



Giving of our Treasure

MDG Team sends funds to Redemption School

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of Heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14)

During a recent visit to a nearby slum, Father Jean Fils Chery, head of Redemption School, Gonaives, Haiti, found about 150 children of varying ages who are too poor to attend school. Although Father Chery is ready to welcome these children at Redemption School at no cost, he is struggling to find funds to pay Redemption's faculty, to whom both current and back salary is now owed. As one of Redemption School's partners, St. Peter's is sending an immediate gift of \$500.00 to be used towards faculty salaries. Your MDG Team requests your prayers both for the current students of Redemption School and for all Haitian children, that their physical, educational, and spiritual needs may be met.



Heart of the Home Update

The Heart of the Home project is in collecting and organizing mode while we wait for the Diocese of New Jersey and its partner churches and organizations to complete rebuilding between 40-50 homes this summer in two Hurricane Sandy devastated areas of the Jersey shore. They anticipate the flow of families being able to move back to begin in mid-August, and we will be jumping into action to provide welcome home baskets/bins to each family as they return.

Until then, we are working on building our supplies and organizing our Pod so that we are ready. If you would like to be part of this picture, you can put one or more of these items on your shopping list each week: birthday candles, turkey baster, meat thermometer, ice cream scoop, cheese grater, can opener, kitchen funnel, hard boiled egg slicer, or any other essential kitchen gadgets you think would make a nice gift. And THANKS!

June Calendar Highlights

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June 1 National Cancer Survivors Day at Freedom Park, 3:00 p.m.

June 2 Rev. Canon James L. Moore Memorial Golf Outing

June 8 Outdoor Picnic, following 10:15 a.m. Service

June 8 St. Paul's Breakfast Program 7:45 a.m.

June 10 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 15 Baccalaureate Service at 10:15 a.m.

FROM PULPIT TO PEW

by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller

June is shaping up to be a very busy month for St. Peter's:

1st will be our Celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day at 3 pm in Freedom Park;

2nd the Fifth Annual Canon Moore Golf Outing at Medford Lakes Country Club;

8th is Pentecost and Sunday School Teacher Recognition Day;

15th will be our Baccalaureate Service at 10:15 am to honor those graduating.

Vacations begin...

Before everyone heads off for vacations and shore homes we (Rector, Wardens, and Vestry) wanted to share with you some of what we discussed and resolved to work on from our Vestry Retreat (see notes on p. 9) Canon John Sosnowski was our leader for the retreat. We began with Bible Study and prayer. He then gave us a task that helped us to begin to think out of the box about our life and the ministry of St. Peter's.

We brainstormed the strengths of our parish. Canon Sosnowski introduced us to the term "Adaptive Change." Adaptive Change is different from a technical fix to a problem. Adaptive change is change that goes to the roots. It involves a total rethinking who we are, a re-orientation. It involves "loss" and "uncertainty."

Time was spent discussing what we give to God through St. Peter's and then what we get. We then began to look at what our goals might be, settling on three: Build Fellowship – Radical Hospitality – Intentionality; Bring Services out of Church; and to Connect With Groups Utilizing our Church Buildings.

We have been at work on several of these goals, but didn't tell you about them. For example, during Lent we removed some of the tables in Williams Hall to allow for more walking around and talking room. We are encouraging all to wear their name tags so that we can call everyone by name and get to know names better. It is easier to care for one another when we know each other better.

Our first foray into Bringing Services out of Church is the National Cancer Survivor Day celebration in Freedom Park. Here is an opportunity to let others know about St. Peter's and our concern for the health and wholeness of people. Additionally, we are adding to the life of the community.

You will be hearing more about our retreat and how you can help us reach the goals we have set for this year. We need everyone to be an active part of making St. Peter's the church God wills for us: To help God in Jesus Christ to transform our world into the Kingdom of God.

