



# CROSS KEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OSTERVILLE MA 02655

September 2011

## Did you know?

The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on September 5, 1882, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union. It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. Military and U.S. Marshalls during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Worker's Day because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair, which it had been observed to commemorate. All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday. (Wikipedia.org)

## Important Dates to Remember

- September 4 .... Last Crystal Lake Service
- September 5..... Labor Day
- September 11..... 10th Anniversary
- September 28 ..... Flu Clinic

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to spend time with our new grandson. His determination to explore and to learn is incredible. The joy and wonder he is experiencing in the process does not translate into words easily. Everything is new and exciting. With an index finger pointing, he regularly exclaims "Wow!" At the end of the day, as a grandparent, my response is "Wow, how do his parents keep up with him?"

Each day is a new adventure to toddlers and that journey involves acquiring new knowledge and change that take place at a remarkable pace. Soaking up their surroundings, babies suddenly learn to crawl, then walk, to babble, then talk in sentences. It is an amazing process. And even more amazing is their ability to adapt to the enormous amount of information they are being called to absorb. At my age, the response to sudden and rapid change is often reluctance and at times exhaustion.

It has been a tremendously busy summer around St. Peter's Church; both exciting and at times exhausting for everyone on staff, on parish committees, and perhaps even filtering down to those in the pews or, in St. Peter's case, chairs in the parish hall and benches at Crystal Lake. As the restoration project continues to unfold, there is something new to see and to learn every single day. On a personal note, I have learned more about concrete than I had ever even imagined there was to learn. Wow! Who would have guessed (other than someone from Coastal Engineering or a concrete expert) that there was so much to the process of pouring a new foundation?

And that's just the preparation and creation of the new foundation. What a blessing it is for us to be a part of this moment in history. There is no question at all about the fact that St. Peter's Church on Wianno Avenue is alive and well. In the coming weeks and months, there will many decisions to make as the church building comes back together. It is my prayer that we will be able to make those decisions with the same spirit of excitement and enthusiasm a toddler faces the challenges of standing, balancing, and learning to take that first step. There are the expected tumbles and bumps, but eventually the first step is taken and the opportunity to run arrives. *(continued next page)*

I am reminded of the baptismal prayer from our Book of Common Prayer (p. 308):

*“Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.”*

Baptisms are joyful occasions. They are a sign of new life and hope. The baptismal liturgy reminds us we are a part of God’s plan for the world. Let us face that world together with enthusiasm and a spirit of excitement, and most of all, wonder at all our God has given, and continues to give, to us.

In Christ,  
Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*

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**Newsletter  
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**September 15th**  
for the October edition of  
the Cross Keys

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The deadline for the Cross Keys is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Submissions may be emailed (MOST preferred by the editor!) to  
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documents (Not Word Perfect) by email



**for those who are ill or in any need,  
especially:**

Mary, Gerri, Dorothy, Mary, Erik,  
Millie, Wilhelmina, Jackie, Elise,  
Manuel, John, Douglas & Sarah, Davis, Jim, Shaun  
& family, Susan, Jean, Nancy, Grace, Tom, Ivan &  
Jean, Joanne, Ruby, Stephen, Harry, Dennis, Cathi,  
Curt, Frank, Florence, Anna, Linda, Eddie, Bill,  
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Bill, Laura, Michelle, Allen, Nikki, John, Susan,  
Russ, Tessa, Margie, Paul, Bob, Lynn, Bill, Carol,  
**Barbara** and for the homeless of Cape Cod, those  
affected by mental illness and for our men and  
women in the armed forces overseas especially in  
Iraq and Afghanistan and the people of Haiti and  
Japan.

