

The Rock



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

October 2016



From Fr. Wayne's Desk

When I look at what has been happening in the world over the past weeks, it has really been getting me down. I figured if it has been getting to me, then it probably has been getting to some of you also. So I decided to take this time to start a conversation. Where this conversation will end, I do not know, but if we never begin it, nothing will happen.

My biggest problem is that I feel so small in the face of all of this. I see so much happening and feel unable to do anything. My mantra for a long time has been the words of Gandhi, "Be the change you want to see in the world." But when I look at the systemic racism, the blatant bullying, and the self-centered nature of our world, I get frustrated because I see no way to become the change I want to see.

I am a "give me patience and give it to me NOW" kind of person. However, the problems in our world are not going to be fixed within a week, or a year. It probably won't be fixed within our lifetime. This, the slow creep of change, is what I find so frustrating. Seeing no possibility for big changes just makes me want to give up. If I am the only one who feels this way, then I will just be quiet and allow things to continue the way they are. However, I do not believe I am the only one. So what are we supposed to do in the face of the insurmountable?



The thing that I keep coming back to is "be the change." So I cannot change the whole world, I can change things in my world. I can smile a little more. I can let someone merge in front of me. I can look at my thoughts, feelings, and comments and see how I can make changes. Will holding the door for someone stop gun violence in our society? Probably not. But, holding the door for someone may help them to see that the world is not as big and scary as the home security system people want us to believe. Letting someone merge in front of me may allow someone to be less stressed when they get home so they may be less likely to lash out at their kids. I don't know. But what does it cost me to smile? What does it cost me to hold the door? What does it cost me to let a person merge in? Nothing. But it is these small kindnesses that pave the way for bigger changes.

Love, respect, humility, kindness: These are behaviors that Jesus modeled and taught. These are the behaviors that allow society to thrive. When we get caught just looking out for ourselves, we all lose. Love, respect, humility, kindness: These are things that we all can do. We may have to stop the habit, but if we can learn a habit we can unlearn it. In many aspects it is just a matter of becoming aware of the habit.

I am still torn about our world. But we can make small changes. And when we put these small changes together, big things can happen.



Let me know what you think!

Fr. Wayne +





hoped a greater awareness will open our eyes to the gifts that we have and also what we stand to lose if we do not take the care of our creation seriously.

Deacon Tom will be leading us through a meditation on the oceans on October 9th. Damon Piatov will be preaching about the flora and fauna which we depend upon on October 16th. I will be asking us to contemplate the wonder of the Cosmos on October 23rd; and on October 30th, Diana Leiker, with the help of our kids, and I will be leading us through the power of storms. We hope this series will help you to feel refreshed, renewed, and looking at our world in a new way.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me and set up a time. I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas!

See you in church!

Fr. Wayne +



Sunday School News

I can't believe our first month of Sunday School is over! The kids are getting to know each other and settling into our routine. We have started talking about prayer including our blessings and our petitions. Parents you can support this effort by encouraging your child to say a prayer with you sometime during the day (mealtime and bedtime are great opportunities).

We have changed our music Sunday format. All our Sunday Schoolers will start upstairs for the processional hymn and opening prayer. Father Wayne will dismiss the students to their teachers. Thanks for your patience during this time of transition.



The K-5 calendar for October includes:

October 2 - NO SUNDAY

SCHOOL – Animal Blessing - kids are encouraged to bring his/her pets

October 9 (Columbus day) – Ginny (Joanne) we will continue to teach the children about prayer, identifying people in our life that we can pray for and those things in our lives for which we are blessed.

October 16 – Elizabeth Ann (Annabelle) will work with our children on a musical piece that will be shared during our worship service

October 23 – Lois (Jo Anne) will continue with a Healthy living lesson

October 30 – 5th Sunday school students will participate in the worship service upstairs!

Safe Church Training

Safe Church Training is required for all clergy, church employees, and youth group leaders. It is recommended for all vestry members, wardens & Sunday School Teachers.

For those required to take the training it must be renewed every 5 years. It is recommended that everyone renew their training at least that frequently.

Safe Church Training is being offered:
October 22 from 9 - 4 at Grace Church, Lockport
November 3 & 10 from 6 - 9 pm at St. Matthias', East Aurora

The training is also available on-line.

For more details check the Educational Programs page under any of the Resource sections of the Diocesan web-site.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other is the anti-racism training of the Episcopal Church. It is designed to help our church live into our Baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being.

