
The Wave - JANUARY 2016

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

*FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

It's a brand new year once more – full of hope and promise – full of anticipation of what it may bring – in our own lives – in the lives of those around us – and in the life of the world. New Year's Day means many things to many people – resolutions, parades, fireworks, champagne, football, to name a few. In the Episcopal Church, we celebrate New Year's Day as the FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME. On this day, we celebrate the day Jesus was officially given his name which means “the one who saves.”

But as we celebrate this new year of 2016, we also look back at the events of 2015, some of which are very hard to relive. We end one year and we begin another. And I'm reminded of a hymn (of course) which helps us reflect and seems particularly pertinent for this time in which we live. It's found in one of the supplemental Episcopal hymnals, “WONDER LOVE AND PRAISE.” Take a moment and reflect on these words from verse 1 of Hymn 721 “Signs of endings all around us.” I think they may express many of our own thoughts and prayers as we end 2015 and begin anew in 2016.

Signs of endings all around us—
 darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
 numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
 Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
 Show us what there yet can be.

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“COME, O CHRIST, AND DWELL AMONG US! Hear our cries, come set us free. Take our fears, then, and turn them into hopes for life anew.” Those words ring in my heart.

Will we be able to give Christ our hopes and our fears in this New Year? Will we be able to let Christ “show us what there yet can be?”

Blessings and prayers in this New Year –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

2016! Can't be! Another New Year has rolled around and I'm not even done dealing with the challenges of the old year. Must get things under control so I can do a better job of managing my affairs in 2016. Maybe I'll make a couple of resolutions to get the ball rolling:

Resolution #1: No more hospital stays. I've had quite enough of that place, thank you!

Resolution #2: Buy a new external drive (maybe 1 Terabyte) to store all those cool pictures of Olde Buzzards Bay that Don Smith sends me.

Resolution #3: Don't wait until the last minute to get my "WAVE" articles to Susan Hebb.

Resolution #4: Take a vacation! Now there's a good idea! Think I'll go to Florida for a couple of weeks in January. Leave on January 2nd and come back on January 16th. Let's see if Sue notices that I'm gone.

Well, that's enough for now. Writing resolutions is such fun isn't it! Also gives us the illusion that we're in control. In fact, I know from experience that isn't true. I've made lots of plans in my 73 years of living. I have a large crate of failed plans in my basement. One good thing about that is that I've become quite accomplished in surviving the collapse of my carefully constructed plans. I am the "Master of Disaster!" My secret? I just punch that red "HELP" button on my desk and ask God to bail me out, yet again:

"God, please grant me the grace and wisdom to get out of yet another 'scrape' I seem to have got myself into."

I'll bet you have a button just like mine.

Well, think I'll go pack my bag for the trip to Florida. Gotta get it under 40 pounds! See you on the 17th! Hold my pictures, Don!

Deacon Bob Sherwood

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015.

1. To date we have received 60 pledges. The congregation is encouraged to please turn in pledge cards, as they are important for the Vestry to be able to develop the new 2016 budget.
2. Vestry has been very busy working on balancing the 2016 budget for St. Peter's. The Vestry will review the final draft and approve the new budget at their January meeting, so that it can be presented to the congregation.
3. Friendly Kitchen had a meeting to determine teams for this coming year to replace Mary Tavares and her crew. A huge thank you to Mary for her 27 years of service to Friendly Kitchen, she will be missed by all on Monday nights. See separate article in this WAVE.

4. We had a new router installed on the office computer, which has greatly improved the connectivity and the speed of the computer.
5. A much needed new vacuum cleaner has finally been purchased, and we thank 2 donors for their generous contribution of \$200 toward its purchase.
6. Ralph Perry did our annual fire extinguisher inspection, and also the semi-annual range hood inspection in the kitchen. Both passed with no additional expense.
7. We are considering possibly adding an electrical heating strip near the conference table in the meeting room to help improve the heat during the winter. It gets quite cold in there and makes it difficult to have Bible Study and other meetings in that room in the colder weather months. Right now we have an approximate cost of \$700 to add the heating strip.
8. The Nominating Committee had their meeting and the nominees are listed under a separate article in this WAVE.
9. We have two new chalice bearers and 2 new readers. See separate article in this WAVE.
10. Vestry voted on the recipients of our annual Outreach Giving donations for 2015. Amazing Grace Camp, Housing Assistance Corporation (designated specifically for the Village at Cataumet), The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund and Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, were approved.
11. There is no definite return date for John Platanitis at this time. Bruce Lederhouse will continue as Interim Music Director/Organist. Lisa Platanitis will continue to assist Bruce. Thank you to both for their service to our church and choir.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will be served **on Sunday, January 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee, all served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team. **Please also take note of those glass jars in the middle of each table – they are meant for your donations to help make these breakfasts possible. We appreciate your generosity!**

NOTE: The next regular Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, April 10.

