

The Wave - MAY 2018

St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal - Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

PENTECOST

The fire that explodes in our hearts

The driving force that compels us on

The peace that passes all understanding

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your spirit and we shall be created

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

May that fire that was kindled in the Apostles' hearts 2000 years ago be kindled anew in your hearts this Pentecost and may that Spirit embolden you to do what God calls you to do in this world.

Pentecost blessings to you all – Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

"Love hurts, Love scars, Love wounds and mars....."

These words, written by Felice and Boudleaux Bryant, and recorded by the Everly Brothers in 1961, came home to me to with a vengeance this past week when my friend and constant companion of seven years, Buddy, passed away due to kidney failure. My heart and the hearts of everyone in our family have been plowed and harrowed this week.

Buddy was a sad-looking fellow when we found him in March 2011 at the Kingston Animal Pound. He had been found wandering in the woods near there. Neighbors said he had been there for at least 9 months. He was a senior dog and no one seemed to want him. He was terribly underweight and extremely ill with heart worm and Lyme disease. The vet who treated him estimated his age at around seven. There were two shaved patches on his back where medicines had been given to him by infusion.

When I first said hello to him he had such sad eyes. He hung his head and refused to look at me. He was near the point of giving up hope. For me, it was love at first sight! We had started out that day looking for a small, short-haired dog who wouldn't shed. Buddy was large with a glorious reddish-gold coat. Nancy said: "Well, what are we going to do?" I said: "Do? I'm going to get this guy out of here, and take him home with us." So we paid his ransom and he joined our family. We didn't think he'd live very long, but he clearly needed a loving forever home for whatever time he had left. As it turned out, we had seven wonderful years with him.

I was just beginning my studies for the Diaconate and he became my constant companion as I read, studied and wrote in my office. His personality blossomed in our home, but he had a deep fear of being abandoned. We learned to love Buddy.....deeply, fiercely. He could do no wrong in our eyes. In fact, he had no bad habits. He wouldn't get on the furniture or the beds. He didn't bark, but only because he didn't feel the need (I only heard his bark once and he had a deep manly voice). He never threatened another person or dog. He refused to chase the rabbits in our back yard. Buddy liked to take his naps there. I noticed one day that the bunnies were playing, not 6 feet away from him as he slept. At night, before he went to bed, he asked to be let out on the porch, where he would just sit with his head pointed up at the stars, and there he'd sit for 15 or 20 minutes, obviously saying his prayers and communing with his maker. Someone described Buddy as a very old, gentle, and compassionate soul. And he was.....all of that and more.

Buddy taught us to appreciate fresh air, clear skies, our fellow creatures around us, the value of devotion, the comfort of a hug and a nuzzle, patience, the joy of a long walk, and taking time to sniff the grass and flowers.

One day, in the vet's office, a very old female Labrador came tottering in the door. She was very frail and obviously in great pain. Without hesitation, Buddy walked over to her, sidled up to her and touched her muzzle with his own. There was not a dry eye in the place. Buddy always sensed when someone was in pain, suffering. Invariably he would walk over to them, gently touch them or just sit beside them. Isn't that what everyone needs when they are sick? He would have made a perfect therapy dog, but we couldn't bear to live without him while he was in training. I have learned so much from Buddy about how to live gently, compassionately in this world.

Love truly does hurt. If you dare to love anyone, any living thing, you will pay a price. I hope you aren't deterred by that knowledge, because love is also the way to joy, peace, reconciliation, renewal. I learned that from my wife, my daughter, my son-in-law, and from Buddy. It is the way of the Cross.

I love you Buddy. I will probably never meet your like again, but even a short 7 years was enough. We will meet you again, but that seems soooo long to wait.

Thank you all for your patience with Nancy and me as we grieve. Many of you came to know Buddy through my WAVE articles. Is this the last I will write about Buddy? Probably not. He was too central to my life. For those of you who never got to meet Buddy in person, here is a tribute and a picture my son-in-law Carsten posted about him on Facebook. It belongs in this remembrance of Buddy. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for us and for Buddy.

Deacon Robert Sherwood



VISIBLE VESTRY

Vestry met on Monday, April 16, 2018.

