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For submissions to the
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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and empowered by
God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

Our core values:

Christ centered
Open minded
Caring
Welcoming
Generous

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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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What's Happening In August

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Our 9:30 AM Sunday in-person worship is live streamed, [click here to view from our website](#), or on from our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON8nsKN_ta0bhJFr20uMHg

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Recurring Events

Tuesdays @ 8:30 am - St. Peter's Sojourners' Walking Group
Tuesday, August 10 @ 10:00 am - Centering Prayer (at church)
Wednesdays @ 6 pm - Holden Evening Prayer (in person only)
(outdoors if weather cooperates, otherwise in sanctuary)
Thursdays @ 10 am to 12 pm - Loaves & Fish Food Pantry
Thursdays @ 7 pm - AA Meeting

Worship Leaders needed

If you like to read Scripture and lead prayers aloud, you may be a Liturgist.

If you like to help people get comfortable and feel welcome, you may be an Usher.

If you like to help orient people to our church and greet them as they enter, you may be a Greeter.

If you like well-coordinated worship and know your way around a computer (or video production was always something you wanted to do when you grew up), you may be an AV Tech Team member.

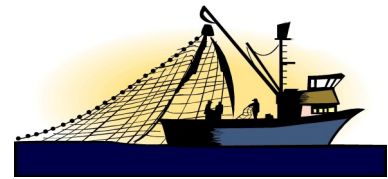
If you like to have worship outdoors and are willing to set up chairs and drag out the piano, you may be a Worship Set Up Crew member.

In order to provide worship for the community, it takes a crew of people with various skills and interests to help make it happen. In this new reality of church, we need more people to assist. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to jump in and add your voice and hands to the work of worship, please contact office@stpeterscapedcod.org or by telephone (508) 432-5172. Training is provided. Help is offered. And we'd be grateful!



View From the Deck

Holleck Sabbatical



Pastor Tiffany and I will be on Sabbatical in September and October. We will try to anticipate and answer some of the questions you may have.

What is a Sabbatical?

A sabbatical is a time for rest and renewal. It is based on the rhythm of creation; after creating the world, God rested. Luke tells us that amidst his public ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, Jesus "would withdraw to deserted places and pray." (Luke 5:16) The New England Synod encourages pastors to take a sabbatical/renewal leave of three months every four years. In our almost 24 and almost 25 years of ordained ministry we have had one - and it was marvelous. We hope our sabbatical will afford time for rest, renewal, reflection and inspiration!

Do you have a focus?

Our focus will be an immersion in the Psalms. The psalter (book of Psalms) has long been considered the prayer book within the Bible. It is a collection of songs and prayers giving expression to every human emotion. We hope to explore and engage the Psalms through study and worship.

What will you do?

Central to our sabbatical will be a week at Luther Seminary in Minnesota during which we will meet several times with two professors, one an Old Testament scholar who has written several books on the Psalms, the other a professor of congregational care who focuses on prayer, spiritual formation, spiritual resilience through the life span (yes, very applicable to St. Peter's!) and social justice.

It is also our intention to spend time in retreat in several Benedictine (or other) monastic communities where we can experience and participate in daily worship; many of the monastic communities worship four or five times a day with worship services that draw heavily on the psalter. The logistical challenge has been that many monastic guest houses are not yet open to overnight guests. Other times of our Sabbatical we may be on retreat, reflecting, studying, resting and praying whether from a cottage, home, or Dad's sailboat.

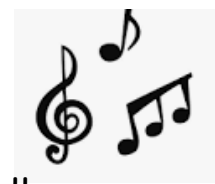
Why now?

We were planning to take our Sabbatical a couple of years ago, but between staff changes and a world-wide pandemic, here we are! Following the stress of the pandemic and given that this fall we will be "empty nesters" it seems a particularly appropriate time for reflection and renewal.

How will this affect St. Peter's?

Four of St. Peter's retired pastors will take turns sharing the preaching and worship leadership. Several pastors will share primary responsibility for pastoral care. We are blessed to have so many pastors in our church family, and hope that this time is enriching and renewing also for the congregation.





Appreciation is a wonderful thing.
It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.
Voltaire (1694-1778)

Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off and lovely reception! Thanks to Pastor Christian and Pastor Tiffany for all their help and support during my tenure as well as to Ruth Joanie and Kathy!. I want to say a special thanks to all our musicians for their dedication and sharing of their time and talents - I have learned so much from you! It has been difficult this past week to say "Good-bye" to so many of you, but it has also made me realize that I will always carry you in my heart. Recently when I was watching the Cardiff Singer of the World competition, Roberta Peters made this comment - I'm not looking for perfection - perfection is boring. I'm looking for the magic! I hope you find someone who is magical for St Peters and everything else will flow from that!