EPIPHANY AT ST. PETER'S

The season of Epiphany is one that varies in length depending on the date of Easter. This year we have a VERY short season of Epiphany. It starts on January 6 and ends with Shrove Tuesday which this year will be February 9. The color for the Epiphany season is white through the First Sunday after Epiphany (January 10) in which we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. Then it switches to green, the color of mission and growth until the Last Sunday after Epiphany when the color is white once more.

During Epiphany, we make a few changes in our liturgy. At the 8:00 service, we will return to Eucharistic Prayer II (p. 340). At the 10:00 service, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer B (beginning on p. 367). For our service music, we will use the Rutter "Glory to You, Lord God of Our Fathers" (Hymnal S-236) as our Song of Praise; "In Your Church, Lord, Be Glorified" for the Presentation; "Santo, Santo, Santo" (an Argentine folk song) for the Sanctus; "Now the Silence" for the Fraction Anthem and "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" for the Post-Communion Hymn. Most of these will be on an insert in the bulletin. At both services, we will return to the form of the Prayers of the People (written by the Rev. Steve White) that we have been using throughout most of the year. These will be on green inserts in the bulletin.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 11 & 25

On January 11, we will look at **Delilah** (NO – not the Tom Jones version!). On January 25, we will study **Lydia**, the famed "dealer in purple" from Acts. 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 - JANUARY 16

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** [NOTE: The place may change. . .watch the bulletin for an update]. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 31

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 31.** There will be **one** service at **9 a.m.**, followed by a potluck brunch, and then the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, new officers and parish leaders will be elected (see the list of nominees below.) Reports from parish organizations and committees will be received and the 2016 proposed parish budget will be reviewed. This is the most important meeting of the year for the Parish. Please make every effort to attend and **bring your favorite dish for the potluck.**

Deadline for submission of reports for the Annual Report Booklet is JANUARY 11. Please submit them in electronic form to susanhebb@comcast.net or in printed form to the Church Office.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee (Lynne Brune, Sally Darling, Tom Johnston, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Linda Masson, Patti Metcalf, and Donna Tripp) presents the following slate of nominations for Parish Offices for 2016.

OFFICERS

SENIOR WARDEN	(1 year term)	Linda Masson
JUNIOR WARDEN	(1 year term)	Lynne Brune
CLERK	(1 year term)	
TREASURER	(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill
ASST. TREASURER	(1 year term)	

VESTRY

Term ending 2019	(3 year term)	Steve Cloutman Priscilla Ellis
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DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

(1 year term)	Ken Lihzis Merry Smythe
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DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES

(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill John Powers
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DEANERY DELEGATES

(1 year term)	Jane Goershel Nancy Guimond Caroline Stone
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You will note that two of the Officer positions do not have names attached. The CLERK keeps the minutes of Vestry and Parish Meetings and other records of the Vestry and Parish and also ensures that a quorum is present at Annual and Special Parish Meetings. It requires someone who has a good command of the English language but the minutes do not need to be extensive. The ASSISTANT TREASURER assists the Treasurer in the financial management of the Parish – in conjunction with our Accountant, Chuck Soule – and with the help of a group of counters who count the Sunday and special Holy Day offerings. It does not require an extensive accounting or bookkeeping background but it does require someone who has an attention to detail. The Nominating Committee is unable to find candidates to fill those positions. If any of you have suggestions to make for the CLERK and ASSISTANT TREASURER positions, please contact one of the Wardens or The Rev. Sue Lederhouse ASAP.

THIRD ANNUAL MID-LENTEN PARTY

The last two years we have had a great time at our Mid-Lenten Party held on the Saturday before “Refreshment Sunday” – the eve of the 4th Sunday in Lent. This is a Sunday in which the strictures of Lent – the fasting, the “giving up” are relaxed. We have dined on soup and bread (and even desserts!) and delighted in entertainment after our meal. Those of you who have come before know how much fun it has been and what great cooks we have in the parish! Mark your calendars for **MARCH 5** and think about how you can help out with this great event which is now becoming a tradition!

DIOCESAN MISSION STRATEGY FORUMS

With the arrival of our new Bishop, Alan Gates, the Diocese is looking at its mission focus. What is the path the Diocese should take in the next 5 years and beyond? Where should the financial and staff resources be placed to have the greatest impact? A Mission Strategy Taskforce has been formed which includes both clergy and laypersons (including our former Parish Consultant, John Woodard). They are interested in the thoughts of parishioners and clergy in all of the parishes of this Diocese. To collect these thoughts, they have scheduled open forums in locations throughout the Diocese. The one for the Cape and Islands Deanery will be held on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10** at St. Mary’s Church in Barnstable from 2 – 3:30 pm. There are additional ones at Grace Church in New Bedford on **Tuesday, January 26**, from 7-8:30 pm and at St. Thomas’ Church in Taunton on **Thursday, January 28**, from 7-8:30 pm. If you have thoughts about what shape this Diocese should take in these years to come, please plan to attend one of these forums. If you are unable to attend, there will also be an online survey that you can fill in. Make your voice heard!!

