



ST. PETER'S WAVE OCTOBER, 2024

St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship, Proclaim, and Serve.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

October is our month to celebrate Stewardship at St. Peter's. Stewardship might simply be defined as "how we use, and what do we do with, the gifts God gives to us." It echoes the familiar words at the Eucharistic offering, "All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee." (from 1 Chronicles 29:14 – a part of King David's blessing).

Often preachers will talk about time, talent, and treasure. How do we use our time? Do we devote time to God, time to church, time to volunteer and serve? What talents might we share? Singing, teaching, pastoral care, etc.? Treasure is our material resources – our money.

St. Peter's depends upon all of our parishioners to support the mission of our parish by giving time, talent, and treasure. Each fall we have a "pledge campaign" to ask parishioners to commit a specific sum of money to give to the parish for the coming year – 2025.

On Sunday October 20th we will celebrate the ingathering and blessing of our pledges. Pledge cards will be mailed to everyone on our mailing list in early October. I ask you to prayerfully review your financial giving to St. Peter's and make a pledge for 2025.

Our theme for this year's Pledge Drive is "Walk in Love." These are the first words from another familiar Offertory Sentence (Ephesians 5:2). We "walk in love" when we are faithful stewards; when we use our time, talent, and treasure to support our parish's call to love, worship, proclaim, and serve.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action



LITURGICAL NOTES

Saints and saints

The church calendar is structured around the feasts of Easter, with the Sunday date changing each year; and Christmas, fixed on December 25. The 7 seasons of the church year are observed primarily on Sundays. The Book of Common Prayer begins with a calendar for the year. In addition to the seasons this calendar also includes a listing of major Saints and “minor” saints, each with a fixed date in the calendar.

Through the centuries these were known as “Red Letter” and “Black Letter” days – because the major Feasts and Saints were listed in the color red and the minor saints were listed in black. Our current B.C.P. uses bold type for the Saints and regular type for the minor saints commemorations.

The minor saints commemorations were first listed in the First Edition of Lesser Feasts and Fasts in 1964, some years before the 1979 B.C.P. was printed. Many of these “minor” saints have been added to the calendar by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church: For instance, in 1988 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Saint Teresa were among those added. And we have had 7 “black letter days” added to the calendar just for the month of October since 1979.

The collects and lessons for Sunday take precedence over fixed Saints / saints days. However, it is possible to transfer the celebration of a fixed Saints / saints day to a Sunday during the Epiphany and Pentecost seasons. For instance, some years at St. Peter’s we transfer St. Peter to a Sunday in January or June when his feast days appear in the calendar.



VISIBLE

VESTRY

September 17, 2024

Our finances continue to look good.

We received \$240.00 from the book bin outside.

We are starting our Stewardship campaign. The theme this year is “Walk in Love”. The Ingathering will be October 20th.

We are considering having Theological Education envelopes for the future.

From the Diocese, employees of St. Peter’s will have to have Cori checks.

We are looking into grants from the Diocese to see if they can help financially if we go forward with solar.

The Nomination Committee will be meeting next month to establish a slate for the 2025 year.

The Search Committee will meet October 6th.

The vestry members have been invited to participate in a Diocesan webinar either October 5th or October 26 to review diocesan policies.

The knitting group continues with their projects for the Christmas Fair. We are still collecting donations of gently used items. They are being stored upstairs.

The boat over the front door is going to be repaired. The person repairing the boat will be donating their time. We now need to have the wood around the front door repaired.

We will be removing a full-size pew in the back of the church on the gospel side to put in a half pew. This is being done to accommodate wheelchairs.

We will be transferring money from the Friendly Kitchen account to an Outreach account.

The Bourne Substance Free group will meet in October.

The next vestry meeting will be October 15th. There is a time change – we will meet at **4:30** instead of 6:30.

[A note from your Treasurer – October 2024](#)

By the time you read this note our 2024 stewardship campaign will be under way. I am looking forward to your continued financial support for St. Peter's. Your generosity continues to be a tremendous blessing for St. Peter's. Thank you very much for all you have given in 2024 and please keep up the good work in 2025.