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.
Irish Blessing

St Peter's Organ Task Force Nantucket Field Trip Report:

This past March, just prior to Easter, our electronic organ stopped working. We learned at that time that the parts needed to make it operational are no longer available and other temporary repairs are costly. At this time, the technician has provided us with a "used" part that has no guarantee. In summary, we are in need of a new instrument as the current one could become completely inoperative at any moment.

The Council approved the formation of an Organ Task Force (OTF) in April in order to begin the long process of searching for a replacement instrument. The OTF began meeting virtually, in April under the direction and guidance of our Minister of Music, Cheryl Duerr, and proceeded to gather in person in the sanctuary in order to receive information and demonstration on the organ.

Another important first step for the group was to establish a "mission" for St. Peter's music program as the organ is surely a vital aspect of that mission. It was then determined that the group would benefit from visiting other churches to hear a variety of instruments.



St Peter's Organ Task Force Nantucket Field Trip Report (continued):

The first field trip was to Nantucket on Tuesday, July 20. We met with the organist of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Joe Hammer, who showed us four different "box" organs, all mechanical action/pipe organs from various builders and of different ages (1893-2001) and sizes. After lunch we visited a fifth organ without Joe but benefited greatly from Cheryl's skills and knowledge as she played a wide variety of music and answered our questions regarding the function and performance of this last instrument -and compared the characteristics among all five. We chose Nantucket because of the close proximity of these organs making it possible to see and hear them in one day. This trip was invaluable to our task as there are many aspects to consider when acquiring a church organ. Following are some summary statements from the members of our group.

Pastor Christian: was struck by the vast differences in the age of the five instruments (1831 to 2001), marveling at their longevity, durability, and resilience, particularly striking in our "throw away" culture. To this point Pastor Christian found it inspiring to have an opportunity to plan for the future of St Peter's music program and ministry that would surely last decades (centuries?) beyond the lives of our current membership. Given that the Lutheran tradition takes pride in its musical heritage it is appropriate to seriously consider all options.

Cheryl Duerr: A pipe organ will draw a better organist to St. Peters and also attract musicians to the church. While the up-front cost appears to be high, we saw by the longevity of these instruments (one 190 years old) that they are a great long-term investment. The organ attracts the organist, they in turn attract musicians to the music program and they, in turn, attract more people to the church. It is the most sound investment to secure a solid future for the church.

Lynn Archambault: This trip emphasized the many aspects to consider when choosing an instrument of such high value and importance...1) size, shape and design of the sanctuary...we need to literally "think outside the box" as we attempt to understand how acoustics might impact our choice of instrument; 2) primary role of the instrument - to accompany the congregation 3) secondary role - lead an anthem choir 4) additional role -to provide musical enrichment including solo or accompaniment of other musicians.

Gayle Olson: Following Cheryl's comment...the instrument could draw interest from the community, which might lead to an abundance of organists /musicians looking for opportunity to play/practice and become "supply" organists for St. Peter's.

Alice Vaughan: Highlighted the importance of: 1) investigating "used" organ inventory 2) finding qualified builders and/or installers who would recognize our acoustical uniqueness.



The Reopening Task Force News



The Reopening Task Force met July 22 and determined to continue our current protocols.

Masks and physical distance are optional for anyone vaccinated.

Unvaccinated people are required to mask and practice physical distance.

Hand sanitizing upon entry to the building is required.

Karen Beggs, Pr. Christian Holleck, Pr. Tiffany Nicely Holleck, Tom Shields and Jane Wordsworth



In the time of the pandemic, many things changed, including things at the church. Staff retired and new staff was hired. The kitchen and parking lot were redone and a new website was built. Since we've reopened a new audio-visual system and new air conditioning were installed in the sanctuary. That is a lot of change!

Here's a gentle guide to help you find what you need at the church.

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Our **Pastors** remain. If you need pastoral care, are going to the hospital, want a shoulder to cry on or a listening ear, contact the pastors or if you want to schedule a Memorial Service, contact

Pastor Christian, ext. 12 Email: matthew14_27@comcast.net Christian works Mondays to Thursdays with variable hours, some Saturdays, and of course on Sundays.

