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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

They couldn't have done it without us!

For much of the autumn there was almost an audible buzz coming from Loring House, the Diocesan communications and administrative center. There were three candidates for Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Maine. One of them would succeed our present Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen on her retirement. Your delegates went to meetings, met the candidates, prayed about whom God was calling to be the next Bishop of Maine. We held forums at Saint Peter's, discussed the candidates among ourselves and with members of the congregation. Whoever was elected, change was inevitable.

We arrived at convention, registered, got our voting cards and ballots, and the balloting began in the context of the Eucharist concelebrated by our Bishop, the Bishop of Haiti and a local Lutheran pastor to underscore our relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. During the balloting, the Bishop left the hall, in order that the standing committee should oversee the election. Once the balloting took place, then there was the interminable wait for the counting to take place. Various "filler" activities took place. Finally, at 10:57 AM the results were posted on four video screens, and the chair of the standing committee remarked that she didn't expect that it would be over in one ballot—the norm is 4-6 ballots since one candidate has to have a majority of the votes. It was overwhelming. The Holy Spirit had spoken, and Stephen Lane of Rochester, New York became the bishop elect, with the consecration scheduled to take place on May 3rd. Before that time, the standing committees from the dioceses in the country and the sitting bishops have to assent to his election.

After Bishop-elect Lane (he likes being called Steve), comes to Maine, Bishop Knudsen and he will go to the Lambeth conference and by the end of September, Bishop Knudsen will retire and she and her husband, Mike, will get a Eurailpass and "do Europe", something that she never has done that way. Then she will do ministry in Haiti, dividing her time between Haiti and Maine. Happily, she will remain in Maine



Part of the St. Peter's contingent at the convention in the Bangor Civic Center. From Left: Lee Karker, Jim Bowditch, Midge Welch, Marilyn Smith, Ted Kanellakis (with Holy Spirit over his shoulder), and Lucia Elder.

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WINDOW OF THE SPIRIT *views into the souls of St. Peter's*

A Conversation with our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Ted Kanellakis

By Jo McAlary

We met at my home one sunny September morning. At that time we really were totally unacquainted. It didn't take more than a very few minutes for me to realize what a delightful, enthusiastic and unique individual he is. Over coffee we had a two hour chat.

Ted was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1943, to first generation Greek-American parents. His grandparents had immigrated to the United States from Greece, bringing their Greek Orthodox faith with them. Ted has a brother seven years younger. Greek was spoken at home when the grandparents visited. As a result, Ted said he could only understand some of the Greek language, and speak even less.

The family moved to Richmond Hill, Queens, where Ted attended school. At that time students participated in a "Release Time" program one day each week to attend the church school of their particular faith. So, he went to the Greek Orthodox school. He also went to church each Sunday, on his own, but admitted, although he could recite the service, he didn't understand much since it was all said in Greek.

Ted graduated from Richmond Hill High School, and after one year of college decided that he wanted to work and begin a career with a potential for advancement. He took the Civil Service Exam, passed and was sworn in as a New York City Police Officer. He had met Susan Brooks, a native of Manhattan, and they were married.

His career with the NYCPD was very successful, but he did say that it was stressful and his first assignment was in a very tough section of Brooklyn, called Bedford-Stuyvesant. Working in this area exposed him to crimes, such as murder, rape, and robbery on a frequent basis. He is grateful to have been assigned to work with and learn from a veteran African American Officer Jerry Tibbs. Officer Tibbs taught Ted many important lessons, probably the most important of which was that the major part of a police officer's job involves the art of interacting and reasoning with people in times of crises. He did say that without his partner's help his experience would have been far less positive and his sur-

vival less certain. His career with the NYCPD lasted from 1965 to 1990. At the time of his retirement he was serving as a Lieutenant in Headquarters.

However, that is hardly the whole story! Ted and his wife Susan, have one daughter, Elizabeth. While living in Manhattan on the Upper East Side, Elizabeth, at about the age of eight, announced that she wanted to attend church. So, each Sunday she would go to a different church in the area. She finally decided on the Church of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where she began attending Sunday school and services. A short time later, a member of the parish called Ted and Susan and invited them to come and join a group of parents for a meal as well as socializing, and a Eucharist, and, "oh yes, we have a Sunday School room that we are painting and would like to have you join us!" They went and found wonderful hospitality, cordiality and a marvelous church service in a language that they understood! In 1975 Elizabeth was baptized, Susan, a Presbyterian, was confirmed and Ted was received into the Episcopal Church.

