



## SPRING BREAK SERVICE PROJECT - BELIZE

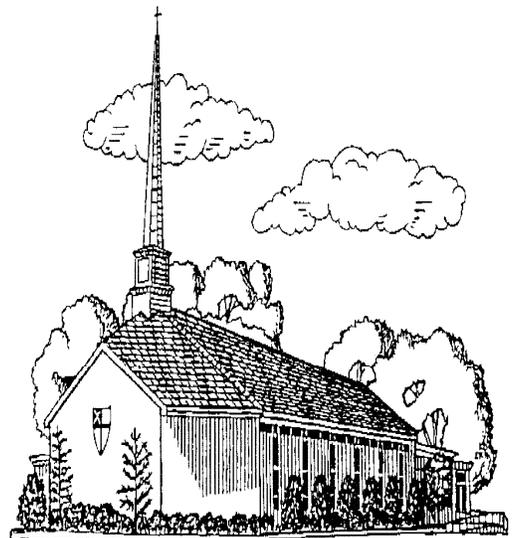
by Andrea Haines

Over Spring Break this year, we spent 7 days in San Pedro, Belize. Five of those days we volunteered at Holy Cross Anglican School doing everything from working in the kitchen, to painting the roof a reflective white color, to building an outdoor classroom. We worked from 8:30 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. each day. We accomplished a lot over those five days, but I think we'd all agree that we got more out of the experience than the school. Seeing people so happy with so little allowed me a new perspective.

Americans tend to evaluate their happiness based on their accomplishments and often in comparison to others' achievements, but Belizeans are happy because of the opportunities they are offered. They rejoice when a school is opened, or when roads are built because of the advancements they provide. I think everyone could benefit from embracing a more appreciative outlook on life and thinking about time as endless and continuous instead of as a scarcity that is lost as seconds tick by.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to travel to Belize and contribute to the betterment of San Pedro's community. I hope to continue to incorporate all I've learned during my trip into my daily life and better appreciate all of the wonderful things America and the world has to offer.

**For a picture of Andrea's team please see Page 9.**



**THE BISHOP IS COMING !**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19TH !**

### May Calendar Highlights

- May 4.....Rummage Sale—Williams Hall 7:30 a.m.
- May 4.....Election Day for Bishop
- May 11.....Elisabeth von Trapp Concert 7:00 p.m.
- May 14.....Vestry 7:30 p.m.
- May 19.....Pentecost Sunday
- May 19.....Confirmation 10:15 a.m. HE
- May 20.....Caps & Laps
- May 27.....Office Closed for Memorial Day
- June 2.....Parish Picnic
- June 3.....Canon Moore Golf Outing
- June 9.....Cancer Survivors HE

# FROM PULPIT TO PEW

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*by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller*

I am writing this column on the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for this Sunday is from Jesus' farewell discourse in John's gospel. It takes place at the Last Supper after Jesus has washed the disciples feet and Judas has left the gathering to betray Jesus to the Jewish leaders. As part of his death bed instructions to his disciples before he goes to his death Jesus says "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another." This was his legacy to the disciples when he would no longer be with them physically. We get it in Eastertide after we have heard the several post resurrection stories, as a preparation for Jesus' Ascension, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He goes on to say "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Church received these instructions and somehow down through the years we have sinned by hating brother and sister Christians. Dividing Christ's church over issues, not essentials. How shall we live without you, the disciples might have asked if they really understood what would happen at Jerusalem? "Love one another, as I have loved you." It sounds so simple and yet we have found it so difficult. Jesus loved even Judas who betrayed him, and Peter who denied him. He loved the disciples who argued over which one was greater. It is that kind of love, a love in action toward each other that we are called as Jesus' followers to do. In so doing we show the world that we are Jesus' disciples.

By the time you read this, the election of our next Bishop will have occurred (Saturday, May 4), God willing. I don't know how it will turn out, God knows. If I am not elected, I will, happily, continue to be your Rector. If I am elected, sometime this summer, I would leave St. Peter's to begin ministries on the Diocesan level in preparation for the Consecration at Trinity Cathedral on November 2. Either way, I want you to know of my love for all of you, even those who disagree with me. I would hope that Jesus' commandment to love one another would be how St. Peter's goes forward with or without me. Let us show the world that we are Jesus' disciples by our love for each other. We can disagree, but we must still stay together, because our love for and by Jesus is more important than any "issue" that can come before us. We are good at showing our love for those outside of St. Peter's: the Christian Caring Center, Habitat, "Heart of the Home", St. Paul's, Mayange, Jobs and Rubino, etc. Let us show our love and concern in tangibles ways for each other, in what we say and do.

