

March 2017

# Fish Tales

Episcopal Parish serving the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region since 1962



## Thoughts from Senior Warden

I write this as a beautiful scene is taking place, a group of deer have come to eat the food that was left for them. They are a beautiful reminder of God's beauty in nature. We should all take a moment during this season of Lent to reflect on all of God's creatures. What could we have done and what should we be doing to show God's love for all.

Our annual retreat was scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>; we had to reschedule it because of a snow storm. The retreat will be added to a future vestry meeting. We had planned on talking about what more we can do in reaching out to the community and what we can be doing to welcome newcomers. Our Vestry this year will be looking to complete some of the remaining tasks from last year and the new thoughts and ideas for this year.

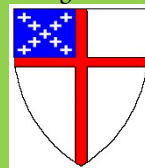
I look forward to a wonderful year as your Senior Warden and ask all of you to work with me and the Vestry as we move through the year ahead.

-Clark Lewis, Senior Warden

*Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.*  
Nathaniel Hawthorne

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

42 Sweden Road  
Bridgton, me 04009  
207-647-8549  
E-mail:  
stpetersbridgtonmaine.com



*St Peter's Episcopal Church began as a summer mission in 1962. On September 8, 1974 St Peter's- by -the- Lake held its first service of extended ministry. Since then, though it did not have a home of its own, the church has provided an Episcopal presence to summer and year-round*



*Ian proudly wears his Boy Scout shirt for Boy Scout Sunday. Here he is with mum, dad and his sister Emily.*



Eric Wissmann took this picture of St Peter's in the snow. We had another 2 feet of snow after this picture was taken.

#### In-Reach Committee

The In-Reach Committee consists of Tom, Elna, Carmen Doughty, Barbara Ryan, Barbara Collins, Norm Nicholson, Joan Lewis, Ingrid Von Kannewurff, Jean Kobrock, and Fr. Craig. We meet the first Sunday of the month during coffee hour. The meetings are brief, and the topics are: Respite; Rideshare; Birthday, Get Well and Sympathy Cards; and, Coffee Hour which we do on the third Sunday of every month. The above activities are geared to assist church members who are ill, have need of rides, and enjoy greeting cards.

Presently there are a few persons on the mend: John Ramsey, Peter Mortenson, and Fr. Craig.

Pete Wilson will be moving to his daughter, Athena's, house in Pittsburgh by mid-February.

If you would like to come to a meeting, we would love to have you.

Tom Stone

#### Lenten Luncheons

Lenten Luncheons will be held every Wednesday 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Bridgton. St. Peter's and the Bridgton Community Center are in charge of the soup and bread on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread.

All are welcome

#### Vestry Minutes January 29, 2017

Present: Clark Lewis, Eric Wissmann, Fred Stuart, Ray Turner, Chris Molloy, Deb Ripley and Emily Hammerle

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chris Molloy.

**Clerk's Report:** Minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented at the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the housing resolution for Fr. Craig. The motion passed.

Eric needs more counting assistance after the Sunday service. Members volunteered to provide this service. When Eric is not there, the collection should be locked in the third drawer of the file cabinet in the office.

#### **Old Business:**

Deb Ripley had planned to coordinate an activity in February for "Heart Health Month" but had to decline because of health problems.

Last year 425 calendars were sold for a profit of \$9.25 each. Ending of the calendar sales will cause a large financial loss to St. Peter's but we are in a good position financially.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Sundays are coming up. We need to plan for this. Paul St. John is the coordinator for Boy Scouts.

In-reach could use more drivers.

Memorial Garden: The memorial garden needs to be fenced and designated as a cemetery. Funds have been set aside for this.

Updating the Web Page – Paul St. John is in charge of this. Facebook is now more up to date than a web site. Nelle will be consulted on this.

Lights in the upper parking lot and the need for electrical outlets on the exterior of the church need to be addressed. Ray will look into this.

Community dinners – this has been funded by the town. Money needed by Margaret comes from outreach and then is reimbursed.

#### **New Business:**

Someone needs to produce a calendar of church activities for 2017.

Last year we had multiple monthly vestry meetings. We would like to go back to one Sunday a month. A motion was made and seconded to hold Vestry meetings on the third Sunday of the month. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Emily Hammerle  
Clerk

## LIVING LOCAL - JOINING GOD

*Living Local - Joining God* is a new diocesan Initiative that the Vestry approved for St. Peter's. It is a 2-year discernment stepping into new behaviors and opening up different perspectives. Where is God at work? What are we being called to do? The four members of our Guiding Team include Barbara Collins, Ray Turner, Ingrid Von Kanneurth and Chris Molloy. The first phrase (January to May) is called LISTEN TO LEARN. We invite everyone to help with three different exercises: (1) Listening to the WORD, (2) listening to each congregant, (3) listening to the neighborhoods. Each section is voluntary, has specific directions and a written summary. You can find more information at the Diocese of Maine website or can contact Barbara, Ray, Chris or Ingrid.



Donal and Susan take a moment to rest and enjoy each other's company.

### March Birthdays

Catrina Allen

Phil Blaney

Ray Baldwin

Karen Oakley

Margaret Reimer

Anastasia "Ana" Ripley

Toni Strother

Stephen Collins

Sigvard Von Sicard

Dale McClure

### MEET YOUR VESTRY

**Clark Lewis**  
Senior Warden



I am a Massachusetts native, moving to Maine in 2002. We moved to Bridgton in 2013. Joan and I have been married for 51 years, have 3 children (Heather, Dave and Geoff) and 4 grand-children (Amanda, Ashley, Owen and Eddie), one dog (Cody) and one cat (Harry). We enjoy traveling all over the world and particularly enjoyed living in Paris France for 2 years while working for Raytheon. My goal as Senior Warden is to bring St Peter's forward spiritually and administratively.

### LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

*First Sunday in Lent*

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

*Romans 5: 12-19*

*Psalms 32*

*Matthew 4: 1-11*

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Genesis 12: 1-4a*

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

*Psalms 121*

*John 3: 1-17*

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*Exodus 17: 1-7*

*Romans 5: 1-11*

*Psalms 95*

*John 4: 5-42*

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*1 Samuel 16: 1-13*

*Ephesians 5: 8-14*

*Psalms 23*

*John 9: 1-41*



## ST. PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

*CALEB ALLEN REIMER WILL BE BAPTIZED IN MICHIGAN SUNDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>. MARGARET AND TERRY WILL BE THERE, AS WILL HIS GREAT AUNT AND UNCLE, MARK AND CONNIE ESPE.*

---

*AUBREY WISSMANN, ERIC AND SANDY'S DAUGHTER AND TOM & ELNA STONE'S GRANDAUGHTER, WILL BE TRAVELING FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA TO ZURICH SWITZERLAND TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. IT IS A SMALL WORLD.*



## NEW Library Books

**All can be found on the book display rack in the narthex.  
A reminder: Please be respectful of the one-month circulation period.**

Bass, Diana Butler. *Grounded: finding God in the world, a spiritual revolution*

Borg, Marcus. *Jesus: the life, teachings, and relevance of a religious revolutionary*

Buchanan, Mark. *The rest of God: restoring your soul by restoring Sabbath*

Cook, Stephen L. *Conversations with Scripture: 2 Isaiah*

Crafton, Barbara Cawthorne. *Called*

Curry, Michael B. *Crazy Christians: a call to follow Jesus*

Hoch, Matthew. *Welcome to Church music & the Hymnal 1982*

Barbara Mortenson  
Parish Librarian



## CHURCH INFO

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
43 Sweden Road  
(P.O. Box 134)

Bridgton, Me. 04009

E-Mail:

[www.stpetersbridgtonmaine.com](http://www.stpetersbridgtonmaine.com)

### Pastoral Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Holy Eucharist

(Sunday School and Child Care in season)

Sunday - 9:00 am

### Rector

The Reverend Craig Hacker

Phone: 207-647-4639

### Director of Music

Evan Miller

### Vestry

Senior Warden: Clark Lewis

Junior Warden: Nelle Ely

Treasurer: Eric Wissmann

Clerk: Emily Hammerle

Members:

Darren Jermacans

Ingrid Von Kanneurff

Christine Molloy

Deb Ripley

Fred Stewart

Ray Turner

### Prayers of the People

Please remember the following in your daily prayers:

#### Those in sickness or distress:

Ken, Roger, Ray, Jim,  
Fr. Craig, Sara, Peter,  
John Steve, Blanche  
Rosemary Ingrid,  
Rebekah, Amanda,  
Stephanie, John Peter  
and Family, Janet &  
Family

#### Coffee hour schedule:

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Bob and Norma Vivian and Barbara Marshall

March 12<sup>th</sup>

March 19<sup>th</sup>

In Reach

March 26<sup>th</sup>



Bob, Norma and Barbara prepare for Coffee Hour after church.

## The Mission of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is a congregation that meets to worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is place where everyone is welcome. We find our strength in the Eucharist. We pray that we may use our time, talent and resources for the benefit of our community. We gather to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to uphold and support each other and to reach out in service to others.

# March

*Sun*

*Mon*

*Tue*

*Wed*

*Thu*

*Fri*

*Sat*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**Ash Wednesday**

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
12:00 Lenten Luncheon St. Joseph's

**6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service**

9:00 am Woman's Group  
12-1:00 AA  
2-3:00 Choir practice

12 – 1:00 pm AA

**5**

**6**

**7**

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**

**Girl Scout Sunday**  
9:00 am Service & S.S.  
In-reach meeting

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
12:00 Lenten St. **Peter's to sponsor Luncheon St. Joseph's**  
6:30 pm Contemplative Prayer

9:00 am Woman's Group  
12-1:00 AA  
2-3:00 Choir practice

12 – 1:00 pm AA

**TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**Day light saving time begins**  
9:00 am Service & S.S.  
11:00 am BHCC Service

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
10 – 12:00 Noon Prayer Shawl Meeting

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
12:00 Lenten Luncheon St. Joseph's

9:00 am Woman's Group  
12-1:00 AA  
2-3:00 Choir practice

12 – 1:00 pm AA

**19**

**20**

**21**

**22**

**23**

**24**

**25**

9:00 am Service & S.S.

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
12:00 Lenten Luncheon St. Joseph's

9:00 am Woman's Group  
12-1:00 AA  
2-3:00 Choir practice

12 – 1:00 pm AA

**26**

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**

**31**

9:00 am Service & S.S.

12 – 1:00 pm AA

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
10 – 12:00 Noon Prayer Shawl Meeting

12 – 1:00 pm AA  
12:00 Lenten Luncheon St. Joseph's  
5:30 Community Dinner

9:00 am Woman's Group  
12-1:00 AA  
2-3:00 Choir practice

12 – 1:00 pm AA

**2017**