

SAINT PETER'S NET

JESUS SAID TO PETER, "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE."
MATTHEW 4:19

From the Rector

Dear Members and Friends of St. Peter's,

Where has this summer gone? It went fast, and I had great plans to catch up on some of my projects and unopened books. I intentionally went against my natural tendency to push myself, work harder and strive longer. Well, my projects and books can wait as there is a time for everything. One thing I like about living in this part of the globe is that here the time has color, light, and temperature. It is visual and sensory, cyclical and rhythmic. Summer will soon fade and give its way to fall. I still remember my first fall. In India, I never heard the word 'fall' for a season. So, when I got my letter of admission to the school in the U. S. I was puzzled by the last sentence in the letter, "Have a nice fall!" Suffice to say, I didn't fall and in time I got used to the term 'fall' for autumn.

The highlight of my summer was going to our church's triennial General Convention in Austin, Texas. This was my first time ever to attend General Convention. Our diocese was represented by eight deputies (four lay and four clergy), who were elected by our convention. Though I was a first time deputy, I was able to bring to the floor two resolutions related to peace and justice issues in the Israel/Palestine conflict. I am very proud to say both resolutions passed in the House of Deputies though they did not make through the House of Bishops. Attending the convention helped me understand the vast reaches of our church as it spreads across seventeen nations, the latest being the Diocese of Cuba, reincorporated back into the Episcopal Church since 1964. While the major focus of the Convention was the discernment of the need for another revision of our Prayer Book, first one since 1978, the convention also dealt with whole host of current issues such as climate change, asylum policies, social investing, ecumenical relations, etc. The thing that impresses me the most about our church is its witness in the social, political and economic arena, as nothing of human endeavor is outside the realm of the Kingdom of God. We don't just pray "Thy Kingdom come", we also discern God's will for us to establish God's kingdom here on earth as a present reality.

Schools are now open and by the time we gather in church on September 9, children will have already been in school for two weeks. Our church's program year runs somewhat parallel to the school year. On September 9, Rally Sunday, children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing. On that day, we will also have registration for Youth Group, Godly Play and Children's Chapel. Derek Maninfior, our new Organist and Choir Director, along with the members of the choir will be commissioned at this service. I can't wait to see so many of you who have been away for summer back in the church filling up the pews, choir back in the chancel, and the Eucharist celebrated from the high altar. It reminds me of Psalm 133, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"

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Mission Statement: *We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you."*

Vision Statement: *Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.*

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What's Happening At St. Peter's September 2018

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September is going to be a busy month. On Sunday the 16th programs for children will begin. On the 23rd Sunday afternoon, there will be a picnic/fundraising event at the Copperfield Inn. It will feature an International Cook-off and a Raffle for a variety of Baskets. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards building a Columbarium at our church. The stewardship campaign will be kicked off on Sunday September 30th followed by an enhanced coffee hour. Unlike previous years, this year the campaign will be shortened to fit into the month of October.

As we find ourselves yet again on the threshold of another beginning and another change of season, let us acknowledge that this is another chance God has given us to desire for more of God than we have right now and to long for more love and community than we have at the present.

Blessings, *Koshy*

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Deacon's Roundtable

Many years ago St. Augustine of Hippo taught the people of his diocese, "You become what you eat." Now he was no nutritionist and he was not talking about fat calories. He was speaking to Christians about the Eucharist. This shepherd was advising his sheep, gathered for Sunday and weekday liturgies, that they were being fed with the Eucharistic body and blood of Jesus Christ in order that they might be Christ's Body in their time and place.

The church today would do well to follow the admonition of St. Augustine as it needs to be built up day by day and week by week into the Body of Christ. We, who call ourselves Christian, need to be built up because our communities need to see the healing, challenging, and reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ. Our communities need to see Christ alive and active today, in "flesh and blood."

We were baptized, we became members of Christ's body and, as St. Paul teaches, all put on the "mind of Christ." The mysterious sacrament we call the Body of Christ is both the Eucharistic food and those who eat it. Augustine explained in his time: "When you say Amen (to the proclamation 'the body of Christ' and 'the blood of Christ') as you take the elements, it is your own mystery that you are acknowledging." Nourished at the Eucharistic table, we become more truly who we have been since our baptism: sisters and brothers together of the one Body of Christ.

Thus we can say the Body of Christ becomes visible flesh and blood through the parishioners of St. Peter's Church. This is evident in our work with the Food Pantry, the daily lunch program, the Clinic, and the Code Blue Shelter. Thanks be to God!!

Deacon Joe

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Sunday, September 9

**Return to Worship times of
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

AND

Blessing of School Back Packs



A special prayer and blessing will be offered for the new school year as our children start back to school. Children are encouraged to bring their back packs to Church on the 9th and come forward to the altar for prayer and blessing.

AND

Christian Education for children ages Pre-K through High School.

The first day of class is Sunday, September 16th.

