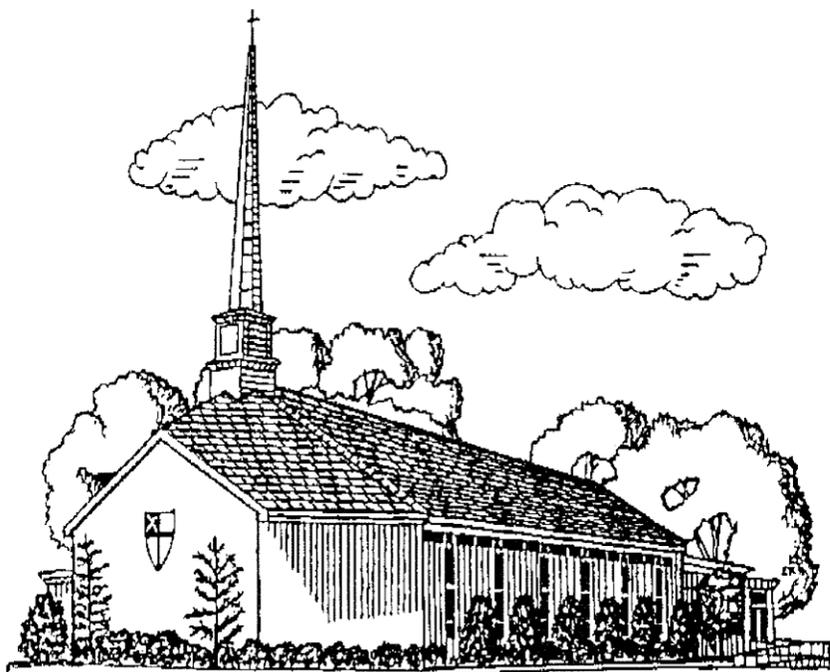


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*Saint Peter's Church is a blessed community of faith, grounded in the power of God's transforming love, where Jesus Christ welcomes all to abundant life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Him in prayer and praise, study and service.*

*September 2016*



Dear Friends,

“The Baptismal Covenant” (BCP, page 304) speaks about what we believe (first three questions) and what we shall (last five questions) do as baptized members of the Body of Christ. The ministries and groups in this booklet are vehicles through which each of us can fulfill our Baptismal Covenant. I encourage you to read through the booklet prayerfully, give thanks for those who are already exercising their ministry through St. Peter’s, consider which ministry/group would fit you, and volunteer to serve in that ministry.

God has called each and everyone one of us to be a part of Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church, Medford at this moment in time. God has also blessed all of us with gifts/skills/talents that are meant to be used for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Just as there is no expiration date on our Baptismal Certificate, there is no expiration date for our Christian duty and ministry. There is a place for everyone of us to exercise a ministry through St. Peter’s. If you have an idea for a ministry that you don’t see in this booklet, come see me, we can talk about how that ministry could be achieved through our parish.

In your prayerful discernment of your ministry, I offer this prayer from our Book of Common Prayer:

*A Prayer of Self-Dedication - Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

Father Don

**The Baptismal Covenant**

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Do you believe in God the Father?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.   |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.<br>He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.<br>He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.<br>He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.<br>He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.<br>He will come again to judge the living and the dead. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  |
| <i>People</i>    | I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.   |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I will, with God’s help.  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I will, with God’s help.  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I will, with God’s help.  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  |
| <i>People</i>    | I will, with God’s help.  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?   |
| <i>People</i>    | I will, with God’s help.  |

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# OUTREACH TO NEWCOMERS, VISITORS AND SEEKERS

## New Member Ministry

**Chair:** Chris McCrum

**Vision Statement/Description:** I am on the vestry and my ministry of calling is New Member. I get the opportunity to meet new families as they come to St. Peters. The only problem is that I do not attend every mass. So if a new family comes to St. Peters and does not fill out a comment card, I will never know. Please help me put a smile on everyone's face who enters St. Peters. You could bake bread, deliver bread, or start a conversation with an unfamiliar face in your service. Find out their name, how long they have been coming to St. Peters, even if they have been coming for years let me know. I would like to bring a smile to our whole congregation new and old members alike. So if you find yourself called to wanting to help brighten the days of those who enter out church please come visit me.

**Contact:** Chris McCrum, 609-953-9071, c.m.mccrum@gmail.com

# SERVING THE ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY

## Parish Life Committee

**Chair:** Mandy Hunter

**Vision Statement/Description:** The Parish Life Position helps build our church community by planning and hosting several annual (and weekly) traditions. The Parish Life Vestry member will be responsible for forming committees that will help plan and host these traditions.

Coffee Hour is one of the easiest ways to build these church relationships. Every week a volunteer is needed to set up, provide treats, and clean up. This year we are looking to start a committee responsible for recruiting volunteers and ensuring that the kitchen is stocked each week.

Other events that this group would focus on are Valentine's Day Dinner, Pancake Supper, the Agape Meal, the Parish Picnic, and many other events that bring our church community together.

A special thank you to Bev Scollay for her tireless work in the kitchen!

