

FISH TALES

Episcopal Parish serving the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region since 1962
NOVEMBER 2018



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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A NOTE FROM FATHER WARREN

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to be looking forward to the year ahead; the vestry, diocese, and I agree that we are called together to deepen and extend our mission at St. Peter's. As the weather cools, our fellowship warms. Nov. 4th is the Sunday of All Saints, when we will remember those who have opened our way, died in God's ongoing care, and live in our greater lives. We'll renew our own baptismal vows, and celebrate our life together.

On Saturday, Nov. 9th we are hosting a singing workshop. Even if you've never sung with others, or through sickness feel you have been disabled, our host and coach, Mary Sullivan, will help renew and restore a joyful voice. Plan to come at least for the morning. See the full details further on.

I'm grateful for the many ways we support each and reach out in Bridgton and beyond.

Yours in Christ,
Dan+

CHURCH INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Father Daniel Warren has office hours by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Emergency contact

Fr. Dan Warren @ 207-408-1430
Sr. Warden Clark Lewis @ 207-710-6417

Holy Eucharist

Sunday at 10:00 am

Director of Music

Evan Miller

Vestry

Sr. Warden: Clark Lewis
Jr. Warden: Tom Stone
Treasurer: Eric Wissmann
Clerk: Chris Molloy
Members:
Fred Stewart
Jan Boole
Ingrid Von Kanneurff
Ray Turner
Margaret Reimer
Barbara Collins

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 residents of the Lakes Region by meeting in various locations including people's homes, Bridgton Academy and local churches of different denominations. The first service in St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sweden Road, Bridgton, was held on May 25, 2008. The building and its contents were dedicated and consecrated on June 1, 2008.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

November 4th	Bob & Norma Vivian, Barbara Marshall
November 11th	Sheila Crocker
November 18th	In-Reach
November 25th	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

Please consider volunteering for coffee hour. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you



Volunteer Drivers

From time to time there are parishioners that need a ride to a doctor's office or hospital. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for those who would be available to provide a ride. Please sign your name and telephone number where you can be contacted.



We welcomed the
Rev. Elizabeth
Miller as officiant
and preacher on
Sunday October 21st





TOMS TIDBITS

1. On Saturday, October 13th we had a successful work day even during a light rain. Elna, Joan, and Nancy Keith-Maki worked in the kitchen cleaning out the refrigerator, stove, and drawers and cabinets. Sandy and Clark pressure cleaned the entrance and windows. Sandy came back on Monday and pressure cleaned the rear of the building, and Elna also came back on Monday to cut back the plants around the Celtic cross. Eric and Tom cut down small trees that were growing along the perimeter of the upper parking lot, and Eric previously brought his trailer and cut down the left side of the upper lot and hauled everything away.
2. I'm wondering if there are any house painters in church who would be willing to have a touch up paint day this fall or winter?
3. Has anyone noticed any things that should to be done around the church? Call me at 647-2047.

Tom Stone

And, Elna added a big thank you to all of you who "adopted" a small garden around the perimeter of the church last year and have completed the fall job of cutting back those gardens. There are a few other places that still need to be cut back. So if you don't have a specific "adopted" area and would like to help out wherever you see the need, please go ahead and do it!

FALL CLEAN UP DAY OCTOBER 13, 2018



Elna, Nancy and Joan (behind the camera) cleaned kitchen & windows inside while Sandy and Clark washed the exterior of windows & entrance



I missed getting pictures of Tom and Eric cutting down the trees around the parking lot

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



*Linda Williams
Pat Spracklund
Dawn Wentworth
Ashley Wissmann
Thomas Jacobs
Angela Falso
Marian Precht
Aurora Falso*



St. Peter's Episcopal and First Congregational of Bridgton offer

A day of vocal and choral workshops with soprano Mary Sullivan

Basic Vocal Technique

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Everyone can sing, and sing well! But... we have to learn to do a few things right. Whether you're just beginning, or you're a lifelong singer who would like to increase your range, smooth out your transitions, and sing with more fluency and confidence, this workshop is for you.

