

THE



ROCK

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Est. 1954*

June 2011

Pastor's Desk

Calendars can be helpful or confusing. For most of my life I have operated on a typical calendar year – January through December. However, when I began teaching at Bexley Hall Seminary in Rochester, I quickly learned to adapt to an academic year calendar – July through June, or September through August. In the church year, we have the liturgical seasons, but we also have the Sunday School year, September through June, ‘forgetting’ summer. Especially in our part of the world everyone goes on vacation.



On June 26th we will celebrate Sunday School “Moving Up Day,” thus ending our own September through June academic year. Sunday School will restart on September 25th, 2011. But that doesn't mean that parents with children should take the summer off. We usually have age-appropriate, content-appropriate movies shown downstairs during “summer” church; sometimes we have crafts for everyone. What is really helpful during these months is for those who are NOT our regular Sunday School teachers to volunteer to help – even one summer Sunday makes a difference.

We're also looking for new teachers come September. We lost Della Harris when she moved to Boston earlier this year and she has yet to be replaced. To make it easier for folks to volunteer, we have a “rotation” system for our classes. Each rotation lasts three or four weeks at the most. This enables an individual or a couple to sign up for just a few weeks a year. Anyone who's interested should speak directly with Alison Mohr, our Sunday School Superintendent. It's not too early to make your availability known to her, so she can spend the summer planning assignments.

Now, back to calendars. I have tried for two years to readjust my thinking to return to a regular calendar, but I haven't been able to. My brain now thinks in terms of the academic year – July through June. So I'm going to note that we've had a good year. We've welcomed new members – 26 in all, 19 of whom are under the age of 40 (or very close). We've started a band and begun using our projection screen to very positive effect. The Threads of Hope Linen Pantry is now serving 59 agencies. Thanks be to God for the grace and mercy of the Holy Spirit guarding us and guiding us as we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Finally, I would like you to mark your calendars for some very important upcoming dates. Far from taking the summer off, we will be having our third annual **Lawn Sale on Saturday, August 6th**. This will include having the “**Mission on the Move**” health care testing van with us, as well as the UNYTS mobile health services. We'll have **pony rides and other kid-friendly activities**, too. Talk to Kristie Payne to sign up either to have your own table or to help with St. Peter's activities. **August 26th and 27th will be our second annual Parish Retreat at Christ the King Seminary.** The theme this year will be “**Releasing our Hearts from Guilt: Embracing New Freedom in Christ.**” Our **parish picnic** takes place the next day, **Sunday, August 28th, at St. Peter's.** Lastly, on **Sunday, September 11th**, St. Peter's will host the Eggertsville/Snyder Clergy Association **Memorial Service on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.** The service will take place at 4 pm, with a reception to follow for the community. These are all major upcoming events. Whatever kind of calendar you use, please mark it now to save these dates. God bless -

Pastor Barbara



Renovation Project

Phase III of the renovation project is set to begin on June 27 when Choop's Painting will start the pew refinishing. They will be patching any nicks and holes, sanding, staining and varnishing. St. Peter's will have some prep work before the contractor can begin their work.

- Drill mounting holes for the new pew crosses.
- Remove all books, papers and pencils from the pews.
- Lower the book racks in each pew.

The pew refinishing work will take approximately 2 weeks.

Next the walls will be painted. This will include the nave, narthex and choir loft. Prep work will include removal of all wall hangings and racks. The painting will take 1 week. Moving from the walls to the floors, the linoleum floors under the pews will be stripped and waxed. This should take 1 week.

The final step will be the installation of new carpeting in the nave aisles, the narthex, the back entrance hall coming into the church and the stairs going to the undercroft. Again this work should take 1 week.

Work on this final phase will be completed by 9/1/11 in preparation for the Interfaith service on 9/11/11. This very ambitious undertaking has not always gone as smoothly as we would have liked but the people of St. Peter's are pulling together to make this project a huge success.

Ed Hill



The Rocks

The Rocks meet the 2nd Saturday of every month. Recently the attendance has been sparse to say the least. While some people view this only as a social event it is also used for a planning meeting for the many projects the Rocks are called upon to help with. This is a short list of some of the accomplishments of the Rocks, not in order of importance or time:

- Pew and riser removal in the Choir loft.
- Emergency response plan.
- Pew modification in the center of the nave.
- Floor tile removal. (renovation project)
- Pew removal and reinstallation. (renovation project)
- Multiple painting projects.