Remember our mission statement and help us live into it: "St. 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."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Don

KIDS' CORNER

Fostering Faith in the Home

As parents, most of us look to the Sunday School to provide religious education for our children. We give our children to the “experts” on Sunday morning and we hope that week by week the kids will learn enough about their faith to grow into the good people we want them to be. The only drawback to that is that the Sunday School year is approximately 27 weeks long, so that when the education time is an hour, the most instruction a child will receive is 27 hours. However, most children attend about half of the Sundays. That means the average child receives 13.5 hours of formal instruction in a school year from September to June.

Church professionals are beginning to look seriously at how faith is transmitted from generation to generation. Lots of studies have been conducted to figure out how this can be done successfully in church and in the home. Not surprisingly these studies usually point to the importance of how parents influence religious development. Role modeling by parents, that is what parents do in setting examples for religious practice and belief, such as attending church regularly, participating in church activities, and encouraging faith development at home through prayers, scripture reading, and religious stories, has a profound impact on whether their children will grow and continue in the faith in which they were raised. It's important to show consistency between belief and practice: “walking the walk and not just talking the talk”.

Studies also show that grandparents are an increasing influence on their grandchildren especially when parents are too tired or too busy on weekends to go to church. As longevity continues to expand, even great-grandparents are continuing to exert religious influence on their families. They are a treasure-trove of wisdom and help to the younger generations of their families, but parental involvement in religious formation will always have the most influence.

So, what can we do in the home to grow the faith of our children? Let me suggest a few things:

Do come to worship as often as you can. If you cannot make it one Sunday, remember there is a service at St. Peter's at 5 pm on Saturday night. Worship is the cornerstone of Christian Formation. It's where the word becomes action. If you're not in church then pray at home. Being consistent in the practice of faith tells your children this is important to you and, therefore, important to the family.

Do come to Sunday School **and** Church. Children will not learn everything they need to know about the Christian faith in Sunday School because they learn most of what they know about faith from their parents through example. However, Sunday School is important because children need to also learn about, and experience, the milestones of their faith with their peer group. The people we learn, worship and play with make a lasting impression on us. The adults who help run these programs can also have a big influence on us as mentors now and in the future.

Do celebrate the Church Year. Episcopalians have a wonderful resource in the observance of the life of Jesus through the Church Year. Your Director of Christian Formation makes seasonal materials available during the year that you can use at home. You might want to make some of these activities part of your family tradition especially at Christmas, Easter and other minor holidays.

Body and Soul

By Edith Green, RN

Once again I thought you all might get a kick out of reading some quotes said by famous and some infamous women in this month of Summer's beginning.

"I have often wished I had time to cultivate modesty. But I am too busy thinking about myself." Poet Edith Sitwell, letter-perfect in the role of eccentric English Dame

"I am a woman who enjoys herself very much: sometimes I lose, sometimes I win." Mata Hari, WW1's seductive double agent.

"I wasn't really naked, I simply didn't have any clothes on." Josephine Baker, the toast of Paris in the 1920's

"If I had my life to live over again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner." Tallulah, bad girl of American theater who kissed and told and told and told.

"I couldn't vote for my father, I thought he was wrong on everything." Patti Davis, daughter of president Ronald Reagan.

"Somewhere out there...maybe even someone who will one day follow in my footsteps and preside over the White House as the president's spouse. And I wish him well." Barbara Bush, wife of former president George HW Bush.

"I would rather be a beggar and single than a queen and married." Queen Elizabeth 1, daughter of Henry V111.

"When you're old, everything you do is sort of a miracle." Millicent Fenwick, Republican from New Jersey.

"I was born in 1962. True. And the room next to me was 1963." Joan Rivers, comedienne

"People see God every day, they just don't recognize Him." Pearl Bailey, show biz sensation.

"An ugly baby is a very nasty object, and the prettiest is frightful when undressed." Queen Victoria of England, mother of nine.

"What a wonderful life I've had: I only wish I'd realized it sooner." Colette, wise and witty export from France.

And there you have it. Have a great month and think of some wise sayings of your own!!

VBS is coming!

