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Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

BCP pg. 532 – Ordination vows of a Priest

In the past several months I have made it my effort to try to connect these articles with a promise I made at my ordination. This month I want to share a bit about structure and reflection, a topic that may not be of great excitement at first glance, but important none the less.

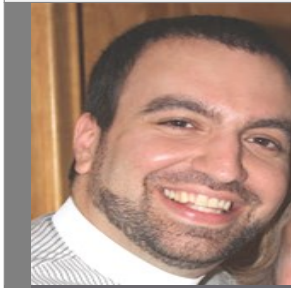
In this case, honest, transparent, and reflective structure in the church that helps us labor together to build up the family of God. To this end the Personnel Committee, under the great leadership of Dave Nicolarsen, has been working to review and assess my job as Rector and Dr. John’s job as family minister. To be honest, in every job there are some things that work well and others that don’t. We are in a process of assessing what works, what doesn’t and what needs adjustment.

This is really important for all ministers, especially for the Rector of a parish (in this case that is me, but it’s important for every Rector) to step back and be able to assess and see things from other perspectives. It’s difficult because work in ministry is deeply personal – meaning most clergy and pastors give their heart and soul to it, as do many of you to the ministries you do – and it is hard not to take things personally. The reality is everything we do, we do not for ourselves but for the glory of God. I stand in most need of a reminder of this as your priest, that it’s not about me, it’s about God’s glory.

To that end, reflection and assessment is good, feedback is good, and adjustment is good, all if they work to help make St. Peter’s better and mostly bring glory to God. My plan is for 2017 to be a year of reflection for us, and I would plan to meet with people involved in every ministry to ask the same questions – what is working, what is not, how can it be better and is it glorifying God?

As always I appreciate your devotion to God in this place as we labor together in humility for his glory.


Your Priest,



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October 2016- Crossed Keys

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On Retirement

Last month I wrote about the book *Consider Your Calling* and offered some responses to what might have been obstacles to picking up the book. Since we are at this point in the midst of the study, I will be using this month also to touch upon the book. This time, I want to focus upon one particular issue discussed therein: retirement.

In our present culture we have a pretty well defined pattern of life into which many of our institutions and influences encourage us to fit. You know the basic outline: we start with grade school, supplemented by a heavy dose of extracurricular activities, endeavoring to become well-prepared for admittance to a good college. Then there is the commencement of a (hopefully) successful career, accompanied by a successful family, and finally, retirement. What retirement usually means in this picture is that time of life when one finally gets to be done with work and spend one's time doing what one wants. (According to a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics published in 2007, what one wants most seems to be watching several hours of television, the activity that absorbs by far the most time in the average day of the average retiree.)

Is this picture of retirement a Biblical one? It is tempting to think something like this: "I've spent most of my life working hard for others; this is my time now." But as Christians we need to recognize that none of it is "my time," just as none of it is "my money." All we are and have belongs to God; we are stewards, not owners. So the starting point for a Christian is always a question of stewardship: God, how would you like me to spend what you have given me (which includes our time)?

When we are older, we are not going to work in the same way or with the same intensity that we did when we were young. But we are still called to work: that is, to invest what God has given us for the sake of his purposes in the world. One of the most important things God has given to those in retirement age is experience and the wisdom that comes with it. Smith puts it this way, "Now we become the sages--the wise women and men, the elders within the community--leveraging our lives and our vocations for the well-being of others and our world." (67) He suggests the biggest opportunity for those in this season of life is to invest in, encourage, mentor, and bless those in younger generations. So here's something to think about, if you find yourself in this season. How might you make yourself available to God to invest in those who are coming after you?