Pastor Tiffany, ext. 13 Email: calledbyname@comcast.net Tiffany works half time, Tuesdays to Thursdays, variable hours, some Saturdays and of course on Sundays.

Who Ya Gonna Call? continued

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If you want to schedule a meeting in the building, need supplies ordered, or want to be reimbursed for something, contact **Operations Administrator Kathy.**

Kathy Branton, ext.11 Email: BusinessOffice@StPetersCapeCod.org
Kathy manages our building use and financial resources. She usually works Monday to Thursday, 10 to 1.

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If you want to volunteer for a ministry, add an announcement into the weekly news (This Week At St. Peter's), have a newsletter article for publishing, or want to order Altar flowers, contact **Ministry Administrator Joanie.**

Joanie Keating, ext. 10 Email: Office@StPetersCapeCod.org Joanie prepares the Sunday bulletins, the TWASP, livestream graphics, Network newsletter, and assists with other ministry related tasks. She works Monday to Friday 9 to 2.

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Our **Custodian** continues to be **Rebecca Catron**. She usually works Monday to Friday early mornings and can be reached by calling the main church number (508) 432-5172.

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We are in the search process for a new **Minister of Music** and a new **Nursery Caregiver**.

If you don't know who to call for help, call the main church number and we'll be happy to assist you. (508) 432-5172.

Finally, if you haven't already discovered it, spend some time on our new church website. www.StPetersLutheranCapeCod.org

There is lots of information there - including submitting

[prayer requests](#),

[ordering altar flowers](#),

and finding the

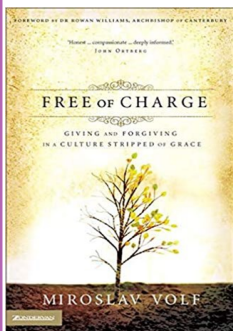
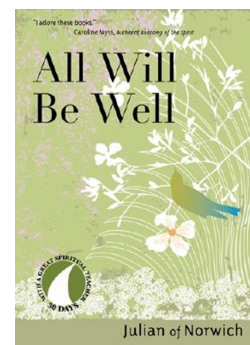
[worship leaders schedule](#)

and the [church calendar](#).

Adult Education

Bible Study for Women

We'll spend the month of August with a personal devotion with *All Will Be Well*, selections from Julian of Norwich. Published by Ave Maria Press, part of the 30 Days with a Great Spiritual Teacher series. It is available on Bookshop.org. We'll meet hybrid (in-person and Zoom) August 4 and 18 @ 7PM.

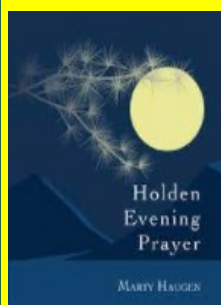


In the Fall we'll do a study on forgiveness, using Miroslav Volf's book *Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace*. Watch for more information on this study, but go ahead and order your book now.

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday evenings in August at 6pm.

Weather permitting, we will be outside; otherwise, indoors.



Centering Prayer

Tuesday, August 10 @ 10:00 am - Mark Classroom

Kathy Teahan from St. Mary of Magdala will be leading this. All are welcome.

Contact Kathy at kathyteahan@hotmail.com or Pr. Christian matthew14_27@comcast.net if you have questions.



Sunday School Teachers Needed

We hope to resume Sunday School this fall and are looking for volunteer teachers. Contact Pastor Tiffany if you are able to help.

COUNTERS NEEDED:

Can you commit to counting once a month?
Or even less by being a substitute counter?

The occasional fifth Sunday has stretched us thin. Counters work in pairs, recording the funds that come in weekly, preparing the deposits and taking the money to the bank. We will train you and our paper system is very straightforward, not at all hard. (All information is kept confidential.)

Contact Paul Bongfeldt, Financial Secretary,
if interested at 774-237-9631.



Transportation & Flower Ministry volunteers needed



If you are able to drive well, If you know your way around the Cape or can follow GPS directions and have a smartphone, If you are willing to help out people in need, and or deliver altar flowers after Sunday's Worship to brighten someone's day.

Then the Transportation & Flower Ministry would appreciate your help. Our former drivers are no longer able to continue their service, and there are requests for rides coming in more frequently now. Please contact Lou to volunteer for the transportation ministry. Please contact the office if you are able to deliver altar flowers.

Thank you to those who have recently stepped forward.



JustPeace



Your JustPeace team extends our appreciative thank you to all who have participated in purchasing olive and supporting the Tree Of Life scholarship program for youth in Palestine. We have just sent another sizable check to The Tree of Life Educational Fund in Connecticut. The one liter containers that have been new this year have been popular for

those of us who want this quality in our daily meals.