Wilderness Escape:

Where God Guides and Provides

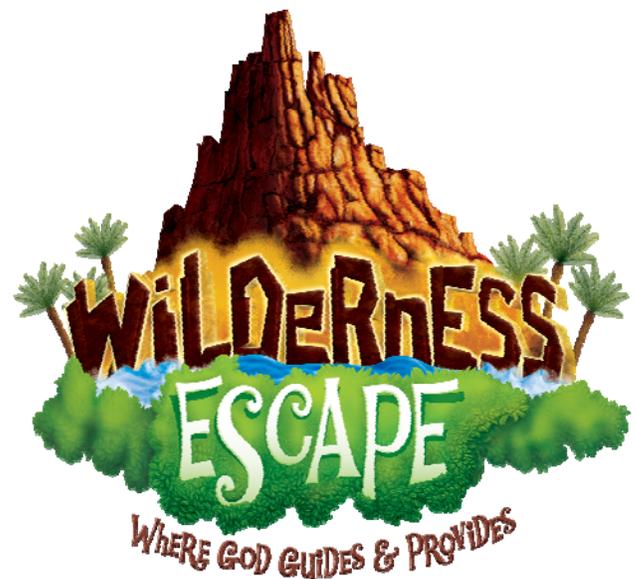
July 13 to July 17

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

This summer we will caravan with Moses and the Israelites from their escape from Egypt to the Promised Land. Children will join one of the twelve tribes of Israel and experience what it was like to live in the Israelite camp, meet Moses and hear his story of leading the people, play games, eat food and participate in the community of the Israelite people. Don't miss the fun and the opportunity to experience being one of God's chosen people.

For VBS we need:

Paper towel and toilet paper rolls, small coffee cans and other small cans with lids that we will make into musical instruments in one of the centers. Please put these items in the bin that will be placed in the Narthex. More items will be requested in a few weeks. Look for the board with the sticky-notes. Thank you.



DEACON'S BENCH

Finding Home again

“For God alone my heart waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.” Psalm 62:1-2

I recently returned to my hometown of Wilmette, Illinois, for the first time in 45 years. My childhood best friend had warned that much had changed and others had reminded me that “you can’t go home again.” I thought I was prepared for whatever I would (or wouldn’t) find, but I was very wrong. Although my house still looked as I remembered, most of the other homes on the street had been heavily remodeled or leveled and replaced by much larger homes. After discovering that I could not even recognize my childhood walking route to grammar school, I learned that my 7th and 8th grade junior high school was demolished in 1979. All that remained of that valuable historic building was one of its cupolas, preserved in a nearby park.

Growing up in the 1950s and 60s, I often cycled down Lake Street, passing the local Jewel food store, a toy store, a bakery, several clothing stores, two imposing bank buildings, and a fascinating Woolworth’s five-and-dime as I made my way to Lake Michigan’s beautiful Wilmette beach. Minutes after I confidently directed my patient husband/chauffer, Mike, to “turn left at Lake Street and continue straight to the beach,” I was shocked to discover that “Lake” Street no longer led to the lake and that the once-thriving shopping district now contained several empty storefronts and had been cut off from other major roads to become “Wilmette Village”, an as-yet-unsuccessful attempt to attract trendy shops and restaurants to the area. I became more and visibly shaken as the truth sank in that I would not find my childhood self in this town that no longer resembled the one I remembered.

Just then, we reached the center of town. There, clustered together in a two-block area, were the Congregational Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church, and the soaring, stone, Trinity United Methodist Church (then Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church), where I spent my early years in Sunday school, youth group, and high school choir, and was both confirmed and married. In the midst of a wildly unsettling day, these buildings dedicated to God all looked as I remembered them and all were where I remembered them. Suddenly, I felt I was at home. (*cont. on page 8*)



Trinity United Methodist Church, Wilmette IL



Cupola from Howard Jr. High

For the graduates in our parish

St. Peter's likes to recognize and celebrate our graduates. Baccalaureate Sunday will be observed at the 10:15 a.m. service on June 15th. Please contact the office as soon as possible with the names of any graduates, 8th grade and up including graduate school. All names received will be listed in the bulletin. Thank you.



Our diocese also recognizes our high school graduates. Bishop Stokes and The Trinity Asbury Park Choristers will lead us in Evensong as we recognize the Van Duzer Scholarship recipients and all graduating seniors.

