. We will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. During September we will be studying women who are not as well-known and who actually are unnamed. On **September 11**, we focus on the woman who touched Jesus, trusting that even just touching him could heal her. On **September 25**, we will study the Canaanite woman who wants healing for her daughter. This woman was the focus of the Gospel we heard on Sunday, August 20.

The book we are using is called BIBLE WOMEN: ALL THEIR WORDS AND WHY THEY MATTER (which features 88 women!). It is written by an Episcopal priest, The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman. It's published by Forward Movement (the same people who produce the meditation booklets available in the Parish Hall). If you are interested in purchasing the book (\$22) or have any questions, contact Rev. Sue. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee/tea are provided.

## ***FRIENDLY KITCHEN MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12 - 6:30 P.M.***

Do you enjoy cooking? Would you like to work together with fellow parishioners to help meet the needs of those who need a hot meal or a time to socialize with others on Monday nights? Friendly Kitchen could use **YOU AND YOUR TALENTS!!** Cooks, servers, dishwashers, and cleanup people are all needed. Come and find out more at our meeting on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, at 6:30 p.m.** We'll also talk about the mission of Friendly Kitchen and serving those who come to dine with us, how to cook for a crowd, menus, purchasing, and the regulations and proper procedures we need to follow to be a certified kitchen. All are welcome!

## ***HEALING SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 17 - 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, September 17, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

## ***LAYREADERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER***

Lin Benting will begin work on the new schedule for readers and chalice bearers in early September. Please contact her ASAP at 508-833-8603 or [capegrammieb@comcast.net](mailto:capegrammieb@comcast.net) with any dates in October, November, or December that you will be unable to serve.

## ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING TO RESUME IN OCTOBER***

In September, there will be NO Pancake Breakfast and NO Men's Breakfast Gathering. Both of these popular parish programs are scheduled to resume in OCTOBER. Pancake Breakfast will resume on **October 1** and the Men's Breakfast Gathering will be held on **October 21**.

## ***BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 8 - SAVE THE DATE!***

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!

## ***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!*"

That's why Rev. Sue and several parish leaders decided that October was a good month to pick an issue of concern and make the parish aware of the impact of **Drug Abuse** on the community. There were several other candidates: dementia, homelessness, and hunger, but this one really jumped out at us. The problem of substance addiction and its impact on all age groups in the community is real! Even if we wanted to, we can't deny it. Those affected range from the high school athlete who suffers a devastating injury and gets hooked on legally prescribed painkillers, to the teenagers and young adults who get addicted to cheap, all too available heroin and Fentanyl, to senior citizens who become dependent on powerful, addicting prescription drugs to cope with the debilitating pain of arthritis. Our objective isn't to attempt to make St. Peter's a treatment center. We don't have the resources or training to do that, besides, there are already organizations who fill that niche quite capably.

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.

To that end, 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. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex and sign up OR email the church office at [saintpeters@verizon.net](mailto:saintpeters@verizon.net) **no later than October 1, 2017.**

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

## ***INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY - AUGUST 31***

In observance of this day, the Bourne Substance Free Coalition will be holding Narcan training at 6 p.m. at the Upper Cape Tech School. This will be followed by a Vigil at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### ***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!

### ***CREATING MATTRESSES FROM PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS***

You may have noticed a box in the Parish Hall inviting you to donate plastic shopping bags. This is an innovative ministry that has been started by one of our Friendly Kitchen guests. The plastic bags are being used to create mattresses for those who are homeless. They are soft but also sturdy and will be helpful to all who need them. Please help this mission by adding your plastic bags to the box. If you want more information or would like to help create these mattresses, contact Theresa at [ski@sparetimeshop.com](mailto:ski@sparetimeshop.com) or 508-317-0866 or 508-291-6015

### ***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!

### ***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 September, we will be collecting paper products of all types.** Seasonal children's clothing in good condition is always acceptable. The items can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews.

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 available for any prayer requests that you may have! When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse (508-240-2853 [lederhouse@msn.com](mailto:lederhouse@msn.com)) or Lynne Brune 508-295-6146 [blueflame46@comcast.net](mailto:blueflame46@comcast.net) ), or Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786 [cpellis59@comcast.net](mailto:cpellis59@comcast.net))

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](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 October issue is Friday, **September 15**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## ***CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS***

**CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (September 20), 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 (September 13), 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.



## *SEPTEMBER 2017*

4	Monday		<b>Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
6	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Celebration Committee</b>
10	Sunday	11:30 a.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsals begin</b>
11	Monday	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<b>Weekly Bible Study starts Women’s Bible Study starts</b>
12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<b>Friendly Kitchen Meeting</b>
15	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
16	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	<b>70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House</b>
17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry</b>
25	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
28	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	<b>Deanery meeting in South Yarmouth</b>
29	Friday	6:30 p.m.	<b>Rededication of Church / Bp. Gates</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>October 1</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>Blessing of the Animals</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Addiction series</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>Women’s Lunch</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>Addiction series</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Diocesan Convention</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>Holiday Fair</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday with Baptism</b>		

### *Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal <b>[BEGINS 9/10]</b>
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study <b>[BEGINS 9/11]</b>
	5:15 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen
	7:30 p.m.	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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