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St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • October 2016

| LEMS | Lay Readers | Ushers Greeters | Acolytes | Altar Guild |
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| October 2 | | | | |
| A: Juanita Smith B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith | 7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike & Mary Beth Evers | 7:30 Bill Courtney 10:00 Sandy Tharaldson Sarah Mentock Dorothy Goodwin | Nate Haworth Quinn Heyneman Bailee Mentock | 7:30 Karen Ferguson 10:00 Georgia Boley |
| October 9 | | Convention Sunday | | |
| A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith | 7:30 Forrest Asmus In the Chapel 9:00 Peter & Clark Clark | 7:30 Donna Kuehne 10:00 Mary Dailey Karen Ferguson Gary & Lynne Outland | Bobby St. John Maria Black Nate Haworth | 7:30 10:00 |
| October 16 | | | | |
| A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith | 7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Stan & Shari Peddicord | 7:30 Vesta Gale 10:00 Anne Vaughan Cara Nicholls Rick & Liz Rossa | Corey Mentock Bailee Mentock Nate Haworth | 7:30 Cara Nicholls 10:00 Ann Ernst |
| October 23 | | | | |
| A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith | 7:30 Peter & Carol Clark 10:00 Lynne Outland Holland Duell | 7:30 Forrest & Sandy Asmus 10:00 Robert & Jodene Prusak Frank & Georgia Boley John Standish | Maya Fritz Aria Heyneman Quinn Heyneman | 7:30 Sally LaBore 10:00 Cara Nicholls |
| October 30 | | | | |
| A: None B: Juanita Smith C: Juanita Smith | 7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Isabel Wallop Paul & Christina Haworth | 7:30 Roxanne Darnell 10:00 Rick & Liz Rossa Stan & Shari Peddicord | Nate Haworth Maria Black Bobby St. John | 7:30 Georgia Boley 10:00 Shari Peddicord |

*For ministry schedule changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928
(October 30th - WESTVIEW: Phil Dorsch)*

October



CALENDAR

2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 20 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II | 3 | 4 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS | 5 Women's Council 9am <i>Financial Peace 5:30-8pm</i> | 6 Red Door 10-3pm | 7 8 Diocese Convention | |
| 9 21 Pentecost Convention 7:30 HE Chapel 9:00 HE II | 10 | 11 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS | 12 St. Nick's Crafters 9am <i>Financial Peace 5:30-8pm</i> | 13 Red Door 10-3pm | 14 | 15 |
| CTI Training: For registration and times contact the Sheridan Police Dept. or the emails listed on page 6. | | | | | | |
| 16 22 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II | 17 | 18 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS | 19 Vestry 5:30pm St. Nick's Crafters 9am <i>Financial Peace 5:30-8pm</i> | 20 Red Door 10-3pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 23 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II | 24 | 25 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS | 26 St. Nick's Crafters 9am <i>Financial Peace 5:30-8pm</i> | 27 Red Door 10-3pm | 28 | 29 |
| 30 24 Pentecost 7:30 HE I 9:00 SS 10:00 HE II | 31 | | | | | |

HE: Holy Eucharist * SS: Sunday School * HS: Healing Service * SRS: Sugarland Ridge

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October 2, 23, and 30, 2016 – 9 am Sundays in the Library – Special theme this month: the church and politics. Please note my intention for this is to help us discuss our role as ambassadors for Christ in the midst of our current political tension and divisiveness, and to look at Scripture to see what God's people have dealt with in the past and how they have responded. This is not to endorse anyone or weigh on this particular election.



- 10/01 Robert Beckwith
Cassidy Enloe
- 10/04 Sally Eaton
- 10/06 Cheryl Farman
- 10/07 Christina Haworth
- 10/08 Betty Olson
Sandy Asmus
John Standish
Kevin Wimmer
- 20/09 Sue Beckwith
- 10/10 Nan Fogel
Jim Trott
Marcia Brown
- 10/11 Frank Eaton
- 10/12 Doyl Fritz
Cedar St. Clair
- 10/13 Megan Buchanan
- 10/14 Kendie Hartman
Roger St. Clair
- 10/15 Robert Kauffman
Thomas Asmus
- 10/16 Dorothy Goodwin
John Hornbeck
Ashley Fox
- 10/17 Ian Gale
- 10/19 Blair Gustafson
- 10/20 Sara Wimmer
Rosina Iserra
- 10/21 Aaron Campbell
- 10/23 William Alsup
Kellen Mentock
- 10/24 Jim Benepe III
- 10/26 James King
- 10/27 Kathy Patton
- 10/31 Mary Carson



Greetings to all women of St. Peter's. We have had a few requests for a women's retreat and are now in the process of putting one together. Here's what we have so far: The dates of the retreat will be Friday evening, November 4th and all day Saturday, November 5th, wrapping up at 5:00pm.

