



For Pete's Sake!

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"IT'S STILL EASTER?"
Eastertide 2016
Vicar Christopher Beasley



What a week we have had! What started on Palm Sunday with shouts of "Hosanna!" quickly turned to shouts of "Crucify!" and then the broken body of our Lord was laid in a tomb and we grieved because He was no longer with us. When we gathered on Sunday morning, we rejoiced by exclaiming "Alleluia!" (several times!). We were overjoyed and excited that Christ had triumphed over the grave and that we have the gift of eternal life in Him.

But as we make our way through the days following Easter, we see quite a shock. We will see that for the retail stores, "Easter" is over. Any remaining Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs (which probably were sold for half price on Easter Eve!) are practically being given away for free. Just as the season of Advent builds and builds to the birth of Christ while the rest of the world is celebrating Christmas with its songs and parties; when Christmas Day arrives, we are ready to be done with it. So, too, is it with Easter. Lent builds and builds and, for most people, the two weeks of church attendance (Palm Sunday and Easter) is enough and they are ready for Easter to be over.

And so we come to church on 3 April and we see it is the "Second Sunday of Easter." Wait! "Easter's over! Why prolong it?" or "How many 'Sundays' are there in 'Easter'?" Easter is not just a weekend that begins at dusk on Holy Saturday and ends on the evening of Easter Day; it's a 50-day Season which begins on Easter Eve/Day and continues through the Day of Pentecost (which this year falls on Sunday, 15 May).

The 50 days celebrates our risen Lord's presence with his disciples over a 40-day period after he rose

from the dead (See Acts 1:3), and the nine-day period of prayer that the disciples made in preparation for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Finally, on the "50th Day," the Holy Spirit came among Jesus' followers on the Day of Pentecost, in the form of a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The Spirit-filled disciples preached to the Jews or Jewish converts gathered for the Feast of Pentecost, baptizing about 3000 people! (Acts 2:41.)

We celebrate this holy Season of the Church Year by once again singing the "Gloria" and "Alleluias" which had been temporarily suspended during the Season of Lent. White vestments and altar hangings are used, reminding us of the glory of Christ's resurrection. (On the last day of the Easter Season, Pentecost Sunday, we wear red, remembering the tongues of fire alighting on the disciples.)

The Paschal Candle, traditionally lit from the blest fire on Easter Eve, will be lit throughout all Easter Season services. You will also notice that there is a little more singing than usual, since this is the "highest" Season of the Church Year.

Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is such a joyous feast that we can't hold onto it just for one day. Fifty days makes for a longer, more realistic way to celebrate the event that turned human history upside down, and gives us—and the human race—realistic hope of a risen life with Christ after our own deaths.

One more thing to add: Easter is NOT just a day, or a fifty-day Season, but A WAY OF LIFE! When you and I were baptized, we entered into a new relationship with God as His children—a relationship that would never end because of God's unending love for us. When you and I sin, we turn ourselves away from God's love, but the irony is that we remain God's children.

The ultimate goal of our Christian life—OUR ULTIMATE DESTINY—is to be with God and His Son Jesus and His Holy Spirit in heaven. Parts of fulfilling our destiny are to live as if we were God’s children, and to help bring others to know, love and serve our God.

This is a never-ending opportunity and challenge for us who believe that Jesus is truly risen from the dead, and living and loving among us. That is why our weekly Sunday Eucharist – where we partake of the risen body of our Lord Jesus Christ – is so important to each of us.

Each Sunday therefore is that opportunity to anticipate a world that knows no boundaries and where all people are seen as God’s creation. Each Sunday therefore is a day to honor and practice resurrection. Each Sunday, therefore, is in itself a “little Easter.”

So if someone asks you, “How WAS your Easter?” You might say, “It was good,” or “it was okay,” or “it was tiring!” OR might you rather say, “My Easter Day was _____, but my Easter is still happening, as I live out my life in Christ.”

Blessed Easter to you and yours! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Paz,
Christopher+



Did I miss a newsletter?

One of the things that I look at in my secular job is whether or not a process is continuing to do the purpose for which it was intended.

A newsletter is supposed to contain news. The prime purpose of a church newsletter is to provide information to our parishioners and friends. With the advent of social media and email, there are other ways of notifying you of what’s coming up: the Chatter, the weekly bulletin inserts, announcements during the service, etc. However, I do realize that not everyone utilizes these methods. We will try to have copies of the chatter available on the Welcome Table.

So we are going to publish the newsletter on a “seasonal” basis. Let us know what you think about this change. If it isn’t working, we can go back to the monthly format, but we are going to give this a try. We will publish the next issue in time for Pentecost.



Bishop’s Committee

The next meeting of the Bishop’s Committee will be held on Sunday, 17 April at 11:45am in the library.