*If you placed a loved ones name on the Parish  
Prayer List and the name can be removed, please  
email or call the office. Thank you, Alison*



***Those recently hospitalized:***

Susan H. Thomas  
Paul Soares  
Bob Seidler

***Memorials :***

Peter Thornton  
Patricia Bodell

## ***September Birthdays***

5-Julia Dalton, Jackie Schrafft  
6-Carole Dwyer  
9-Scott Stanney  
11-Blake Germani, Nicholas Hebard  
13-Jane Price, Bridget Bedenkop  
14-Val Tew, Sadie Crissan, Avery Richardson  
20-Kathy Duncan  
21-Eben Johnson  
22-Timothy Hebard  
23-Jane Bellamy, Kathy Eaton Dillan Schmidt  
25-Dudley Thomas  
27-Ann Goetchius  
28-Kyle McDevitt  
29-Edward Rowland  
30-Peggy Beale

Please note, if we've missed your birthday, let us know  
so that we can get your birthday on file in the office.

## ***Anniversaries***

20-Michael & Alison Arnold

## ***Recent Baptisms***

Tyler Saunders Pheeny  
Lilly Swan Markoski  
Phinneas Biarrot Sullivan  
Ginger Eva Sullivan

## Behind The Scenes With Will Beebe: The Big Dig - Activity

So..... Where are we this month?

It's hard to figure out how best to answer this question, as SO MUCH has been going on.

In early July we were beginning to set the stage for big work. Up till then, we had:

- Removed the organ
- Removed the shrubs and bushes next the Nave.
- Cut down two large trees

Now we were ready to start preparing the Nave. We:

- Dug up the roots of the two trees.
- Removed the pews
- Removed the windows
- Removed the PA system
- Removed all cabinets and flooring in the Sacristy
- Removed the chandeliers
- Removed the carpet, except at the Altar
- Removed the wall paneling
- Removed the ceiling, part way
- Installed barriers between the construction zone and interior rooms.
- Installed work-zone fencing around the outside of the Nave.
- Disconnected the lawn sprinkler system
- Brought in storage trailers
- Brought in a port-a-potty
- Removed outside shingles
- Brought in a dumpster

Next came the excavator contractor, who:

- Dug out the foundation, taking the dirt to Falmouth
- Installed wooden "cribbing" along the outer walls
- Installed lateral steel beams to support the outer walls.
- Installed cribbing and longitudinal beams to support the interior of the Nave.

- Removed the exterior "cribbing"
- Raised the Nave 4 feet in the air. (This was only done after the carpenters had installed bracing inside the roof of the Nave and Sacristy, and had cut the Nave off from the rest of the Church.)

Next came the concrete contractor, who:

- Installed framing for the bottom of the foundation, or "footing".
- Installed reinforcing bars (a.k.a. re-bar)
- Poured 39 yards of concrete for this.
- At the time of this article, is installing re-bar for the foundation and buttress walls.

Pictures of **ALL** of this are accessible from the St. Peter's web site. Pictures are added daily.

Some interesting side notes:

- Just when we were at our busiest, National Grid decided to replace the gas lines on Wianno Ave. This made a bad traffic situation even worse.
- We found a wasp nest the size of a basketball in the roof over the Sacristy.
- We have been written up in the Barnstable Enterprise, the Barnstable Register, and in the Sunday Cape Cod Times.
- When the interior of the Nave was prepped by removing the paneling, it was discovered that insulation only came down as far as the window frame. This was also true in the Sacristy. What this meant was that the Nave was subject to the temperature and humidity swings of the seasons, and the heating/AC system pumped a lot of energy directly to the outside. This will be corrected, as we put the Nave back together.
- The coordination of all of the work is being done by ConServ. You may have noticed the sign on the work zone fence. Their work has been outstanding.

Where will we be next month? Stay tuned!!

**TREASURER'S MEMO**  
**July, 2011**

For the month of July 2011 and Year to Date (YTD), the income and expenses for the parish were as follows:

**July 2011**

**Income: \$ 26,772**

**Expenses: \$ 24,522**

**Balance: \$ 2,250**

**YTD 2011**

**Income: \$299,329**

**Expenses: \$245,084**

**Balance: \$54,245**

Income for July exceeded expenses by only \$2,250 largely due to the annual decrease in attendance during the summer months. Thankfully, we are still maintaining a positive balance with our year to date figures.