**Frequency of Meetings:** As needed per event.

**Governed under:** Mandy Hunter, Vestry Parish Life Chair

**Current Members:** Beverly Scollay

**Kitchen:** We gather for coffee and small snacks after service on Sundays. Hospitality has its base in Christian living. It is the act of sharing and caring for one another. Extend a kind word to everyone some need it more than others or more than you do. People will remember how you made them feel not what you did or said. Coffee hour is a great time to accomplish this. It is not a permanent assignment but one that can be done easily and as frequently as you desire.

Please sign up for one week and give it a try. Coffee is made for you. Just bring some baked goods, fruit, vegetables, etc. For information and sign -up please call Bev Scollay 856-334-8734.

**Contact:** Mandy Hunter, 609-320-9179, disneydomer@gmail.com

### **Stewardship Committee**

**Chair:** Andrew LaRue

**Vision Statement/Description:** Stewardship is not just fund raising. It is being Trustees of God's creation. It's giving of time, talent and treasure. In a nutshell, Stewardship, is everything we do after we each say, "I believe!" In one way or another God has gifted each of us with everything that exists. God has either created it or given us the raw materials and talent to create it; yet he only asks us to give back a portion of what we have. Tithing is referenced sixty-seven times throughout the Bible. It is clear that we are to commit ourselves proportionately to do God's work. "The way your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Consider your monthly or weekly commitments: country club, mortgage, gas, electric, car payments, day care, health club, sports, cable TV, restaurants, etc. Where will you fit God into this? What type of commitment can you and your family make to "do God's work?" Our annual Stewardship Campaign is about to begin. As the Stewardship Chair on Vestry, I am asking for your help. An exciting new Stewardship campaign is about to begin. The campaign will be called "Walking The Way" and will cover six weeks beginning October 4-5, 2014. When you are given a pledge envelope, ask God to help you with your response. The Lord will "throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it" (Malachi 3:10).

**Governed under:** Andrew LaRue, Vestry Chairperson, Stewardship

**Current Members:** Actively seeking new members

**Contact:** Andrew LaRue, 856-988-9284, aplarue92@verizon.net

### **St. Peter's Health Ministry**

**Directors:** Maureen Joos, RN and Loren Manni, RN

**Vision Statement/Description:** The Health Ministry continues to offer assistance to those parishioners in need of meals, transportation to doctor's appointments and any other area where we can help. Educational programs are presented and phone calls are made to follow up on parishioners recently hospitalized. Blood pressure checkups are offered following the Sunday morning services.

**Frequency of Meetings:** As needed basis.

**Governed under:** The Rector

**Current Members:**

*Parish Nurses:* Maureen Joos, RN and Loren B. Manni, RN

*Health Ministry Nurses:* Dave Smith, RN, Carl Ausfahl, RN, Jill Ausfahl, RN,  
Barbara Callahan, RN

Looking for volunteers to help with transportation, making meals, and delivering meals.

*AED/CPR Coordinator:* Andrew LaRue

**Special Notes:**

We assess need for and referral to community resources.

We provide blood pressure screening on an as needed basis.

We provide meals for the sick and shut-in.

We provide transportation to and from medical appointments.

**Contacts:** Maureen Joos, RN, 609-268-6505, mamoejoos@comcast.net  
Loren Manni, 609-654-5466, jmanni1@verizon.net

### **Property and Grounds Committee**

**Chair:** Marty Banecker

**Vision Statement/Description:** The property and grounds of St Peter's are looked after by a member of the Vestry and numerous parishioners who assist he/she with bigger jobs. We also get proposals for lawn cutting, snow removal, and big jobs that require a professional. We recently had a new roof installed on the Moore Chapel to replace the forty year old worn out shingles. We made sure that the roof was done by a reputable contractor at the agreed price and time. We also had two new baths installed in the rectory when it was discovered that a small water leak had destroyed the subfloors in both areas. As with any property, timely maintenance is critical. We try to fix the little things before they become big fixes.

Work on the church grounds is ongoing but we always have a clean-up day in the spring to pull weeds and spread mulch. For the past two years we have concentrated our efforts on renewing the Memorial Garden with new plantings and a power wash of the gazebo and fence. Special thanks to Joe Santangelo for painting the railing and Lisa Minerd for weeding and sprucing up the Memorial Garden.

If you would like to help work on the grounds or would like to work to beautify a certain area, contact me at mbanecker@comcast.com or 609-953-0624 and we'll be most appreciative of your efforts. Thanks so much for all of your efforts.

**Contact:** Marty Banecker, 609-953-0624, mbanecker@comcast.net

## **St. Peter's Good News – Parish Newsletter**

**Editor:** Jamieson Smith

**Vision Statement:** Through St. Peter's GoodNews, the newsletter team aims to provide inspiration, inform parishioners of upcoming events and serve as a vehicle to extend the mission and ministry of the church—both to existing parishioners and to the community at large.

GoodNews is published 11 times a year, on a monthly basis with one combined July/August Summer Issue. It is hoped in 2013 that with a revamped St. Peter's website, we will be able to enjoy a full-color version of GoodNews online.

GoodNews would not be possible without the dedication of its regular contributors and volunteers and, most especially, the work of our Administrator, Lisa Minerd.