We'll talk about the mechanics of good singing, and how we work with our own level of experience and natural psychology to get the best result in each moment of music; and how to hear and deeply enjoy the music you create with your fellow singers.

All are welcome, no sight reading required.

\$10/person, high school students welcome, scholarships available

Limit: 25 participants

Afternoon choral intensive

Saturday, November 10, 1:30-3:30pm

In the afternoon, we'll explore advanced vocal technique, lyric diction, and choral skills. Learn how to achieve choral blend through high-quality vowels and the proper use of support and musical gesture, instead of by manipulating your personal sound. Learn how to achieve a superior choral blend and musical result, and improved tone and intonation, through the intelligent use of authentic, free, complete, and balanced resonance.

Through selections from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and a selection from Bach, Brahms, or Faure (TBD), we'll explore what it means to sing chant beautifully, and also sing choral selections in parts with fluency. Learn how to bring your own musicianship more fully into relationship with your conductor and with your fellow singers; and how to illuminate classics from beloved choral repertoire.

Some sight reading required.

\$10/person, high school students welcome, scholarships available

Limit: 40 participants

Optional Evening Field Trip: Monteverdi *Vespers*, presented by the Oratorio Chorale

Join us for a road trip to Woodford's Church in Portland, to see the Oratorio Chorale's performance of the magnificent Monteverdi *Vespers*. Chamber orchestra and world-class soloists will make this a special occasion. Ms. Sullivan is the Artist in Residence for the Oratorio Chorale, and the group rate for workshop participants (10 people or more) is \$15/person.



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

I have just returned from the Maine Episcopal Diocese Convention and will spare you the details of the election of people to the various diocesan committees. I will outline an important development that allows the continuation of parishes in various needs. There has been a merger of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Augusta, now called the Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church. The church is part of the Maine Episcopal Diocese and the Lutheran Synod. This union results in the church actually reporting to two respective Bishops. An interesting concept.

Within St. Peter's it is time for our 2019 Pledge Campaign. The campaign gives each of us a reason to review what St. Peter's means to us and to reciprocate with a financial pledge but also a pledge of time and talent. We are a church of people contributing to help others while finding our own place with Christ

A POEM BEGNS IN DELIGHT AND ENDS IN WISDOM

ROBERT FROST



*Clark, Fr. Warren, Margaret and
Terry at the 2018 Maine Episcopal
Convention in Portland*





The Church's Teaching Series

This month's column features titles that were donated by an anonymous donor. Thank you so much, whoever you are! These books, part of Cowley Publications' (The New) Church's Teaching Series are a wonderful addition to St. Peter's library. This series aims to "help Anglicans deepen their understanding of the Christian faith..." Each of the books explores a different aspect of our faith, "including theology, scripture spirituality, worship, ethics, mission, and history."

I recently learned that Cowley Publications is a ministry of the brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, a monastic community based in Cambridge, MA. To quote from the Episcopal Church website: "They seek to provide engaging books for ongoing theological exploration and spiritual formation of seekers, pastors and church leaders. They aim to develop a new generation of writers whose books will encourage people to think and pray in new ways about the life of faith and the future."

Please note: As always, the St. Peter's congregation is encouraged to donate appropriate books for library consideration. *Also, monetary donations, to be put towards completing this series, would be most welcome.*

NEW Books

Living with History (Thompsett)
Early Christian Traditions (Lyman)
Opening the Prayer Book (Lee)
The Practice of Prayer (Guenther)
Engaging the Word (Johnston)
Ethics after Easter (Holmgren)

Barbara Mortenson
Parish Librarian

OUTREACH

Anyone interested in working with the OUTREACH COMMITTEE, contact Barbara Collins (clllns@aol.com) and gather Sunday, November 11th, after coffee hour in the Sunday school room.

A NOTE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This year the St. Peter's stewardship season will ask us, as members of this faith family, to consider how *generosity can transform us, our community and our church*. When we become financially generous, we can empower the ministry of St. Peter's and transform the wider community.

This year's pledge drive is about more than our parish budget. It is about how we transform generosity and allow generosity to transform us.

In the next few weeks we will share stories about how the generous nature of this congregation has transformed us and others. We invite you to join in this conversation and explore the ways in which God's love empowers our growth.