YAC Updates

The Yarn and Crafts (YAC) group meets once each month, sharing fellowship time and usually working on a project for an upcoming event.

For April, the group will meet on Thursday the 14th for a light dinner at 5:45pm and then will work on making painted porch planters for spring flowers.

In May, the group will meet on Thursday the 12th and work on “no sew” summer style tops.

If you have an idea for a project or want to plan an activity, let our Social Chair, Sandra Dailey know.

Pathways to Vitality 2.0

The diocese announced earlier this year that it was the recipient of an approximately \$800,000 grant to address financial wellness in the diocese.

As part of this grant from the Lilly Endowment, parish leaders will be gathering for a day long training at the Indiana Museum of Art on Saturday, 16 April to learn about personal financial wellness, parish financial wellness, and how this topic will become the focus of Pathways 2.0 for the diocese.

Half of the grant is to be used over the next three years to break down the “conspiracy of silence” with regards to parish finances. Do you know what is considered income for me as your priest? What is taxable? What isn’t? Do you know how much debt the average clergy person carries in this diocese? How well are they positioned for retirement (or must they keep working till 72)?

The other half of the grant will be used in a program to be announced at the 16 April event. It could provide needed resources for those parishes on the verge of or path to self-sustainability. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Christopher’s Schedule

The monthly Clericus meeting will be at St. Paul’s, Indianapolis on Tuesday, 12 April. The office will be open later in the afternoon.

Christopher+ is taking vacation from Wednesday, 27 April through Tuesday, 3 May. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact the Senior Warden, Chuck Dailey at 317.292.5840.

Light Bulbs in the Nave

Thank you to Jason Fortner and to Sandra Dailey for coordinating the materials needed to run a successful “adopt-a-lightbulb” campaign during the first quarter of 2016. At the March Bishop’s Committee meeting, it was voted to spend the money to replace the 56 lightbulbs in the nave with LED bulbs that will last for 10+ years.

If you would still like to donate, please mark “lightbulb” on your check in the offering plate.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Pathways – Labyrinth Update

On Maundy Thursday, we received a check from Christ Church Cathedral Women in the amount of \$2,000 for our labyrinth project.

Pathways will be meeting on Tuesday, 12 April at 6:15pm to begin making plans for construction and installation of our labyrinth during Summer 2016.

Fr. Whitney to Supply

During Christopher’s+ vacation, we will once again welcome Fr. Whitney Smith as Guest Priest. Whitney+ currently serves as long-term supply at St. Mary’s, Martinsville two Sundays per month.

Congratulations Kimberly & Steve!

Kimberly Thomas and Steven Black will be united in Holy Matrimony at 4:30pm on Saturday, 16 April 2016 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. All are welcome to share in this special day with two people we love and cherish for their many gifts to us as a community.

Our Facebook page now has 122 “likes.” The link is <https://www.facebook.com/Weseegodinyou>.

Family Night

As the weather continues to get warmer, we are anxious to get back outside as well for Family Night! But we do know this is Indiana and April can be hit or miss on temperature and most likely will be rainy, so we will gather at 6pm on Thursday, 28 April for Evening Prayer followed by Family Fun Bingo Night!

During May, we will gather outside again for Eucharist and a Pizza Party followed by outdoor games. Watch the Chatter for times and location.

If you have an idea for a project or would like to plan an activity, contact our Social Chair, Sandra Dailey.

Coming Soon – A New Playground

We have been exploring options on how to eliminate the small river that forms between the two buildings during heavy rains. While we cannot add dirt and obstruct the “natural flow of water,” we are looking at adding a drain that would take the water to the creek.

We want to get this task done as soon as possible so we can get our new swing set in place for the children of the parish! Christopher+ overheard at a recent meeting that swing sets and playgrounds are great ways to show that you are welcoming and open to young people and those with families.

Updates on the Roof

The new roof has been installed on both the church and Blackwell Hall. The contractor still needs to come out and finish the work in the chapel. Due to Holy Week, they were unable to get in the chapel last week.

When they were tearing off the old roof, they notice the decking above the chapel had severely deteriorated and water was basically pouring in there freely anytime it rained. Thankfully, we caught this in time or it could have been much worse.

Thank You...

♥ Tom Mohringer provided the eggs and was at the church early to hide them. Thanks for coordinating a very successful Easter Egg Hunt, Tom. The children were very happy!

♥ Thanks to all who participated in the many services during Holy Week and who took part in the Holy Watch. It was great to journey together as a community through the last days of Jesus’ life.

♥ Thank you, one and all, for your help in preparing soups and serving when St. Peter’s hosted the Lebanon Lenten Soup and Supper Series.

♥ Thanks to Chuck Dailey and Amanda Yauney for excellent food during our Annual Italian Night in February.