**Frequency of meetings and regular meeting time if applicable:** Once a month, typically on a Wednesday morning, a group of volunteers meets in St. Peter's Library to prepare the current issue of GoodNews for mailing to our parishioners.

**Governed under:** Father Don

**Regular contributors:** Fr. Don, Deacon Helen, Edie Green R.N., Sue Legnani

**Volunteers :** Josie Nealis, Dottie Gaither, Barbara Klemm, Suzanne Crawford, Barbara Holmes, Mary Allan, Anita Beard, Ann Charles.

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### **St. Peter's Office**

**Parish Administrator:** Lisa Minerd, acting under the direction of Fr. Don Muller

**Vision Statement/Description:** The vision of St. Peter's office is to facilitate communication with parishioners, new members, and group leaders. The parish office maintains membership records and the parish calendar. We strive to offer support to the many groups at St. Peter's.

**Office Hours:** September – June: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
July and August: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 noon

**Governed under:** The Rector

**Office Staff:** Fr. Don Muller, Lisa Minerd, Parish Administrator; Matt Smith, Music Director; Howard Black, III, Treasurer; Mark Cantarella, Sexton; Sue Legnani, Christian Ed Director

**Contact Person:** Lisa Minerd, 609-654-2963, office@stpetersmedford.org

## **Finance Committee**

**Chair:** Ben Jones

**Vision Statement/Description:** The Finance Committee meets as needed to oversee the financial affairs of the Church. It is charged with preparing and proposing the annual budget to the Vestry. It is chaired by a member of the Vestry; others members include the Treasurer, Rector, former finance chairs, a Warden, and other volunteers. The committee responds to the questions and concerns of the Vestry. It is responsible for seeing that the financial records are audited annually.

**Governed under:** The Rector and Vestry Finance Chair, Ben Jones

**Current members:** Ben Jones, Brad Denn, Howard Black, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Treasurer), Marty Banecker, Debbie Banecker and Jennifer Buzby (Wardens), Fr Don Muller.

**Contact:** Ben Jones 856-914-1489 ben\_jones1@netzero.com

## **Legacy Board**

**Chair:** Francis (Fran) Mitchell

**Vision Statement/Description:** To establish, maintain and oversee the Endowment Fund of St. Peter's to enable the parish to completely fulfill its mission by developing its Christian-based ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds.

**Frequency of Meetings:** Quarterly or at the call of the Rector/Chair

**Governed under:** Annual Meeting

**Current Members:** The Board is composed of five elected members. Current members are Fran Mitchell, Marty Banecker, Howard Black, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brad Denn, Danielle Colaianni.

**Contact:** Fran Mitchell, 856-235-3596, frmpgm9394@comcast.net

## **Diocesan Convention**

**Chair:** Diocese of New Jersey

**Current Members:** Daryl Albury, Mike Krug, Gena Krug, Mike Orlando, Jamieson Smith, Cynthia Sosnowski

**Special Notes:** Meets first Friday and Saturday in March and one meeting prior. Three Deputies and three Alternates are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **Burlington County Convocation**

**Chair:** Fr. Don Muller

**Current Members:** Ben Jones, Betty Jones, Jim Beard, Danielle Colaianni, Sue Legnani, Cynthia Sosnowski

**Special Notes:** Meets twice a year, once in the spring and fall. Six Delegates and six Alternates are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### The Church Choirs, Vocal and Instrumental Soloists

**Music Director:** Matt Smith

After nearly a year in charge of musical leadership at the weekly services at St. Peter's, I have gained a lot of familiarity and confidence with how best to lead the choir and, by extension, lead the congregation of St. Peter's in weekly musical worship. Over the past year, the choir has grown in cohesion and in blending their unique individual voices into one choral sound. Of course, there is always more work to be done, but I am looking to expand upon the growing strength and cohesion in the choir. This coming year, I want to rely less on simpler anthems that are built on only two voice parts. Instead, I want to start tackling more thoughtful and occasionally challenging repertoire for the weekly choral anthem that regularly employs all four principal voice parts. This budding confidence can also be applied to anthems that have already been learned from years past, but instead of having the piano accompany every piece, the choir can begin to tentatively step into the realm of a cappella. Though the choir is entirely made up of volunteer, amateur musicians, I am confident that with enough foresight, planning, and practice, the choir will be able to confidently offer more thoughtful repertoire as a Choral Offertory, as a way to provide a musical summary of the readings and teachings that came before in the service.

As far as the actual makeup of the choir goes, there are some positive aspects and some things to work on. Since December, with a few exceptions, attendance at weekly Thursday night rehearsals and Sunday morning services has been steady and consistent, with an average attendance of eleven adult volunteers. This has been a great aid not only for me, so that I might better grasp their depth and range and appropriately select music, but also for the choir members too, so that they might be better acquainted with one other personally and musically. However, the choir has still seen the departure of some crucial members. One alto and one bass have ceased coming to regular rehearsals, which leaves only three regular alto choir members and one bass singer. In the coming weeks, it would be great to gain more low voices, both men and women, to round out the choir's sound in the lower register. Even one more bass and one more alto would make a difference in giving support to the choir. Hopefully, God will open our eyes to an opportunity to bring someone new within the choral family.