Ted had felt that he had a calling to become more informed and involved in the church. He decided to begin formal studies at the Institute of Theology at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in NY City. The Institute offered seminary level courses in the disciplines of the church to adults with careers. A number of students from the Institute, like Ted, went on to be accepted as Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, and after passing the required National Church's and Diocesan examinations were ordained. He did this over a seven year period also completing a college education, while working as a full time New York City Police Officer. During those years he was attending worship and serving his parish, while preparing for promotional examinations in the NYCPD. He did admit that as he looks back at those years he wonders how he did fit everything in, acknowledging much help from above.

As he progressed on his way towards ordination to the priesthood, he first served as a deacon at his parish, after being ordained to that office at the Cathedral in 1981. Then on January 23, 1982, Ted was ordained a priest

and served as one of the associate clergy at the Church of the Holy Trinity, his home parish.

In 1987 Ted and Susan felt that they needed a get away home for the weekends. After looking around they settled on a house in Copake, NY, about 100 miles north of NY City. Once settled in, Ted started looking for a church nearby to attend on Sundays. What he found was a church in Pine Planes, Dutchess County, NY, called the Church of the Regeneration. It was in run down condition, had no rector, the buildings were in disrepair and the congregation was small. Ted decided he wanted to take on the challenge. With enthusiasm and his organizational skills, and the support of Susan, he reestablished it into a well run and functioning church. He served there as Priest in charge from 1988 (weekends at first) then after retirement in 1990, through 1998.

In 1998 he accepted a call from St. Paul's Church in Tivoli, NY. Ted served there first as Priest in Charge then as Pastor until he retired in 2005.

Ted said that he and Susan had been coming to the mid-Maine coast area on vacation for years, so once he finally retired, Maine was their destination and Camden became the spot. He is very involved in many local activities as well as serving on Maine Diocesan committees.

Of course I asked, "Once your job as Interim is completed, can you (will you be permitted to) return to St. Peter's as a parishioner?" I know everyone will be happy to learn that his answer emphatically was, "YES, that is understood".



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Sharing God's Gifts

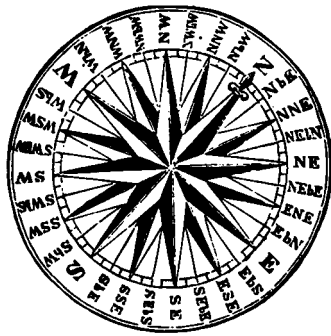
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Thank you.

Liz Hunt

Stewardship Commission Chair



WAYPOINTS *activities and notices on our journey together*

Valerie Wells calls your attention to the Safe Church Training. If you register to attend, please also let Valerie and Ted know.

The Area Interfaith Clergy Association will hold an **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service** on Monday November 19th at 7 pm at the Rockland Congregational Church on Limerock Street. All are welcome to attend.

Any Hunger Week

A fundraising spaghetti dinner for the Area Interfaith Outreach will be held on Saturday November 10th at the Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church in Rockland. Keeping with tradition, local clergy will serve the spaghetti beginning at 6 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 years old and under. Contact Mary Hunter for tickets or they may be purchased at the door. If you are unable to attend you can make a contribution. All ticket purchases or contributions will be matched! So please help make this fundraiser be a huge success.

Services at the Knox Center for Long Term Care

St. Peter's will resume conducting Holy Eucharist, using reserved sacrament, on the third Sunday of each month at 2 pm for residents of the Knox Center for Long Term Care. This is a Lay Ministry of St. Peter's lead by Billy Smith and Marilyn Smith. Lucia Elder will also be assisting and if you want to be part of the team please contact any one of them.

St. Peter's will host Safe Children Training

Saturday, November 17 ST. PETER'S, ROCKLAND Area #6
10:00—12 noon "Keeping God's Children Safe"
12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break
12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Adult Misconduct Prevention
Note: Please bring a bag lunch with you to this training

To Register, please contact:

Martha Hughes, Episcopal Diocese of Maine
143 State St., Portland, ME 04101
MHughes@episcopalmaine.org
207-772-1953 x21 1-800-244-6062

Please register at least five 5 days before the scheduled session (by November 12th) to ensure adequate material and seating preparation.

