

The Wave -- OCTOBER 2016

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

FROM THE RECTOR The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

Every so often all the Bishops of the Episcopal Church get together to discuss important issues in the Church. Such a meeting took place from September 15-20 in Detroit. At this meeting, the House of Bishops issued the document below. Our own Bishop, Alan Gates, was one of the bishops who drafted this on behalf of the whole House of Bishops. As we enter into these final months of our election year, I commend it to you for your thought and reflection. God be with us all in these days to come . . . Sue Lederhouse+

A WORD TO THE CHURCH FOR THE WORLD (FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS)

Greetings from Detroit, a city determined to be revived. Greetings also from the city of Flint, where we are reminded that the gift of water has for many of our brothers and sisters become contaminated.

Here we have been exhorted to set our sights beyond ourselves and to minister to the several nations where we serve and the wider world.

We lament the stark joylessness that marks our present time. We decry angry political rhetoric which rages while fissures widen within society along racial, economic, educational, religious, cultural and generational lines. We refuse to look away as poverty, cruelty and war force families to become migrants enduring statelessness and demonization. We renounce the gun violence and drug addiction that steal lives and crush souls while others succumb to fear and cynicism, abandoning any sense of neighborliness.

Yet, in all this, "we do not despair" (2 Cor. 4:8.). We remember that God in Christ entered our earthly neighborhood during a time of political volatility and economic inequality. To this current crisis we bring our faith in Jesus. By God's grace, we choose to see in this moment an urgent opportunity to follow Jesus into our fractured neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

Every member of the church has been "called for a time such as this." (Esther 4:14) Let prophets tell the truth in love. Let reconcilers move boldly into places of division and disagreement. Let evangelists inspire us to tell the story of Jesus in new and compelling ways. Let leaders lead with courage and joy.

In the hope of the Resurrection let us all pray for God to work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish God's purposes on earth.

AMEN

THE DEACON'S CORNER

We celebrate many things in October this year. The Jewish High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur) are in October this year. The Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast Days of Saints Francis, Luke, James of Jerusalem, Simon and Jude, and the Eve of All Saints' Day. The United States sets aside October 10 this year to celebrate the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492..... or was it Leif the Viking about the year 1000 (his day is on October 15th. Or maybe it was St. Brendan the Navigator, the Irish monk from Kerry, who set sail in a leather-skinned fishing boat (Currach), with a company of doughty Irish monks, about the year 512, and after many fantastic adventures, set foot on North American soil. Really, I favor the Irish claim, because it's a better story. Trust the Irish to tell a better story.

October also has the secular holiday, Halloween. My grandmother Julia was born on Halloween in 1882. It pained her no end, as a very devout fundamentalist Christian, to be born on a day associated with such things as witches and goblins. She didn't know that it was also the eve of the day set aside to honor our saints who have gone before. If she had, she probably wouldn't have thought much of it because of its Roman Catholic origins, but that's another story.

This month I'm going to celebrate recovery (God willing) from the ailments that have plagued me for the past month or so. I know that many have been praying for me, and believe me, I am so grateful. My dog Buddy has even given me a gift to aid in my recovery. My daughter gave it to me several weeks ago on behalf of Buddy. It's a very luxurious cushion to "sit upon". Do you ladies remember the "sit upon" that you made as Girl Scouts? Buddy's gift has a picture of him riding what he claims is a modified 1953 Indian Motorcycle (looks like a Harley Sportster to me), on his way to South Dakota for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Rock on Bud! You don't believe me, huh? Well, you'll just have to take it up with Buddy (and my daughter). In the meantime, I'm going to bring the cushion to church on Sunday mornings so I have something more comfortable than those hard chairs to rest my aching back on as I recover.

Peace,
Deacon Robert Sherwood

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016.