When: June 8, 2014

Where: Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ

Begin: 4:00 p.m.

Who: Diocesan Wide Graduating Seniors and their Family, Friends and Church Members, All are welcome

Cost: Free

This will be our 3rd Annual Celebration of our Graduating Seniors Baccalaureate Service is a celebration which honors a graduating senior class from high school. Join the entire Diocese in recognizing those graduating.

There will be a reception after the service for all in Synod Hall. The offering collection will go to the Van Duzer Scholarship Fund.

Any questions contact The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke, Diocesan Youth Missioner 609-394-5381 ext. 36 or dclarke@newjersey.anglican.org

PARISH NEWS

Please join us in thanking all those volunteers who so graciously gave of their time and talents to help make the Rummage Sale a tremendous success once again. With a few specialty items listed for sale online still to be added to our total, we helped to raise \$1,386.50 for St. Peter's !!!

Rummage Sale :

Angela McCrum, Joshua Trinity, Summer McCrum, Chris McCrum, Kelly Wu, Darren Wu, Maureen Joos, Barbara LaRue, Cathy Snyder, Ann Charles, Dave Smith, Cynthia Sosnowski, Barbara Garrison, Josie Nealis, Spencer Campbell, Michelle Scarpulla, Evan Scarpulla, Charlotte LaRue, Andrew LaRue, Jonathan Walton, Roger Norris, Mike McEntee, Kela McEntee, Katusca McEntee, Ruth Hedden, John Colaianni, and Father Don Muller.

Bake Sale :

Wendy Campbell, Kela McEntee, Amy Porreca

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And a very special thank you to LISA MINERD for all of her help and organization.

Sincerely,
Danielle Colaianni, Chairperson

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Brielle Nicole Kopsick, May 4, 2014, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kopsick, III

Emerson Kash and Dakota Cole Curry, May 24, 2014, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Curry

WEDDINGS

Bryan Stephen Stout to Ashleigh Susan Pisciotta, May 10, 2014

MEMORIAL SERVICES

None

Kids Corner (continued)

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Don't forget to include dad. It's a fact that a warm and affirming dad is associated with higher religious transmission. Dad's participation with religion in the family may not be high on his agenda, but it's very important for children to see him involved in the religious observances of the family. I guess you could say, "A family that prays together does stay together."

Don't forget to encourage questions about faith from your kids. Many of the young adults who leave the church say they do so because they were discouraged from asking questions. When a child of any age has questions about religion, those questions need to be answered. It's OK to say you don't know the answer, but you'll do your best to find out the information. Then be sure you do this!

Don't freak out if your child wants to explore other faiths. There is a group researchers label as "Prodigals". These are the kids who leave the religion or denomination of their parents to search for another expression of their faith. When adults become too intolerant of this, the young adult may leave the church altogether and never come back. If this searching is met with tolerance they have a better chance of coming back in the future.

Growing faith in the home is sometimes a challenge, but it is one that is worth our persistence. If it becomes part of the fabric of our family life it will grow into part of who we are now and sustain us in the future.

"When God appears and how God appears to the child depends entirely upon those instances in which his/her parents make reference to their God." (To Empower as Jesus Did: Acquiring Spiritual Power Through Apprenticeship by Aaron Milavec; The Edwin Mellen Press)

Deacon's Bench (continued)

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There is a reason that many old cities and towns are literally centered about their church buildings: Much as a group of soldiers first builds a fort for defense and protection, Christians, sure in their faith that "God alone is [our] rock and [our] salvation," have always made sure to build God's house before building their own. On that unsettling day, God led me to a place where I no longer felt shaken and reminded me that my true self is not to be found in any earthly home, but in and with Him through Jesus Christ.

May you, too, find and know yourself in Him.

Faithfully,

Deacon Helen

Wacky June Holidays

We all know that the big holiday in June is Father's Day, but have you heard of these other lesser known holidays that fall in June?