Safe Church Trainings in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

According to Diocesan policy, all clergy (including those licensed to officiate in Maine) as well as persons in the ordination process, all compensated church employees and volunteers who regularly work with children should participate in Diocesan Safe Church training. It is also recommended that Wardens, Vestry Members, Sunday School Teachers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and other congregational leaders consider attending Safe Church training in an effort to raise awareness and have a clearer understanding of diocesan policies and procedures, including how to respond to concerns or allegations of sexual misconduct. Certificates of participation will be issued and sent to each attendee's congregation. If you want to read more about the Diocesan policy go to the website www.episcopalmaine.org.

For more information or to register for an upcoming training session, please contact Martha Hughes at the Diocese of Maine office at 1-800-244-6062 or by email mhughes@episcopalmaine.org

For questions concerning the Diocese of Maine's Safe Church training requirements or the Diocesan "Policies and Procedures Concerning Allegations and Incidents of Sexual Misconduct", please contact Canon Vicki Wiederkehr at 1-800-244-6062 or by email vwiederk@episcopalmaine.org

Ground Rules for our Grounds

Junior Warden Doug Curtis Sr. coordinates Building and Grounds activities at St. Peter's. The shrubbery & plantings part of that work is organized and overseen by Cindy Lucas. Please check with Cindy at 594-9757, if you want to do anything in the garden. She has a year-round plan for our plantings. —Doug Curtis, Sr.

Gallery of the Spirit Perspectives

I look at God's creation from different perspectives.

The smallest of flowers, like these Spiderwort blossoms, covered in early morning dew, are perfect in spite of being subject to the risk of being trampled. One must get very close to see all the little and amazing details. I have often seen similar sights on walks and have tried to educate children to the wonders of God's creation, regardless of size.

The totality of an English cottage garden in the fall is a sight that inspires awe with its glorious colors blurring in the gentle breeze that sways the trees and stems. I painted this from a photograph I took on my first trip to England on the grounds of an estate near Canterbury. I felt an Impressionist interpretation would best capture what I saw.

The creative process for me helps to draw me closer to the Creator. It is a meditative place for me when I paint that I like going to and wish I could return to more often.

—Lucia Elder

Le Petit Noel is Saturday, December 1st

***Please don't wait
to be asked for your help. It's your fair too!***
instead, volunteer to do just one of the things below.

*Call Marilyn Smith at 594 4039
and make her glad she said she would organize this event.*

Yes, I will Gladly help:

- Help set up on Friday, November 30th in the afternoon
- Help staff the fair on Saturday, Dec. 1
- Serve breakfast at the fair
- Keep children entertained while they wait for their turns for photos or pony rides (a friend, _____, will join me)
- Donate baked goods and frozen foods—if you have ethnic favorites, show them off!
- Supply metallic ribbon, wreath rings, or wired ribbon in seasonal colors, clear plastic newspaper bags, disposable microwavable casserole dishes
- Attend the fair with my friends and join the fun!
- Make a cash donation to help gear up for the fair
- Help clean up Saturday afternoon beginning at noon
- Help with sales on Sunday Dec. 2 in the Parlor
- Help clean up on Sunday Dec. 2 after the 10:30 service

Name _____

Phone _____

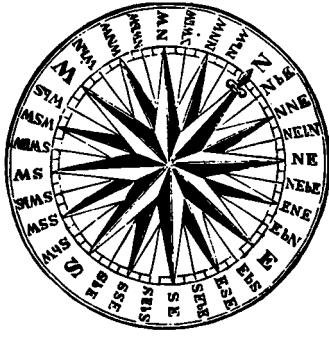
E-mail _____

Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

St. Peter's will be hosting and organizing the Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner again this year. The dinner will be at 1:30 pm on Thursday, November 22nd in the Parish Hall and if the past is an indicator, nearly 100 guests will be served! Elizabeth Biddle will be organizing and coordinating the dinner. A request will be made for food, volunteers and cash donations. Our parish family has contributed the cooked turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, peas, squash, cranberry sauce, rolls, pies, milk, and cider.

Please contact Elizabeth at 236-4941 or 29spear@midcoast.com if you want to contribute or volunteer, or fill out the "Grocery List" that will be in the Sunday Bulletins. Volunteers are also needed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the church prior to the dinner, for cleaning, early set up and some shopping.