Regarding music, at this time I don't believe it is necessary to purchase any new anthems or sets of service music to be used in worship. The library we have on hand is more than adequate for a volunteer choir of our size, and should I need any copies of organ music for either prelude music or a reharmonization of a hymn, I can always use the resources available to me at Westminster. Right now, the focus of the choir should be trained on how best to take care of our voices and utilize them creatively, cohesively, and expressively as leaders in corporate worship.

In conclusion, I'm looking forward to another great year of music-making with a wonderfully enthusiastic group of people as we continue to strive together for better musicianship in the worship of Almighty God and help others in the church raise their voices in praising God through the wealth of incredible sacred music made available to us through hymns and anthems.

**Contact:** Matt Smith, 630-800-8967

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

## Christian Education Council (CEC)

**Chair:** Sue Legnani

I have started my seventh year as Director of Christian Formation at St. Peter's. Christian formation is something I feel passionate about and have been involved in for over thirty years, both as a volunteer and as a paid professional. It is my ministry to be a part of making disciples of Jesus in the work of the learning and experiences provided on Sunday morning and at other times during the year for children, youth and adults. But, I can't do it alone. It truly takes a village, or in this case, a congregation to make disciples to go into the world to tell the story of salvation to our friends and neighbors outside of the walls of the church. We are blessed to have so many volunteers who give of their time, talents and treasure to make this happen.

This past year not only did I have teachers "re-up" to teach in our Sunday School, but I had a parent, Michelle Scarpulla, volunteer to lead a youth group that used a theme called "Destination Unknown". The goal of this group was to give the youth, especially in Rite 13, a chance to build community together and to go outside of the church walls to see how their faith can be applied there. Each month they traveled to a destination that was kept secret and then revealed to them when they arrived. They were given some hints ahead of time in the form of scripture verses they had to look up. On the way to the destination a conversation was started related to the trip. Once at the site, they had a tour, activity, read scripture and prayed. This has proven to be a big success and the youth definitely look forward to what the next "Destination Unknown" will be.

Finding teachers to be with our children each Sunday in Sunday School always feels a little daunting, but God is good, and there always seem to be good volunteers that come forward. The staff also acts as the Christian Education Committee to me, and helps and provides advice for the cross generational programs we have during the year. Their faithfulness, talent, and willingness to give time out of their busy lives are a testament to their commitment to be disciples to the children and youth of our parish.

Other opportunities for our children and teens to serve our parish are serving breakfast at St. Paul's in Camden. The J2A class, as well as those who are post Confirmation, faithfully does this each month. They are led by Tiffany Myers and Dave Lusk who are both experienced leaders for this group, and bring a lot of enthusiasm and their own vibrant Christian lives to their ministry with the youth.

The Rite 13 class made the Pascal Candle for our Easter celebration. This class is led by Steve and Sheila Miller, and Anita Beard has helped with the creative efforts of making the Pascal Candle. Steve and Sheila have been with this group of youth since the kids were in first grade. They have formed a strong bond with the youth and delight in sharing in the enthusiasm of the group. We are all very grateful to Anita for her artful help with the Pascal Candle, as well as the time she takes to teach the kids about the symbolism and the important part it plays in our celebration of Easter.

The children, teachers and assistants in Pre-K through Grade 9 made lovely Valentines in February that were taken to Weisman Children's Rehab Hospital. Not only is this a fun activity, but it provides a welcome treat for the children who are patients at the hospital. Our congregation also provided other treats like coloring books, crayons, puzzles and stickers that

Kelly Wu organized in a large basket and delivered before Valentine's Day. We always receive a letter thanking us for this act of kindness.

Barbara LaRue and Tina Sunlitis are our Godly Play teachers. Barb has done this for many years and brings her training in Special Education to this ministry as well. Tina is now a certified Godly Play teacher having completed the three full days of training last year. Tina Rubano, Jenny Reeves and Jillian Floyd assisted in this class. They helped to make the children feel welcomed and to settle into the routine of the class.

You may have heard a lot of laughter and lively activity coming from the children in grades 1-3 and 4-5 on a Sunday morning. This is thanks to the teachers in these grades who all bring their enthusiasm to class with them. There have been so many great discussions, imaginative crafts and curiosity that have been encouraged during the year. Thanks to this great group of teachers: Jenn Brownlee, Debbie Worsdell, Geri Blum, Chris McCrum, Brian Miller, Kristine Adler, Ken Montgomery, Alexis Gosewisch and Nancy Shumen.

One question that I think always needs to be addressed is how do we make our faith real for our children. When St. Peter's embarked on our relationship with Redemption School in Haiti I felt it was important to try to give our children a glimpse into what the life of a Haitian child might be like. Our Vacation Bible School seemed like a good opportunity to do this. Although I never wrote a VBS program before, I found it to be not only challenging, but fun as well. Using children's story books written by Haitians about life in Haiti and other materials available on the internet I worked with our VBS volunteers to put together a five night program that brought the usual fun songs, crafts, games, stories and prayer that the kids have come to look forward to each summer. I think by the end of the week the children had a better idea of what life and faith in Haiti for children of their age is like.