We continue to have the gift bottles available as well as the one liter containers. A gift bottle is \$25 and the liter container is \$20. Kindly email or call me for any additional purchase. I can plan a delivery or a meeting at church.

Nancy Hallberg-Emerson nancyhemerson@gmail.com 262-227-3395

FAITH HOPE AND LOVE



Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 15

"And now these three remain:

faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

After many difficult months of physical separation and isolation caused by the pandemic, and in celebration of our love for each other, St. Peter's will be holding an **Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 15 after worship service**. This happy, yummy event will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall directly after worship and may spill out on to the lower lawn if weather permits. Come enjoy ice cream served to you by members of the Stewardship team and Church Council and socialize with your friends at St. Peter's.

We hope to see you there!



Loaves and Fish Pantry

It is time to consider the future of St. Peter's pantry. I'm sure everyone is aware that the operation of the pantry has changed dramatically due to the pandemic. It is only open one morning each week from 10:00 am to 12:00. Food packages with substantial amounts of non-perishable, meat, frozen and fresh produce are packed and given to pantry clients in their vehicles. The clients are asked if there is anything special they need and if available that is given. The clients are asked to complete a form consisting of name, address, phone #, number of adults/children in their family. This is required from LCOC and is submitted weekly.

While this format was necessary when restrictions were put in place by the government, due to the availability of the vaccine, there is more flexibility now dealing with the public. I feel that the pantry should be open more than the present but this involves having enough staff to allow more days open. There are folks who work or have other commitments that makes a particular day unavailable to them. It would be wonderful to return to the 5 day open schedule, but again, this involves more volunteers.

There has also been a change when picking up and ordering supplies from the Greater Boston Food Bank. We now go to the LCOC office in Orleans and pick up the order there. We also have a change in the way we order supplies which affects what we can get.

I have been involved with our church pantry for 30 years, and as manager for the last 15 or more years. As most of you know, conditions at home have changed and it is necessary for me to be there more often. Also, I am now 86 years old and believe the time has come for me to pass the pantry keys and duties to a younger person. That said, as of December 31 st. I am retiring as pantry manager. I am giving my six month notice in hope of someone stepping forward to take this job so that St. Peter's can continue with this much needed community service. I will be available during the next months to help the new person feel familiar with this responsibility, so by January the duties of the pantry will make the transition a comfortable situation.

I want to thank all the volunteers I have worked with all these past and present days, they were the folks who kept the pantry available to so many needed families in Harwich.

Respectfully submitted,
Aline Glifort



We will be sponsoring and welcoming an asylum family in the Fall. We are looking for people who have interest and can volunteer in one of these areas:

- **Food/ Hospitality** Preparing a welcome meal, helping a family become comfortable with how food shopping, food pantry, and appliances here work. Ensuring age and size and gender and season appropriate clothing, household and personal supplies are available upon arrival.
- **Education** Helping children enroll in schools and/or adults in ESL or adult education, etc. assisting parent -teacher communication, and homework assistance if needed.
- **Legal Accompaniment** Tracking and accompanying family to legal appointments and communications with their immigration lawyer, ICE and immigration court.
- **Recreational/Cultural** 'Take me out to the ball game...'
- **Transportation:** Providing local transportation, accompanying and supporting use of public transportation and Uber to/from grocery store, pharmacy, church and other food.

Please fill out our online survey form to indicate your interest in volunteering at [Safe Harbors Volunteer Form](#), or call Cathy Samples at 617-462-1540 to set up a time to discuss.

We plan on starting online and in person volunteer orientation and building our team roles, supports and scheduling plans in September, expecting to know who our client/family will be by mid-September, and ready for arrival on Cape Cod, move-in and accompaniment by 10/1.

Sacred Sorrow



"Grief is neither a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow,"

Included this month is a quote from "18 THINGS I WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME ABOUT GRIEF" by Lisa Boehm excerpted from the Bereaved Parents of the USA Summer 2021 newsletter. "There is no such thing as closure or 'being healed.' We don't wake up one day and say 'there, now I'm done grieving.' I know some people don't like the word 'healing' either but it's the word I use because to me it's a reflection of working on

my grief even though I will never reach an end point." To read the whole article go to the website bereavedparentsusa.org, Newsletter, 2021-Summer.