The cost of the retreat will be no more than \$40.00.

**The topic is foundational to all Christians:
A deeper understanding of God's divine love for us.**

The more we truly know of God's love for us, the more freely we are able to live the life we were made to live. This is a life of less fear and more love; the freedom to live an authentic life full of indescribable joy and the peace promised by God that surpasses our understanding. This retreat is designed to lay the foundation needed to grow in our knowledge of God's amazing love. It will also be a time to focus on our relationships with some of our sisters in Christ. This journey we are on is one to be shared with others.

And now I am asking a favor from all the Women of St. Peter's. Yes, every woman in this church can be a part of this retreat if you choose to do so. Here's what we need: To all the women of St. Peter's, please place this retreat in your prayers. If you can make room in your schedules, please let me know that you plan on attending. I need this information by October 16th so we can prepare and purchase supplies. Those who will not be attending, we ask that you cover us with prayer during the retreat. Many thanks to all of you, my sisters in Christ.

Let us pray; Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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OCTOBER 10—14, 2016

PART 1: OCT 10-12

PART 2: OCT 13-14

For more information contact Sydney Rowe
or Adelaide Wilson:
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awilson@pmowyo.org

CIT: Crisis Intervention Training

Held at St. Peter's

For more information contact Sydney Rowe or Adelaide Wilson at one of the emails listed above.

Interacting with individuals with mental health problems is one of the most challenging aspects of law enforcement work. This training will focus on recognition of mental health problems, de-escalation techniques and tactical considerations for interacting with people experiencing a mental health problem.

Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement is based on the Memphis model of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), and has been tailored to meet the needs and interests of the law enforcement agencies in Wyoming.

Registration is limited to 25 participants for each training.

Registration fees are **paid** by a grant from the Wyoming Department of Health.

Featured Topics

- **Signs of Mental Illness**
- **De-escalation & Tactics**
- **Suicide**
- **Bipolar 1 disorder**
- **Psychiatric Medications**
- **Brain Injuries**
- **Veterans**
- **Substance Abuse**
- **Dementia**
- **Youth & Trauma**
- **Developmental Disabilities**
- **Family Perspectives**
- **Title 25 process**
- **And more...**

Brought to you by:

Sheridan Police Department, Sheridan County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming, and WY Dept. of Health

To make an online appointment for your photo or your family's photo, simply go to St. Peter's website. (<http://www.stpeterssheridan.com>).

There you will see at the top right of the home page: *Life Touch Scheduling*. Click on that. It will take you to their information and access page. About the middle of that page it will give you an *address to click on*, click that to get to the scheduling page. You will have to *create a password*, then they will ask for your information, then you can make an appointment.

The dates are: October 18-Oct. 22th, Tuesday – Saturday, week day times are 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 – 5:00. It is possible a few adjustments will need to be made.

Thanks so much. For questions, contact the church office at 674-7655.

With so many people having cell phones these days this is will be a great way to stay in touch and see who is new within our parish and reconnect.



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Parishioners are asked to daily collect pocket change as a thank offering to God, reflecting on our own blessings.

All UTO funds go to support grants for ministries at home and overseas. Last year a donation of \$651.76 was received which came through by your generosity and thankful giving.

As a reminder, an “Ingathering” takes place every May and November. (UTO boxes are available in the church office however other containers work perfectly). Looking towards November’s Ingathering!



Thankful Living - Thankful Giving



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND A MINISTRY OF ST. PETER'S

ST. PETER'S HAS CHANGED HOW WE PACK SHOE BOXES

Beginning in early Fall, empty OCC shoe boxes and packing instructions will be available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to pack boxes as individuals, families, or with a group of friends. We will not be packing boxes at the church this year.

BOXES WILL BE COLLECTED AT ST. PETER'S THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER.

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