The Nursery was remodeled several years ago to provide a safe and pleasant place for children up to 3 years old to play during the 10:15 service. We have had several volunteers who staff it, but not many families who use it. Please take advantage of this ministry. Thanks go to Jenny Reeves, Angela McCrum, Tina Sunlitis, Brian & Mandy Hunter and Jillian Floyd who staffed the Nursery.

A service is held in the Chapel during the beginning of the 10:15 am service for children 3 years old to second grade. Laurel Smith and Tiffany Myers lent their talents with music to make this children's *Service of the Word* more kid friendly. We all join the service in the church at the Peace.

I want to thank Loren Manni, the Vestry liaison for Christian Formation, for all of her help with the Advent Wreath workshop, Christmas Pageant and the many behind the scenes details that come along during the year. Her willingness to service a second term on the Vestry to be a part of the Christian Formation ministry is much appreciated.

Last but not least, a large part of my job is making good resources available for adults, youth and children to help them grow their faith when they are out in the world. The resources that are chosen are to help the members of St. Peter's model the Christian life for those around them. Please feel free to ask for help or resources at any time.

The Sunday School staff for 2015-2016

Godly Play: Tina Sunlitis, Barbara LaRue, Tina Rubano, Jenny Reeves, Jillian Floyd  
Grades 1-3: Jennifer Brownlee, Debbie Worsdell, Geri Blum, Chris McCrum, Brian Miller

Grades 4-5: Alexis Gosewisch, Nancy Shumen, Kristine Adler, Ken Montgomery  
Rite 13 (Grades 6-7): Sheila and Steve Miller  
J2A (Grades 8-9): Tiffany Myers, Dave Lusk  
Nursery: Jenny Reeves, Angela McCrum, Tina Sunlitis, Brian & Mandy Hunter and Jillian Floyd  
Children's Chapel: Laurel Smith and Tiffany Myers  
Loren Manni, Vestry liaison

Sue Legnani  
Director of Christian Formation

### **Youth Group**

In the fall of 2015, the youth group at St. Peter's was resurrected using the exciting curriculum "Destination Unknown." All youth in Rite 13 and J2A were invited to attend these meetings which took them to secret locations. Each month, students received an invitation in the mail that included a Bible verse which served as their clue, a list of items to bring with them, and a day and time to arrive at church. After gathering at St. Peter's, the youth would participate in an ice breaker and a name game, join together in prayer, and then load up to drive to their destination. Along the way, youth would pepper their drivers with questions about where they were going, participate in guided discussions or just sing along to the radio. Once on location, the youth would participate in whatever the location had to offer and then listen to a Bible reading, discuss the reading and share a meal or a snack. During our first year, the youth group traveled to a bonfire at Indian Acres, a dark room, the mall, a funeral parlor, a hill, a prison, and a movie. We finished the year by staying at St. Peter's and working on a community service project which resulted in cards being sent to some of our ill and home-bound parishioners and over 50 bags being assembled to be distributed to homeless in Philadelphia. It was a fun and enriching year, not only for the youth, but for the adults involved as well.

During the 2016-17 school year, the youth group will again continue to follow the Destination Unknown format. Michelle Scarpulla is the youth group leader and recruits one or two other adults each month to help chaperone, drive and lead the meetings. All parishioners are welcome to be involved—even if you aren't a parent of one of the youth group members! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Michelle

**Contact:** Michelle Scarpulla, 609-744-7089, michellescarpulla@hotmail.com.

### **Card Ministry**

A new ministry is starting at St. Peter's this fall. As a parish, we will be reaching out to parishioners who are ill or who are home-bound. In Williams Hall, notecards will be available with a list of parishioners who may be in need of some cheer. Before the service or during coffee hour, please take a moment each week to jot a quick note to one of the people on the list. St. Peter's will make sure it is mailed or delivered! And if you know of someone who can use a note, please let Deacon Helen or Michelle Scarpulla know so we can add the person to the list. This may include members of the military, people who are imprisoned, young people away at college, or maybe even a parishioner who moved away. We will also accept note card and greeting card donations to be used for this ministry. Simply leave your notes in the basket on the table in Williams Hall.

Last year, I had the youth group send cards to some of our home-bound and ill parishioners and we received a thank you card back expressing how appreciated our cards were, so I saw the

power of this simple gesture. I thought it would be wonderful if this were expanded to the entire parish. I hope you will join me in brightening someone's day! If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Scarpulla.

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## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH...HELPING THOSE IN NEED**

### **Community Ministries**

**Chair:** Barbara Kelly

**Vision Statement/Description:** St. Peter's Community Ministries provides goods and services to those in need -- in Burlington County and beyond.