I would like to say THANK YOU to our bookkeeper Ed Donoghue for assisting me in analyzing our expenses. We have been able to make some changes that will significantly lower our annual expenses without decreasing any funding for our missions and ministries. Ed has been a wonderful addition to our staff and if you are ever in the office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning, please stop in to the financial office and say thank you for doing such a great job!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenn McDevitt

**Holy Baptism**

The Book of Common Prayer establishes five occasions when Holy Baptism is most appropriately administered in a given parish. The next regularly scheduled Baptism Occasion at St. Peter's will be All Saints' Sunday, November 6, at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Anyone wishing to be baptized, or to have someone baptized should contact the Parish Office or Fr. Russ Allen at 508-432-3483 at their earliest convenience.

**Confirmation and Inquirers' Class**

Fr. Paul and Fr. Russ are making plans for a very special educational offering in the fall that will be of special interest to anyone wishing to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, Renew their Baptismal Covenant with God, or deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Christian Religion and our Faith Tradition and Practice. This Confirmation and Inquirers' Class will consist of two required sessions and 6-8 additional ones, each being scheduled for 1 ½ hours following the 10 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist. A light lunch will be included in each session. More details will be sent in a letter to members of the congregation eligible for Confirmation, and announced in Cross Keys and the Sunday Bulletin.

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**Flu Clinic**

**Parish Hall**

**Wednesday, September 28**

**10:00 am-12:00 pm**

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## Food Pantry

As the leaves begin to change and children start heading back to school, we all know the summer months have come and gone again. Meals, especially during the start of the school year, are all about convenience as we try to get back into a routine. That's why this month the food pantry is asking for convenience items. Packaged snacks, cereals, pastas, meal starters and canned vegetables all fit into this category. Remember by placing one extra item into your cart you can make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

## Christian Education

Hope everyone is having a wonderful and safe summer! Sunday school plans for the fall will be firming up in the next few weeks, please look for a letter and registration forms in the mail. If the building construction schedule allows, we hope to kick off the school year with our wonderful Children's Chapel service in mid-September. As always, we are in need of volunteers of all ages to help with this service, which includes communion and explanations of why we do what we do. Please come join us!

## Haiti Update:

Last year the Prayer Group and some other parishioners provided a year's scholarship to a

young woman named Avena at the Bishop Tharp Institute in Haiti. The Bishop Tharp Institute, operating under the auspices of the Episcopal Church, provides two years of business training to Haitian students who have completed high school. She had a very successful year and is ready to embark on a second one. The Prayer Group would like to make this possible for her and are asking if anyone wishes to join us in this endeavor. A full year's tuition is only \$500.00. It is a small amount for us at St. Peter's, but a life changing one for Avena. If you wish to help, please contact Mary Beebe at 508-428-4575 or [beebew@hotmail.com](mailto:beebew@hotmail.com). Any Prayer Group member would be happy to discuss this with you, as well.

## 9/11 Observance

Sunday September 11, 2011, will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks that so affected and changed our national life. At that time many people turned to religion to understand or respond to what had happened. Many churches saw more worshippers than on a usual Sunday morning, and many of us not only offered special prayers for our nation, but also sought a theological understanding of what had happened.

Here at St. Peter's we will mark that anniversary with a special focus to our main worship offering music, readings, prayers, and reflections that are appropriate to this occasion. In addition, the Adult Forum will be devoted to the theme: "9/11 – Ten Years After," to be held in the Parish House following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

If you wish someone remembered who lost their life on 9/11, please contact the Church Office so that the name may be included in our prayers that Sunday morning.

## Ritual... Reason... Why...

### “Rite On” – Liturgy and You

Last month, I introduced you to Caroline Westerhoff’s book “Calling – a Song of the Baptized.” In the book she reminds us that our Baptism incorporates us into Christ’s body, infuses us with Christ’s character and empowers us to be Christ’s presence in the world. She believes that our lifelong calling is to practice “holy habits” that proclaim by word and example the good news of Christ. What follows is a summary of the “holy habits” or “dispositions”, which she feels are most important for us to fulfill our calling.

We are disposed to be present.