1. Mass Maritime Academy (MMA) cadets have begun their school year and we have had many calls regarding parking. All parking permits are handled through the school. We have saved 50 parking spots for cadets.
2. Bruce Rockwell's audit was approved by the Vestry and the Diocese. We have booked Bruce for our next year's audit. We are very pleased with the professionalism and thoroughness of his audit. Thank you to Dianne Cartmill, our Treasurer, and Chuck Soule, our Accountant, for organizing the required paperwork for the audit.
3. On Diocesan Resource Day, October 1, Rev. Sue has been asked to speak at a workshop on "Parishes that Have Experienced Financial Turnarounds". We are thankful that St. Peter's has been recognized as a church that has survived difficult times and is today a turnaround parish.
4. Carpeting has been installed in the choir room and Rev. Sue's office. The large meeting room will be carpeted

the week after the Yard Sale, which is on October 8 (along with the Blessing of the Animals by Deacon Bob and Buddy!!).

5. Rev. Sue and the Wardens will begin pricing the cost for new tables and chairs for Stevenson Hall. We will be purchasing these with a donation received earlier in the summer.

6. The contract for our copier will expire early in 2017. Rev. Sue will be investigating options for Vestry to consider for the new contract.

7. We remain blessed with our growing attendance; We had 107 on Sunday the 18th!! Hooray!!!

8. Rev. Sue recently officiated at a wedding at The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. The wedding was the first she has done since being at St. Peter's.

9. Choir returned to the 10:00 service on Sunday the 18th. We have four new choir members!!!! We always have room for more. If you have an interest, please see Lisa Platanitis or stop in at choir practice any Sunday around 11:30 after coffee hour for more information.

10. A search for a new Organist/Director of Music continues. It is a difficult position to fill. Anyone have any good leads?? Speak to Rev. Sue.

11. Outreach Committee met on September 14, in the morning, to make ornaments which will be sold at JoAnne's Second Chance Shop with the money to go to St. Peter's outreach activities. Seven folks attended this workshop. New ideas for the fall are being discussed and planned. If you would like more information about their new outreach fall activities, contact Karen McGuinness, Nancy Sherwood or Margery Buckingham.

12. There is a Spirituality and Addiction Workshop at Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham on September 28 from 9-3. Rev. Sue will be attending together with Deacon Bob and Larry Higgins. If anyone else is interested in attending, please contact Rev. Sue. There is a flyer posted in the Narthex.

13. HUB courses on "Relationship Building with the Elderly," will begin on September 24, also at Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham. If this is something that would interest you, please contact Rev. Sue for more information. There is a flyer posted in the Narthex.

14. The weather for our annual Church Picnic did not cooperate again this year, however, we had a wonderful time of fellowship and good eats in the Parish Hall. Attendance was approximately 65 folks!!!! Thank you to all who contributed to the food/supply items, worked in the kitchen serving and cleaning up and of course our wonderful grill guys Henri Masson, Mark Taylor, Don Smith and Mike Metcalf!!! An extra special thanks to Mark Taylor for helping me to coordinate the day.

15. We received a check from Waddle Books for August of \$154.80!

16. Our sound system has been in need of upgrading for some time now and on Sunday the 18th Rev. Sue's lavalier microphone ceased to function. Last October, Vestry approved funds to replace the two lavaliers and the microphone on the lectern. Therefore, the sound system will now be replaced and upgraded and the cost of the original quote thankfully will remain the same as last year at \$1301.03. Vestry agreed to use Capital Funds for this expense.

17. Voters will be asked to consider four questions on their ballot in November concerning slot machines, recreational marijuana legalization, animal protection, and charter schools. Rev. Sue is looking into the possibility of having someone from the Episcopal City Mission to come and speak with the congregation regarding how your faith influences your vote. We will have more information regarding a speaker at a later time.

18. Deacon Bob has begun working again with the new cadets at MMA. Bob and Father Jim will hold a religious service on Thursday September 22nd at the Maritime.

19. There have been many baptisms since Rev. Sue has been at St. Peter's and an idea was presented to her about having a possible reunion of those families whose children who have been baptized in the past 2-3 years. The plan is that families will be invited to attend our 10:00 service on November 6, All Saints Sunday, followed by cake and coffee to celebrate. More information to come on whether this can actually happen this year.

