

# *The Wave - JUNE 2017*

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

*FROM THE RECTOR  
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

**THE SPIRIT IS A MOVIN' ALL OVER, ALL OVER THIS LAND.**

**PEOPLE ARE GATHERIN' – THE CHURCH IS BORN – THE SPIRIT IS A BLOWIN' ON A WORLD REBORN**

**FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT WE ARE SENT TO SERVE – WE ARE CALLED OUT AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS – WE ARE CALLED TO WORK.**

**THE SPIRIT FILLS US WITH POWER TO BE CHRIST'S WITNESSES TO ALL WE MEET. \***

These are words to live by – words from one of the songs in **SONGS OF PRAISE** – an alternate hymnal that we use from time to time. You'll hear the choir singing these verses as part of their anthem on Pentecost at the 10:00 service.

The Holy Spirit is that mysterious third person of the Trinity. The companion to God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Son.

The Holy Spirit does indeed send us out in ways we could never imagine – to do things we might never think we could do. The Spirit fills with that wind – that fire – which enlightens and empowers us. The Spirit gives us words – powerful words – to speak to others. And the Spirit cannot be tamed. The Spirit moves as it will – blows as it will. And that is what we celebrate at Pentecost.

May that same Holy Spirit guide your life and set YOU on fire!

Blessings on this Feast of Pentecost –

Sue Lederhouse +

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## THE DEACON'S CORNER

"What is so rare as a day in June?" If you asked most people, "Who wrote that?" many would say: "Has to come from one of Shakespeare's sonnets." The truth of the matter is that it was written by James Russell Lowell, an American poet of the Nineteenth Century.

Lowell also wrote another poem which is more in keeping with the din of non-stop accusations and counter-accusations, "breaking news," "expert opinion," and "tweets," to which we're all being subjected today.

*"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,  
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,  
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light."*

"The Present Crisis"  
James Russell Lowell

It's a certainty that I'm not going to wade into the melee and advocate one side or the other. No way! I'm either not that brave or that foolish. What I think we all need to be reminded of, though, is that none of the people involved in this political "soap opera" are either Evil or Good personified. What they all are is human beings, capable of both good and evil--all of "them." Each of us also possesses natures which partake of both good and evil. We are all capable of either good or evil--all of "us." We all need to reflect on the proposition that "God loves each and every one of us," if, indeed, we really believe that. Do you believe that? I do.

I think that the "clear and present danger" for the country and for all of us, is that we get too wrapped up in taking sides and labeling the other side as "Darkness" or "Light." In doing so, we give ourselves a free pass and issue ourselves a pure white garment that none of us deserves. In the process we issue black hats to those we disagree with.

At the end of this long and painful process when, hopefully, truth and justice will have been served, one way or the other, I'm afraid that we will still be left deeply divided, with rancor in our hearts for the "other side." We will be left with human beings, on both sides, whom God loves. Human beings who have had their lives damaged or destroyed in the process. Perhaps human justice will have been served but I have serious doubts that God's justice, which is always restorative, will have been satisfied. It will be up to us to repair the damage and restore trust in one another.

Pray for the country, the whole country.

Peace,  
Deacon Robert Sherwood

## WHO WROTE THAT HYMN?

The story as noted on various Wikipedia sites goes something like this:

Frances Jane Crosby van Alstyne, "Fanny Crosby," was an only child born March 24, 1820 in Brewster, New York, and she was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist and composer. She was an active member of the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City. She wrote many hymns together with friends and clergy who were always asking her for new hymns that would go with their sermons.

One day Fanny was visiting a friend, Phoebe Knapp, the daughter of a Methodist Evangelist. She told Fanny she had just written a melody for a song and wanted to play it for her. She sat at the piano and when she had finished, she asked Fanny, "What do you think the tune says?" Fanny said, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." She then wrote the hymn:

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchased of God. Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior, all the day long.

"Blessed Assurance" was written and published in 1873 and this hymn is said to reflect her walk of faith as expressed by Paul in Philippians 1:21: "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain".

**"Blessed Assurance" can be found in our *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal* #184**

In her lifetime, Fanny wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs with more than 100 million copies printed. Fanny was blind all her life except for the first six weeks after she was born. She had caught a cold in her eyes and a doctor put mustard poultices on her eyes damaging her optic nerves which blinded her. Her father died when she was six months old, leaving her mother a widow. She was raised by her mother and grandmother. She entered the New York Institute for the Blind at age 15 where she later taught. She began writing poetry at age 8. The male Secretary to the Superintendent would write down her poems for her as she dictated them. They were both reprimanded often for wasting school time doing this. That male Secretary was Grover Cleveland who later became President of the United States.