WAYPOINTS *activities and notices on our journey together*

From the Discernment Committee

On Saturday, October 13th, the Discernment Committee met for a day-long retreat with the Reverend Canon Mary Ann Taylor. She told us we were “to discover who we are as a committee and how we can best work together to find an appropriate rector for St. Peter’s”. Jude Thomas graciously hosted us at her Tillson Ave. workplace overlooking Rockland harbor and served a delicious and healthy breakfast and lunch to sustain us in our task. Mary Ann led us in prayer and guided our discussion throughout the day.

The discernment process is divided into two phases: 1) Self Study and 2) Discernment. In the first phase, our work will be to learn more about who we are as a parish and what we want in a new rector. In the second phase we will work to discern who is the best match for our parish based on the understanding we have acquired during our self study.

During the Self Study phase, the Discernment Committee will work in two subcommittees. The subcommittees will meet the second and fourth Mondays and the full committee will meet the first and third Mondays. That means that members will be at a meeting every Monday night at 6 pm at St. Peter’s. The subcommittees are a) Survey Development and b) Focus Group Development. Both are looking for information from you. Essentially one is getting information in writing and one is getting information from you verbally. The Survey group will develop a written survey which will be mailed (or picked up at church) to everyone in the parish. The Focus group will prepare questions for discussion in small groups and determine the best way to gather people together to have these discussions. We will ask you to complete the written survey after you attended a small group discussion. The product of this self study is the Parish Profile. All of the information we gather will be expressed in this document.

In the retreat we also drew a timeline. It is ambitious but we hope it is also realistic.

Phase I

By February 15, 2008—Survey developed & distributed. Focus group meetings completed. Surveys completed and returned. Results tabulated.

By March 15, 2008—Parish Profile completed.

By April 1, 2008—Profile approved by the Discernment Committee advisor, the Bishop and Vestry.

By April 15, 2008—Post all information on St. Peter’s website i.e. the survey, the profile and various reports of the Discernment Committee’s activities. Complete the Search Request Form from the National Church Deployment Office. Distribute the Parish Profile.

Phase II

By June 15, 2008—Process developed to screen names and a cover letter and questions to send to people who submit their resume. Receive names from the Bishop.

Beginning June 16, 2008—Review and acknowledge applicant resumes. Use the screening process which will include asking selected applicants to respond to essay questions and conducting telephone interviews. Arrange visits to candidates’ parishes. Arrange visits of about 3 days for possibly 3 candidates and their families to visit St. Peter’s, Rockland and the surrounding area.

By October 15, 2008—Give one candidate name to the Vestry. Vestry makes the “call” to the candidate.

We also agreed on norms for the group, and determined a schedule of meetings. With diligence, prayers and continuing guidance from Mary Ann, we hope to complete our search by fall of 2008.

Our retreat day closed with prayers and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Convention News continued

after she retires. She and Mike have established real roots here.

When the election was completed, your delegates, Marilyn Smith, Lucia Elder, Jim Curtis, Midge Welch and I, assisted by Ted Kanellakis, Lee Karker and Sheila Seekins (elected alternate to General Convention!), camped out a table with St. Andrew's, Millinocket. Marty Rogers and Chris McLarty were selling Chris's beautiful jewelry in the selling area. The convention seats were hard, there were committee elections to hold, a budget to pass and 8 resolutions to discuss and pass. Four resolutions of note: One asked the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Queen to revoke the 1496 Royal Charter issued to John Cabot and sons, which allowed for subjugation and conversion of indigenous people. Although this is symbolic, it is an important symbol because it represented a militant colonial policy, the vestiges of which we still have with us. A second resolution was that the Diocese train facilitators of peace, the third, that we support the Genesis covenant supporting efforts to reduce global warming, and finally we renewed unanimously, our relationship with the church in Haiti. The budget discussion was left to last, was carefully prepared and explained and there were no dissenting votes—extraordinary having been in another diocese where convention routinely picked apart and amended the budget.

As others have said, the Diocese of Maine runs a very good convention. There are all sorts and conditions of men and women present, and although we have different perspectives and viewpoints, we are able to gather as a Christian community and pray and work together constructively without rancor.

—Jim Bowditch

New Foyer Groups Forming Are you part of the fun?

It's never too late to join a Foyer Group. If you are interested, please contact Marty Rogers at 236-8922 or mlr@midcoast.com. So far 37 people have signed up and I'm expecting several more. If you think you can only attend a couple of dinners or Foyer Group activities, call me and we will add you to a group on the dates it works for you. In the next issue of *The Rock*, I'll list the group organizers so you can also contact one of them directly.



