



Eleanor Meyer leaving organ bench at end of October



Eleanor Meyer has been our Minister of Music (Organist/Choir Director) for over 10 years, this time. Her previous stint was from 1992-1997. In a note to the Rector and Vestry she has tendered her resignation as of October 31, 2015.

We are grateful that Eleanor has served God and St. Peter's faithfully for so many years. Her enthusiasm and professionalism have been a blessing to our parish and especially to those in the music ministry. She has been a key member of our staff, always having St. Peter's best interests at heart.

Whenever there was a Service scheduled and music was included Eleanor was there. From sitting at the piano for the "Three Hour Good Friday Service" to playing for Weddings and Funerals, she did it all to the "Glory of God."

Her shoes will be hard to fill. We will miss her smiling face at the organ console.

"God bless you Eleanor! Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Crop Walk

On Sunday Oct. 11, 2015, St. Peter's Church will once again participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk starting and ending in Freedom Park beginning at 2pm. All are welcome to take part; walking, or sponsoring a walker, will help provide meals for members of our own community and millions more around the world. Registration is open now through the day of the walk with forms found in the narthex of the church or in the office. Individuals and teams are eligible to sign up, and are encouraged to fund-raise for the event. Walkers can also sign up the day of the walk by arriving at 1:30pm.

Hunger is the world's number one health risk, responsible for more deaths annually than AIDS, malaria, and TB combined. Every night, 1 in 7 people in the world go to bed hungry; the United States alone is home to 17 million households that have no assurance of their next meal. Walkers and participants of the CROP Hunger Walk play an important role in spreading this message and providing meals for countless families. For more information on the CROP Hunger Walk this year, please contact Brandon Manni or Rebecca McCamitt. You can also visit online at hunger.cwsglobal.org.

October Calendar Highlights

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- Oct. 4 Holy Eucharist/Blessing of Animals 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11 St. Paul's Breakfast Program 7:45 a.m.
Crop Walk, 2:00 pm
- Oct. 14 Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Office Closed—Columbus Day
- Oct. 26 Caps & Laps 1:00 p.m.

FROM PULPIT TO PEW

by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller

Most of us are back to full schedules by now. Although the calendar year begins on January 1 and the Church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, for all practical purposes the program year begins right after Labor Day (or when schools start). Our schedules fill up very fast, especially if we have responsibility to taking people to various places, waiting, and then picking them up again.

The percentage of adults who use smartphones and/or tablets is staggering. I am a smartphone user, but Lynn has the tablet. I suppose I am on them way too often. It is a good diversion when there are just a few minutes to myself or waiting. Not enough time to get into a good book, but enough time...**to pray.**

Tablets and smart phones are particularly useful for praying “The Daily Office” according to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. There are various apps including “Mission St. Clare” that have the whole “Office” laid out for you for Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. Mission St. Clare also has a webpage <http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>. The Office can be read right online or you could download the Offices for the month in various formats (iSilo, Kindle, Nook, .mobi, .epub, or zip drive for pdf’s. Forward Movement has <http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/> to get the “Forward Day By Day” meditation. At http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily_prayer.php?d=18&m=9&y=2015&office=MP you can the whole of Morning Prayer.

At <http://dailyoffice.org/> you can read Morning Prayer or participate live and interactive at 9 am and Evening Prayer at 9 pm (both eastern time). You can also play the webcast if you can’t make it at that time.

Morning and Evening Prayer takes about 15 minutes (sometimes more or less). If that is more time than you have, you could do one of the shorter offices from the Book of Common Prayer, “Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families,” found on pages 136-140. You can also find them at <http://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/devotion.html>. In all of the prayer services there is room for us to add our own intercessions and thanksgivings.

One way of extending these devotions and to get the Bible readings from the Daily Office in is to substitute one Lesson from the Daily Office in place of the Bible Reading in the Devotion. If you use more than one Devotion you can use more than one Reading.

I encourage you to try one or more of these “tools” to say your prayers. I have been toying with the idea of creating a St. Peter’s You Tube channel where various people could record the Daily Office making it feel like we are praying with others. If this sounds interesting, let me know.

We now have these wonderful tools to help us say our prayers in a disciplined way. Please share your experience with me.

In Christ,

Fr. Don

KIDS' CORNER

By Sue Legnani
Director of Christian Formation

September 13th was Grandparents Day and the following day there was an article in the newspaper about how grandparents help to link the generations together. I can now relate to this in a whole new way since I became a grandparent for the first time seven years ago.