The following was by Jimmy Dean, the sausage guy, from his opening remarks at the East Texas State Fair in 1987.

Drinking From My Saucer

I've never made a fortune,
and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's journey,
I'm reaping better than I sowed,
And I'm drinking from my saucer,
Cause my cup has overflowed.

I ain't got alot of riches,
And sometimes the goings tough,
But I've got three kids that love me,
And that makes me rich enough.
I just thank God for all His Blessings,
And the mercies he's bestowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer
cause my cup has overflowed.

And if God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
To help another bear his load,
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
cause my cup has overflowed.

Thank you Chris Molloy for sharing this with us.



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting**

September 23, 2018

Sr. Warden opened the meeting with prayer at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Sr. Warden Clark Lewis Jr. Warden Tom Stone, Treasurer Eric Wissmann, Fr. Dan Warren, Barbara Collins, Margaret Reimer, Fred Stuart, Ingrid von Kunnewurff and Clerk Christine Molloy.

ABSENT: Jan Boole and Ray Turner.

Upon motion made by Margaret Reimer and seconded by Fred Stuart, it was VOTED to accept August's minutes.

The turkey supper is set for this Saturday, September 29th. The Memorial Garden Arbor has been installed, and it works well to separate it from the rest of the grounds.

LIVING LOCAL JOINING GOD: The culminating meeting will be held in Waterville on November 3rd. Our local group has been initiating conversations during the community suppers and also at this year's Art in the Park. Also worthy of recognition is Ingrid von Kunnewurff's *Stories of the Bible for Children*. Activity is winding down, but there is still more to do.

HIGHWAY SIGNS: It was agreed to purchase two.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS: Margaret Reimer offered to draft the letter after consulting with Fr. Dan, Eric Wissmann and Clark Lewis. It needs to go out before Thanksgiving. It was suggested that perhaps a non-Vestry person could speak during the service about what they like about at St. Peter's.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: In the past the Vestry members leaving were tasked with finding a replacement. An idea was proposed to ask the congregation 2 or 3 weeks before the Annual Meeting to offer up names.

TOPICS FROM PARISH MEETING: The ideas received from parish members at today's meeting were discussed. They included informing people how to get onto committees; a rug in front of the door in the narthex; placing an ad on a local restaurant's placemat hoping to encourage people to attend St. Peter's; have a book study; discuss what the different parts of service represent—why a crucifer, acolyte.

We need to discuss shape of prayers and the Eucharist. It was suggested that this could be an instruction after the service.

JR. WARDEN REPORT: Tom Stone distributed copies of the Memorial Garden Policy. There is no fee for internment, but a contribution is asked for maintenance as well as payment for the cost of the stone.

Greeters will be asked to place the name tags of people not in the Directory in the side doors of the cabinet. Name tags of people not attending for a year will be placed in the box.

Work Day: Outdoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. A small tree in the upper parking lot and trees by the power line need to be removed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eric Wissmann had e-mailed his report prior to the meeting. We are within one per cent of the budget. He noted that the cost of removing rocks and lighting for the signs does not appear in the budget as it was taken from the capital building account. We have assets totaling \$96,730.

COMMUNITY SUPPER: There is no charge for the Community Supper. However, the basket which holds the table numbers to be drawn has been left out on a table, which can give the impression that we are looking for donations. The basket will be moved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Molloy, Clerk

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				AA 12:00-1:00	AA 12:00-1:00	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Holy Eucharist Rev. Warren 10:00 am The Sunday of All Saints 	AA 12:00-1:00		Woman's Group 9:00- 11:00 AA 12:00-1:00	AA 12:00-1:00	AA 12:00-1:00	SINGING WITH MARY SULLIVAN 10:00-12:00 & 1:30-3:30
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holy Eucharist Rev. Warren 10:00 am Veterans Day	Veterans Day (observed) AA 12:00-1:00	Prayer Shawl 10:00-12:00 AA 12:00-1:00	Woman's Group 9:00- 11:00 AA 12:00-1:00	AA 12:00-1:00	AA 12:00-1:00	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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