Hoping that all bereaved parents are in the process of successfully healing as we move forward and that warm summer weather and sunshine will bring renewed energy and blessings.

Please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@o Boyle.net for more information about Sacred Sorrow or just to have a chat.

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We are grateful for the \$1,000 of Thrivent Choice Dollars recently allocated to St. Peter's Lutheran Church by Steve Strand in memory of Beverly Strand.

St. Peter's policy allocates 1/3 of the monies received to the Organ Fund and 2/3 to the General Fund.

St. Peter's Sojourners

Now that many of you are vaccinated, we've changed our procedures for weekly walks together. We continue to invite new walkers & ask that they email.jay.tichenor@gmail.com if they wish to join the group & get updated info on where our walks will be. We will once again meet at the church parking lot for car pooling, at 8:10 a.m. Tuesdays. Because of the high tourist season upon us, we will start out going to breakfast first, then going on our walk at a nearby location. Masks are not required for the walk but must be worn if indoors for breakfast. For those wishing to know the breakfast location if it is nearer than the church car pooling option, directions will be sent each week.

Peace, Jay Tichenor





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you aware of how active our Prayer Shawl Ministry is?

Amazingly, the St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry has now gifted 800 prayer shawls!

Shawls have been given over the years for various reasons including serious illness or surgery, grief or loss, and challenging life situations. Some have been gifted for pleasant reasons such as baptisms or weddings and in

thanksgiving for service to St. Peter's. Shawls are interwoven with prayers as they are stitched. A St. Peter's label is attached and the shawls are blessed before they are presented to the recipients with a special card which is printed with the St. Peter's window on the front. Shawls have been given to members of St. Peter's as well as relatives, neighbors and friends of members.

In recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we had a special service of healing involving over a dozen churches from all over the Cape. During that very moving service well over 500 full size shawls, pocket shawls, hats and quilts were blessed. These were then donated to various organizations. For a time the St. Peter's ministry was also able to provide some shawls to the Cape Cod Hospital chaplain to give to patients in need. Recipients have ranged in age from young babies to the elderly and shawls have been sent to other locations within the United States as well as some foreign countries. Shawls are always welcomed and there continues to be a need for them.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has hosted two "Yarn Parties." We were able to share yarn that had been donated by a yarn shop that closed and guests were invited to bring yarn that was no longer needed and take whatever they could use. These parties were well (and enthusiastically) attended by ladies from various churches throughout the Cape and we enjoyed some refreshments and shared ideas for new projects and patterns.

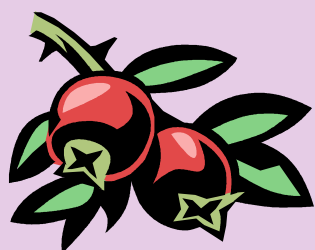
The St. Peter's group continues to meet on the first and third Fridays of each month at 1:30 in the Luther Room. Please feel free to join us for prayerful work and pleasant conversation.

Contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net for more information.

P.S.A.L.M. People Sharing and Loving More

Meetings and Events:

August 5	6:30 pm	Informal Meeting*
September 9	7 pm	Business Meeting
October 14	7 pm	Business Meeting



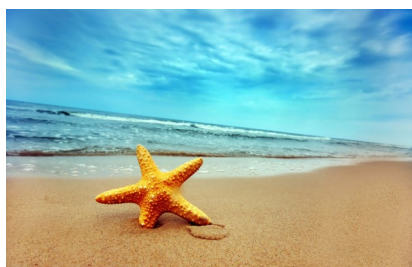
SAVE THE DATE CRANBERRY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HOMELESS CAPE COD YOUTH

*Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We can share ideas and thoughts for our upcoming Cranberry Fair and visit with Deb Scott before she heads back to Florida. We hope to see you all on Thursday, August 5th as we re-unite and share hugs and fellowship.

Warm wishes for a blessed and safe summer.



Esther Circle

We wish everyone a safe and healthy August.

Thinking ahead, there are tentative plans being made to have a "real in-person" Cranberry Fair this year. Is there something you could contribute? Knitted items are always welcome. Shoppers are often looking for children's hats and mittens. The jewelry tables are always popular, so if you have any jewelry pieces you don't need please consider donating them.

Lower Cape Outreach Council

Real People. Real Problems.
Real Solutions.

Great news!