I also have grown increasingly aware of the important role many grandparents play in the religious formation of their grandchildren. Grandparents are often the ones who bring their grandchildren to church or Sunday School because parents have to work or are just too overwhelmed with their own lives to do this. Sometimes the grandparents take the place of parents by sharing their faith with their grandchildren because parents are not religious or don't feel comfortable trying to bring faith into their home. In some cases they are just against organized religion.

More and more grandparents in our society are the ones who are raising their grandchildren because their children are unable to do so for many different reasons. This puts them in the place of providing religious formation in the home for their grandchildren in place of the children's parents.

As Christian denominations and other religions shrink in numbers more and more studies are being done to track the changes in our society and our thinking about religion. In several of these studies the answer to the question, "**Who or What Has Influenced Your Life of Faith?**" one of the top answers was "Grandmother". The next answers were mother, Sunday School teacher and a specific person mentioned from the parish.

What does this tell us? Grandparents have a significant role to play when it comes to the Christian Formation of grandchildren. We have the advantage of being completely there for our grandkids without all of the other distractions of meals, laundry, housecleaning, carpools and homework. If we choose to share our religious faith with them, it can be one of the special things that are a bond between us, and it can become a teachable moment as we pass on religious traditions that are meaningful to us.

So Happy Grandparents Day to all of us who have the privilege of having grandchildren in our lives.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

None

MEMORIAL SERVICES

None

Body and Soul

By Edith Green, RN

I found this little article in amongst my papers.
Thought it was something you'd all like.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from
Noah's ark.

- 1—Don't miss the boat.
- 2—Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3—Plan ahead; remember it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4—Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, you might be asked to do something big.
- 5—Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job.
- 6—Build your future on high ground.
- 7—For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8—Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9---when you're stressed, float a while.
- 10.—Remember the ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- 11—No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

And finally: in recognition of the coming election year:

In our democracy anyone can be president. Unfortunately, that's the problem.

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We are thrilled to announce that FundPhotos® is now affiliated with Shutterfly®; far and away one of the most trusted brands in printing and photo merchandise. Starting in October, when you use FundPhotos, all of Shutterfly's products as well as products from Shutterfly brands like Treat, Tiny Prints, and Wedding Paper Divas will be available to you. You can also use photos in galleries from your existing account on Shutterfly. For every Shutterfly purchase made through the FundPhotos web site, St. Peters will be rewarded with 5% of the purchase price, which helps fund the Summer Vacation Bible School program here at St. Peters. Start thinking now about using FundPhotos to purchase those wonderful holiday cards you love sending to family and friends and cherished photo gifts you enjoy giving to loved ones during the holidays. Keep an eye out for more information in upcoming newsletters and watch for this new image on the St. Peter's web site telling you FundPhotos is up and running again!



DEACON'S BENCH

St. Peter's Fall UTO Ingathering Weekend, October 17 & 18, 2015



UNITED THANK OFFERING

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"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"

St. Peter's Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will be held at all services the weekend of October 17 & 18. Our regular contributions to this offering are of major importance both for our own spiritual lives and for the work of the church in the world. No matter where we are on our faith journey, we receive blessings every day. By offering both our prayers to God and our monetary gifts of thanksgiving through UTO, we thank God for his blessings and empower the spread of God's grace and love to others.

A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW) is a project of the Diocese of Hawaii. There, a 2013 UTO grant enabled a group of committed Episcopalians from the four Episcopal churches on the Island of Maui to develop this community Care -Van outreach program. ACCW distributes essential food, hygiene and clothing items throughout the island of Maui. The program, which has grown to include churches from other denominations, will celebrate its first year anniversary on October 13 this year.



A Cup of Cold Water is only one example of how UTO brings God's compassionate care to the world. In 2015, UTO made 44 grants, among which were a \$62,000. grant to the Diocese of Coastal Ecuador to rebuild a missionary's home, a \$20,000.

grant to the Diocese of East Tennessee to fund professional training for leaders of a citizens' organization in which Christians, Jews, and Muslims will work together to transform the systems that keep minorities and marginalized people poor and oppressed, and a 125th Anniversary Young Adult Grant of \$1,250. to the Diocese of Newark, to provide a discernment retreat to build community for young adults to develop leadership skills, wrestle with theological questions, organize projects to serve communities, and help the diocese discern ways to minister to young adults age 18-30.

I invite you to respond generously on our UTO Ingathering Weekend. Special envelopes for your donations will be available in all service bulletins. You may also mail donations to the church office. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with "UTO" written in the memo line.