We are disposed to be attentive not only to those around us who are also created in the image of God, and honor them, but to the creation as a whole, all we see, hear, touch and smell. We are disposed to approach the world and its creatures as “subjects to be cherished.” “Every moment,” she says, “is pregnant with opportunity to bring healing and liberation.

We are disposed to be vulnerable.

She explains that the latin root of “vulnerable” is vulnerare, “to wound.” Vulnerability, she believes, is a willingness to be wounded for the sake of the other, in service to the other.

Vulnerability also has to do with a willingness to be generous with all that we have and all that we are, including emptying ourselves so that we may receive from others. Finally, vulnerability has to do with forgiving ourselves and others so that we may go forth into the world and serve.

We are disposed to be hospitable.

As Christians expressing the mind and heart of Christ, we are disposed to be welcoming to others. Hospitality comes from the Latin word “hospitalis” which means “guest.” A Latin stem, according to Westerhoff, is “hostis” meaning “stranger” or “enemy.” So, hospitality involves welcoming the enemy as a guest. She says that the enemy is all that is strange, different and frightening to us: ideas, people, endings, beginnings, even the

pursuing and beckoning God with whom we continually wrestle and contend.

We are disposed to bring order.

Bringing order, according to Westerhoff is not a matter of maintaining the status quo, or living our lives in rigid, tight rows, not imposing form from without. Rather, she believes that it is aiding the form from within to emerge. Most profoundly, for her, ordering involves pursuing the will of God and participating in God’s reign of reconciliation and abundance. This involves the courage and fortitude to keep to the task and not give in or give up.

Finally, Westerhoff says that ordering is a matter of revealing alternatives, even confronting. She reminds us that Jesus brought God’s order, the Kingdom’s order, by turning the expected upside down, inside out. His order, she says, is the order of paradox, in which the greatest is the least, the sighted are blind and the blind see.

We are disposed to be outrageously humble.

Westerhoff tells us that humility is really a matter of maintaining perspective on ourselves and keeping a sense of humor. She points out that Jesus told us to come to him as children, that is without layers of pretence, and being able to laugh. “Humility”, she says “involves knowing one’s gifts and limitations and then walking on that ground, the humus of that knowledge. It is practicality and prudence holding us in place.....It means letting go of the fierce need to control everyone and everything.”

We are disposed to simplify.

In examining our Christian call to live simply, Westerhoff reminds us that as Jesus sent out his disciples two by two, he charged them to have only one pair of sandals, wear one tunic and to carry a staff. They were not to take anything else – neither bread nor money. Jesus required simplicity, Westerhoff believes, so that his disciples could “move lightly on their feet through the world’s perplexing maze and dance sprightly steps of healing, freedom and hope.”

Simplicity also means that we need to trim unruly branches in order to grow, blossom and bear fruit. “Unfortunately,” she observes, “we focus on success rather than faithfulness.” She wonders: “What would it

mean for us as a church and as individuals to go on the journey with only a staff, a pair of sandals and one tunic?"

Westerhoff concludes the chapter by saying that while the list of dispositions could go on, adding to it from our experience and imagination, we need to remember that the divine image - for Christians, the mind and heart of Christ, - is the combination of all the dispositions. They must be held in tension with each other for the whole to be complete. "The binding force", she says, "is love."

Next month: Choices and Promises.

- Fr. Paul

### *Cape Cod Hospice & Palliative Care*

Many of you remember Babs Eldridge, a longtime parishioner and former Vestry member of St. Peter's who died last year after a long illness.

Bab's last eight days were spent at the McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich, a part of Cape Cod Hospice & Palliative Care. Now in its 30th year, Cape Cod Hospice & Palliative Care is dedicated to easing the final days of those with terminal illnesses.

Pat Sherlock, who was a friend of Babs' spent time with her almost every day in those final hours of her life. After Babs died, her cousin and closest relative asked Pat to deliver a eulogy at her memorial church service here. Pat said she would be honored to do so. What Pat didn't realize at the time was that in telling the story of Babs' valiant decision to terminate the use of extraordinary but ineffective medical treatments and enter Hospice care, her eulogy for Babs also would be paying tribute to the unrelenting compassion, dedication and integrity of the staff and volunteers who, in attending to Babs' needs during those last moments of her life, filled them with compassion and comfort and yes, a spirit of celebration for her life.