**Vestry Chairperson:** Barbara Kelly

#### **Ongoing Work in the Community:**

- St. Paul's Breakfast Program, Camden: meals, clothing, health screenings
- Christian Caring Center, Browns Mills: monthly food collections, Easter dinners, Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas giving tree
- Virtua Early Intervention Program: Christmas gifts for an at-risk family
- Seneca High School Clothes Closet: outerwear and gently used clothing for local teenagers
- ChildFund International: sponsorship for two children (JobsMario and Rubino) in South America
- Caps & Laps: hand-made gifts for newborns and nursing home residents
- Oaks Integrated Services: backpacks and school supplies for local children with emotional and mental disabilities
- Migrant Worker Outreach: clothing and personal supplies for workers from Haiti and other countries working on SJ farms during the summer
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Burlington County: dinner and overnight lodging for families without permanent housing

**Contact:** Barbara Kelly, 856-722-5956, bkelly04@comcast.net

### **Caps & Laps**

**Coordinator:** Mary Allan

**Vision Statement/Description:** This year we have given caps and blankets to all the children baptized at St. Peter's. We also sent lap robes to Care One and children's sweaters to Knit for Kids.

We meet on the last Monday of the month and can help members improve their knitting and crocheting skills.

**Meeting Times:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month  
Caps & Laps meets 12-2 p.m. in September.

**Governed under:** Community Ministries

**Current Members:** Dottie Gaither, Ruth Hedden, Beth Edwards, Roberta Price, Barbara Callahan, Trudy McArthur, Mary Allan.

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## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH TEAM**

### **Companion Relationship with Redemption School, Haiti**

St. Peter's International Outreach Team (previously known as the MDG Team) began in 2009 as an outgrowth of an adult study class about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Energized by what they had learned, class members and others formed a committee to fight extreme poverty in developing countries. Since that time, God has worked through the Team and St. Peter's congregation to support Millennium Development work in Mayange, Rwanda, provide emergency housing in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake, and Episcopal Relief & Development's Nets for Life anti-malaria campaign. Along the way, we have prayed, educated ourselves the St. Peter's congregation about the cultures of Rwanda and Haiti, "interrupted" worship with a Flash Mob about malaria prevention, and built a "House for Haiti" of Popsicle sticks!

Last week, over 300 students in grades Pre-K through 12 went "back-to-school" to Redemption School in Gonaives, Haiti, assisted by the \$2,000.00 annual gift St. Peter's makes to ease the necessary expense of faculty salaries. Although fundraising is the most visible part of the International Outreach Team's work, it is only part of the companion relationship of prayer and presence that has been developing since the summer of 2014 between our congregation, the students and staff of Redemption School, and the congregation of the school's parent church, St. Basil the Great. Please join your International Outreach Team in supporting this work.

**Meetings** of the International Outreach Team are held in the church library on the third Sunday of the month, immediately following the 10:15am service.

**We welcome new Team members and/or your assistance with any of our projects.** Current members of the International Outreach Team include Mary Allan, Laurie Barbato, Ann Charles, Edie Green, Ben and Betty Jones, Sue Legnani, Tiffany Myers, Michelle Scarpulla, and Beverly Scollay.

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**For more information,** please contact Deacon Helen Orlando, Chairperson.



**St. Peter's International Gift Market**  
**Saturday, November 5, 9am-2pm**  
**Williams Hall**  
**Sponsored by St. Peter's International Outreach Team**  
**To benefit the Students of**  
**Redemption School, Gonaives, Haiti**



## WORSHIP

### Altar Guild

**Directresses:** Suzanne Crawford

**Vision Statement/Description:** "Send us out to do the work you have given us to do." BCP

**Frequency of meetings:** The entire Altar Guild meets together twice yearly.  
 Weekly teams meet once a month, as scheduled.

**Governed Under:** The Rector

**Current Members:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>
Mark Kaczorowski	Rose Johnston	Dottie Gaither	Maureen Joos
JoAnn Hare	Doris Heintz	Dottie Mitchell	Ruth Hedden
Barbara Holmes	Alison Gregory	Barbara Klemm	Josie Nealis
Ruth Pogoda	Suzanne Crawford	Mandy Keen	
	Barbara Dane		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	Rose Johnston	Ruth Hedden	Josie Nealis

**Special Notes:** The dedicated members of the Altar Guild, overseen by our rector, prepare our church and chapel for all weekly services, as well as special services such as weddings, funerals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and all Holy Week Services. We are organized into weekly teams which are responsible for setting out the elements for the Eucharist, and caring for all vessels, linens, and other items used in worship. Special thanks go to Rose Johnston who washes and irons all the linens, and Anita Beard for her attention to the Chapel. We sincerely appreciate all who set up the manger scene outside and green the church at Christmas as well as our sexton, Mark Cantarella, for his invaluable assistance throughout the year.

We would love to have you join us on Altar Guild! If you have just an hour or two a month to devote to our behind the scenes ministry, you would be participating in a most important and rewarding act of service to St. Peter's. Our invitation is also extended to interested middle school and high school students to serve as Junior Altar Guild members.

Most sincere thanks go to those who served faithfully on Altar Guild for 2015-2016.