♥ Thanks to Sandra Dailey for coordinating all social events and setting up the Gathering Area for our Italian Night with elegant tablecloths and table arrangements. Your skills are unmatched!

♥ Thanks to Bob and Cherie Donaldson for all their work investigating our property boundaries, options for drainage during heavy rains, and trying to repair the office copier (may it RIP).

♥ Submit a “thank you” in the offering plate and we will list it in future editions of *For Pete’s Sake*.

Rogation Service

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host a Rogation Service to pray for and bless the equipment and materials used in planting on Wednesday, 4 May at 6:30p.m.

Rogation services are a time to pray for planting for those working with the land. Many people bless the elements used in farming, the fields, the seeds, and animals. This is also a time to show gratitude for soil, water and growth, and to challenge community members to think carefully of the food they eat and their care of water, earth, and seed.

The outdoor service will proceed around the main building of the church, which re-enacts the beating of the bounds that originated in France in the year 470. Historically it has involved clergy beating the ground with either a cloth, broom, or similar object around the perimeter of the church asking for God's protection and salvation.

You are invited to bring farm implements, lawn tractors, weed eaters, flower pots, seed packets, or other gardening tools to be blessed. After the service, we will be giving away fruits and vegetables. All those who attend are invited for social hour and fellowship following the service.

We are working with a couple of farm equipment companies in Boone County and hope to have a couple of tractors for display!



Episcopal Fund for Human Need (EFHN)

During the month of May, we are adding many prayers to our service and there are weekly bulletin inserts of information about the Episcopal Fund for Human Need. Last year, the diocese was able to provide \$30,000 in grants to 32 agencies around the diocese. An extra \$5 from each person can help provide the basic necessities for those in times of need.

St. Peter's will be looking into a grant for the Community Garden from EFHN since our food benefits local food pantries and provides healthy foods for those in need.

Please give generously on Pentecost Sunday.



Update on the Bees

During the winter of 2016, our beekeepers, Chuck and Sandy Dailey and Gary Sanders attended a couple of bee school events (the largest being at Decatur Central HS on 27 February). They have given presentations on our beekeeping ministry at a meeting in Thorntown. At Diocesan Vestry College, Chuck Dailey gave two presentations about what we are doing here at St. Peter's. Those two presentations were wildly successful and now other parts of the diocese are "buzzing" with excitement about how they can "bee" like St. Pete's!

Our vicar gave a presentation to the Diocesan Youth at the Spring Conference at Waycross in early March and many of the youth and youth leaders walked away from that very energetic about our ministry and how they can become involved.

As for our bees themselves, they are coming out of their winter hiatus and are now leaving the hive and going out pollinating and beginning to make some honey. The queens are beginning to lay more eggs in preparation for the peak of summer when the population will swell from 10,000 bees in each hive now to about 50,000 in each hive.

We are also growing as we will add four new hives this year – the Mary and Martha hives, and the Ruth and Rachel hives. Our hives have been painted and delivered to our commercial bee breeder who will bring them back to us in late May or early June full of bees. We are getting ready to plant a section of the field near the corral with ladino and clover. Gary and Chuck are working to expand the corral to accommodate the new arrivals.

If things go as planned, we should be able to get around 100 pounds of honey (100 bottles) by the end of Summer. Look for more information in the next issue of *For Pete's Sake* on how you can reserve a bottle. With six hives, we will potentially have double the amount of honey in 2017.

St. Peter's Apiary



Lebanon, Indiana

The Lord "Bee" With You

Upcoming Events – April and May

- 3 April: Healing Service follows 10am service.
- 3 April: Vicar's Discretionary Fund – all loose offering goes to help those in need in our community.
- 4-5 April: Christopher+ at Spring Clergy Conference at Waycross. Office CLOSED on Tuesday.
- 7 April: Confirmation Class from 6-8pm.
- 12 April: Pathways to Vitality meets at 6:15pm (ish)
- 14 April: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) meets at 5:45pm for light dinner followed by craft activity of Painted Porch Planters.
- 16 April: Diocesan Leadership Day at Indianapolis Museum of Art
- 16 April: Wedding of Kimberly and Steve; 4:30pm
- 17 April: Food Drive Sunday. Bring in items for donation to The Caring Center.
- 17 April: Bishop's Committee meets at 11:45am in the library.
- 24 April: Church Clean Up Day after service. Feel free to wear jeans!
- 28 April: Evening Prayer with Family Night – 6pm – Family Fun Bingo Night!
- 30 April: Confirmation at St. Christopher's in Carmel, 11am.
- 27 April to 3 May: Christopher+ on vacation.
- 1 May: Whitney Smith+ - Guest Priest; followed by Healing Service.
- 4 May: Rogation Day Service – 6:30pm.