After hearing Pat's eulogy, St. Peter's parishioner Cynthia Seidner, a member of the Cape Cod Hospice & Palliative Auction Committee, suggested to

Hospice philanthropy staff for Pat to be the *Day of Care* keynote speaker at this year's Hospice Annual Auction by the Sea which took place at the Wianno Club on July 28. Pat agreed to address the attendees and describe her experiences as she observed the concern and support given to Babs by all those charged with her care.

There were 220 people at the Auction, and Pat's presentation helped to raise \$19,000 to benefit the *Day of Care* segment. The cost of one day's Hospice care is approximately \$250.

Pat spoke of her initial unfamiliarity with Hospice care and her preconception of it as a place where people go to die. "But I discovered as I witnessed the compassionate care Babs received from the nurses and volunteers charged with ministering to her 24/7 at the 10 bed facility that Hospice's emphasis was not on dying but rather on living as well, meaningfully and peacefully as possible until one passed."

Pat brought her little Havanese dog Blue with her every day, and while Babs couldn't communicate in words during those last days, when Blue snuggled up to her in bed, she managed to use her good hand to pet Blue. Blue returned the favor by licking Babs' arm from her finger tips to her elbow which always brought a broad smile to her face. Pat described how as the energy of Babs' physical body diminished, an aura of luminosity seemed to radiate from within her and became a blessing for everyone who came to say goodbye, including St. Peter's clergy and other friends. "Because of the care Babs received at McCarthy, it became a grace-filled moment for everyone who entered Babs' room. Personally, I had not known that witnessing death could be so life-affirming," said Pat.

Many thanks to Pat for her heart felt presentation, bringing awareness to a worthy cause.

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# THE MUSIC PROGRAM

## CHOIRS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

- **The Adult Choir**
  - Rehearses most every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30 and on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45.
  - Sings Sundays for the 10:00 Eucharist, except for the first Sunday of the month.
  - Sings for Christmas, Holy Week, Lenten and Evensong services, but not during July and August
  - Performs a wide variety of repertoire from Palestrina and Tallis to C.V. Stanford, Rutter and traditional American spirituals.
  - Enjoys a warm fellowship atmosphere and a special camaraderie which is cultivated with dinners at choir members' homes and services sung "on the road", whether in Gloucester, England or Hyannis Port.
  - Welcomes and encourages new members. Previous choral and/or music experience is helpful, but not necessary. Extra help is gladly given through extra one-on-one coaching and listening CD's. Please see director Karen Crosby for a complete schedule and details. Her contact information:
    - Phone: 508-428-6577 and email: [karencrosby@verizon.net](mailto:karencrosby@verizon.net).
- **The Family Choir**
  - Rehearses after church on Sundays except for the first Sunday of the month when they rehearse from 9:15 -9:45.
  - Sings Sundays for the Family Eucharist which is the first Sunday of the month.
  - Sings on Easter and for Choir Appreciation Sunday at the end of the year, but not during July and August.
  - Performs a very eclectic repertoire involving ethnic, ecumenical, traditional Classical, traditional American spirituals and "Praise" music.
  - Welcomes individuals of all ages and experience, as well as families. Children may participate without a parent singing for the services. No previous musical/choral experience is necessary. Special solos are possible for those who wish to broaden their involvement. One-on-one coaching and listening CD's are available for all. Please see director Karen Crosby for a complete schedule and details. Her contact information:
    - Phone: 508-428-6577 and email: [karencrosby@verizon.net](mailto:karencrosby@verizon.net)

A note from the director, Karen Crosby:

A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone involved in the Crystal Lake program. Choristers, soloists and instrumentalists worked extremely hard to present the varied, well-prepared repertoire. A special thanks to those who helped set-up and take-down the required electronics and seating. St. Peter's and I are truly blessed to benefit from such talented, generous and enthusiastic musicians. Thank you to all.

