

October 2017



The Crossed Keys

The job of Treasurer in any church is a thankless one, as people only really notice what you do when they don't like how the money is spent and when something does not get paid. Very few people take the time to thank the Treasurer for a balanced budget or the fact that the heat stayed on all year. Treasurers are kind of like offensive lineman in football, you only notice them when they make a mistake. A great deal of their ministry goes on behind the scenes and unnoticed.

My experience in previous parishes with church financial people was that they were always anxious and nervous, constantly worried the sky was falling. I was stunned when I came to Sheridan in 2012 and met Dan Alsop in the lobby of the Holiday Inn during one of my first interviews, he was smart, positive, upbeat and so optimistic for the future of St. Peter's. I would come to appreciate him over the next 5 years. One day he sat in my office and I mentioned how grateful I was for all his work and he simply stated his ministry was to make sure I didn't have to obsess over numbers. He was simply one of the best church treasurers, and one of the best people, I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

By now you probably have an idea where this is going. After 13 years of serving St. Peter's as Treasurer Dan has asked for a break and I have reluctantly agreed. Thirteen years is a long time to do anything and I do understand the need for a change even, if selfishly, I will miss working with him in this capacity.

In light of all this I would ask three things:

Please thank Dan for how faithfully he served as Treasurer for all these years, working hard behind the scenes to make sure St. Peter's would remain in a healthy financial state.

Please consider someone (it could be you) who might be a good fit for the next Treasurer. The Vestry is forming a committee to come up with a job description of what gets done to help aid the transition. Dan has been such a great Treasurer that if you asked me what the Treasurer does I would say "what Dan did" and I understand that is not helpful to those who may be interested. Ideally this would be great for more than one person as two people sharing the ministry may help lighten the load.

If you know you are not that person, please be in prayer daily for our church that God would raise up the right person for us. This is not just a thing to do but a ministry and a very important one.

A note on why these things are important: A healthy church needs engaged people in the leadership to make sure power and decision making is spread across the church, not just centralized in one person. We have a system and structure that supports that model as long as people are engaged in the leadership.


John+

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Jesus came to bring freedom, but we sometimes struggle to experience it. We can feel in bondage: to the wound that won't heal, the bitterness we can't let go of, the habit we can't break, the emotion we can't control, the sin we can't resist. We aren't meant to live that way. I will be starting an eight-week study at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 5, to explore what freedom in Christ looks like and how we can fully enter into it.

This course is for anyone who wants to understand better how to thrive in the Christian life and also to help others along the way. Here is an outline of topics for each session:

- Nov 5 What is freedom?
- Nov 12 The gospel and freedom
- Nov 19 Truth and freedom
- Nov 26 Truth and belief --Overview
- Dec 3 Truth and belief --Hands on with some examples
- Dec 10 Truth and behavior
- Dec 17 Authority over the evil one
- Jan 7 Continuing in freedom

If you have questions, please get in touch. I hope to see you there!

God bless,

John Milliken

It is from M. Craig Barnes' book, Extravagant Mercy.

***“ I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good. “
Isaiah 65:2***

Some folks always seem to be a few steps behind God -- like Moses, for example. At the burning bush, God told him to deliver the Hebrews from Pharaoh, but Moses had settled into his life as shepherd and was not eager to leave. We stay far behind God when we get too committed to a comfortable place in life. This is not a place where we belong, and it is not even a place that is good for us. It is just comfortable. My experience has been that God leads us away from comfortable places, because only then do we recognize our need for a savior.

Other folks are always a few steps ahead of God, and David would be a good example of that. He constantly came up with great plans, building programs, and political strategies that were news to God. People like David find it irresistible to develop these improvement programs because God seems to move so slowly. They feel that they had better help Him out with these good ideas they have. Yet typically, it is when we run ahead of God that we get really lost. Again, the good news here is that if we realize we are lost, we are ready for a savior.

The common dynamic for all who walk with God seems to be recognizing our need for a savior. He's not an easy companion in life. As God, He will always take the lead -- not to lose us or frustrate us, but simply to make sure that we are holding His hand tightly. Yet in order to hold God's hands, we'll have to let go of things like comfort and great plans.

Deacon Juanita Smith

Life Planning Seminar

St Peter' s would like to welcome any parishioners that are interested to our first "Life Planning, a task for all ages" seminar to be held on October 24th at 7 PM in the down stairs conference room. We have put together a great team consisting of Fr. John, Christopher Sherwood and Kevin Kessner of St. Peter' s who are attorneys with Yonkee Toner, and Carmen Rideout. This group will present a short seminar on Life Planning and what we need to think about to protect our loved ones no matter what age they are.

The Episcopal Church Foundation has developed a thorough booklet to guide us through the process of such things as naming guardians for young children and dependents, appointing trustees, designing your funeral, and deciding how to distribute your worldly goods.

We hope the session is informative and will assist our parishioners in taking these important steps. You will be able to ask questions and this program will help anyone in any stage of their life. If we can answer any questions about the seminar beforehand call Dave Nicolarsen at 751-7723 or Dan Alsop at 752-1280.