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The Annual Burlington Convocation Ascension Day Eucharist and Spring Meeting will be held at Grace Church, 43 Elizabeth Street, Pemberton, NJ on Thursday May 9th. Many thanks to Reverend Jane Brady and the people of Grace Church for their willingness to host this important event in the life of our Convocation. Directions can be obtained from the church's website, [www.graceepiscopalchurchnj.org](http://www.graceepiscopalchurchnj.org).

The Eucharist will begin at 7 PM, with the meeting following immediately afterwards. Each delegation is invited to bring some light dessert to share. The business session will include the introduction of new clergy and the election of a clerical representative to the Diocesan Nominating Committee to replace Reverend Richard Wrede on that body. We will also offer a time for each congregation to report on important upcoming events on their calendars.

*Fr. Don*

# BODY & SOUL

*By Edith Green, R.N.*

When I was a little girl before every meal, we said this prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord.  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
Thy creatures bless and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee.

Unfortunately when my own children were little and meals became hectic, we didn't say grace before meals as often as we should have. I came across some prayers said before meals and published in a book by Tim Chambers. Hopefully, you'll enjoy reading them and perhaps even adopt one for your own family.

Bless O Lord, this food to our use,  
And us to thy loving service;  
And make us ever mindful of the needs of others,  
For Jesus' sake. Amen

Bless these sinners as they eat their dinners.

For bacon, eggs and buttered toast  
Praise Father, Son and Holy ghost.

Father, thank you for meat and bread.  
May all the world be clothed and fed.

Some have hunger, but no meat;  
Some have meat, but no hunger;  
I have both,  
God be praised.

Thank you Lord for what we've had  
If there had been more we would have been glad  
But as we've had enough, we won't be sad.

Rub a dub dub, thanks for the grub; yeaaa God

Good Lord, Good Meat, Good Lord, Let's eat.

# CONCERT MAY 11TH

## ELISABETH VON TRAPP

### PERFORMS

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH

7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013

For Elisabeth von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Inspired by her father Werner von Trapp's guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers. She began taking piano lessons when she was eight and by the age of sixteen she was playing guitar and traveling the back roads of New England performing with her siblings at weddings, gospel meetings and town halls.

Building on her famed family's passion for music, Elisabeth has created her own artistic style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her voice ... "hauntingly clear" "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

## HEART OF THE HOME

*By Cynthia Sosnowski*

A simple idea, help families moving back home replenish their kitchens with the basics of everyday kitchen life – the cookie cutters, wooden spoons, dish towels, cookbooks, and other essential items that Hurricane Sandy destroyed. The idea was born at the temporary kitchen table of one such family, Rev. Neil and Wendy Turton, whose home was gutted when the wave surge pounded through the rectory of All Saints Episcopal Church, Bayhead.

In a summer rental blessedly undamaged and graciously reopened for the winter so that Father Neil and Wendy would have a temporary home near their parish community, Wendy talked about what they had been able to save, an old, heavy wooden sideboard brought with them from England years ago, and what they had lost, just about everything else. We talked of big and small successes, and Wendy shared her great success of the day, the purchase that morning of a plastic salad spinner. An insignificant item to many, but to Wendy, a staple of her former kitchen and evidence that life would eventually return to normal.

We brainstormed what other little things signal that “home” is being rebuilt, and an outreach project to help families replace those items began to take shape. *Heart of the Home* is now in full swing with the wonderful and generous community of St. Peters taking lead and other churches from Merchantville, NJ to Iola, Kansas (yes, Kansas!) pitching in. The Diocese of New Jersey has offered support and we expect the project to begin expanding soon.

Six big baskets were recently blessed during Sunday church service and will shortly be on their way to families. In addition to a terrific assortment of kitchen and home office essentials, each basket includes a St. Peters Cookbook, a \$50 Visa card, a handcrafted fabric shopping bag (thank you Kansas!), and a note expressing our love and prayers for each family as they rebuild their homes and lives.

Anyone interested in helping with the *Heart of the Home* outreach ministry, stop by our meeting table Williams Hall after the 10:15 service most Sundays, or give me a call at 609.602.2762. Thank you St. Peters, for all you are and all you do. This outpouring of caring and generosity is amazing but not surprising. St. Peters rocks!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH PICNIC JUNE 2, 2013

Come celebrate another successful year at St. Peter's! On June 2nd join us and celebrate an outdoor Eucharist followed by our annual parish picnic! It's a day to celebrate our community as well as the staff of our Christian Education programs. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a salad, dessert or appetizer according to the first letter of your last name.