In 1843, she married Alexander van Alstyne, Jr., who was also blind. They had a daughter, Frances, who died in her sleep shortly after her birth. Some say it was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Crosby's hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was inspired by her daughter's death. By 1880, she was separated from her husband. She gave away most of her earnings throughout her life to charities and lived in one of the worst slums in Manhattan's Lower East Side. She moved frequently and died in poverty living with friends.

Fanny once said that "when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior." She always felt that having no sight enabled her to have sung hymns to the praise of God and it might not have happened if she had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about her. She died on February 12, 1915 at the age of 94 in Bridgeport, Connecticut of arteriosclerosis and a cerebral hemorrhage. And YES, she was related to Bing and Bob Crosby. And she's honored in the Episcopal Church calendar on February 11. The rest of the story!

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

## VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on May 15, 2017.

1. Clean up day went well. A huge thank you to the folks who worked very hard to significantly improve the appearance of our church property. Our lawn needs restoration and possibly ongoing professional lawn care. So do some of our bushes in the front of the church, which are discoloring, unhealthy and are overgrown. Vestry will be reviewing this problem. We owe a special thank you to our neighbor Brian from Brian's Tree Service who was also very helpful with moving our ramp to the shed, as well as charging our lawn mower battery.

It was recommended that we have another clean-up day prior to the Bishop's visit in September. It is noted that our sheds are again in need of being painted.

Thank you to Mark Taylor who volunteered to handle the lawn mowing schedule for this year.

Thank you also to Len Hathon for organizing the clean-up day.

2. Three children from the communion class will be presented at the 10:00 service on June 4, Pentecost. Remember to wear your red!!
3. Rev. Sue and Deacon Bob attended Clergy Conference April 24-26. The focus was on preaching. Our ongoing weekly Monday morning Bible Study, which reviews and discusses the upcoming Sunday's lessons, is rare among other churches and the clergy at the conference were very interested in hearing about it.
4. Thanks to the Vestry and to the other participants in our Ministry Fair which was held on Sunday, April 23. If anyone would like to know more about the different ministry teams please speak with any of the Vestry members or Rev. Sue. Check out the green poster in the Parish Hall!
5. Thanks to Suzanne Otte, our website is up and running. Check it out and offer any comments or suggestions you may have.
6. Friendly Kitchen is now posted in the calendar section of *The Bourne Enterprise*, *The Bourne Courier* and affiliated newspapers. Flyers advertising Friendly Kitchen have been made and posted in local community centers, libraries and other businesses. The Outreach Team is still looking for folks to help serve or cook for Friendly Kitchen. Please contact Priscilla Ellis or Kathy Finnegan for more information.
7. Our Communications Team is also looking at the possibility of a parish-wide email system, where weekly updates of events and services can be shared. This email system could serve several purposes, including any cancellations, death notices and other shared announcements.
8. Thank you to Robin Higgins and Emily Johnson for the great job they are doing as our Communications team!

9. On Saturday, June 3, there will be two meetings: The first meeting will begin at 10:00 for anyone interested in planning for the September 29 rededication celebration of St. Peter's and visit by Bishop Gates. This will be followed around 11:15 by an Archives Team meeting, which will also be part of planning the decorating of our bulletin boards for our celebration with historic information. If you are interested in both or only one of these meetings, watch for more information and sign-up sheets that will be posted in the Narthex, within the next couple of weeks.
10. June 5, there will be a Women's Luncheon at Lindsey's Restaurant on Cranberry Highway, East Wareham at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Georgi Frampton (508-888-4976) if you are interested in attending. All women are invited to attend.

**The next Vestry meeting will be on June 12, 2017.**

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### *THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .*

Suzanne Otte and her work on our wonderful newly revamped, informative, and attractive website. Check it out at [www.saintpetersbb.org](http://www.saintpetersbb.org)

All who participated in the Clean Up day and for those who will be cutting our lawn over this summer – particularly Mark Taylor who will be coordinating this.

Cullen Michael Brune Bird, Kaitlynne Irene Brune Bird, and Kiana Lynn Starr-Cuevas who have participated in our communion classes this spring and who will be presented on Pentecost, June 4.

