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Sometimes a story is too good not to tell. This is one of those stories.

Let me start by saying that I appreciate the church carpet project and when it was over I was happy to be done for the year with major maintenance projects. I enjoyed our time in the parish hall but was happy to have our space back in the church. Our Building Committee, which spearheaded that project, is fantastic; they work hard to make sure this facility is taken care of so we do not fall into disrepair. One of the things that has been on the horizon of the Building Committee is the roof of the church. The roof is nearing the end of its life and has been for some time, in 2011 some patching was done with the attempt to buy 5 more years of life, you and I can do the math to say that 5 years is up this year.

Let me go back a bit and say that one of the assets of the Building Committee is a property the church holds in Story and has since 1942. It was given to the church with the intention of being a camp but the land is very rugged and could never be developed. The church has held it since and has tried to sell it since 1979 - the same year I was born - this property has been for sale as long as I have been alive.

When I came to St. Peter's four years ago, early on I had a meeting with our Treasurer Dan Alsup who said completely serious, "The Story property is our new roof, when it sells we will know it's time to put the roof on the church." As the years have gone by I wavered but Dan never doubted that God indeed had a plan for that property to be our roof.

Flash forward to August 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. It is Monday and my day off, but I received two emails that morning. The first from Roger St. Clair telling me there was a serious cash offer on the property and a response was needed by the end of the week, the second was Jim Benepe from the Building Committee telling me that the annual roofing inspection was not good and the roof was in bad shape. I handed the property matter of (with Vestry approval) to a Subcommittee more qualified than me to make any decisions on this consisting of Mickey McNickle, Dan Alsup, Karen Ferguson and Senior Warden Patrick Henderson. They determined the offer was fair and accepted. We are under contract on the property.

At the Vestry meeting following on August 17 another Subcommittee was appointed to gather bids and make a decision to go forward with the roof. That group is Jim Benepe, Kurt Eisenach, Phil Dorsch, Senior Warden Patrick Henderson and fittingly the man who believed all along, our Treasurer Dan Alsup. They are meeting as we speak to evaluate bids and make the best long term decision for the church.

So we may not be done just yet, time will tell and I fully trust that group to make the best decision for the church. But I am thankful in God's abundance towards us. I tell this story to remind us all of how abundant God's blessings are, the power of faith, and how much he loves his church – how much he loves this church. Act with boldness and be generous too, for his abundance knows no limits. Indeed, a line we sing each and every week says it better than I can - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen

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You have by now hopefully heard about the book we'll be looking at together at St. Peter's this fall. Just in case, here are the details: The book is *Consider Your Calling*, by Gordon Smith. As we did last year, we will be connecting the sermons to the themes of the text for the six Sundays beginning September 18th (except for convention week). Also like last year, we will be creating a number of opportunities to work through the book with others in a small-group setting. I wanted to take the opportunity in this month's *Crossed Keys* to say just a bit more about the book for those who are not sure the study is right for them.

When we speak of "calling" and "vocation," it is natural to think about something pretty unique--something some lucky individuals have but most do not. Martin Luther King had a calling. Gandhi had a calling. Mother Theresa had a calling. But maybe you aren't used to applying these words to your own life. However, one of the points Smith is eager to make in the book is that each one of us has a calling (or vocation; the two words are basically the same idea in two languages). We are well aware of the fact that each one of us is unique, possessing our own blend of passions, experiences, gifts, and liabilities. Smith's contention is that this combination is no accident, but God's design for the unique role that each one of us is equipped to play. And so it is possible (and fruitful) for every one of us to ask ourselves, "What is the good work to which I am called?"

A vocation can also sound like a *big* thing. Think again of the examples I gave above. "I don't think I have been given any significant task like that!" we might say. But while vocation can be big, it needn't be. It isn't even most helpfully thought of as one particular job. Instead, it is the unique way that God calls us to participate in his work in the midst of our everyday circumstances. You may, for instance, have the vocation of a listener. You are wired for this, acutely aware of the need others have to be heard, and find joy in being a sympathetic ear. This is a capacity, a special gift to give, that you bring with you into your daily life and its myriad relationships, whether at home, at work, or at the post office. All of us, without exception, have something to give within the mundane details of ordinary life in our homes, schools, places of work, and in the church.

Finally, a vocation can sound like a younger person's thing. "I'm retired," you might be thinking; "I'm past the age of worrying about what I'm supposed to do with my life." But Smith also emphasizes that vocation is life-long, guiding us into the good work to which God has called us in every season of life. In many ways, he says, our senior years "may be some of the most fruitful and productive years of our lives." Every season has its opportunities to ask: What, now, is the good work to which God is calling me?