In Peace



Ministries

Greeters/Ushers		Altar Guild	Acolytes	Lay Readers
October 1		October 1	October 1	October 1
7:30 Janet Holcomb		Debbie Ebia	Nate Haworth	7:30 Peter Clark
10:00 Frank Boley		Karen Ferguson	Maria Black	Carol Clark
Georgia Boley		DuAnne Diers	Alicia Thoney	10:00 Mike Evers
Mary Dailey				Mary Beth Evers
Karen Ferguson				
October 8		October 8	October 8	October 8
7:30 Bill Courtney		Sally LaBore	Isaac Fritz	7:30 Forrest Asmus
10:00 John Standish		Liz Swanson	Corey Hansford	Sandy Asmus
Pam Standish		Carmen Rideout	Bailee Mentock	10:00 Linen Greenough
Frank Smedley				Roberta Thompson
Dorothy Goodwin				
October 15		October 15	October 15	October 15
7:30 Vesta Gale		Theo Powers	Corey Hansford	7:30 Sharon Bedard
10:00 Rick Rossa		Cara Nicholls	Bailee Mentock	10:00 Lynne Outland
Liz Rossa		Tina Mediate	Chayah Milliken	Holland Duell
Cara Nicholls				
Frank Smedley				
October 22		October 22	October 20	October 22
7:30 Donna Kuehne		Linda St. Clair	Nate Haworth	7:30 Laura Galloway
10:00 Anne Vaughan		Sandy Tharaldson	Sydni Bilyeu	10:00 Paul Haworth
Robert Prusak		Georgia Boley	Ella Bilyeu	Christina Haworth
Jodene Prusak			Ian Gale	
Sarah Mentock				
October 29		October 29	October 29	October 29
7:30 Roxanne Darnell		Ann Ernst	Nate Haworth	7:30 Sharon Bedard
10:00 Gary Outland		Peggy Sorvik	Sydni Bilyeu	10:00 Anne Vaughan
Lynne Outland		Jaynie Spell	Ella Bilyeu	Lee Helvey
Sandy Tharaldson			Ian Gale	
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For ministry schedule changes, contact Juanita Smith at 673-4928

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 17 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 Life of Moses 10:00 HE II	2 Handbells 6:30PM	3 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 PM	4 Women's Council 9 am Moses Study 12:10 PM Financial Peace 5:30-8 PM	5 Diocese Convention 5th thru 8th Red Door 10-3 pm No Choir Practice	6	7
8 18 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 No study 10:00 HE II	9 Handbells 6:30PM	10 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 PM	11 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast St. Nick's Crafters 9 am No Moses Study Financial Peace 5:30-8 PM	12 Red Door 10-3 pm Choir 6:30PM	13	14 Mug & Muffin 10:00-11:30 AM
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29 21 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II West View: R. Thompson	30 Handbells 6:30PM	31 Midweek Eucharist service 12:05 PM	“Serve the Lord with gladness” — Psalms 100:2			



LET THE FILLING FUN BEGIN!

Operation Christmas child Shoeboxes are empty and ready to be filled with the love and generosity of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's generosity has grown tremendously since 2013 when we sent out 54 boxes. In 2016, 146 boxes left St. Peter's!

Boxes will be available to take home beginning Sunday, Oct. 15th. Filled boxes will be due back to St. Peter's by Sunday, Nov. 12.

First of all, decide if you'd like to bless a boy or girl (or both~there's no limit to the number of boxes you can fill!); then choose your age range: 2-4 year olds; 5-9 year olds or 10-14 year olds. Fill your box with a "WOW" item (such as a soccer ball and pump or stuffed animal), then fill up the remainder of the box with hygiene items, school supplies, socks, underwear, bar soap and washcloth, toothbrush and other small fun toys. Please note: this is the first year Operation Christmas Child will not be accepting toothpaste, candy or any liquids). More details will be coming; plus lots of great ideas are available on line at samaritanspurse.org.

Have fun packing! Let's see what amazing things God will do through us this year.

"I tell all of you with certainty, whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple will never lose his reward." . ~Matthew 10:42

An Old-Fashioned CHRISTMAS

ATTENTION: Booth Space Rentals Available.

The Women of St. Peter's are expanding opportunities to rent booths during the 2017 Christmas Bazaar.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas"
Saturday, November 18.

We are looking for hand-crafted goods that do not compete with items sold in the Parish Hall.

The \$40.00 rental for a 12 X 10 foot booth space located in the Community Room includes an 8-foot table and 2 chairs.

For additional information and to make a reservation, contact Kathy McNickle at 752-5745. (Some restrictions apply.)

COFFEE



HOUR

Sunday's Coffee Hour is in the church parish hall at 10 a.m.

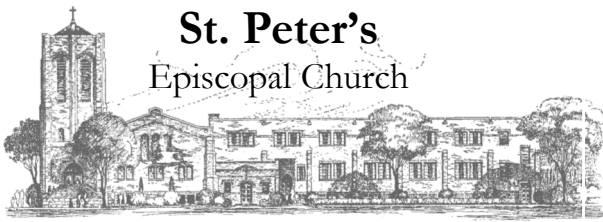
Everyone is invited. It's a great time of fellowship!

If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Hour a sign-up sheet is provided in the parish hall near the kitchen entrance.

If anyone has an inspiring article; relevant/interesting facts; a short story/poem or testimonial, you may submit it to the church office for the Crossed Keys edition. Crossed Keys go out the 1st of each month. Submit by the 25th of the month. Thank you!

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