20. Vestry meeting ran much later than usual as there was much discussion regarding Stewardship and the upcoming pledge months. Rev. Sue, Dianne Cartmill and Steve Cloutman attended the Stewardship Seminar "Living Generously," at the Cathedral on September 10, and they shared an overview of that seminar with the

Vestry for discussion. The Stewardship season will begin on October 23 with Commitment Sunday on November 20. The congregation will be receiving letters with further information, as well as a brochure with Frequently Asked Questions regarding pledges. The congregation is asked to please prayerfully begin thinking about what St. Peter's and the importance of pledging means to you. More to come on this soon.

21. The Vestry remembered the Suarez family in prayer and asks the congregation to reach out and show their support to Zee and her family as they mourn this difficult loss of her son Ramon Jorge.

22. Vestry will have their next meeting on October 23.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .

The new carpeting in the Choir Room and Rector's Office and for the carpeting to come in the Meeting Room.

All those who came to the Indoor Picnic on September 11 and all who worked to provide for it.

The start of the Bible Studies for the fall.

The return of the choir from its summer break and for the new members in the choir.

Those who repaired the lawn mower so that we would not have to incur any bill.

All those who help keep St. Peter's running day by day, week by week, in so many ways!

WORSHIP NOTES

It's great to have our choir back singing at the 10:00 service and to welcome some new faces to the choir as well. In the month of October, we make our final changes in our 10:00 worship for the "long green" season of Pentecost. Beginning **October 2 and continuing through most of November**, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C as we also celebrate the Creation Season. There will be a yellow insert in the bulletin for you to use. There will also be an insert for the service music which will be the Powell Gloria, the Proulx Sanctus, and the familiar Doxology at the Presentation. For the Fraction Anthem, we will be singing "Let Us Break Bread Together." For the Post-Communion Hymn, we will sing "I Come with Joy" from the blue Hymnal (Hymn 304).

Worship attendance has been wonderful over these past months. We have been averaging 103/Sunday since early May with a number of new faces appearing Sunday by Sunday.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - OCTOBER 2

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast, under the leadership of Ken Lihzis, will resume on **Sunday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee all served up by a team of both old and new smiling faces!

ACOLYTE TRAINING - OCTOBER 2

Acolyte – what’s that?? Acolytes are the people in white vestments who serve at the altar with Deacon Bob and Rev. Sue. They do a variety of tasks from lighting candles to handing the bread and wine to the Deacon or Priest to carrying the cross and a host of other duties. At the 8:00 service, they also serve as Chalice Bearers. St. Peter’s has been blessed in times past to have a variety of ages of acolytes serving at the altar. Currently, we have two adult acolytes who serve at the 8:00 service in rotation: Lin Benting and Mark Taylor. At the 10:00 service, we have two adult acolytes who serve Sunday by Sunday: Ken Lihzis and Aaron Willey. We would love to expand our acolyte corps with children, youth, and adults.

On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, we will have an acolyte training session at 11:30 a.m. This will be a refresher class for those who have served before and an orientation for new acolytes. All are welcome to attend. QUESTIONS?? Contact Rev. Sue (508-240-2853 / lederhouse@msn.com)

FALL YARD SALE - OCTOBER 8

St. Peter’s Fall Yard Sale will be held on our front lawn on **Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, weather permitting. If you would like to contribute any quality items to the sale, please drop them off at the Church on Sundays, Mondays, or Fridays before the date of the sale. Please, no clothing or glassware items.

For more information, contact Marcia Willmott at mwillmott@live.com or by phone at (508) 743-9387.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 8

Our Blessing of the Animals service this year will be held on **Saturday, October 8, at 1 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!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - OCTOBER 10 & 24

Women’s Bible Study will be continuing the discussion of the women important in Moses’ life with a focus on Zipporah, the wife of Moses, as well as the Priest of Midian’s daughters on **October 10**. On **October 24**, we will be discussing Deborah, the great judge of the Old Testament. 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 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 - OCTOBER 15

After the summer hiatus, the men of the parish will gather together for breakfast once more. The coordinator for the Men's Breakfast Gathering is Ken Lihzis. He cordially invites all the men of the parish to join with him at a new time but same place. Plan to be present at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham**, for a time of food and fellowship. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty.