**A-J      Salad**

**K-R      Dessert**

**T-Z      Appetizer / Chips**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Please sign up in the narthex or email the church office with the number of people attending from your family by May 30th. Any questions or new ideas for the picnic please contact Laurel Smith at [zoeyismom1@gmail.com](mailto:zoeyismom1@gmail.com).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH

#### MAY 19, 2013—PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of our church. It has been the tradition at St. Peter's to wear red on Pentecost to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. This year, we are doubly blessed as Bishop Cancell will be at St. Peter's for the sacrament of Confirmation. This will be his last visit to our parish before his retirement in the fall. In addition to wearing red, we will be having a First Fruits reception. Please check the narthex and announcements for more information on this tradition.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Prayer for the Election of a Bishop**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

St. Peter's Annual Rummage Sale will take place a bit later than usual this year. This year's event will be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013, BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M.**

As usual, the Rummage Sale will be held in Williams Hall and, weather permitting, outside of Williams Hall as well.

### **But the Rummage Sale goes on rain or shine.**

This year once again all proceeds will go towards our MDG commitment to Mayange, Rwanda.

This year for the 2nd year in a row we hope to have a bake sale / food sale in addition to the Rummage Sale.

Please begin preparing your donations ! We will begin accepting donations to Williams Hall on **TUESDAY, April 30th.**

### **Many volunteers are needed please ! Service hours are available to youth needing to earn them !**

Please contact Danielle and John Colaianni at 609-654-5644 or [john.colaianni@gmail.com](mailto:john.colaianni@gmail.com) .

Thank you !!!



## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Bishop Is Coming...** on May 19<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation, but the Sunday before (May 12<sup>th</sup>) we will be preparing for his visitation with a One Room School House during the regular Christian Formation hour beginning at 9:15 am. Since this is Mother's Day Sunday we are giving our "mom" teachers a day off, and we will be learning about Bishop Councill, and the ministry of a bishop with Fr. Don and Sue Legnani, while our moms enjoy the brunch in William's Hall. We have a great booklet about our diocese and Bishop Councill titled, "The Bishop Is Coming", and the children will make their own mitres to wear when he comes the next week. So bring mom to the brunch and join in our One Room School House so we can celebrate the Confirmation of our J2A class and adult members of our congregation, as well as Bishop Councill's last visitation with us before he retires as bishop of our diocese.

**Save the Date!!! 2013 Vacation Bible School** will be held on Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The theme of VBS this year is, **Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth.** The kids will experience the sights, sounds, and smells of an ancient Greek world. They will enter an interactive Bible-times marketplace where they can visit the tents of the Olympic Shop, Scribe Shop, Music Shop, Pottery Studio and our Heart of the Home tent where they will create something for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. They will also meet the Apostle Paul and hear about the adventures of his second missionary journey and learn how to share their Christian faith in their own world. We will also have all of the usual fun games, music, activities and snacks that are part of every VBS. The registration form is available for download on the St. Peter's website at [www.stpetersmedford.org](http://www.stpetersmedford.org) or at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stpetersmedford> .



More information about this VBS program may be found at [www.group.com/athens](http://www.group.com/athens) .

# KIDS' CORNER

In Christ,

*By Sue Legnani, Director of Christian Formation*

## The Peace Pole Project Comes to Medford



We have been invited to join with other houses of worship in Medford in the Peace Pole Project. This movement comes at a time when our country has experienced a level of violence that is almost unprecedented. The shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, led a group of parishioners at the Protestant Community Church in Medford to seek a way to focus on the things that make for peace. From this group came the idea to “plant” a peace pole in Medford/Medford Lakes.

The Peace Pole Project came out of the efforts of Mr. Goi Masahisa of Japan who began a peace movement in his country. His universal message and prayer for world peace, *May Peace Prevail On Earth*, was authored in 1955. His work spread through Japan and over the years it became an international movement. Every Peace Pole carries the message; “*May Peace Prevail On Earth*” in several languages. (More information on the Peace Pole Project may be found at [www.worldpeace.org](http://www.worldpeace.org).) To date there are over 100,000 Peace Poles worldwide.

St. Peter’s is invited to join with the other houses of worship in our community on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at 5:30 at the Protestant Community Church beginning with a dinner hosted by the church. The dinner will offer a time to develop some connections among participating congregations and explore ways we can individually or cooperatively work for peace. A service of dedication will follow the dinner. Those who attend are asked to notify the Protestant Community Church at [pccsw@verizon.net](mailto:pccsw@verizon.net) and to bring a dessert to the dinner.

The Peace Pole will travel to each congregation during the year each congregation will be asked to consider ways to work for peace. There will be more information in the future about when St. Peter’s will have the Peace Pole come to us, and what we will be doing to participate in this project.

In Christ,

Sue Legnani

# PARISH FAMILY NEWS

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

Randi Cook, April 28, 2013.