All the men of St. Peter's are invited to join the Rocks on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Family Tree at 10:00 AM.

For more information contact Ed Hill, Tom Tripp or Al Price.



Lawn Sale – August 6th

St. Peter's will be holding its 3rd Annual Lawn Sale on Saturday, August 6th from 9am -2pm. **Kristie Payne** and her committees are busy getting things organized. Forms are available from Kristie to rent a 10 X 10 space for \$20. You must provide your own table to sell your goods or crafts.

The church will be selling books, baked goods, pretzels, toys, shoe shines etc. The kids will enjoy face painting and pony rides. There will be health services available for diabetes and cholesterol screenings. A blood drive will also take place. Of course, hot dogs and pop will be available.

The money raised will benefit the Renovation Fund, the October Washington trip, the Linen Pantry and scholarships for kids to attend camp.

Kristie will also be **needing volunteers to assist in setting up booths on Friday, August 5th and clean up afterward the sale.**

If you are unable to help or attend, we do need your prayers that August 6th is rain free.

For additional information, contact **Kristie Payne at 835-9715.**



August 6th Mission on the Move and UNTYS

The Catholic Health Care system has agreed to set up a booth at St. Peter's Lawn Sale on Saturday, August 6th. They will offer diabetes and cholesterol screening, as well as blood pressure checks. All services are free of charge.

Upstate New York Transplant Services (UNYTS), will be there for a blood drive. They'll be parking their 40 foot truck at the far end of the parking lot. If it is a nice day, they will set up tables and chairs for you to enjoy your juice and cookies. ***You've been given the Gift of Life. Give it Back.*** Unyts.org Both events will be open to the community between the hours of 10am-2pm.

Have a safe and healthy summer. See you at the Lawn Sale!



Lois Tripp, Parish Nurse



The Little Church

There is a miniature church sitting on a table near the front pew. You can place an offering in the chimney of the church as a thanksgiving for your birthday, anniversary, or just for something good that happened to you that week. If a child is 8 on their birthday, they could put in 8 cents. All thanksgivings will be put in the Renovation Fund.



Episcopal Relief & Development

ERD Disaster Relief

Healing a hurting world

- ✓ Episcopal Relief & Development, through the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri, is providing food, gas cards and temporary shelter for those in need in the aftermath of the devastating tornado that ripped through Joplin, MO last Sunday killing at least 122 people.
- ✓ Donations to ERD to support disaster response in Joplin and other communities in the US may be made online at <http://www.er-d.org/TornadoJoplinMay2011>. Or you may mail a check to: Episcopal Relief & Development, USA Disaster Response Fund, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.



Acolyte Training

Al Price will be conducting acolyte training after the 10am service on June 5th and 12th. Anyone who indicated on the Volunteer Questionnaire they wanted to carry the torches or carry the cross should attend this meeting if they have not already been trained or if they want a refresher course. The training is for both children as well as adults who want to serve.



Join Bishop Franklin's journey as our bishop

Bishop Franklin has begun a blog at where each week he will share his ideas, thoughts and reflections.

He invites you to subscribe to the blog and comment on his posts. You'll find the subscription box on the blog's homepage at www.jerusalem-crossing.com

Summer Youth Camp schedule

Senior High Conference -- June 26 through July 2
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

Junior High Camp -- August 7-13
Dunkirk Conference Center

Sleep Away Camp (3rd - 6th grades) -- August 14-17
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

Please visit www.eyouthwny.org for more information.





June 19th

The idea for Father's Day began in Spokane, Washington. While listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd thought how much she would like to honor her father. The month of June was chosen because that was the month of her father's birthday.

Many people like to expand this day to include uncles, grandfathers and men who are neighbors or friends, all of whom help to father us and nurture us all our lives. You can honor men in your life by giving cards or invite a father-type person who might be alone to come for a meal with you. These are a few of the ways to thank them for all they have done for you.

Prayer for Everyday Heroes

Dear God,

Thank you for the everyday heroes. People who quietly make a difference for those they serve without fanfare, recognition or fame.

The soldier, far from home, who comforts a child in the midst of war.

The workers risking their lives to shut down the reactors at Fukushima.

People who run shelters, feed the hungry and care for the forgotten.



Police officers, fire fighters and medical personnel who risk so much to keep us safe and healthy

An elderly woman in an emergency shelter, whose family and home were washed away by a giant wave who puts aside her grief to care for her neighbors.