## St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • September 2016

LEMS	Lay Readers	Ushers Greeters	Acolytes	Altar Guild Team 2
Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept.4	Sept.4
A: Juanita Smith B: Peggy Sorvik C: Juanita Smith	7:30 S. Bedard 10:00 M. Evers M.B. Evers	7:30 B. St.John E. St.John 10:00 F. Boley G. Boley C. Nicholls K. Ferguson	B. St. John N. Haworth M. Black	7:30 T. Powers 10:00 T. Powers
Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept.11	Sept.11
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 L. Galloway 10:00 R. Thompson L. Outland	7:30 S. Jennings J. Jennings 10:00 R. Prusak J. Prusak M. Dailey D. Stewart	A. Heyneman Q. Heyneman N. Haworth	7:30 D. Ebia 10:00 D. Ebia
Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Sept. 18
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 F. Asmus S. Asmus 10:00 L. Helvey A. Vaughan	7:30 J. Holcomb 10:00 S. Tharaldson D. Goodwin S. Peddicord S. Peddicord	M. Fritz L. Alsup K. Alsup	7:30 A. Ernst 10:00 P. Sorvik
Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 P. Clark C. Clark 10:00 P. Haworth I. Wallop	7:30 L. Hall 10:00 C. Haworth L. Outland G. Outland A. Vaughan	C. Mentock N. Haworth B. Mentock	7:30 ? 10:00 L. St. Clair
			<i>(WESTVIEW: Roberta Thompson)</i>	

*For ministry schedule changes contact ~ Juanita Smith at 673-4928*

# SEPTEMBER 2016

St. Peter's  
Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Pentecost</b> <b>HE:</b> Holy Eucharist <b>HS:</b> Healing Service ( <i>In Chapel</i> ) <b>SS:</b> Sunday School <b>SRS:</b> Sugarland Ridge				1  <i>Red Door</i> 10-3	2	3
4  16th Day After Pentecost <b>HE: 7:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00</b> <b>HE: 10:00</b>	5    (Church Offices Closed)	6  <b>HS: 10AM</b> <b>SRS: 1PM</b>	7  Women's Council 9am	8  <i>Red Door</i> 10-3  Choir Practice 6:30	9  10  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Church reserved 1 PM on Friday &amp; all day Saturday.</div>	
11  17th Day After Pentecost <b>HE: 7:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00</b> <b>HE: 10:00</b>	12  Handbells 6:30	13  <b>HS: 10AM</b> <b>SRS: 1PM</b>	14  St. Nick Crafters 9am <b>Holy Cross Day</b> Vestry 5:30	15  <i>Red Door</i> 10-3  Choir Practice 6:30	16	17
18  18th Day After Pentecost <b>HE: 7:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00</b> <b>HE: 10:00</b>  <i>St. Margaret's Pie Social 3pm Parish Hall</i>	19  Handbells 6:30	20  <b>HS: 10AM</b> <b>SRS: 1PM</b>	21  St. Nick Crafters 9am <b>St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>  Financial Peace 9/ 21-11/16 Billie Chapman	22  <i>Red Door</i> 10-3  Choir Practice 6:30	23	24
25  19th Day After Pentecost <b>HE: 7:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00</b> <b>HE: 10:00</b>	26  Handbells 6:30	27  <b>HS: 10AM</b> <b>SRS: 1PM</b>	28  St. Nick Crafters 9am  4	29  <b>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</b>  <i>Red Door</i> 10-3  Choir Practice 6:30	30	

**The Diocan Convention Decorations Committee needs your help. We are looking for:**



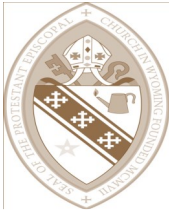
- Empty 4 oz aluminum cans (i.e., olives and green chilies)
- Pledges to donate pumpkins and gourds at harvest (all shapes and sizes welcome)
- Volunteers to help decorate the weekend of Convention (October 7-9)

Donated items can be left in the church office or given to Pam Standish or Wendy Gale.

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION COMES TO ST. PETER'S !!!**

**CONVENTION THEME:**

*"We Belong to God."*



St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Convention on October 7th-9th, which will be here in no time! With that being said, most of our main chairpersons are in place, but we are making a plea for more volunteers!