1. Bruce Rockwell will be unable to do our audit this year. He has recommended another auditor.
2. The 12" numbers for the front of our building have been obtained by Patti Metcalf and installed by Don Smith. Great job!
3. Tom Williams who installed our handicapped ramp several years ago has also installed the new handicapped parking signs. We will be restriping the handicapped spaces and the other parking spaces in our parking lot at some point in the future.
4. The Vestry approved purchasing a new pump for the downstairs area which will hopefully decrease flooding in the Discovery Preschool. The installation of this pump should take place in May.
5. We continue to investigate ways to alleviate problems with our stove.
6. We have not heard yet if Mass Maritime Academy (MMA) will be interested in signing another contract with us for cadet parking / plowing. Rev. Sue will follow up with our contact at MMA.
7. Holy Week and Easter services went very well and the choir and musicians did a great job! Attendance was higher than last year at most services. Easter attendance was 50 (8:00) and 113 (10:00).
8. There will be two baptisms at the 10:00 service on April 29 and 1 baptism at the 10:00 service on Pentecost, May 20. After the baptism on May 20, everyone is invited to a reception at White Cliffs in Plymouth.
9. We will be hosting the Diocesan Altar Guild on April 28 which will include a Eucharist and luncheon.
10. Deacon Bob and Rev. Sue will be attending the annual Clergy Conference from April 23-25 at Ocean Edge in Brewster. Keynote speaker will be Professor Amy-Jill Levine who authored a book on parables, *SHORT STORIES JESUS TELLS*, that Rev. Sue used in the parable study we had several years ago.
11. Vestry Liaisons from the Administration, Communications, Outreach, Parish Life, and Pastoral Care ministry areas presented their goals for 2018. These were well thought out and substantial goals and we look forward to the work that these groups will do to achieve these goals.
12. There was discussion of Parish Hall usage by outside groups. The Building Use form needs to be reviewed and revised. Rev. Sue will send out a copy of the current form to all Vestry members and there will be more discussion at the May Vestry meeting.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2018.

Spring blessings – The Rev. Sue Lederhouse (for the vacationing Senior Warden, Linda Masson)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MAY 6

We return to the first Sunday of the month for Pancake Breakfast! Our friendly and dedicated Pancake Sunday team will be back cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, May 6, at 9:00 a.m.**, so that both eight o'clockers and tenners can enjoy a treat and a visit. For more information, contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

HEALING SERVICE - MAY 13

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. Usually this service is held on the third Sunday of the month, but because of the baptism on May 20, we will be moving the Healing Service to **Sunday, May 13, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - MAY 13

We will celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries on the second Sunday this month, May 13, at both services.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - MAY 14

On **May 14**, we will begin our study of **Judith** who has a book all her own in the Apocrypha – that section of the Bible you will often find between the Old and New Testaments. The group will **NOT** meet on May 28 because of Memorial Day. We will finish our study of Judith on June 11. No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don't have one, we can provide one for you. The group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - MAY 19

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19** at Leo's Restaurant, 249 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. At the March meeting, it was decided to stay at Leo's through the June gathering and then reconvene in the fall at Persy's Place in East Wareham. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. Contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453) for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST - MAY 20

Pentecost is one of those “forgotten” holy days. It doesn’t get nearly the same kind of “press” as Christmas or Easter and yet it’s an important day when we think about the Church and the formation of Christian community. Like Easter, it’s a movable feast. In fact, the date of Pentecost depends on the date of Easter since it falls 50 days later. And since Easter was early this year, so Pentecost is early this year as well. This year, it takes place on **MAY 20**.

One of the great Pentecost traditions is to proclaim the Gospel in many different languages, mirroring that first Pentecost in which people heard the Apostles speaking to them in their own native languages. If YOU can speak another language and would like to help proclaim the Gospel in that language on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20 - at the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service**, please let me know by **MAY 11**. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex beginning **April 29**. I will provide the reading for you.

At the 10:00 service, we also will have the baptism of William Samuel Bruce, son of Matthew and Emma Bruce AND we are all invited to join the Bruce family at White Cliffs afterwards for a wonderful reception [See the article later in this WAVE].

And remember the other Pentecost tradition – **WEAR RED TO CHURCH THAT DAY!** Let’s make the congregation a sea of red!

Sue Lederhouse+

A BAPTISMAL RECEPTION INVITATION

YOU are invited to

A Baptismal Reception for **William Samuel Bruce**

LOCATION: White Cliffs Country Club

1 East Cliff Drive, Plymouth, MA

WHEN: MAY 20, 2018

TIME: 12PM-4PM

All members of St. Peter's are invited.

Please Sign Up in the Narthex by Sunday, May 6th.

For additional information or questions, please contact Matthew Morgan Bruce at:
mmbruce11@comcast.net

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENDS MAY 31, 2018

Many thanks to all of you who have been such faithful donors to the St. Peter's Capital Campaign. The Campaign started June 1, 2013 and now will be coming to an end on May 31. Our original goals for the Campaign were: (1) to retire our Stokes Loan (\$20,000) that we took out in 2012 to pay for roof work and new flooring in the Parish Hall and Kitchen; (2) to fund our contribution to the Diocesan Together Now campaign; (3) to increase the Rector's percentage time at St. Peter's; and (4) to create an endowment for future needs. We have done all of these things over the past 5 years and we were also able to use Capital Fund money when we urgently needed to purchase a new freezer two years ago. The remaining funds total over \$67,000. These funds will enable us to pay for unexpected expenses and other capital needs as the Vestry decides. If you are unclear about whether you have completed your Capital Fund pledge payments, please contact our Accountant, Chuck Soule (508-947-0388) for more information. Again thank you so much for your faithful giving!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - JUNE 4 - 12:30 P.M.