**Don't forget about
the Daylight
Savings Time
change November
4th.**

From the Interim Pastor

A View from the Interim Pastor



November 1, All Saint's Day, marks the beginning of my fourth month with you at St. Peter's as your Interim Pastor. Grateful that my wife Susan and I have been worshiping along side you all for about two years since my retirement to Maine, we have gotten to know one another a little better and from my point of view as Interim Pastor, I am even more convinced of the good and loving spirit of the Church of Christ that gathers here under the banner of St. Peter.

I have been attending meetings with members of the parish leadership, local clergy, visiting parishioners and finding my way around Rockport, Rockland, Owls Head, Thomaston and the surrounding areas. I love finding new roads. We do live in a beautiful part of God's world and have so much to be thankful for. But when I think about it, all this beauty would mean little without the relationships we have with others who help us all to see our lives in the context of human relations.

For those of you who were not able to attend last Sunday's services, I preached on the topic of Stewardship, this being the time of the year we concentrate on supporting our parish over the next year and into the future. St. Peter's Stewardship Commission is to be commended on their hard and caring work for the parish and much is and will be discussed regarding giving of our time, our abilities and our financial support. This is being done in new and creative ways that can help us all to understand the importance each and every one of us has in the life of our parish.

My sermon began as usual with a funny story of about a daughter bringing her fiancé to her parents' home to meet them. The dad tries to find out how this young idealistic man will support his daughter. The young man, a theology student, continues to say to his perspective father-in-law that he will study and God will provide for all their needs.

Later when the mother asks her husband how the conversation went, the dad replied; "Oh, he has no job and thinks I am God".

I think that is the way we sometimes view our own responsibilities. God will provide. That is true, however, what we sometimes forget is that God, provides through each of us. We are given gifts and abundance, to share with those who have less. That includes picking up after those who mess up and are less than responsible. It also means realizing that others volunteer their time to make our life at St. Peter's as pleasant, comfortable and joyful as it is. People are the greatest natural resource. God's own, given for the help of God's own. Our religious faith is founded on the other person. Jesus died for our sins.

The focus of my sermon was that in addition to participating in the stewardship for our parish by giving in the ways I mentioned above, we need also to remember how important each of us is to the life of St. Peter's and to us as people. I focused on our need to reach out to members who are not coming to worship or for some reasons are no longer active. We need to reach out to them to return, or to be ministered to in ways that we can and should be doing. Not wanting to contact them because we respect their privacy is a 'cop out.' If we approach with a truly caring intention for healing and reconciling we will find God's Spirit helping us in the work of bringing us all to a nearer more meaningful, worshipful, relationship with God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our most important natural resource at St. Peter's is, and needs to be understood as the people who either were active and are no longer, those who are here with us now, worshiping and growing in God's love and grace and those whom God introduces to us in our daily life or those who are brought to the Church on Sunday morning to worship. This is where our Stewardship of God's gifts needs to begin to flourish.

If you are acquainted with a parishioner who no longer is active, give them a call, ask if they will accept a visit. Tell them you want to see them and tell them what is happening at St. Peter's during this interim time. Tell them you truly want hear how they are doing. Tell them you and we need them and that God and we care about them. And finally, do not forget to invite them to return. If they want a visit with the pastor, let me know about it. Together with God's help we will grow in numbers and joy as we together prepare for the coming of the next pastor at St. Peter's, whom the Lord is preparing for our mutual joy. This all with define our truer acts of Stewardship.

God bless us all as we seek God's favor as stewards of all God's gifts we receive.

Peace, joy and love,

Ted Kanellakis

Interim Pastor

I have been listening to the 3 candidates who are hoping to be the next Bishop of Maine. They are all three very good, but I have my mind set on one of them already....probably not fair to do yet....so I am going to say prayers for those of you, who are having to make a decision for one of them.

I think the DVDs are a good thing to send to the different churches. It's like a one on one conversation with them... and we can see how they answer. At the Diocesan website we can review all the information available to us and watch and listen in privacy of our homes with no other distractions. I appreciate having both the DVD shown at the forum and online. Thank you to whoever made this all possible.

Sincerely,
Mary E. Hunter

Dear All,

A friend of mine sent me the following statement after reading about this in AARP magazine.

I just read a article in AARP (Oct 2007) about Mainers. Many (100,000) residents forfeited their tax rebate in 2006 under the Circuit Breaker program.