The course will be offered Saturdays October 15 & 22 at St. James' Church in Batavia. The class begins at 8:30 each day. Registration deadline is October 7

To register email your name, contact information & the name of your congregation to Alice Brown (alicebrown@episcopalwny.org)



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Every person should know the symptoms and signs of breast cancer, and any time an abnormality is discovered, it should be investigated by a healthcare professional.

Most people who have breast cancer symptoms and signs will initially notice only one or two, and the presence of these symptoms and signs do not automatically mean that you have breast cancer.

By performing monthly breast self-exams, you will be able to more easily identify any changes in your breast. Be sure to follow up with your Physician if you find anything different.



Once A Month

Adult women of all ages are encouraged to perform breast self-exams at least once a month. Johns Hopkins Medical center states “*Forty*

percent of diagnosed breast cancers are detected by women who feel a lump, so establishing a regular breast self-exam is very important.”

While mammograms can help you to detect cancer before you can feel a lump, breast self-exams help you to be familiar with how your breasts look and feel. Information on Breast exams will be on the Education table in the undercroft. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to talk to you.

Shalom,

Lois Tripp RN

Faith Community Nurse

Thank you for your support of the Flu and Pneumonia Clinic On September 10th

The Visiting Nurses Association was at St. Peter's for our annual Flu clinic. The turnout was very brisk that first 45min-1 hr. We did continue to have walk ins from our church and neighborhood until the closing at 1pm.

Thank you to all that supported our Wellness Team 50/50 raffle. Elaine Miller was the winner and received \$48.



Flu season doesn't really start until October or November, so you've received your shots in plenty of time to develop immunity to the virus. If you were unable to receive your shot that day, please do so asap as long as you

meet criteria for the injection. (No Allergies to eggs or additives in the vaccine)

Shalom and stay healthy,
Lois

Elevator Replacement and other Building Grounds items



The elevator replacement project is in full swing. After the Vestry unanimously approved the replacement an order was placed with Access Elevator, the low bidder. The final drawings have been received from the manufacturer by the vendor for approval and production of the unit will begin soon. A final installation date has not been received but a 4 to 6 week process was the initial time line when the order was placed.

The Vestry also approved the Treasurer's request to approach the Diocese for a short term loan which was granted. This loan will cover the purchase and installation cost while the Capital Fund Drive raises the money necessary to cover this project.

A chart will be on display to show the progress of the Capital Drive. St. Peter's parishioners have always risen to the challenge when a needed project has been proposed. The lack of access to the elevator has stopped several parishioners from attending Sunday services and other functions. Please keep the success of this project in your prayers.

The tree removal is still an ongoing project. The concrete entrances to the parking lot and 130ft of sidewalk have been installed. The parking lot has been sealed and remarked. September was a busy month for outdoor projects.

Ed Hill



Treasurer's Report St. Peter's Episcopal Church September 30, 2016

Receipts YTD

Plate and Pledges	\$60,098.68
Liturgical, Outreach, Special	\$3,903.00
Memorials	\$500.00
Other	\$1,023.65
Total Receipts	\$65,525.33

Disbursements YTD

Building and Grounds	\$5,677.01
Clergy Expense	\$15,264.71
Memorial Expense	\$347.69
Operations	\$10,114.98
Outreach	\$11,186.25
Personnel/Payroll Service & Payroll Tax	\$16,183.31
Utilities	\$4,771.62
Total Disbursements	\$63,545.57
Check account balance as of 9/30/16	\$724.09

Money Market Savings

Interest and Deposits	\$19,972.06
	\$4,102.31
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Withdrawal	\$12,256.00
Total 9/30/16	\$11,818.37

157.05	J. Peters Memorial
870.19	Meath Memorial
100.00	Memorial
30.00	McKay Memorial
3,137.51	Building Fund
374.49	Parish Nurse
426.00	Music Fund
1,230.59	Memorial Garden
691.32	Order of St. Luke
401.00	Theological Ed.
500.00	Cont Ed.
208.00	Camp Scholarships
713.70	Tree Removal
56.00	UTO
2,922.61	Elevator Fund

CF Checking Account	9/30/16	\$1,653.71
Mission & Ministry	9/30/16	\$1,071.18
Columbarium	9/30/16	\$3,518.28
Diocesan Trust	6/30/16	\$16,289.19

Prayers of the People

Long Term List: Leigh, Bill B, Dorothy, Richard A, Bob R, Bruce, Novene, Candida, Cecelia, Meg, Jim G and family, Gary & Marty D, Mary Ann and family and Leo.