**Contact:** Suzanne Crawford, 609-654-8812, suzgc@yahoo.com

## Chapel

**Directress:** Anita Beard

**Vision Statement/Description:** To serve God, the clergy, and the congregation by preparing the Chapel for God.

**Frequency of meetings:** None

**Governed Under:** The Rector

**Current Members:** Anita Beard

**Special Notes:** If you are interested in joining the Chapel Altar Guild, please contact Anita Beard.

**Contact:** Anita Beard, 609-654-6559, anitagbeard@verizon.net; Fr. Don Muller, 609-654-2963, frdon@stpetersmedford.org

## Eucharistic Ministers

What is the most common response to the invitation to serve as a Eucharistic Minister? Almost always, it is some version of “I am not worthy.” Did you realize that no one is worthy? We don’t become Eucharistic Ministers because of our worthiness; the opportunity to serve God, the congregation and the clergy in this way comes as a gift.

The primary role of the Eucharistic Minister is to reverently serve the chalice at celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. At St. Peter’s, Eucharistic Ministers also serve as lectors and/or assist the deacon or priest when the altar is being prepared. As a Eucharistic Minister, you may expect to serve approximately once a month, normally at the service you regularly attend. Monthly schedules are emailed to all Eucharistic Ministers and coordinated with other activities of those ministers. You will also be requested to serve on major Holy Days on a volunteer basis.

Each Eucharistic Minister is licensed by the bishop after training by Deacon Helen or designated assistant.

**Current Eucharistic Ministers:** Daryl Albury, Mary Allan, Carl Ausfahl, Debbie Banecker, Anita Beard, Natalie Boyle, Suzanne Crawford, Ward Davis, Jillian Floyd, Jack Hobson, Mark Kaczarowski, Andrew LaRue, Charlene Marietti, Beckie McCammitt, Dottie Mitchell, Fran Mitchell, Ken Montgomery, Ruth Pogoda, David Richards, Sue Santangelo, Eileen Sharrott, Jim Smith, Sally Smith

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### **Worship Leaders (formerly “Lay Readers”)**

A small group gathers in the chapel as the morning sun’s rays stream through stained glass. The lit candles of an Advent wreath light the darkness in preparation for Advent Evening Prayer. Men and women gather in the church to follow the centuries-old practice of experiencing the Passion of our Lord as they walk the “Stations of the Cross.” God offers the grace of each of these experiences to those who serve as Worship Leaders at St. Peter’s.

Worship Leaders are approved by the Rector and licensed by the Bishop to lead public worship. Training is provided by the Rector or Deacon Helen. Regular duties include the leading of Morning and/or Evening Prayer on the weekdays of Advent and Lent and can include the leading of the Stations (or “Way”) of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent and Holy Week or the leading of the Wednesday Healing Service (without Holy Communion), in the absence of a priest. We also invite Worship Leaders to lead Morning Prayer in the chapel at 9 a.m. on any weekday.

**Current Worship Leaders:** Anita Beard, Suzanne Crawford, Barbara Kelly, Lisa Miner, Ken Montgomery, Ruth Pogoda, Robert Spalding

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### **Lectors/Intercessors**

Lectors share God’s word during worship services by reading scripture aloud or leading the psalm. Lectors also serve as intercessors when leading the Prayers of the People.

At St. Peter’s, all lectors serve on a rotating schedule; frequency depends on the number of available lectors. Monthly schedules are emailed to all lectors and texts of the readings and Prayers of the People are emailed in advance. You will also be invited to read on major Holy Days on a volunteer basis. Although Lectors are not licensed, training is available from Deacon Helen, as requested.

Many lectors report that preparing their readings increases, enriches and sometimes changes their understanding of even the most familiar passages.

**Current Lectors:** All Eucharistic Ministers and Jillian Anderson, Laurie Barbato, James Beard, Jane Bersch, Russ Carvin, Danielle Colaianni, Marilyn Flagler, Jillian Floyd, Edie Green, Barbara LaRue, Mekayla, Mekenzie, and Mekenna Montgomery, Tiffany Myers, Mike Orlando, Scott Semmel, Mary Shone, Ellie Myers, (sub.), Caroline Warfield (sub.)

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## Ushers

**Coordinators:** Dick Bland, 7:45 a.m. service  
Joe Kelly, 10:15 a.m. service

**Vision Statement/Description:** Greet everyone with cheery thoughts and try to get more individuals interested in serving as ushers.

**Frequency of Meetings:** Usher Meetings are scheduled rarely on an as-needed basis. Most ushers serve approximately once a month.

**Governed under:** The Rector

### **Current Members:**

**7:45 a.m.:** Dick Bland, Ruth Hedden, Josie Nealis, Maureen Joos, Christopher Unger, Mark Tressel, Dave Smith, Jason Ferguson.

**10:15 a.m.:** Marty Banecker, Jim Beard, Jane Bersch, Russ Carvin, Rob and Nancy Castiglia, Will Dovi, Kevin Edwards, Phil Flagler, Joe Kelly, Mike Krug, Caroline Warfield.

**Special Notes:** Ushers greet worshipers as they enter the church in a friendly and informative way, making them feel welcome and at ease. They distribute the bulletin and special handouts as needed. They always welcome new members to the usher corps. There is special need for ushers for the 5 p.m. service.