NEW CHALICE BEARERS & READERS

Ginny Smith, longtime Chalice Bearer at the 10:00 service, has submitted her resignation. We are thankful for her service both as a Chalice Bearer in the worship service as well as her service as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor taking communion out to those in nursing homes and hospitals. And Ginny. . . it takes 2 people to replace you! Our new Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 service are Barbara Cain and Kathy Letzeisen. Welcome to you both and thank you for your willingness to serve!

We are also delighted to welcome Len Hathon (8:00 service) and Nancy Guimond (10:00 service) as new readers. They will begin reading during January.

JAMS AND JELLIES

When we talk about things that are the hallmarks of St. Peter’s, one of them has to be our jams and jellies ministry. And jams and jellies have been a particularly big hit in this past year. The jams and jellies makers have even had to fit in an extra session to make more to satisfy the demand!

One of the things you can do to help is to return your jars after you’ve eaten all of the good stuff inside. The jars can be reused (although the tops cannot). So bring them back to church when you’re done and our ladies will get busy making more of the stuff you love. Many thanks!

FRIENDLY KITCHEN

During the month of November, we learned the sad news that Mary Tavares, longtime organizer and chef of Friendly Kitchen was going to step down. Not only was Mary going to be retiring, but also the members of her team as well. We honored Mary on her team's last Monday night, December 14, with a round of applause and several gifts for her longtime service to the people who come to Friendly Kitchen. BUT NOW. . .WHAT TO DO??

At the Friendly Kitchen meeting on December 13, Marie Whitcomb and Diane Simski who serve as the coordinators of one of the other teams, volunteered a solution. They said that they would continue to coordinate their regular team BUT they would also be happy to cook for another Monday each month if others could be enlisted to serve the meal and clean up. That would allow us to continue to have 3 regular teams (Marie and Diane, The Taylor Family, and the new M/D 2 team) as well as the St. Margaret's team which prepares meals on holiday Mondays. This seemed like a good solution to our current situation.

Now it's up to YOU! Can you help with the serving and clean up on those M/D 2 Monday nights?? You would need to be at St. Peter's around 4:30 pm and you would probably be done by 6 pm. We'll be posting a sign up sheet for those dates in the Narthex. Please check your calendars and sign up for a Monday night that works for you. Thank you for your help with our signature outreach program!

THANKS FROM THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

On December 13, St. Peter's again hosted the annual Candlelighting Service of the Compassionate Friends for parents of children who have died. Here's what Al Leary, Coordinator of the Candlelighting Service, wrote:

"On behalf of Compassionate Friends, I want to thank you and the congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for your generous hospitality to our chapter. The service for our children gone too soon was very moving and comforting at the same time. We know and trust that God is love and the souls of our precious ones are in His care. Although we miss them more than words can express, we try to be thankful for the time we had with them, and are determined that they will never be forgotten. We all now live altered lives, we strive to be more compassionate, understanding, loving, and forgiving. We are resolved to try our very best to help others, especially the newly bereaved, survive the shock and horror of such an unimaginable loss. Oddly we have become 'family' in the midst of our grief. St. Peter's support of our mission is such a wonderful blessing we just can't thank you all enough!"

VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

The Village at Cataumet is a family shelter for 18 families. On any given month there are 40-50 people living at the shelter with about half of them being children. At this time of year many arrive with no warm clothing, no money or food stamps. Each family on arrival is given a clean room which has a dorm size refrigerator and microwave. They receive a twin bed with clean bedding and a NEW pillow. Breakfast is provided in the communal kitchen. The families cook their other meals. The kitchen can also be used by families who would like to cook together. Food staples are always needed for new families.

Listed below are their needs at this time:

1. NEW pillows
2. Twin sheet sets
3. Housewares – mops & brooms, cleaning supplies
4. Food staples
5. Children’s jackets, hats and mittens
6. Adult warm clothes
7. Diapers, wipes, sippy-cups
8. Food store certificates, any amount

Donated clothing should only be seasonal as there is not a huge amount of storage. We can still donate our monthly items as most of those things cannot be bought with food stamps.

ITEMS FOR VILLAGE AT CATAUMET FOR JANUARY – CLEANING SUPPLIES.

All things are possible with God's Help and Our Prayers!

Love and Blessings, Georgi Frampton

HEALING SERVICE

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, January 17th, at 9 a.m.**

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.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **February** issue is Friday, **January 22nd**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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3	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
7	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies
10	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Diocesan Mission Strategy Forum @ St. Mary's / Barnstable
11	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
20	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bourne Area Senior Cyclists
21	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies
22	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
25	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
28	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Deanery @ St. Barnabas / Falmouth
31	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – ONE SERVICE followed by Potluck Brunch and ANNUAL MEETING

Upcoming Dates

Feb 9	Shrove Tuesday	Feb 10	Ash Wednesday
March 5	Mid-Lenten Party	March 20	Palm Sunday
March 27	Easter	April 3	Bishop Gayle at St. Peter's

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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