## Adult Forums

*The Adult Forum, held every Sunday following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, meets in the Library.*

The well-received and supported Adult Forum will begin its new season on Sunday September 11 with a discussion of “9/11 Ten Years After.” This will follow a special observance and commemoration of that day at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Due to the topic, this Adult Forum will be held in the Parish House following worship.

On Sundays September 18 and 25 the focus of the Adult Forums will be Human Sexuality and Sacred Marriage. For decades, Christian denominations have struggled with issues related to two these very human aspects, ranging from the place of women in the Church to same-sex marriage. During these Forums we will explore some of those controversies, learn of the current resources and provisions of the Church in response to them, and try to discern a Christian ethic for contemporary relationships and sexual activity.

Our “This I Believe” Series will resume for its third season in October. Presentations by members of our Parish Family will be given in the Library on each of the five Sundays of the month, with reflections and discussions following each talk. This Adult Forum has been very well received by persons attending past Forums and has proven a meaningful experience for those asked to share their faith. The schedule for these Adult Forums will be in the October of Cross Keys.

Further plans for the Fall Adult Forums will be announced in future issues of Cross Keys.

Your comments and suggestions for the betterment of the Adult Forums, and especially for future topics, are always appreciated. Please contact me before or

after Sunday Worship, by email at [capecahd@comcast.net](mailto:capecahd@comcast.net), or by phone at 508-432-3483 or 860-391-3100.

## The Prayers of the People

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent I have been developing a set of the Prayers of the People for use at St. Peter’s that reflect the Theme and Readings of a given Sunday. This is a three-year project designed to follow the pattern of our Church Year and Eucharistic Lectionary. Each Prayers of the People contains flexible content and opportunities for adaptation to changing circumstances. They all include a congregational response that is printed in the Sunday Bulletin. Copies of are available on Sunday morning for those wishing to use them during the week.

Upon completion of the three-year cycle these Prayers of the People will be edited, compiled, and published for use in the large Church as well as at St. Peter’s.

**The Rev. Russell H. Allen, Associate Clergy.**



## **That Horrible Mess in Washington!**

Let's admit it. None of us was very happy watching that sordid experience in Washington over the past few months. Bickering, disagreeing, attacking, failing to find common ground, bringing our nation to the apparent brink of financial disaster and then, only at the last minute, backing off. More than once! In addition, in the end, deciding to decide sometime in the future.

Now my purpose is by no means to recount all that has happened – most of us know the details all too well. Nor do I wish to take sides, for not only would that be inappropriate, but I would be hard pressed to select one side over the other! They both missed the boat as far as I can tell.

Nor will I point out the obvious. Many years of decisions, popularly supported and appropriately made, went into creating the economic mess we are facing, and, yes, there are no quick, much less painless fixes. Those who approach these matters philosophically, as for instance from a political position that favors or opposes big government, favors or opposes redistribution of wealth, favors or opposes new taxes, are missing the boat. The problems we face as a nation are real and factual, not philosophical or political.

Nor will I seek someone to blame – we are all responsible for what has happened.

What then is my point?

Part of me wants to say that as a nation, we are better than this mess reveals us to be. Part says that as a people we are better than the government that is our tangible expression seems to demonstrate. Part says that political positions and philosophical [or even religious] understandings need to be set aside in the interest of the betterment of all.

However, those are things I can say as a person, as a citizen, as a voter, as a participant in our life as a nation.

But what about the part of me that is represented by the title before my name, the Baptismal Covenant I renew regularly, the faith I profess and seek to practice. What does that part of me want to say?

At the height of the national trauma of the Vietnam War a group of clergy met with then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Their message was clear: "God wants this war stopped!" They presented their biblical and theological arguments, while Dr. Kissinger presented his geo-political worldview. Finally, in desperation, the Secretary said: "OK, how do we bring this war to a close?"

To which the clergy said: "Dr. Kissinger, that is your problem. Our task is to tell you that God wants it ended."