With thanksgiving,
Deacon Helen
UTO Parish Coordinator

Soles for the Harvest

**Fourth Annual “Soles for the Harvest” 5K Run/
Walk, October 24, 2015
7:30 am – 11:00 am**

Now is the perfect time to register for the fourth annual “Soles for the Harvest 5K Run/Walk.” Beginning and ending at Cream Ridge Winery, 145 Route 539, Allentown, NJ, 08501, the Run/Walk winds past horse farms and through historic Wainford Park. This year, race proceeds will benefit victims of war, here at home through the Wounded Warriors Project and, in Syria, through the Episcopal Relief & Development Middle East Disaster Relief Fund. Runners and walkers are also encouraged to bring canned goods to benefit the Allentown Food Pantry.

Available events include:

1 mile Fun Run (\$10.00 without
T-shirt/\$15.00 with T-shirt)
5K Run/Walk with T-Shirt
(\$20.00)



To register, go to active.com and search for Soles for the Harvest/Everywhere. Click “Soles for the Harvest” on the page that will open for you. You will be taken to the registration page. “Soles for the Harvest” is sponsored by Holy Apostles’ Episcopal Church in Yardville. Deacon Helen invites you to contact her for more information.

Heart of the Home Update

Cynthia Sosnowski and Tiffany Myers recently met with Volunteers of America Delaware Valley chapter, who have just begun a project to provide basic household items to individuals and families in transition from homelessness to permanent housing, to talk about St. Peter’s Heart of the Home outreach project collaborating with Volunteers of America. They were excited about the possibility of collaborating with us to combine their Apartment Supplies Kit (ASK) project with Heart of the Home, so stay tuned for a new and wonderful local ministry being born of our original project!

International Gift Market

**Plan now to do your Christmas shopping at...
St. Peter’s International Gift Market
Saturday, November 14, 9am-3pm
Benefitting the Children of
Redemption School, Haiti**

Do your Christmas shopping with us and help



the children of Redemption School, Haiti. All items for sale will be unique, handmade items provided by SERVV, an established non-profit, fair trade organization whose mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. Whether you purchase items available at our International Gift Market or place an order for special items, you will have your choice of a broad variety of merchandise from around the world. Look for stunning baskets, beautiful scarves, wall décor, dishes and serve-ware, musical instruments, children’s toys, stocking stuffers, and Christmas décor of all kinds. Foodies will welcome our fair trade coffees, teas, chocolate, and soup mixes.

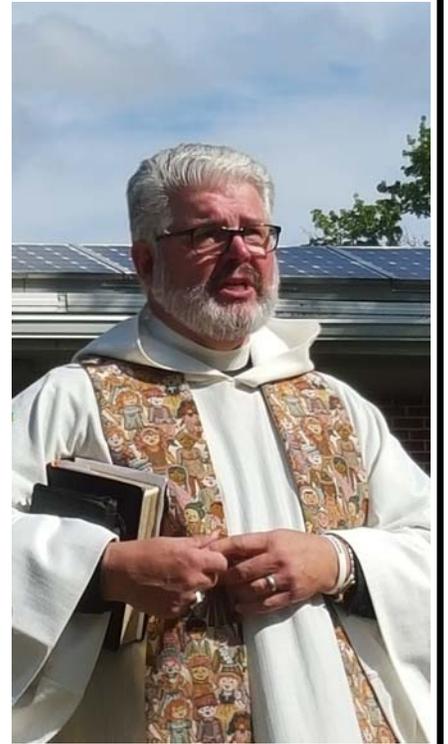
Everyone can help make this sale a special and annual event! To volunteer, just fill out one of the orange volunteer forms on the narthex table or contact Deacon Helen via the church office, 856-596-6415 (home) or dcnhelen@stpetersmedford.org

DID YOU KNOW?



Haiti is one of the few countries in the world where the destruction of the original woodland is almost complete due to competition over scarce land, intense demand for charcoal, unsound agricultural practices, and feral goats which overgraze. This massive deforestation has led to lethal mudslides and flash floods. A muddy brown ring surrounds the country’s coastline where topsoil has washed into the sea.

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM



It was a beautiful day for the “Mass in the Grass”, Blessing of the Back packs and church picnic on the grass behind the church on Sunday, September 13, 2105. Father Don had parents say a prayer over their children after making the sign of the cross on their forehead: *Child of God, may your heart be open to learning the Love of Jesus.*



The volunteers at St. Paul’s worked hard to serve a record number of people on September 13th.
(Photos courtesy of Dave Lusk.)

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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.

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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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