Children's Chapel – Ages 3 through 3rd grade (children under 3 accompanied by a parent). Children's Chapel leads children through Gospel lessons, group activities, prayer, and service projects! Through these crafts and lessons, children begin to understand their faith and community through the fruits of the Spirit! Children's Chapel encourages parents to get involved with their children's spiritual learning. Children follow the Children's Chapel leader downstairs to the fellowship hall immediately following the Gospel and return for the Peace. Contact Caitlin Rothenberger for more information and volunteer opportunities. caitlin.rothenberger@gmail.com

Godly Play – Ages 3-5th grade. Parents know best when their young child will be ready to start. Children need to be able to go to class without a parent, be potty trained, and able to sit in a circle of children for a story. We have three classrooms; ages 3-K, grades 1 and 2, and grades 3, 4, and 5. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action – to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

When: Children receive communion then proceed downstairs to the class. Class time ends at 11:45. Two leaders will be present for each class.

Where: Classrooms are located in the back hall on the lower level.

Who: Contact Jan Wier with any questions or to become involved. janwier@comcast.net

Youth Group – 6th - 12th grade. Students can begin transitioning into the youth group following graduation from 5th grade. The youth ministry is an engaging and welcoming community for youth and their friends that surrounds them with an unconditional love that

fosters genuine relationships, anchors them in the joys and traditions of the Christian faith, and energizes and equips them to extend the love of Christ to the world. The youth group meets downstairs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 5 – 7pm. Dinner is provided on a rotating basis by parents and volunteers from the church. Following activities and games students are divided into junior and senior high groups for a scripture-based lesson and discussion. The youth group also meets for service projects and social events several times a year. The first night of youth group will be Sunday, September 30th. Parents are invited to attend the first night to hear more about the structure of the program and the calendar of events for this year as well as to sign up for providing dinner. Contact Michelle Engle with questions or to become a volunteer. memengle@gmail.com

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New Beginnings



With the start of a new Church program year, I am reminded of how wonderful and vital the promise of a new beginning can be to us. As we are packing school backpacks and getting out warmer clothes, there is some sense of the familiar and some sense of excitement. The idea of starting fresh seems so appealing. It is the chance to start over with a clean slate which leads to so many possibilities. Fortunately, it's also God who is doing new things. God's promise is for anytime and anyone. He loves for people to experience a new beginning with Him. Even in the winters of our hearts, He wants to usher us into the new beginning we may be longing for. Our part is to trust Him. Although no one can go back and make a brand new start,

anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. As we enter into this new season, let's start where we are, use what we have, and do what we can. The possibilities are exciting.

Diane Hope
Stewardship Committee

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What do we believe?



On the four Sundays of October, a course is being offered to study the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Using the book “Walk in Love” by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe we will journey through the Book of Common Prayer to study exactly what Episcopalians believe. The course instructors will be Georgette and Ron Druckenmiller. We will meet following the 10:00 am service for about one hour.

Participants can purchase the book for \$20.00. There will be required reading each week and before the course begins.

If you are interested in joining this group there will be a sign up sheet available during coffee hours beginning September 9th and the books will also be available for purchase.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who is new to the Episcopal Church, to anyone “old” to the Episcopal Church and everyone in between!

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

St. Peter's invites you to join in a nourishing mindfulness yoga practice, once a month on Wednesdays, from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in St.

Margaret's Hall of St. Peter's Church, starting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.



I like to call this class “Yoga for the Soul.” As you may know, meditation and yoga are paths to self-awareness; by adding mindfulness and prayer, they can become a helpful companion to one's faith journey. Some of the many gifts mindfulness yoga offers are taking the time to relax, nurturing the inner life, and cultivating peace and loving kindness toward ourselves and others. In this contemplative and joyful class, we will explore the relationship among all of these practices and our inner and outer worlds by using approaches from the East and the West. Together, we will learn and practice techniques for finding our calm center, letting go of stress, and stretching and strengthening the body, mind, and spirit. We will explore a variety of centering practices including meditation, yoga, prayer, chi gong, and dance movements. I am a yoga teacher trained in Kripalu yoga, with a background in gymnastics, dance, chi gong, and mindfulness-based stress reduction. Ours will be a gentle class, though with all such movement, there is always some risk involved. Please be mindful of this and know that you participate at your own risk.

We encourage you to view this class not as another thing to add to your “to do” list, but as an opportunity to just be – to be your breath, to feel the spirit, to be fully present in your body, and to be your un-plugged, un-programed self for about one hour. Come dressed to move, relax, meet friends, have fun, and maybe even feel transformed. Please bring a mat and feel free to bring any other props you might need. Everyone is welcome.

I look forward to sharing the practice with you; please let us know if you are interested.