Those who will be helping to plan our September celebrations of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building including the Bishop's visit on September 29.

### *PENTECOST IS JUNE 4*

As we remember the first coming of the Holy Spirit, 50 days after the Resurrection, we also celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit to each one of us. And one of the greatest gifts is the children we have among us. We will welcome three of our children into a fuller participation in the life of the church as we present the communion class at the 10:00 service.

At the first Pentecost, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit was that people were able to hear the good news in their own languages and that is the reason we will be proclaiming the Gospel in a variety of different languages. At this writing, we have Russian, French, German, and English that will be spoken at the 8:00 service. At 10:00, we will hear the Gospel in Russian, French, German, Tagalog, and English.

And remember the other Pentecost tradition – **WEAR RED TO CHURCH THAT DAY!** Let's make the congregation a sea of red!

## ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JUNE 4 - 9 A.M.***

We also will celebrate Pentecost with our monthly pancake breakfast. Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee. And look for something special to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. All of this served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team. This will be the last pancake breakfast until October.

## ***BULLETIN PRAYER LIST UPDATE - JUNE 11***

A new Prayer list will begin on **June 11**. 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)

## ***MEETING FOR ALL READERS - JUNE 11 - 9 A.M.***

We will be having a meeting at **9 a.m. on June 11** for all who read at the 8:00 and 10:00 services. This includes those who read the Prayers of the People as well as those who read the scripture readings. Please let Rev. Sue know ([lederhouse@msn.com](mailto:lederhouse@msn.com) / 508-240-2853) whether you are able to attend or not.

## ***READERS, ACOLYTES, CHALICE BEARERS JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 SCHEDULE***

I will be working on the new schedule in the next couple of weeks. If there are any dates you will not be available, please email me at [capegrammieb@comcast.net](mailto:capegrammieb@comcast.net), or call me at 508-833-8603, no later than **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for giving of your time and talent.

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## ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - JUNE 12 @ 12:30 P.M.***

On **June 12**, we will study **The Fortune Telling Woman**, an interesting woman that we read about in Acts. **This will be the last meeting until September 11**. At this June meeting, we will decide what women we will study in September. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from September – June 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 - JUNE 17 - 8 A.M.***

The men of the parish will join together on **June 17** for breakfast. Remember the time is now **8:00 a.m. and the place is the Breakfast Nook on Cranberry Highway across from Lindsey's Restaurant**. The address is 3147 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. This will be the last gathering until October. For more information, please contact Ken Lihzis ([Klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:Klihzis@gmail.com) / 774-212-0453).

## ***HEALING SERVICE - JUNE 18 - 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, June 18, at 9 a.m.**

## ***SAVE THE DATE!! SEPTEMBER 29***

St. Peter's has a special anniversary this year! It has been 70 years since our church building sailed down on a barge through the Canal from Hull and became St. Peter's home!

In honor of this anniversary, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, is going to come to St. Peter's to preside at a service of rededication for the Church and for our ministry here in this place. Mark your calendar for the evening of **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** – time to be announced!

Plans for this evening and for other events in September to celebrate this wonderful part of our history are in the works. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Reverend Sue. ALSO – if you were in Buzzards Bay at that time back in 1947 and remember anything about the building on the barge, let Rev. Sue know that, too. She'll put you in touch with those who are working on this project.

## ***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 June, we will be collecting anything for the beach, such as sunscreen, beach toys for children, beach balls, etc.** These items 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.

## ***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!

## *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 (June 21), 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 (June 14), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis.

## *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 **June** issue is Friday, **June 16, 2017**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## *JUNE 2017*

1	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	<b>Deanery at St. Christopher's/Chatham</b>
3	Saturday	10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Group Archives Group</b>
4	Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST - WEAR RED! Pancake Breakfast Presentation of Communion Class</b>
5	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Lunch at Lindsey's</b>
11	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship Readers Meeting</b>
12	Monday	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Last Bible Study until the Fall Last Women's Bible Study until the Fall Vestry</b>
16	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
17	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Breakfast Gathering</b>
18	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>July 4</b>	<b>Parade and Fair/Food on the Lawn</b>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Rededication of church building / Bishop Gates visitation</b>
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Diocesan Convention at the Cathedral</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>

## *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 <b>[LAST CHOIR – JUNE 11]</b>
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study <b>[LAST BIBLE STUDY - JUNE 12]</b> 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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