Katy's Korner will be reopening on
September 7, 2021

Mondays - Fridays Hours 10:00 am -12:00 pm

All donations will take place outside in our parking lot.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in July and August (Fall and Winter Clothing)
from 10:00-12:00 (two bag max)

We Gratefully Accept New & Gently Used

- Accessories: belts, shoes, handbags, and jewelry
- Books (excluding encyclopedias)
- Clothing: for women, men, teens, children, and infants that are in season, now taking fall/winter clothing only
- Home decor, home goods, and artwork
- Housewares including small appliances in working order
- Linens: towels, tablecloths, runners, napkins, sheets, comforters, and blanket

We Must Decline

- Air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, space heaters
- Baby Equipment: car seats, cribs, highchairs, play pens, etc.
- Bed pillows, mattresses, mattress pads, toss pillows
- CD's, Computers, laptops, printers
- Curtains, drapes, blinds,
- Encyclopedias
- Furniture
- Exercise equipment
- Knives
- Medical Equipment
- Stuff animals
- Luggage
- Paper Bags

Please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate all donations.
Thank you for understanding.

Backpack To School

We're really going back - live and in person!

The past year was challenging for all of us, and especially hard for our children. We hope you will join us in making this year's Backpack to School program extra fun and special for over 200 students, grades K-12 on the Lower and Outer Cape. Your contribution will make it possible for HPC to purchase needed supplies, enhance our efforts to provide shoes, and include an "extra special" gift for each student.

When we come together to support those most vulnerable in our community we can do so much. Please be part of making this year's Backpack to School program the best!



This year, we are in need of:

- **Donations** (click here to make a contribution)
- Gift Cards for shoes
- 24-pack #2 pencils (Dixon/Ticonderoga)
- 4-pack thin dry-erase markers
- Spiral notebooks (college & wide-ruled)
- Composition notebooks (college & wide-ruled)
- 24-pack Crayola Crayons
- Large glue sticks
- Ballpoint pens (blue, black, red, green)
- 12-pack Crayola thin markers
- 12-pack Crayola colored pencils

Beginning August 1st, donations can be dropped at any of these collection bin locations:

HPC Office (14 Old Tote Road)

Staples in Orleans

Orleans Police Department

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309.

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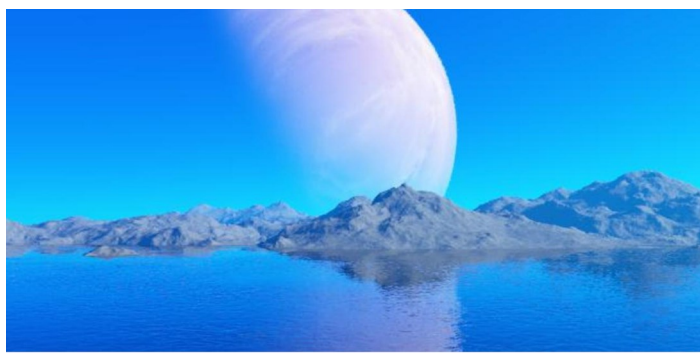


Searching for Alien Life

This column deals with God's menu of liquids to make life possible.

Our planet is teeming with life of many forms because water makes it all possible. Elsewhere in the universe life might be possible with chemicals not like the polar molecules of oxygen bonded to atoms of hydrogen. Could life flourish with atoms of carbon bonded to multiple hydrogen atoms as in liquid methane? Saturn's moon, Titan, has lakes of methane, and moons of Jupiter have oceans of water larger than the ones on our planet. NASA plans to send a probe to Europa to determine what chemicals lie beneath its ocean.

The oxygen atom in a molecule of water is attracted to a hydrogen atom in a neighboring water molecule giving water its unique properties that are essential for the chemistry of life of Earth. Hydrocarbons do not form bonds like the unique hydrogen bonds do.



The water on all of our oceans is older than 5 billion years! Water was formed before swirling disks of gas and dust gave birth to our planets. It is believed water originated from stellar nurseries of ice from huge clouds of gas and dust that gave birth to the Solar System. Stellar nurseries of water can be found in the universe.

When hydrocarbons with copious amounts of nitrogen mix with water, amino acids, the building blocks of life, are produced. Amino

acids were the sparks that began life on our planet 4 billion years ago! Astronomers believe such conditions exist elsewhere on extra terrestrial oceans in our solar system. Plumes of water were seen when Cassini swooped past Enceladus, a moon of Saturn. With exoplanets joining the roster of known worlds, it is possible there are solvents beyond water and methane such as ethane, hexane, chloroform and other exotic liquids that could serve as the basis for life as we don't know it! Alien life might be found under a microscope or require a telephoto lens to view it! Let your imagination point the way to the exploration of the Cosmos searching for water and other liquids that could support life in many surprising forms known only by God.

