

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

HELLO TO ALL ST. PETER'S FOLKS!

Henri Masson, Junior Warden, and I have met with our Search Consultant and our Financial Consultant. They have informed us that all is in order and the process of securing a new rector has started. The Vestry is putting together names to be considered for the Search Committee. We hope to be able to announce a committee soon.

Henri and I are pleased to announce that we will have an interim joining us in early September. Going forward we have supply clergy for July 28th, and August 4th and 11th. I will be working on securing people for Sundays left open at this time. We will be having the same two services, 8:00 and 10:00. There will be an informal choir for the summer.

There was no supply priest available to us on July 21st. Deacon Bob Sherwood and Lisa Platanitis, Music Director, put together a wonderful Morning Prayer Service. We combined both services into one at 9:00 a.m. It was nice to have everyone together at one time.

I will be attending both services, so please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Also, please feel free to call me at any time if you have questions or concerns about this transition process. I will answer your questions to the best of my ability. If I don't know the answer, I will find out and get back to you.

If you know of any pastoral issues, please let us know.

Friendly Kitchen needs help, on Mondays from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., for serving and clean up only, no cooking. Clean up includes washing pots, pans, dishes and flatware through the dishwasher, checking the floor and taking out the trash. If you can help, please let Lynne Brune know – she will have a sign-up sheet ready for your name!

Thank you all for your prayers and support. Together, we'll do a great job!

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

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VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

- The monthly financial reports were reviewed.
- The June minutes were reviewed and approved.
- We have changed from ADP to BizChecks for the payroll.
- The transition has started. The two Wardens have met with the Search Counselor and the Financial Counselor – all is in order.
- It was announced that we have an interim priest who has agreed to join us at St. Peter's.
- There was discussion about the extra time that both Kathy Letzeisen and Lisa Platanitis are putting into their jobs.
- Sallie's Garden was discussed.
- A new form for borrowing chairs and tables from St. Peter's was presented and okayed.
- We received a poster from the Diocese regarding sexual misconduct – the poster will be posted in the back hall.
- Friendly Kitchen needs additional help – we might need to establish a new team and one team needs help serving and cleaning up – no cooking involved.
- St. Peter's made a one-time contribution to support an ad "All Are Welcome at the Episcopal Church;" the ad ran in the Cape Cod Times. Dianne Cartmill showed the ad.
- Bourne Substance Coalition announced that the Church of the Good Shepard was going to have an emergency-room doctor and a Narcan training at their drop-in center on Wednesday, July 17; all were invited.
- The Paper Pantry is doing very well, but it needs more support financially and physically. It was suggested that a letter go out to other churches, with the goal of making this an ecumenical effort.
- Henri Masson is meeting with someone to look at the stained glass windows – some are in need of repair. We will be having new carpeting installed in the church late in July.
- The Vestry is looking into installing WiFi in the church and upgrading the telephone system.
- The Vestry is researching replacing the chairs in the meeting room.
- A new "Welcome to St. Peter's" packet is being developed.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2019.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

THANK YOU FROM REV. SUE AND BRUCE

Words cannot begin to express how thankful we are for all the cards and messages and gifts that we have received from all of you! How wonderful you are!

The party on June 9 and the reception with Bishop Gayle on June 23 were glorious and in grand St. Peter's tradition – thank you to all who worked on those and all who attended and brought such delicious goodies to share. And we appreciated having the cameras available and now the pictures from those cameras. Thank you, thank you!

As I said at the Service of Leave-taking on June 23rd, “life is changed, not ended.” And that is true for both St. Peter's and for Bruce and me as well. Life IS changed **but not ended!** We go on enriched by the 9 years we shared together - a time that was very special.

We will miss you greatly, but you have good leadership for these years ahead. May St. Peter's continue to be “the little church that could” and the place where “all are welcome!”

God's richest blessings and our love to you all –
Sue and Bruce

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish Prayer list printed weekly in the bulletin is renewed every 3 months. Rev. Sue knew to whom every name or set of initials belonged and knew if it was appropriate to keep them on the list. Unfortunately, I do not. Therefore, when the Prayer List is renewed next time in early September, please carefully review it, and then fill out a yellow prayer request form for anyone who is to remain on or be added to the list, clearly printing the name of the person for whom you're requesting prayers. Add your name at the bottom so I can follow up with you if necessary. Also, if you have someone on the list that no longer needs to be on the list, please let me know anytime about that, too. Prayer Request forms are located on the Narthex table and in the Parish Hall.

The Prayer Chain is always available for special prayers for your friends and loved ones. See the separate article in every edition of The WAVE for Prayer Chain contact information.

Our dear Rev. Sue & Bruce have been gone a few weeks now and many of us are finding a piece of ourselves missing in one way or another. Some of us have had to “step-up our game” to fill in the holes left behind. I have found amazing support from our parish family and our church leaders and I want to thank you all for that! Moving forward, I'd like to ask that, rather than speaking with me about churchy stuff on the fly during the Sign of Peace or at coffee hour, please leave a voicemail on the church phone 508-759-5641, or send an email to the church (saintpeters@verizon.net), or leave a written note under the office door. I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed and am terribly afraid of forgetting to follow up on something important. You may also call me during church office hours Mondays and Fridays 10:00-4:00.

Thank you! Kathy Letzeisen

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They are most appreciative of the support from St. Peters. Our neighbors at The Church of the Good Shepard in Wareham offer a monthly Addiction Drop-in Center on the Third Wednesday of every month. Held in their parish hall, it is a place where anyone who is suffering addiction, or anyone dealing with a family member who is suffering, can stop in and receive information and advice on dealing with the issues surrounding this disease. They also offer free training in the use of NARCAN at these gatherings.

Please keep the Bourne and Wareham Substance Free coalitions in your prayers. The next meeting of our group will be on Monday, September 9th, at 3:33pm all are welcome. Please join us.

Larry Higgins

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 August, we will be collecting bed pillows.** 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!

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!

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact 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 (August 21), 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 **September** issue is Friday, **August 16th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

AUGUST 2019

4	Sunday		
11	Sunday		
12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
16	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
18	Sunday		
20	Tuesday	3 – 5 p.m.	Paper Pantry
25	Sunday		

UPCOMING DATES

September 9 Substance Abuse and Prevention Support Group meeting

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open 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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