Prior to the tragic day in Memphis the Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral remained above the fray his city faced in the form of a sanitation workers' strike, despite the fact that the Mayor was a member of his congregation. But after Dr. King's assassination, the Dean, short of stature as he was, donned his best Vestments, picked up the processional cross, and led a procession of the city's clergy from the steps of the Cathedral to City Hall, into the building and the Mayor's Office, and told him to begin fair labor negotiations with the striking union, now.

The part of me that most legitimates my writing this article wants to say: "Stop the games. Make decisions that serve God, serve the people of this nation, rich and poor, and serve all humanity. What those decisions are, how to make them, how to implement them: that is your task. My prophetic task is to pronounce God's will for this nation and its people."

The Rev. Russell H. Allen,  
Associate Clergy

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# UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

The next ingathering of your donations to your UTO BLUE BOX will be held on  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011, at all services.

On that date, please bring the contents of your UTO BOX either in cash or by check made out to ST. PETER'S CHURCH with "UTO" marked on the memo line. The idea is for you to empty and continue to use the same UTO BOX again for the spring 2012 ingathering.

Your UTO contribution will be recorded on your church member Contribution Statement as long as you mark your name on your cash donation UTO envelope or box, both of which are available in the church hallway.

The Episcopal Church UNITED THANK OFFERING is a program the St. Peter's Women's Association Board members adopted to sponsor. S.P.W.A. invites all parishioners to support this program by daily dropping a coin or two into a UTO BLUE BOX as you give thanks for God's abundance and share those blessings.

The UNITED THANK OFFERING addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, with Anglican provinces, dioceses and companion dioceses.

Submitted by Debbie Gasior  
S.P.W.A. Treasurer & UTO Coordinator

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# St. Peter's Women's Association Luncheon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

11:30 AM - Eucharist      12:30 PM - Luncheon      1:30 PM - Speaker

**Sign-up in parish hallway for luncheon or call parish office by Monday, October 17, 2011**

Prepayment is requested

Cost: \$18. Make your check out to: S.P.W.A.

You can give your check to parish office or mail your check to:  
S.P.W.A.      P. O. Box 437      Osterville, MA 02655

If you sign-up to attend, be sure to come or call the parish office before the deadline if you discover you need to cancel and also be sure to have your name erased off the parish hallway sign-up sheet.

**If you plan to bring a guest – be sure to include that person's name on the sign-up sheet.**

We do pay for the number of people who sign-up! Once the headcount has been submitted to the caterer you will be expected to pay for your lunch – your prepayment will not be returned.

**PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Bring a friend and join us!**

## *Announcements*

Dear Friends,

You all know how special you are, but I just need to share with you my appreciation for your love, support and kindness at this time of sadness at Peter's death.

Peace, Janet Thornton

Thank you to my wonderful volunteers-Karen Darrah, Debbie Gasior and Pat Ingraham for giving me two days off with my family.

Alison

## **Lessons for September**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>1ST LESSON</b>	<b>PSALM</b>	<b>2ND LESSON</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
September 4	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:22-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 11	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 18	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Phillipians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 25	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-8	Phillipians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

Extra copies of the Prayers of the People for the week are available on the table in the hallway of the church.