Peace, *Amy Atlee*

September Celebrations



- [1] Barnes Jacobs
- [5] Lauren Dean
- [7] Beverly Burkhardt, Finn Sutter
- [8] Glenn Murray, Vincent Giancaterino
- [9] Fred Park, Minita Hivale, Asha George-Guiser
- [10] Christopher Wilson, Carolyn Soles
- [11] Megan Wilson
- [12] Daniel Coleman, Jr.
- [13] Katie Druckenmiller, Reece Farnum
- [14] Tom Weiss, Colin Parker, Sue Rice
- [16] Georgette Druckenmiller, Kavita Hivale
- [17] John Young
- [19] Raymond K. Forester, Jr.
- [20] Colin Craig
- [22] Bryanna Prato
- [24] Audrey Feather
- [26] Joan Grunwell
- [28] James Tackett, Dahlia Boone
- [29] Cathy Sullens, Kenneth Henry



- [4] David and Shelly Brennfleck
- [8] David and Lisa Scott
- [13] Kent Wenger and Jolie Chylack
- [17] Frank and Nancy Giampietro
- [18] Ben and Sarah Ohanesian
- [24] Donald and Lisa Brock
- [30] Clem and Marva Young

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September Worship Participants

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| Greeters
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James Dallas
Lisa Scott
Joan Grunwell
Glenn Murray |
| Lectors
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Ron Gaugler <i>chaliceist</i>
Lisa Scott
Ron Gaugler
Alexis Wilson
Lisa Scott |
| Greeters
10:00 am | 2
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Mike Logar, Judi Hans
Kim Thornton, Pat Howse
Anne Atlee, Anne Andrews
Rosemarie O'Rourke
Michael O'Rourke |

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| Acolytes | 2
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Katie/Colin Parker
James Hammaker
Malie Warren, M.J. Kiernan
Sydney Alling
Leo Wenger, Christian Wenger
Vernet Spence-Brown
Sean Magee, Isaac Nagy |
| Lectors
10:00 am | 2
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Carol Russell <i>intercessor</i>
Ron Druckenmiller <i>chaliceist</i>
Vincent Giancaterino <i>chaliceist</i>
Leo Guen, Asha George-Guiser
Mary Ellen Crowley <i>intercessor</i>
Carol Russell <i>chaliceist</i>
Richard Greene <i>chaliceist</i>
Kent Wenger, Beverly Burkhardt
Mona Chylack <i>intercessor</i>
Vernet Spence-Brown <i>chaliceist</i>
Carol Russell <i>chaliceist</i>
Susan Mathews, Phoebe Foerster
Todd Jackson <i>intercessor</i>
Vincent Giancaterino <i>chaliceist</i>
Vernet Spence-Brown <i>chaliceist</i>
30 Vernet Spence-Brown, Mali Warren
Trevor Hall <i>intercessor</i>
Peter Druckenmiller <i>chaliceist</i>
Carol Russell <i>chaliceist</i> |
| Ushers | 2
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30 | Clem Young, Sam Smith
Mark Hammaker, Rob Parker
Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie
Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett
John Andrews, Jim Tackett |

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Peace, Justice, and Power Imbalances in Israel – Palestine



Please join a community study session on Sunday, October 14th from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. The presentation will be a big picture overview of the current situation for Israelis and for Palestinians, followed by conversation and snacks. This program is offered by Christian-Jewish Allies for a Just Peace in Israel-Palestine.

Financial Update – July 2018

Frank Rothenberger, Accounting Warden

The financial position of St. Peter's through July, 2018 is outlined below.

- Income
 - Total open plate donations through July were \$8,895 which was off pace of the budget by \$5,105. Pledges were on pace at \$159,475 through July.
 - Total operating income was \$180,366 which is slightly more than the expected income of \$178,915 after removal of Clinic rent and a \$5K Diocese grant for the Capital Campaign.
 - Clinic rent was \$11,139 which was deposited directly into the maintenance savings account in every month except July. There was a temporary shortfall in cash to cover payroll in July which was covered by depositing the Clinic rent into the operating account. It is expected that pledge and open plate income will recover after the return from summer programming. If possible, a transfer will be made from the operating account into the maintenance savings account equivalent to the July Clinic rent.
 - Total income, including pass through income of \$25,112, was \$222,447.
- Expense
 - Total operating expenses were \$198,408 which were above expected budget of \$181,915, primarily because of higher than expected winter utility bills and repair/maintenance costs expensed in the first quarter of 2018.
 - Total expenses, including pass-through, one-time and other designated expenses of \$39,393, were \$228,802.
St. Peter's reported a year-to-date operating loss of (\$9,042) through July.
St. Peter's reported an overall loss of (\$6,355), including pass-through, one-time and other designated income and expenses, through July, 2018.

Additional detail on income and expense is available upon request.

Account Balances (as of 7/31/18):

- Checking: \$3,352
- Savings: \$4,078
- Certificates of Deposit: \$43,494
- Youth Group: \$1,401
- Pantry/Outreach: \$24,285
- Mission: \$1,356
- Building Maintenance: \$14,855
- Concert Series: \$4,793
- Capital Campaign: \$36,173
- Ecumenical Meal Program: \$6,092
- Petty Cash: \$200
 - **Total Cash: \$140,079**

Thank you all for your continued and generous support of St. Peter's.