Austin Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cook, April 28, 2013.

Leena White, daughter of Yorell Campos and Linda White, April 28, 2013.

### WEDDINGS

None this month.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

None this month.

## WINE AND LIVE MUSIC, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

Looking for something different, tasty, fun, and outdoors this summer ? Why not visit Sharrott's Winery in Blue Anchor, where every Friday and Saturday evening from May to September there is live music and wine tasting from 6-9pm. You can purchase food there or bring a picnic. For more information please visit [www.sharrottwinery.com/events/](http://www.sharrottwinery.com/events/)



As of March 31, 2013

Income	\$ 90,276.94
Expenses	\$ 87,051.21
Difference	\$ 3,225.73

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**SUNDAY, MAY 19TH !**

**10:15 AM EUCHARIST !**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

# DEACON'S BENCH

*By Deacon Helen Orlando*

## **Welcome, Happy Morning!**

Easter Day was one of the few times that I have wished that I had a longer drive from home to church...but in the seven minutes it took me to get to St. Peter's, I was treated to two stunning displays of nature. Immediately upon leaving my development, I marveled at a stunning gold and rose sunrise unlike any I have ever seen. A few seconds later, I saw billows of clouds in the blue sky, lit from behind by sunlight so that they appeared to shine.

The Apostle Paul tells us that, along with those of us led by the spirit of God, "the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now," awaiting, with us, the liberation from sin and evil brought to us by the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and God's final triumph over sin and evil, still to come. If the entire creation groans with us, is it too much to believe that God's creation also shares in our Easter joy? The second and third verses of Hymn #179, *Welcome, Happy Morning*, testify to the fact that all creation does, in fact, hail Christ's triumph and bring praise to him.

*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

*Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,  
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:  
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,  
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.*

*Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,  
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.  
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,  
Vanquisher o darkness, bring their praise to thee.*

*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say."*

I am not saying that every Easter morning will be filled with sunshine and flowers. One of my oldest childhood memories is that of awaking on Easter day to a foot of snow. And, sometimes, for those who are suffering from illness or grief, Easter Day may feel anything but happy. Nevertheless, even amid snow or rain; suffering or sorrow, we know that however God's love is expressed through our lives and through God's creation, the joy of Easter continues to be new every morning.

Welcome, Happy Morning!

## PARISH PHOTO ALBUM

*Andrea Haines and her fellow service project volunteers in Belize. Photo courtesy of Andrea Haines. Elizabeth and Caroline Adler with Father Don at the Medford Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Medford-Vincetown Rotary. Photo courtesy of Kristine Adler.*



# 4th Annual Rev. Canon James L. Moore Memorial Golf Outing

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**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013**

**MEDFORD LAKES COUNTRY CLUB**

**11:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION**

**11:30 A.M.—LUNCH**

**12:30 P.M.—SHOTGUN START**

**5:30 P.M.—DINNER & PRIZES**

**Golfers are \$175.00 each includes golf, cart, lunch & dinner.**

**Lunch only \$20.00**

**Dinner only \$28.00**

**SIGN UP / SPONSOR / DONATE A BASKET TODAY !!!!!**

**Make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and mail to  
Jeff Moore, 457 Oakshade Road, Shamong, NJ 08088**

# EASTER PHOTOS

*St. Peter's Youth take part in Easter services under the guidance of Father Don. Easter Flowers. The Easter Egg Hunt on the Church grounds was another big hit (and quite the fashion show) ! Photos courtesy of Michelle Scarpulla.*

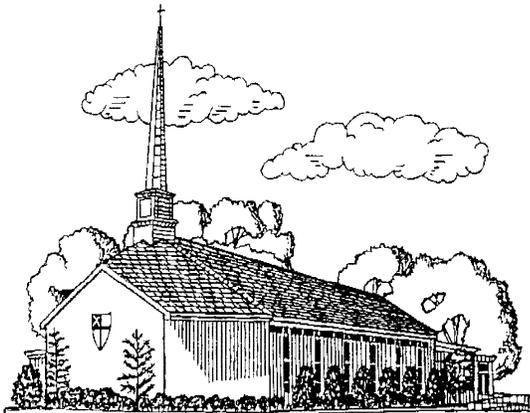


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*Saint Peter's Church is a blessed community of faith, grounded in the power of God's transforming love, where Jesus Christ welcomes all to abundant life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Him in prayer and praise, study and service.*



## Service Schedule

**Saturday** Eucharist.....5 p.m.  
**Sunday** Traditional Eucharist.....7:45 a.m.  
Family Eucharist.....10:15 a.m.  
**Weekdays**  
*Thursday*, Healing Eucharist.....10 a.m.  
*Morning Prayer* (Monday-Friday).....9 a.m.

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