PASTOR'S RESPONSE BY CHRISTIAN HOLLECK

It's summertime on Cape Cod. When I read the opening of Doug's article, I read it as Cape Cod is teeming with life from many other states because water, and sandy beaches, makes it all possible! One thing I find striking in this article is the comment that water on our oceans is more than 5 billion years old. And even though it's been there 5 billion years, we're still imagining, exploring and discovering as if it just appeared yesterday! Isn't that amazing? The scriptures talk about God's steadfast love, about God who is unchanging yesterday, tomorrow and forever, and yet we constantly discover God as though for the first time, and are invited to express our wonder by singing a new song to the Lord!

Happy imagining, exploring, and singing!

Council Corner notes

Here is a summary of what was discussed and acted upon at the recent Council Meetings:

It has been a busy month for Council with several motions approved, including



- ✚ Acceptance of the resignation of Cheryl Duerr as Minister of Music with gratitude for her dedicated service.
- ✚ A donation to be made to Housing Assistance Cape Cod (haconcapecod.org) from the Memorial Gifts account in recognition of St. Peter's faithful and generous volunteers.
- ✚ Replacement of the Narthex kitchen refrigerator which recently failed.
- ✚ Acceptance of the proposal by Secure Networks for network and system IT support after a church internet outage which cancelled a recent livestream Sunday worship.
- ✚ Two building use requests: one from Reverend Lydia Tembo, our former intern, and her husband to use of one of the Sunday School rooms this summer; and one from a Parkinson's exercise group for use of the Fellowship Hall two days a week.

In addition to these motions, other Council business included:

- ✚ Aline Glifort reported that she will retire as manager of St. Peter's food pantry at the end of the year and is looking for a replacement. The Council thanked her for her many years of dedicated service to the community.
- ✚ Recognition of Thrivent Choice dollars donated in memory of Beverly Strand by her son.
- ✚ Disbanding of the Worship and Music Committee with our thanks for their service and formation of a new Worship Team.
- ✚ Plans for an ice cream social for the congregation and friends on Sunday August 15 in the Fellowship Hall after worship.
- ✚ A progress report on the Safe Harbors ministry which has located housing for a family starting in October.
- ✚ Reports from Esther Circle which hopes to resume meetings in September and the PSALM group with preparations starting for the Cranberry Fair on November 20.

Financial Status - June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$200,672.	\$201,270.
Expense	\$180,922.	\$190,104.
Net Income	\$ 19,750.	\$ 11,166.



NOTES AND LETTERS



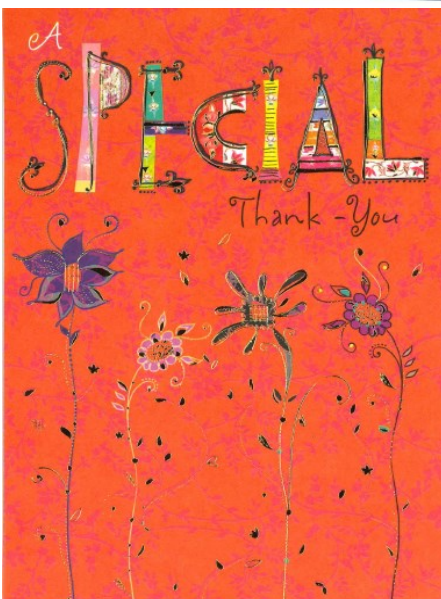
To the JustPeace Team,
Thank you again for your
generous support for the
Gonzalez family and the mission
of Building A Bigger Table.

Sincerely,
Cate O'Neill



Dear Pastors,
Thank you so much for the
wonderful job you, your staff and
tech volunteers are doing to
provide us with services. I've
enjoyed every one of them.

Sincerely,
Wilma Janson



To all of St. Peter's,
It's easy to be grateful
when there are wonderful people
like you in the world.

Special thank you for the extra prayers and
meals that were prepared and made my recovery
go a lot quicker.

Please enjoy the Calla Lily by planting in a special
place at the church.