Thank you for all the people who make love real, everyday. Their light shines away the darkness. Their lives bear witness to kindness and hope. Fill us all with the courage and wisdom to love one another.

Amen



Prayers of the People

Long Term: (any name older than a year will be automatically removed unless Sue Gunn is notified)

Kelly, Leigh, Sarah and family, Darlene, Jim, Dianne and Olin, Jim and Mary M., Ulyssa, Norman, Eric, Donnalyn, Adel, Bill B., Douglas, Lauren, Brandon G., Jean Z., Bea, Wilma, Harlan, Stanley B., Steve and family, Marty, Kevin R., Nancy, RJ, Roy and Ellie, Karen, Patty K. Mary, Father Joe and family, Megan, John W., Amanda, Phillip, Alyssa, Barb and Frank, Shirley, Dorothy, Wesley C., Warren, Jim R., Art, Jacque D. Kimberly D., Anna, Wanda, Patrick W., Josh, Kay, Richard, Debbie, Talisa, Rev. Phil, Chelsea and family, Fr. John, Darlene S., Fr. Peter and Betty J.

Short Term:

Theresa, Jan, Paul and Reidun, Joan, Mary Lou C., Tim, Ron, Bill M., Tom H., Mark, Phoebe, Nicole, Kirk, Dave, Joshua, Edwin, Ruth, Missi, Steven, Teresa, Lynda H., Michael, Joan, Walter, Donvan, Rich, Ruth R., Bob and family, Rocky, Robert C., Adam, Deena and Dave, Joshua, Addie M., Dan, Joel, Tom T. , Fr. Peter, Andrew, Mark, Joy, Elena, Robert R., Olive, Bill H., Danielle, Dan, Janet, Rita H., Ann & Scott, Ginny and Rev. Stephen

Names above that will be removed without updates are Theresa M to Tom T since they are more than 3 months old but can be placed on the Long Term list. The current list will be updated the end of June.

Military Service:

William, Jessie, Jack, A.J., Greg, John, Ray G., Dustin, Christopher, Nathaniel, Vinnie, Gene, Fred, Gene S, Fred, Ricky, James, Michael and Ken S. **Updates needed on Servicemen: William – Vinnie D**

Sue Gunn doesn't want to remove names but the list becomes unmanageable. Please speak to her at service, call and leave a message at 838-6156, email at sgunn@sixgunns.com. Call or text at 481-2914



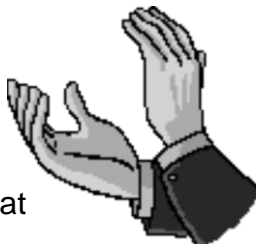
06/01 Lukas Hardy
06/01 Joanne Usatch
06/08 Maria Matthews
06/11 Gary Donhauser
06/13 Anna Guzda
06/13 Kristie Payne
06/16 Dominic Guarino
06/19 David Passariella
06/19 Alyssa Nagel
06/20 Andrew Hamilton
06/25 Shaye Sanchez-Clarke
06/28 Sharon Hill
06/30 Ruby Hardy



06/22 Mr. & Mrs. James Morris
06/24 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller
06/28 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ramos

Thank you to....

Bob Miller, Karen Miller's husband, for making the shield with the symbols for St. Peter that is attached to the lectern.



All who participated in the dining out event at Applebees for the benefit of our upcoming pilgrimage to the National Cathedral. As far as we know, thirty nine people dined at Applebees on May 4th on behalf of St. Peter's youth.

All the families that hosted coffee hour the last couple of months.

Kristie Payne for planting hostas along the side of the church.

Kathy Bates for making coffee each Sunday for coffee hour.

Jane Cushman and Tom Harlterman for entering church records when Bill Bates is unavailable.

Robert Kapchan and John Frantz for trying to keep the lawn mowed despite the rainy weather.

Health Care Ministry Team and Lois Tripp, our Parish Nurse, for hosting two events for parishioners and the community on Health Care Proxies.

Deacon Tripp and Damon Piatov, for covering for Pastor Barbara while she was away (5/29 through 6/3).

Everyone who donates, sorts, washes or delivers items, in the ministry of the Threads of Hope Linen Pantry.

Our dedicated **Sunday School and Nursery Staff** who make Sunday School fun for our children.



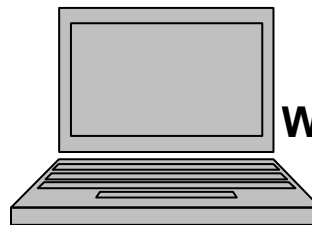
Food Pantry Items Needed

Summer is coming and children will not have the benefit of being fed in school. More and more families will rely on the University Food Pantry. Your generous donations each Sunday to the food pantry will insure children will not have to go to bed hungry.