HEALING SERVICE - OCTOBER 23 - 9 A.M. (NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!)

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 normally held on the third Sunday of the month, but moves to the **fourth** Sunday for October, which will be **Sunday, October 23, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

What does it mean to live generously – to trust in God's provision – and to share the bounty that we have received from God? Those are all questions for us to ask ourselves as we enter into our Stewardship Season for this year. What do we want St. Peter's to look like in 2017? Our pledges can either help or hinder that from happening.

On **October 23**, we will begin our Stewardship Season, and everyone will receive a letter from the Rector and Senior Warden together with a pledge card for you to prayerfully consider. Each week we will look forward to one of our parishioners sharing at announcement time what it means for him/her to live generously. On **November 20**, we will celebrate what parishioners have committed to give for the coming year from the bounty they have received from God.

God be with each of us as we discern what we are called to do in this year to come.

The Rev. Sue Lederhouse – Rector / Linda Masson – Senior Warden
and
The Vestry of St. Peter's-on-the-Canal

NECROLOGY ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Each year on All Saints Sunday – this year on **November 6** – we remember those family members and loved ones that have died. In the Sunday bulletins on **October 23 and 30**, there will be forms for you to list the names of those people so that they can be part of the Necrology on that day. Please print the names clearly as they will be read as part of each service that day. Deadline for submitting names will be **October 31**.

GOD'S FAITHFUL STEWARDS

In September, a group of seven of us gathered in Stephenson Hall to continue making the star ornaments for our fundraiser. We will meet again on **Tuesday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. until noon** to finish the work in time to sell them at Joanne's Second Chance consignment store. All are welcome to join us.

Our craft classes at Village at Cataumet continue on the following schedule:

October 28 - Canvas Trick or Treat Bags
November 30 - Christmas Cards
December 21 - Christmas Ornaments

These classes are for everyone over the age of ten and are held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Peter's parishioners are always welcome to participate in these sessions.

Contact Karen McGuinness, Nancy Sherwood, or Margery Buckingham for more information.

Yours in Christ,

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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 October, we are collecting clothing and products suitable for babies and children from infancy to 5 years.** 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.

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.

ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC. (AGA)
Cape Cod Area Support Group Meetings

This support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center in Hyannis.

AGA provides information and support for grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren.

Website: www.AGA-FL.org.

Email contact: AGA.capecod@gmail.com.

Phone contact: 508-563-3567

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **November** issue is Friday, **October 21st**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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| 1 | Saturday | | Diocesan Resource Day |
| 2 | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast Acolyte Training |
| 8 | Saturday | 9 – 1 1:00 p.m. | Yard Sale Blessing of the Animals |
| 10 | Monday | 12:30 p.m. | Women’s Bible Study |
| 15 | Saturday | 8:30 a.m. | Men’s Breakfast Gathering |
| 18 | Tuesday | 10-12 | Ornament Making |
| 21 | Friday | | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| 23 | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Healing Service |
| 24 | Monday | 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Women’s Bible Study Vestry |
| 25 | Tuesday | 7 – 9 p.m. | Pre-Convention Forum in Plymouth |
| 26 | Wednesday | 7-8:30 p.m. | Craft Workshop @ Village at Cataumet |

Upcoming Dates

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| November 4-5 | Diocesan Convention | November 5 | Holiday Fair |
| November 6 | All Saints Sunday | December 11 | Compassionate Friends |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve | December 25 | Christmas Day Service |
| January 1 | New Year’s Day Service | January 6 | Epiphany Party |
| January 29 | Annual Meeting | | |

Weekly Schedule

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| 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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