Marguerite and Shawn Heffernan

NOTES AND LETTERS

Hello to our friends at St Peter's,

Well we are finally seeing daylight through the tunnel. Note to self, be sure to take enough furniture to be comfortable especially during a pandemic. Our new chairs are back ordered until March 2022. Yep that's correct luckily we brought two comfortable chairs and our bed so we are comfortable. We are very happy here in celebration and don't regret the move at all. We do miss our children and many friends up north. We are adapting to the wet weather quite nicely, though we've been inside sorting and unpacking. Even though we took less than half of our stuff we still fine we are making regular trips to the local Goodwill. Each of us has spent time at a medical facility. Bob had cataract surgery in right eye and will have second eye done this week. I visited a new dental facility and had some work done. Tucker, now nine months at the local vet and had a special boy surgery. So we might John.

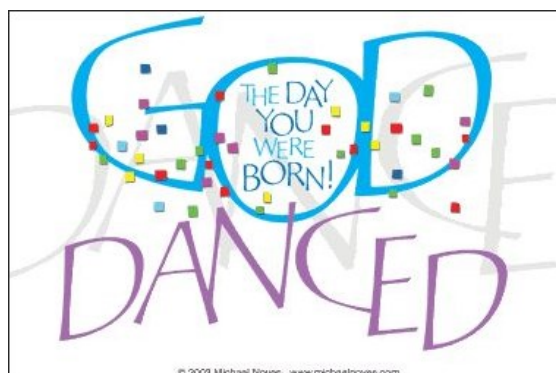
We were sorry to have left so quickly and was short notice. It all came together so fast. We found the perfect house for us and needed to scoot so we didn't lose it. We will come back for a visit sometime. Not yet though. We appreciate the online services as it makes us feel like we never left. The Covid sure changed everyone's life. We are sorry to hear about the loss of some very prominent members. Caroline Ritz was one of the first to greet us when we were went to the 8 o'clock half hour spoken service in a little old church and took the kids to another building for Sunday school. The kids requested that service because of the half hour. Of course that was summer only. Eddy Peterson brought life to our worship and music committee meetings and many other areas of the church. How precious is our life that we should always remember to live to the Glory of God.

We want to thank St Peter's, our church home for 39 years, for always being there for us and our family. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and blessings,
Bob and Marcia Harris



August Birthdays and Anniversaries



For the Month of August

<i>Judy Olson</i>	<i>August 1</i>
<i>Herb Glifort</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>Svea Peterson</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>Brian Lampson</i>	<i>August 4</i>
<i>Norm Cronin</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Kierstin Kean</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Joanna Holleck</i>	<i>August 13</i>
<i>Katherine Beasley</i>	<i>August 14</i>
<i>Keith Campbell</i>	<i>August 15</i>
<i>Anthony Nicholson</i>	<i>August 15</i>
<i>Joshua Bradley</i>	<i>August 16</i>
<i>Evelyn Sherwonit</i>	<i>August 16</i>
<i>Jetty Sousa Lampson</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>Bob Harris</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>Judy Helm</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Dawn Steber</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Pem Schultz</i>	<i>August 23</i>
<i>Richard Archambault</i>	<i>August 26</i>
<i>Margaret Flood</i>	<i>August 28</i>
<i>Lynn Hatch</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Ruth-Anne O'Gorman</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Karen Bulin</i>	<i>August 31</i>
<i>Nancy Hallberg-Emerson</i>	<i>August 31</i>




<i>Jim & Andrea Michaels</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>Janice & Ed Piszcz</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Scott & Dawn Steber</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Tiffany & Christian Nicely Holleck</i>	<i>August 23</i>
<i>John and Deborah Ritz</i>	<i>August 27</i>



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August 2021 at St. Peter's

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person	2 9 am Bridge	3 8:30 am Worship Staff 12 pm Bridge	4 10:00 Staff Meeting 11 am Victorian 11:30 am Bridge 6 pm Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm Women's Bible Study	5 10 am Loaves & Fish 10 am Staff Support 6:30 pm NAML Mtg 6:30 pm PSALM Mtg 7 pm AA Meeting	6 12 pm Bridge 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 4 pm SMMC
8 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person	9 9 am Bridge	10 8:30 am Worship Staff 10 am Centering Prayer 12 pm Bridge	11 9 am Council Officers 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 am Bridge 6 pm Holden Evening Prayer	12 10 am Loaves & Fish 7 pm AA Meeting	13 12 pm Bridge	14 4 pm SMMC
15 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person Ice Cream Social 	16 9 am Bridge	17 8:30 am Worship Staff 12 pm Bridge 6 pm Council Meeting	18 10 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Bridge 6 pm Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm Women's Bible Study	19 10 am Loaves & Fish 11:15 am Pastoral Care 7 pm AA Meeting	20 12 pm Bridge 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 4 pm SMMC
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