June 1: Flip a Coin Day

June 4: Hug Your Cat Day

June 14: World Juggler's Day

June 20: Ice Cream Soda Day AND Take Your Dog to Work Day

June 24: Swim a Lap Day

June 26: Forgiveness Day

June 29: Hug Holiday

Whatever you do, however you celebrate, have a wonderful month!

Vestry Retreat

In February our Vestry participated in a retreat led by Father John Sosnowski. Here are the notes from the retreat:

St. Peter's Church, Medford Vestry Retreat – February 14 – 15, 2014

OUR STRENGTHS

- Small – good fellowship
- full-time Rector – Great!
- Good preaching
- Generous / Giving / Stewardship
- good family role models
- good influx of new people
- we're larger than we think we are!
- open-mindedness – diverse religious backgrounds
- Sunday School program
- Our buildings are an asset
- St. Paul's – Outreach
- Prayer ministry

WHAT WE GIVE / GET AT ST. PETER'S

Give	Get
Time	Christian fellowship (relationships)
Financial assistance (pledge and contributions)	Community (found in different groups)—What you put into it
Talent	Enjoyment (satisfaction)
Friendship	Joy!
Prayer	Thoughtful sermons (Good News)
Effort	Spiritual Growth
Perspective	Pride of ownership (It's yours!)
Ourselves in Service	Safe place to worship
Experience	Peace
Leadership	Get compliments (Atta boy!)
	Comfort—feeling grounded
	Holy Communion (Eucharist)
	Salvation/Forgiveness

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Vestry Retreat (continued)

(cont. from page 9) We also spent time discussing the need for ADAPTIVE CHANGE. Adaptive Change is different than a technical fix to a problem. Adaptive change is change that goes to the roots. It involves a total re-thinking who we are, a re-orientation. This kind of change always involves LOSS and UNCERTAINTY. Leadership's role in adaptive change is to get off of "the dance floor" and stand "on the balcony" to get a different view of the system. "On the balcony" you can observe, interpret what you see and then create an intervention that leads to adaptive change.

GOALS

BUILD FELLOWSHIP - Radical Hospitality - Intentionality

- Set up of Williams' Hall to facilitate fellowship
- Get name badges to better location and better lay out of badges
- Become most welcoming church in all ways possible
- Increase Parish Events
- ⇒ Resource Day / Educational Series - Educators / Health Professionals
- ⇒ Potluck Dinners with featured speaker or topic

BRING SERVICES OUT OF CHURCH

- Blessing of Animals in local Dog Park
- Cancer Survivors' Sunday in Freedom Park

CONNECT WITH GROUPS UTILIZING OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

- AA / NA - Recovery Sunday
- Family Fun Day - Moms' Group / Violin Teacher
- Foster connections with another Episcopal Church in the area



**OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
HEALTH**

As of 4/30/14:

Income: \$28,440.28

Expenses: \$28,147.19

Net: 297.04

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PARISH PHOTO ALBUM



The Sunday School classes had a lesson on vestments of the church. Here Alex Gosewich, Evan Scarpulla, Charlotte LaRue and Olivia Walton model some of Father Don's vestments. (photo courtesy of Kristine Adler)



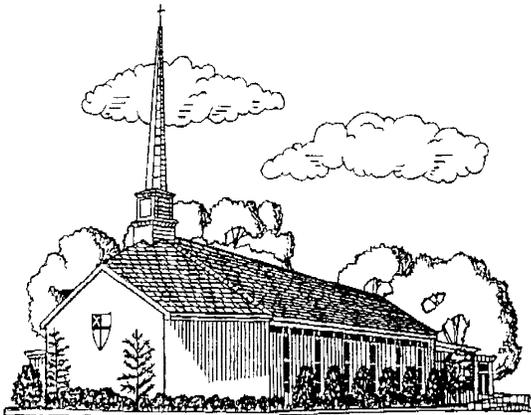
The J2A class learned a few basic self-defense techniques as a part of their Survival Tactics lessons. They also learned about situations in which there is a risk of danger. Many thanks to Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts of Cherry Hill, NJ for their instruction. (photo courtesy of Dave Lusk)

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Service Schedule

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

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