This year we have a new element in our stewardship, support for Lisa Platanitis in her ordination program. The vestry has agreed that we have a budget of \$1,000 each year for theological education. This will be used to support Lisa by paying for her books and her eligible fees. Such grants from St. Peter's will be tax free to Lisa. There are two ways you can support Lisa financially. Firstly, as an individual taxpayer, you can give funds directly to Lisa with no tax consequences to her. She can use such gifts for any purpose, including paying for her travel and lodging whilst she is in her ordination training. Secondly, you can donate to St. Peter's specifically for theological training. Such donations will be used to fund the budget that the vestry has created for theological education. The funds will be used, as described above, to reimburse Lisa for expenses which are tax free for her. Envelopes will be made available for theological education donations. We plan on designating one Sunday each quarter for making such donations. You can make checks made payable to either Lisa directly or to St Peter's and mark them for Theological Education.

Additionally, I want to tell you about a proposed change to our accounts concerning the Friendly Kitchen. We have a balance of \$2,040 in the Friendly Kitchen Fund. We do not have an active Friendly Kitchen program anymore. The vestry proposes that we redesignate the fund as Outreach and use it for any future outreach programs, including Friendly Kitchen, if that program restarts. Several parishioners have contributed to the Friendly Kitchen fund in the past. The vestry wants to ensure that those who donated to the Friendly Kitchen Fund agree with the proposed change. If you do not agree with this proposed change, please let me know. If nobody disagrees, we will proceed to implement this change in our year-end accounts.

Lastly, for all pledgers, we will be reallocating envelope numbers for 2025. It will be done alphabetically by surname. We are doing this because the cost of the envelopes has risen and to save over \$100, we have reduced our purchase order for envelopes from 100 to 70. This necessitates that we reallocate the pledge envelope numbers so that they are all between 1 and 70. I will have the envelopes ready for you by the first week in January 2025.

If you have any questions about these matters, or any aspect of St. Peter's finances, please do not hesitate to contact me on 508 224 4018 or 443 823 4466 and by email at: kershaws@gmail.com

Alan Kershaw – Treasurer, St. Peter's Church on the Canal

A MESSAGE FROM OUR POSTULANT (LISA)

Autumn is my absolutely my favorite time of the year, bringing the choir back, crispy air, colorful leaves, harvest celebrations, and the start of football for all you Patriot fans. Autumn, or commonly referred to as Fall, is a season of transition. It reminds us of the value of change and the importance of movement.

If we take a minute and be still, we can see and feel movement all around us. The wind, birds, animals and trees... movements everywhere. On the Cape, being surrounded by water, the tides are constantly moving, churning and shifting the sands, forming and reforming the land. The Creator planned it that way. Movement is part of our DNA. Without that movement life would be stagnant.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Fall is a perfect season to reflect on movements. Our lives can become stagnant very easily if we stop moving. I encourage us to take time this month and reflect on our lives, and the areas that we may feel stagnant or sluggish. Reflect on these through prayer and meditation, and as promised; God will deliver. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Peace and Joy,
Lisa



The Vestry will be changing. Both the Senior Warden and the Clerk are retiring as well as two members at large. Please contact Rev. Bob or Celeste if you are interested in serving on the vestry. Members at large are elected for 3 years. Clerk and Senior are one-year terms that are elected yearly. The Nomination Committee will meet in October, so please let us know if you are interested.

Thank you.
Celeste

parishioners who were concerned about the issues surrounding substance use and abuse and its effects on families gathered.

We have had to cancel several events due lack of helping hands. Our number of volunteers are aging out and getting burned out. PLEASE if you would like to see this ministry continue, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Please prayerfully consider joining with us in our efforts. If you have any questions, please speak with any of our members or join us at our next meeting.

Larry Higgins, Celeste & Jim Hankey, Bob & Nancy Sherwood, Jane & Jim Lema, Donna Beers, Diane Bergeron, and Connie Morrison

Below are some information sources that are available in our area:

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope www.learn2cope.org

AA Zoom 425-436-6360 Access Number n 422932



Our church fair is drawing closer and before we know it, it will be November 23rd! I have heard there are many busy people crafting and knitting up a storm in preparation for the big day and the number of gently used and loved holiday items continues to grow. I will be posting a sign-up sheet soon with the many ways you can help before and on the big day. Some of these include donating something for our silent auction, setting up tables and pricing items, donating baked goods, and cleaning up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or ideas.

Blessings,
Patti Metcalf
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PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR/SEARCH PROCESS

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search for a new clerical leader. empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission of discovering the one you have called to serve with us as our rector. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 6 8:45am – Search Team mtg.
Stewardship Kick-off Sunday
Wed., Oct. 9 12:00pm – Women’s Bible Study
Sun., Oct. 20 Stewardship Ingathering
Wed., Oct. 23 12:00pm – Women’s Bible Study

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
(unless otherwise noted)
11:15am - Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS
1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast
2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 4:30pm - Vestry

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