**Contacts:** Dick Bland, 856-983-8496; Joe Kelly, 856-722-5956, kellyjf@comcast.net;  
Fr. Don, 609-654-2963, frdon@stpetersmedford.org

## St. Peter's Acolytes

**Director:** Jack Hobson

**Vision Statement/Description:** The Acolytes of St. Peter's provide the youth of the church the opportunity to participate in the worship service and serve at the altar with the clergy. In this way, the young people of our parish learn the meaning of service and strengthen their commitment to the life of the church.

**Frequency of meetings:** Training occurs at least once a year, in the fall. Acolytes serve every Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. service and at other major services throughout the year.

**Age Requirement:** Age minimum 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 8 years.

**Governed under:** The Rector and Jack Hobson, Acolyte Director

**Special Notes:** We are looking for one or two adults to serve as acolyte mother(s) to maintain acolyte robes (washing, mending, etc.)

### **Current Members:**

Matthew Adler  
Elizabeth Adler  
Jillian Anderson  
Grace Castiglia  
Anthony Castiglia

Elisabeth Cullen  
Daniel LaRue  
Charlotte LaRue  
Tyler McCrum  
Mekenzie Montgomery

Mekenna Montgomery  
Mekelsey Montgomery  
Eleanor Myers  
Devin Niessen  
Brooke Niessen

Chelsea Richards

Emily Richards  
Mackenzie Ritter  
Michael Scarpulla

Jacob Trinity  
Josh Trinity

**Contact:** Jack Hobson, 609-953-9150, hobson.j@verizon.net

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **Eucharistic Visitors**

St. Peter's Eucharistic Visitors carry Holy Communion on a regular basis to members of the congregation who are unable to attend church services due to illness or other reasons. As they bring Christ in the Sacrament and give of themselves in fellowship and loving service, most Eucharistic Visitors develop strong bonds with those whom they visit and value both blessings given and blessings received as they carry out their ministry.

Eucharistic Visitors make visits to their assigned charge(s) at least once each month, preferably on the first Sunday of the month or as soon afterward as possible. There are currently no other regularly-scheduled meetings, although annual or semi-annual meetings for prayer, sharing, and fellowship may be scheduled. Each Eucharistic Visitor is approved by the Rector and licensed by the Bishop. Training is provided by Deacon Helen.

**Current Eucharistic Visitors:** Mary Allan, Carl Ausfahl, Fran Cioffi, Ward Davis, Pat Lusk

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### **Order of St. Luke (OSL)**

**Co-Conveners:** Sue Santangelo and Pat Lusk/**Chaplain:** The Rector

**Vision Statement/Description:** The International Order of St. Luke the Physician is a worldwide interdenominational body of Christians who believe that the healing of the body, mind and spirit is a vital part of the total ministry of Jesus Christ. Members experience and practice this ministry through study, teaching, praying, visiting the sick and bringing communion.

**Frequency of meetings:** The St. Peter's Chapter of OSL meets on Wednesday morning in the Chapel.

**Governed under:** The International Order of St. Luke the Physician

**Current Members:** Pat Lusk, Sue Santangelo, Helen Green, Bryony Crane, Susie Van Emburgh, Doris Heintz, Anita Beard, Mary Shone, Eileen Sharrott.

**Contacts:** Sue Santangelo, 856-234-4987, sueeldred@yahoo.com; Pat Lusk, 856-985-5735, patpl@comcast.net

### **St. Peter's Prayer Vine**

*We know that we can't involve ourselves in every problem, every situation in which there is need; but we can do something. Let God weave your efforts, your gifts, your prayers into what God is already doing for that person, in that situation, in that particular place of need, and trust that somehow you can make a difference.*

Brother David Vryhof, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Each day, members of St. Peter's Prayer Vine invite God to weave their prayers into God's work, forming an invisible web of prayer, solace, and support for those who have requested prayer for healing or for the protection of those serving in the military. Prayer Vine members have no group meetings, but receive new prayer requests and updates via email (or snail mail, if email is not possible.) This quiet, invisible ministry brings hope and healing to many.

**Current Prayer Vine members are:** Anita Beard, Cindy and Joe Dinoto, Marion Goldy, Alison Gregory, Doris Heintz, Rose Johnston, Barbara Kelly, Pat Lusk, Joan McElhinney, Roberta Price, Sue Santangelo, Mary Shone, Susie Van Emburgh ... you?

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### **Daughters of the King**

**Description:** Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. A Christian order is a community of men or women living under a religious rule. Because Daughters of the King accept a Rule of Life, we define ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our community is found primarily in our local chapters, but it extends around the world.

We don't just enroll as members and attend meetings. After a three-month period of study and discernment, each new member takes vows to uphold the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

Membership in the Order is open to women at every stage of life. The diversity of different ages strengthens and enriches our adult, or senior, Daughters of the King chapters. Younger women benefit from the discipleship of experienced spiritual mentors, and older women are invigorated by the fresh faith and energy of youth. Many senior chapters help spread the Kingdom to the next

generation by sponsoring and supporting a Junior Daughters of the King chapter at their churches.

**Special Notes:** Please let us know if you would be interested in learning more about The Daughter of the King, an international woman's order of prayer and study. A group of us would like to reinstate the chapter at St. Peter's Church. If you have any questions and are interested, you can find many answers on the Daughters of the King web-site at [DOK.org](http://DOK.org) or ask:

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