Quote: To find out more or to apply, go to www.maine.gov/revenue or call 207-626-8475. If it's not you, then it might be a good thing for your congregation.

Do you know about this? I went to the website and information about eligibility and how to file is there. Thinking it is something members of our congregation may be able to use.

Peace, joy and love,
Ted+

Letter from our Co Senior Warden

Dear Friends and Family,

The Stewardship Season reminds us all of the blessings we have. It makes me think of all the ways we are blessed as a family at St. Peter's. Our children have started Sunday School. Teachers are planning lessons that correspond with the lessons the adults study in the Sunday service. Our choir is back singing for us during communion after practicing with Malcolm before the second service. Our interim rector is treating us well and attending to our needs while we are at home and when we sit in our pews reflecting on God's blessings. Our Rock is published and mailed, housekeeping duties are done each week, lawns get mowed and flowers are planted and tended. Many talented folk work on committees, some write articles to inspire us. We have ladies who count the Sunday collection, people who arrange flowers (and grow them too), people who tend to the altar, washing and ironing linens, and polishing. Some people prepare the readings we hear on Sunday and others lead us in prayer.

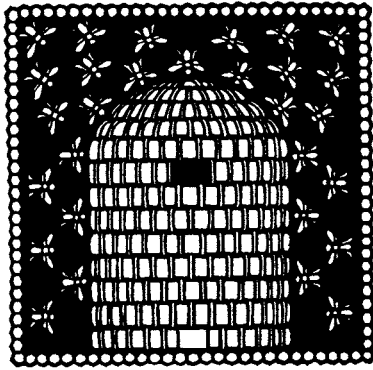
You may not see all of these people at work giving of their time, or talent and/or treasure. One of the vestry activities which is not very visible, is to develop a new understanding with the groups who use our church parish hall, especially AA, and NA along with the Loaves and Fishes program and Toy Library. We would like to enter into a partnership with them for the physical care of the parts of the building we share. We are looking for ways whereby they can share their time, talent and/or treasure with us.

We are blessed with this army of folks who are working hard to use time, talent and treasure wisely and we remember that we must be thrifty and be good stewards of God's blessings. Before the end of the year the vestry will let you know how many hours all these activities represent. Meanwhile, the vestry wants to say "Thank you," to everyone. Your efforts, visible and behind the scenes, are the blessings of this church. Thank you God for bringing us all together.

Love in Christ,
JoAnne Murphy

*Note of humor
from The Rock Editor:
We are blessed, even
though we may not
always this so, with
wonderful technology
especially in the form
of spell checker in our
computer programs.
When I typed
JoAnne's letter, I had
the choir "sining" dur-
ing communion.
Fortunately spell
checker told me I had
misspelled a word.
Otherwise it might
have gone to press
suggesting the choir
was "sinning".*

THE BEEHIVE *items of interest*



Coffee Hour Hosts

If you have volunteered to host a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, please use plastic table cloths. If you want to use the cloth table cloths, please take them home with you that day to launder. Both plastic and cloth table cloths are in the drawers of the china cabinet in the Parish Hall. Many thanks for helping welcome everyone at St. Peter's.

Changes

Sheila Seekins -
fiberlit@verizon.net

Midge Welch -
midgedw@verizon.net

Please make a note of these email changes. Also remember to contact the Church office with any changes you have for parish records. We will publish what we learn about in an effort to keep you up to date. Thank you for your assistance.

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Thank you.

Liz Hunt

Stewardship Commission Chair

United Thank Offering

The Fall United Thank Offering (UTO) began on Sunday, 21st October. Ingathering will be on Sunday, 18th November. Boxes, envelopes, and information on this year's donations will be available in the Narthex in between these dates.

Thank you for giving thanks.

—Cindy Lucas

Remember the DO NOT CALL list?

Well, cell phone numbers are now available to telemarketing companies and you may have already received calls made to your cell phone number. You may not appreciate these unsolicited sales call and like even less the fact that you will be charged for the calls. Just as you can with you home phone number, you can call the National DO NOT CALL registry and have your number blocked.

Here's how: Call the following number from the phone number that you want blocked: 888-382-1222. If you have already blocked your home number you only need to call this number from your cell phone to have it blocked also. Calls will be blocked for five (5) years.