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 8 am - 8:45 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite I</u> 9:15 am - 10:15 am <u>Crystal Lake Service</u> 11 am - 12 pm <u>Holy Eucharist Rite II</u>	<b>29</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <u>Al-Anon</u>	<b>30</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>31</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Wednesday Morning Eucharist</u> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <u>Bible Study</u> 2:30 pm - 3 pm <u>Staff Meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm <u>Alanon</u> 7 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Adult Choir Practice</u>	<b>September 1</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 4 pm - 5 pm <u>Prayer Circle</u> 8 pm - 8:30 pm <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>2</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm <u>SLAA Meeting</u>	<b>3</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 1 pm <u>Armenian Church</u>
<b>4</b> 8 am - 8:45 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite I</u> 9:15 am - 10:15 am <u>Crystal Lake Service</u> 11 am - 12 pm <u>Holy Eucharist Rite II</u>	<b>5</b> <u>Labor Day</u> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <u>Al-Anon</u>	<b>6</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>7</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Wednesday Morning Eucharist</u> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <u>Bible Study</u> 2 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Pastoral Care</u> 2:30 pm - 3 pm <u>Staff Meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm <u>Alanon</u> 7 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Adult Choir Practice</u>	<b>8</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 4 pm - 5 pm <u>Prayer Circle</u> 8 pm - 8:30 pm <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>9</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>Vestry Officers Meeting</u> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm <u>SLAA Meeting</u>	<b>10</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u>
<b>11</b> 8 am - 8:45 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite I</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite II</u>	<b>12</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>Vestry Officers Meeting</u> 10 am - 11:30 am <u>NOAH cooking</u> 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <u>Outreach Meeting</u> 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <u>Al-Anon</u>	<b>13</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 7 pm - 9 pm <u>Open Mic Night</u>	<b>14</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Wednesday Morning Eucharist</u> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <u>Bible Study</u> 2:30 pm - 3 pm <u>Staff Meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm <u>Alanon</u> 7 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Adult Choir Practice</u>	<b>15</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 1 pm - 2 pm <u>Knitting Group</u> 4 pm - 5 pm <u>Prayer Circle</u> 8 pm - 8:30 pm <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>16</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm <u>SLAA Meeting</u>	<b>17</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u>
<b>18</b> 8 am - 8:45 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite I</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite II</u>	<b>19</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Vestry Meeting</u> 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <u>Al-Anon</u>	<b>20</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>21</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Wednesday Morning Eucharist</u> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <u>Bible Study</u> 2 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Pastoral Care</u> 2:30 pm - 3 pm <u>Staff Meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm <u>Alanon</u> 7 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Adult Choir Practice</u>	<b>22</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 4 pm - 5 pm <u>Prayer Circle</u> 8 pm - 8:30 pm <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>23</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm <u>SLAA Meeting</u>	<b>24</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u>
<b>25</b> 8 am - 8:45 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite I</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Holy Eucharist Rite II</u>	<b>26</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <u>Al-Anon</u>	<b>27</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>28</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 11 am <u>Wednesday Morning Eucharist</u> 10 am - 12 pm <u>Flu Clinic</u> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <u>Bible Study</u> 2:30 pm - 3 pm <u>Staff Meeting</u> 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm <u>Alanon</u> 7 pm - 8:15 pm <u>Adult Choir Practice</u>	<b>29</b> 8 am - 9 am <u>Exercise Class</u> 9:30 am - 10 am <u>AA Meeting</u> 4 pm - 5 pm <u>Prayer Circle</u> 8 pm - 8:30 pm <u>AA Meeting</u>	<b>30</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm <u>SLAA Meeting</u>	<b>1</b> 8:30 am - 9:30 am <u>AA meeting</u> 10 am - 1 pm <u>Armenian Church</u>
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## Sunday Services

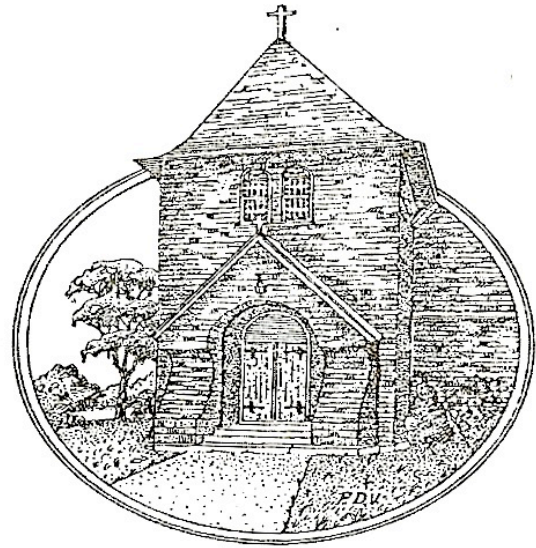
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Wednesday Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday childcare is provided downstairs  
for parents attending services.  
Parents must sign their child  
in and out of childcare.



The doors are always open  
welcoming you!

<http://www.stpeters-capcod.org/>

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