**Here are areas to serve:**

- A: Cookie bakers for Sunday Oct. 9th and breakfast helpers
- B: Serving in the Red Door, which will be open during convention weekend
- C: Persons who are willing be runners (setting up, hauling items, assisting in any area of need)
- A: Friendly Greeters at the Holiday Inn Convention Center
- B: Registration, checking people in (working in shifts)
- C: Hospitality Room Volunteers

If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the convention chairpersons:

Rick and/or Roberta Thompson at  
([307.674.8578](tel:307.674.8578) or cell: [307.461.2775](tel:307.461.2775))

**NOTE:** *Convention registration forms are available in the church office, on the Diocan web site or on page 6 of this edition of Crossed Keys. Forms must be in by 9/01.*

*Many hands make work light!*



“The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing, but in God-likeness.”  
**Oswald Chambers**



“Cast all your cares on Him for He cares for you.”  
**I Peter 5:7**



“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”



- 9/03** Whitney Board
- 9/04** Bunny Connell
- 9/09** Theo Powers
- 9/10** Noemi Langhorne
- 9/12** Rochelle Fox  
Linda Kiester  
Johnathan Atkinson
- 9/14** David Nicholarsen
- 9/15** Deborah King  
Bill Rader, Jr.
- 9/17** Kelli Campbell  
Cristine Calkins
- 9/18** Aaron Odom
- 9/19** Joan Bentzen
- 0/20** Katlin Rideout
- 9/22** Nicholas Gill
- 9/23** Austin Woodward  
James Craft  
Jovie Treide
- 9/24** Elizabeth Standish
- 9/25** Linda Ernst
- 9/29** Sandy Tharaldson  
Joseph Eisenach
- 9/27** Grace Gustafson
- 9/28** Noah Milliken
- 9/30** Bobby St. John  
Dave Duprey

**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.**



All Women, you are invited to the  
St. Margaret's Ice Cream & Pie Social on  
September 18th at 3PM in the Parish Hall.

Bring your favorite pie and a friend!

RSVP Gail @ 674-7655 or

Roberta @ 674-8578 / 461-2755



**From: The Open Gate**  
**Celtic Prayers for Growing Spiritually**

In You we live and move.

In You we have our being.

We are in your love

Enfolded in your peace

Surrounded by your might.

Open our eyes, Lord,

Enlarge our vision.

Open our hearts, Lord,

Increase our faith.

Open our minds, Lord,

Deepen our knowing.

We are in your love

Enfolded in your peace

Surrounded by your might.

In you we live and move.

In you we have our being.

*Submitted by: Juanita Smith*

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**CHURCH**  
**DIRECTORIES**

**An online directory for  
St. Peter's is in the making!**

Helpers are needed for organizing, calling, registrations, etc. If you can assist in this cause, please contact *Sandy Tharaldson*

at 672-7994.

A hard copy of the directory will be available as well. Personal information can change over time. This new directory will present accurate information, allow you to know who is new to St. Peter's and keeps people in touch.

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of  
the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming**

*“We Belong to God”*

**Friday, October 7th - Sunday, October 9th 2016  
Sheridan, Wyoming**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Other Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Event \_\_\_\_\_

\*Alternates, clergy spouses will be marked as other attendees. Youth delegates will be marked a delegate and the youth event

Saturday Banquet only (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night Dinner Options: 3 Jumbo Shrimp and Marinated London Broil

\_\_\_ Surf and Turf                      \_\_\_\_\_ Just Turf                      \_\_\_\_\_ Just Surf

Do you require a vegetarian meal? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to sing in the Choir? \_\_\_\_\_

***The registration fee of \$125 per person may be transferred but not refunded.***

**Checks may be payable and sent to: The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming**

Your registration fee of \$125 includes Friday’s dinner, Saturday’s, lunch, snacks and banquet.

Please mail completed registration forms and fees by **September 1st, 2016** to:

**The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming  
123 South Durbin Street  
Casper, WY 82601**

If there are any questions regarding registration, please contact: [jessica@wyomingdiocese.org](mailto:jessica@wyomingdiocese.org)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1 South Tschirgi Street  
Sheridan, WY 82801



### St. Peter's Office Hours

9:00 am to 2:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

Office Phone: 674-7655

Email: [stpeterssheridan@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterssheridan@gmail.com)

Contact: Suzie Schatz-Benson for more information.

Handbell and Choir Practices beginning soon!

Mondays

6:30 PM

In church basement

Thursdays

6:30 PM

In parish hall



### Contact Information

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Patrick Henderson: Sr. Warden  
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