Priest Imposter Appears Again

From Volume 9 Number 20 of The DioLog: electronic news from the Diocese of Maine:

He's at it again. We, the Diocese of New Hampshire received a call from a church in Lexington KY. Someone posing as the Rev. Bob Carter approached the church for financial assistance. Claims he's a priest from a parish in Rochester NH and he is helping a couple get back to NH. Bob Carter is not a priest from the Diocese of NH. We do not have a parish in Rochester and do not know who he is. Please warn your parishes. Looks like he's moving north.

Vestry Minutes

St. Peter's Church
October 10, 2007

Treasurer's Report. Micki Colquhoun reported that the parish finances should be okay through the end of the year, with no more use of endowment funds. Micki presented a preliminary budget for 2008, using no endowment funds. Ted Kanellakis discussed a meeting he had attended with the stewardship committee; they were looking to raise predicted pledge revenues to \$150,000. The committee is looking for guidance from the vestry. They also need a letter from the wardens requesting next year's pledges. JoAnne noted that the budget and the target do not need to be the same. Ted pointed out that the search for a priest may take a shorter time than expected. Billy Smith said that membership in a parish does not generally increase during an interim priest period. Ted responded that an attempt should be made to improve membership and that that would be good for the search for a full-time rector.

Ted also noted that no money had been added to the rector's discretionary fund since he started. JoAnne suggested putting an announcement in the bulletin and the Rock and announcing during services that the loose offering of the first Sunday in the month would go to the discretionary fund. Ted and Isabel Polk have had to turn down many requests for assistance. Ted has been placing contributions for funerals and weddings into the fund. Isabel gave examples of how the funds are used: paying utility bills and buying grocery cards for needy parishioners.

Doug Curtis, Sr. suggested that the letters to the congregation regarding pledging show awareness of fixed and low income parishioners. Jude Thomas said that service to the church should be considered along with money pledges. Ted reported that the evangelism committee is discussing the need to concentrate on welcoming new members; he suggested that vestry members read the relevant articles in the latest edition of Vestry Notes. JoAnne reminded members of the need to make a decision on the pledge goal. After some discussion, the target was set for \$145,000. JoAnne also volunteered to look into the boiler maintenance plan. Elizabeth Biddle said that she would look into oil delivery and service plans. JoAnne stated that the vestry would discuss the preliminary 2008 budget at the next vestry meeting. The treasurer's report was approved.

Micki reported that no one had volunteered for the audit of church books; she will call St. John Baptist and request a cooperative effort.

Discernment Committee. Jude Thomas reported that the retreat will be Saturday, October 13, at Jude's office on Tillson Avenue. Mary Ann Taylor sent an agenda. The committee needs access to a credit or debit card to purchase supplies. Jude and Ferris developed proposed guidelines for use of a credit card. The retreat will be a community-building exercise. Ted noted that the evangelism committee had offered their assistance to the discernment committee.

Groups Using St. Peter's Facilities. John Chatfield provided a revised draft protocol for use of space, along with a 2005 draft version. It was suggested that a sentence be added to the cover letter asking recipients to please read the protocol to their group and get feedback for the vestry. Doug offered to look into the cost of building a small roof shelter at an alternate door to the parish hall.

Buildings and Grounds. Doug reported that Marty and Paul Rogers had offered to redo the narthex and parish hall double doors with an oil finish. Cindy Lucas has volunteered to be the summer grounds chairwoman, including mowing; she does not want to take on snow removal. Isabel suggested making up a list of Cindy's responsibilities. JoAnne noted the need for a small group to take on the task of identifying jobs that need to be done by outside help.

New/Old Business. Elizabeth said that Grace Fellowship had backed out of helping with the Thanksgiving dinner; she asked for notes from prior dinners. Marilyn Smith has volunteered to chair Le Petit Noel. Kay Brown has donated a Wyeth print which could be raffled off. Ted reported that he still has not received his contract back from the diocese.

The next meeting of the vestry is Wednesday, November 14, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Linda Ames Mann

St. Peter's Episcopal Church seeks to serve God's mission of restoring all people to unity with him. We open wide our doors and say, in the name of Jesus Christ, "Welcome."

Worship

Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7:00 AM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Office hours

Monday–Friday 9 AM to 12 P.M.

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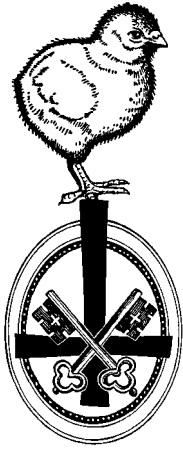
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**The children
are beginning
to prepare for a
Christmas program.**

Answers to puzzle:

*1. Catherine, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Hilda,
4. Agnes, 5. Simon, 6. Nicholas*

THE PEBBLE

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

All Saints' Day Honors People of Faith in Every Generation of Church History

Who are the saints? What is the communion of saints? What is the difference between saints with a small "s" and Saints with a capital "s"?