• Leadership at St. Peter's

Clergy

Vicar The Rev. Christopher R. Beasley

Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Chuck Dailey

Junior Warden Jason Fortner

Treasurer Cherie Donaldson

Communications Lindsey Dickerson

Welcome/Invitation Debra Hartsock

Stewardship Diana Halstead

Music

Organist Carol Ann Webb

Christian Education

Nursery Attendant Kimberly Thomas

Sunday School Shelbi Fortner



Lent Madness Winner

I hope everyone enjoyed reading about the 32 saints who were a part of this year's Lent Madness. After all the rounds of voting ended, Jason Fortner emerged as this year's winner by choosing Dietrich Bonhoeffer to win the Golden Halo. Carol Ann Webb garnered second place by choosing Julian of Norwich as the Silver Halo winner.

When Need Arises

If you need to get a hold of Christopher+, you may call the parish phone at 482-2322. Messages are checked at least once per day (excluding Friday).

At any time, you may contact Christopher+ on his cell phone at 765.602.1129 or by email at crb0311@aol.com. He is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 5pm. His Sabbath day is Friday.

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 faithful pastors, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, p. 818)

The Trouble with Easter

But ... I want the tomb full, like temple or tent – with the Holy enshrouded in fabric un-rent. Yes, I want death preserved in sweet-smelling spice; not my neighbor perspiring the aroma of Christ.

~Julia McCray-Goldsmith

How will we together embrace the gift of life in all its fullness today?

(Meditation from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*, p. 104)

April Birthdays

4	Shelbi Fortner
5	Marjorie Gorham Brooks
5	Martha Gorham Parks
11	Heavena Mohringer
12	Gina Pool
18	Michael Balint
26	Johanna Mohringer
27	Barbara Craig



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Cindi Myers
11	Kate Fortner
11	Lucy Fortner
14	Patsy Sanders
18	George & Shirley Dehn 70th Anniv.
20	Barb Moore
22	Matt Fortner
23	Corie Cremer
23	Kendall Cremer
26	Lorelei McKenzie James

Ministry Team Schedule, 2016

If you cannot serve on the Sunday assigned, please arrange for a substitute.

	04.03	04.10	04.17	04.24
Altar Server	Jason Fortner	Debra Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Diana Halstead
Reader	Carol Ann Webb	Jason Fortner	Norma Sanders	Chuck Dailey
Intercessor	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Dorothy Kelley	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders	Dorothy Kelley
Altar Guild	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	Shelbi Fortner	Sandy Dailey	Shelbi Fortner	Children's Sunday
Coffee Hour	Kent South & Christopher+	Eric Mohringer & Bob & Cherie Donaldson	Chuck & Sandy Dailey	Matt & Debra Hartsock

	05.01	05.08	05.15 Pentecost	05.22 Trinity	05.29
Altar Server	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Diana Halstead	Debra Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley
Reader	Carol Ann Webb	Debra Hartsock	Chuck Dailey	Norma Sanders	Jason Fortner
Intercessor	Lindsey Dickerson	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Dorothy Kelley	Gary Sanders	Chuck Dailey
Thurifer	N/A	N/A	Jason Fortner	Jason Fortner	N/A
Altar Guild	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Dorothy Kelley	Margi Whitehead	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	Shelbi Fortner	Sandy Dailey	Shelbi Fortner	Children's Sunday	Sandy Dailey
Coffee Hour	Jason & Shelbi Fortner	Eric Mohringer & Bob & Cherie Donaldson	Christopher+ & Kent	Jason & Shelbi Fortner	Carol Ann Webb

Please be praying for...

Kalpana Acharya
 Adam & Lindsey
 Eric Alexander
 Becca
 Brittany & Annette
 Cammy
 Cary, Brian Alex, Kate, Troy & Gina
 Charlie
 David
 Bonnie & Lew Dailey
 Shirley & George Dehn
 Debbie DeLeon
 Denise
 Emily Dickerson
 Cindy
 Carol & Becky
 Cassie
 Paul Fauser

Gwendolyn
 Sharon Harpold
 Andy Hartsock
 Deborah Heaton
 The Curtis Herring Family
 Mimi Kuhn
 Clella Leach
 Luke
 Debbie M.
 Johanna Mohringer
 John Mohringer
 Peyton
 Theresa P.
 Susan Rice
 Harry S.
 Patsy Sanders
 Nelson
 Mary K. Shelly

Donna South
 Steven Black
 Kimberly Thomas
 Deana Weems
 Kevin Wilcox
 Crystal Wilmot
 The Bishop's Committee
 Pathways to Vitality Team
 Kimberly & the nursery children
 The Sunday School children & teachers

The people God is inviting to St. Peter's whom we have yet to greet
 Those who have no one to pray for them

Going forth into the world, we see God in our neighbor.