Short Term List: Diane, Scott and Jason, Linda, Ruth, Merrie, Alissa, Karen M, Ruth S, Jeffery, Kaila, JoAnn C, Luana, Cathy J, Judy, Sharon, Tonia, Pauline T, John F, Bernie O, Merrie, Bethaney, Melissa, Sandy, Tarah, Michael and baby Lora Beth, Joey and Marissa, Maureen and Maria

Home bound: Mary Lou and Phil, Jim & Mary M, Faith R.

Armed Forces: Nathaniel, Tim, Christopher and Tim B

Departed: Connie W.

Thanksgiving: Tom



Please contact me if there are any errors, updates or additions at
838-6156 or sgunn@sixgunns.com

Thanks and God Bless!

Sue Gunn



10/02 Elizabeth Anne Schascheck
10/05 Steve Hardy
10/09 Dillon Lobat
10.09 Wayne Krocket
10/14 Sara Gunn
10/20 Marty Donnhauser
10/26 Michael Taube
10.28 Philip Gardner
10/28 Shawn Nagel
10/29 James Peters



10/05 Mr. & Mrs. San Scime
10/07 Mr & Mrs James Peters
10/07 Mr & Mrs. David Hemmer
10/15 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Serafin



St. Peter's calendar of events - October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organizations' Notes :</u></p> <p>A.S.G. : American Sewing Guild D.M.C. : Diocesan Ministry Center, 1064 Brighton Rd., E.F.M. : Education For Ministry N.H. : Nursing Homes OLR : Our Little Roses Cent. America Mission OSL : Order of St. Luke, <i>the Healing Physician</i> PNMNY : Parish Nurse Ministries of New York T-O-H : The Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry</p>						1	<p>10-12n Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry Open</p> <p>1pm Our Little Roses tea at D.M.C.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>8 Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 10am <u>Blessing of the Animals</u> 10am Nursery & Sunday School 11:15am Coffee Hour 1:30pm Wedgewood N.H.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>9:30am-1pm Needle-Arts Group 2-5pm undercroft cleaning</p>	4	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>10-11:30am Lifestyles Group (undercroft) 1-3pm E.F.M. 6:30pm Eve. Prayer & Healing 7pm movie 'Armor of Light'</p>	6	7	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9am Rocks Breakfast at Family Tree</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Nursery & Sunday School 11:15am Coffee Hour 11:15am Blood Pressure Clinic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>9:30am-1pm Needle-Arts Group Columbus Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>6:30pm Vestry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>10-12n Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry Open 10-11:30am Lifestyles Group (undercroft) 1-3pm E.F.M. 6:30pm Eve. Prayer & Healing 7pm Bottle Club (undercroft) 7pm O.S.L. Meeting</p>	13	14	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>9:30-12n Sewing Class 10-12n Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry Open</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Nursery & Sunday School 11:15am Sauce Cook-Off</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>9:30am-1pm Needle-Arts Group 2-5pm undercroft cleaning</p>	18	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>10-11:30am Lifestyles Group (undercroft) 1-3pm E.F.M. 6:30pm Eve. Prayer & Healing</p>	20	21	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>9:30-12n Sewing Class</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Nursery & Sunday School 11:15am Coffee Hour 2pm Amberleigh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>9:30am-1pm Needle-Arts Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>6:30pm Ministry Team</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>10-12n Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry Open 10-11:30am Lifestyles Group (undercroft) 1-3pm E.F.M. 6-9pm A.S.G. 6:30pm Eve. Prayer & Healing</p>	27 <p>11am Lunch Bunch</p>	28	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>9:30-12n Sewing Class</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Nursery & Sunday School 11:15am Coffee Hour</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>9:30am-1pm Needle-Arts Group 2-5pm undercroft cleaning Halloween</p>	Nov 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 2</p> <p>10-11:30am Lifestyles Group (undercroft) 1-3pm E.F.M. 6:30pm Eve. Prayer & Healing</p>	Nov 3	Nov 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 5</p> <p>9:30-12n Sewing Class 10-12n Threads-Of-Hope Linen Pantry Open</p>	



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Organist: S. Elizabeth Ann Schascheck

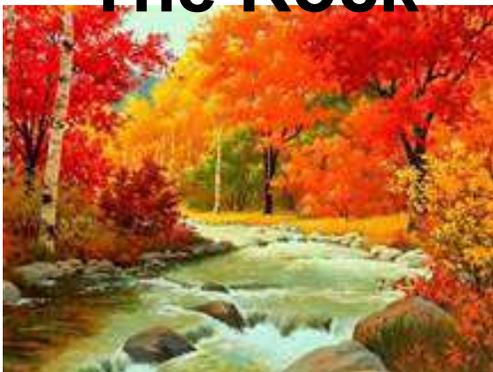


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