Every year on November 1, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. It is a time to remember all who have died and to rejoice in the lives of those who showed others the way to Christ by their own lives.

The Church is blessed with people- men, women and children- who have mirrored what it means to follow Jesus. The Bible shares the stories of the Hebrew people who pointed the way toward the coming of the Messiah. The New Testament saints who actually lived with Jesus and heard his teachings have given us a glimpse of God's great love for us.

Throughout the centuries, others have caught the vision of what Christ can mean to the whole world. Some have died because of their beliefs.

It is through the stories in Scripture and the stories of people we meet each day that we discover answers to our questions.

Who are the saints? They were and are human beings just like all of us. They are found in the Bible, in the long history of the Church and the world, and in churches and communities everywhere.

What is the communion of saints? It is the whole family of God, both living and dead. We are bound together in Jesus Christ. In both life and death, we are with him in the communion of saints. In celebrating the Sacraments, in our common prayer, and in our daily praise of God, we are assured of our place in the Communion.

Why are there saints with an "s" and saints with an "S"? We are all saints with a small "s". Simply by being baptized into God's family, we become people of God who are called Christians. Saints with a capital "S" are people who have shown others the way to Jesus Christ in special or outstanding ways. In the Episcopal Church, we celebrate the saints named in the New Testament- the Apostles, Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene and others. The centuries of Christian history have produced many others who are honored as Saints and given days to be remembered on the Church's calendar.

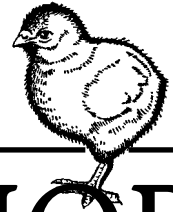
Halloween and All Saints' Day

Everybody knows about Halloween. It is a time to dress up in costumes, go to parties, and ask for candy from neighbors. It comes each year on October 31st. But why is it always the night before All Saints' Day?

The word "Halloween" comes from the original name, "All Hallows Eve." All Hallows Eve was the evening before the Church's services remembering all the Saints. Hallows means "hallowed," honored as holy.

In ancient times, people believed that the souls of the dead would rise from their graves on the night before All Saints' Day. Individuals dressed in costumes and lit fires so that the evil spirits would not recognize them. From this ancient practice comes the celebration of Halloween.

Today, many congregations make a point of connecting Halloween with the celebration of All Saints' Day. They plan church activities that focus on the Saints. Children and adults dress up as their favorite saint and share the events of that person's life.



MORE PEBBLE

Patron Saints Linked to Special Causes

Through the centuries, many saints have been associated with particular causes. They are known as "patron saints." For instance, the patron saint of children is St. Nicholas. If you have lost something you might think of St. Anthony. If you like to fish, St. Peter is your saint. St. George the dragon slayer, is the patron saint of Boy Scouts and also of England. St. Agnes is the saint for girls.

St. Catherine and St. Thomas Aquinas are the patron saints of students. Teachers claim St. Gregory the Great. St. Hilda, who was the head of an abbey, is the patron saint of learning and culture.

Poets look for inspiration to David, an Old Testament Saint. Artists may pray for inspiration from St. Luke. Musicians are cared for by St. Cecilia.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary is the patron saint of nurses. St. Luke, noted physician to St. Paul, is the patron saint of doctors. Soldiers and sailors, carpenters and bakers, are all associated with specific saints. Check out a book on saints from the Library or look up on the web why people have made these connections.



Remembering the Saints

Directions: Use the clues to find the words to fill in the blanks, and put them in the word chain. The last letter of each of the answers is the first letter of the next.

1. This woman was six years old when she saw a vision that led her to become a nun. She worked as a nurse and longed for peace in the church.

2. This saint helped take care of the poor and the sick. Many hospitals are named after her.

3. This saint was the head of an Abbey where both men and women served God. She was host for a special meeting that determined the date of Easter in England.

4. As a young woman, this saint refused to marry and declared her dedication to God. She was martyred by Roman officials.

5. This saint is one of the Apostles to whom Jesus later gave the name Peter. He went to Rome to spread the gospel and was crucified there.

6. As a boy this person was named bishop. He is known as the patron saint of sailors and children.