If you see a special of “buy one get one free” and you can't use the extra item, bring it to church for the food pantry. Purchase a nonperishable food item as a thanksgiving that you do have enough food for yourself or family. Others may not be so lucky.

Dorothy Talbot and her crew take the food once a month to the food pantry. The people there love to see her and the many bags of food she brings. So continue to bring in your nonperishable food items to keep Dorothy, the workers and their clients happy.



What's on the Web?

Have you wondered if you or your child is scheduled to serve on Sunday or the date and time of a meeting and you can't find your schedule? Have you checked out St. Peter's web site yet? If not, take a look at the website **StPetersAmherst.net**. (You don't need the capital letters – just easier to remember)

On the Home page you can click on Newsletter and you will find the Weekly calendar, Monthly calendar, Lay Ministers Schedule and Prayers for the People. You can get both current and back issues of The Rock.

On the left side of the Home page you will find information on our Youth and Adult Ministries as well as various Outreach activities.

If you click on Worship, you will find copies of some of Pastor Barbara's sermons and information regarding St. Peter's that would be of interest for someone looking for a church.

Health Care Proxy Update

On May 15, following the 10am service, a presentation was given regarding health care decision making and Health Care proxies. The speaker, Rosemary Collins came from the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care and is a facilitator for the Coalition for Health Care Decision-Making. Health Care Proxy booklets were given out. The booklet contained a Health Care proxy and directions on how to complete it. We have several more booklets in the health care information corner (across from the piano in the undercroft). Please help yourself. People were encouraged to bring back their proxies the following Sunday, to be witnessed and have questions answered.

May 22nd was the follow up session. Sally Mitchell, Social Worker from the VA Hospital continued the discussion and was there to help parishioners fill out the proxies. Our own St. Peter's nurses were on hand to assist with the witnessing. Each proxy must be witnessed by 2 people, other than your named proxy. Thank you to the nurses on hand that day. Thank you also to Deacon Tripp for placing the Health Care Proxy information on the sign outside. We did have some members from the community come in to get their proxy form filled out!

If you are interested in having a Health Care Proxy, please e-mail, call or see me after church. I'd be happy to help.
(ljt203@yahoo.com, Home: 839-5868, cell: 870-2807)
Shalom,
Lois Tripp, Parish Nurse

Diocesan Loan Update

We asked the Diocese to return the \$10,000 we had paid on our loan so we could complete Phase III of our Renovation Project. Now we are back to owing the Diocese \$40,000. Your donations to the Building Fund/ Renovation Fund are vital to repaying this loan.

In May we paid only the interest on the loan



Treasurer's Report

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

As of May 31 2011

Operating Account

RECEIPTS YTD	Actual
Plate & Pledge	32,279.94
Liturgical & Outreach & Special	3,753.02
Memorials	550.00
Other	8,502.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$45,085.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS YTD	Actual
Building & Grounds	\$2,582.56
Clergy	20,293.02
Memorial Expense	352.75
Operations	6,715.44
Outreach	6,011.00
Personnel/Payroll tax/Payroll Service	3,649.51
Utilities	3,759.43
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$43,363.71</u>

St Peter's Account Balances 5/31/11

First Niagara - Checking	\$54.28
Capital Funds YTD	\$11,031.11
Money Market - Savings	\$8,800.40
Interest & Deposit	\$11,843.40
Withdraw	-\$90.00
Total 5/31/11	<u>\$20,553.80</u>

300.42	Continuing Ed.
1,210.17	Meath Memorial
251.05	Walgate Memorial
3,470.00	Sitek Memorial
59.15	Wellness Ministry
12,261.32	Renovation/Capital Funds
356.00	Summer Camp
151.47	Parish Nurse
291.50	Music Fund
1,545.32	Memorial Garden
168.00	Order St. Luke
11.00	UTO
36.00	Theo .Ed.
442.40	Insurance

Money Market -Checking 5/310/11	\$235.46
Lillian Shandraw Ed. Fund 5/31/11	\$501.50
J2A Pilgrimage Fund 5/31/11	\$418.61
Mission & Ministry 5/31/11	\$515.52
Columbarium Fund 5/31/11	\$3,526.66
Morningstar Ministries 5/31/11	\$2,019.21