All women of the parish are invited to a luncheon at LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT (Cranberry Highway, East Wareham) on **MONDAY, JUNE 4, at 12:30 p.m.** This will be a good chance to catch up before summer starts. Please contact GEORGI FRAMPTON (508-888-4976) and let her know if you can come!

WEEKLY EMAIL

Hopefully you are receiving the weekly email blast we started sending earlier this year. This email is a brief reminder of lessons for the upcoming Sunday, servers for that Sunday, calendar and upcoming events. It will also be used to notify parishioners of service or event cancellations (in the case of snow, etc.). If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to, please call or email the Church Office (508-759-5641 / saintpeters@verizon.net) and leave your email address with Kathy. (You might also check your Spam folder to see if the weekly email has wound up there!)

THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of May, we will be gathering twin bed items.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's clothing in good condition is accepted every month. Thank you to all parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

GREATER WAREHAM WALK FOR HUNGER - MAY 6

Sunday, May 6, is the ninth annual Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger, which raises money for Project Bread. Project Bread provides millions of dollars each year to more than 400 emergency food programs in 128 communities statewide including the community of Wareham. The walk is five miles and begins at **1 PM**. The walk starts and finishes at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please consider walking and collecting sponsor donations for this year's Walk for Hunger. More information and sponsor forms/instruction sheets for the walk are available on the bulletin board in the back hallway adjacent to the back entrance. Please plan to walk and/or sponsor a walker. Thank you!

TURN OFF THOSE LIGHTS!

As you may have noticed from your Eversource bills, electricity is getting more expensive. We can all help save St. Peter's some money by cutting off lights that are not in use. Every little bit helps to save some money for other uses. Thanks for your help!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The focus of this group will be to assess our building and grounds to see what repairs and upgrades need to be done and to help the Vestry prioritize what are the most important things that need to be done to keep our building and grounds in the best condition. Some of these repairs or upgrades may be able to be done by our Building Manager or others in the parish and some may have to be contracted out. **This group would not primarily be charged with doing the work but assessing what needs to be done.**

If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact me or Lynne Brune, Junior Warden. **This group will meet in mid-May.** Many thanks for your help!

Sue Lederhouse+

WOODEN REPLICAS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SALE

Small wooden replicas of St. Peter's Church are available for purchase. The price is \$15.00 each. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's or pay in cash. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (508-759-5641).

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Then our Building Manager, Frank Walker, can take care of it. Thanks for your help!

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

Have you signed up in the Narthex to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

CAN WE E-MAIL YOU?

We make THE WAVE available electronically to anyone who would prefer to receive it via e-mail. This enables us to save money on both paper and postage. When you send your e-mail address, along with your name and mailing address (for clarification) to susanhebb@comcast.net, she will add your name to a list, and you will receive the next month's newsletter by that means; subsequently your name would be removed from the print mailing list.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146, or Priscilla Ellis at 508-563-7786.

If you would like to join the Emergency Prayer Chain and commit to praying for those in need, please contact one of the individuals listed above and specify if you would like to receive information by email or by phone.

Individuals will remain on the Prayer Chain for 2 weeks unless updated. All requests will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on the Prayer Chain. Please let us know if you would also like to add the prayer request to the Sunday bulletin.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (May 16), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC.: Meets on the second Wednesday of each month (May 9), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis. **WOMEN'S**

RECOVERY GROUP: For any woman needing help with addiction to alcohol or drugs: Meets weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CAREGIVER EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **June** issue is Friday, **May 18**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

MAY 2018

6	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
13	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Birthdays & Anniversaries Healing Service
14	Monday	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Substance Abuse Prevention Group
17	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Friends of Council on Aging
18	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
19	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
20	Sunday		PENTECOST Baptism @ 10 – reception following at White Cliffs
21	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
28	Monday		MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED / NO BIBLE STUDIES
29	Tuesday	10 - 4 11:00 a.m.	OFFICE OPEN Bible Study

Upcoming Dates

June 4	Women's Lunch @ Lindsey's	June 11	Last Bible Studies till Fall
June 17	Last Choir till Fall	July 4	Parade / Craft Fair

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:15 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen
	7:30 p.m.	AA (Men's Closed Meeting)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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