



For Pete's Sake!

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The Delta Demon
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In high school, my friend Clint drove an enormous 1983 Oldsmobile Delta 88. It was burgundy red, and due to its size and color we called it "The Delta Demon." Invariably, on the way home from causing some (minor) mischief Clint would glance at the Demon's fuel gauge and exclaim, "Uh oh. Out of gas. We have to

stop." We'd coast into the nearest gas station on fumes.

The Demon's gas tank was insatiable. Clint would pump gas, pay the cashier with the crumpled five dollars from his pocket, and collapse into the driver's seat exclaiming in an exasperated tone, "Just once I wish I could top off the tank." It seemed as if it took the entire five dollars—all that Clint had—just to get us home.

In 1992, the year I turned sixteen, the average price of gasoline was 98 cents. Today the average price of gasoline is \$2.81. In this era of economic difficulty, it is not unusual to pull up to the gas pump and see that the people in front of us have put only five or ten dollars in the tank, because that's all the money they have. Indeed, on some days we may be such people. Some days we lack the resources to fill the tank. Some days there's not enough gas to get us home. Some days we subsist on fumes.

Our spiritual lives are not so different from our gas tanks. Too often, we rely on our demons to carry us through the world, those insatiable aspects of our lives that drain us of our strength and our joy but which we cannot seem to let go. Too often, we find that when we need to endure and carry on our tanks are empty. We don't have enough gas to get us home.

Who can fill our spiritual gas tank? What can top us off and see us through the long and crooked miles of life?

St. Paul counsels, "Be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise...Do not get drunk with wine [which is, undoubtedly, one of the demons on which many people rely] but be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Ephesians 5:15 & 18)

The difference between filling our spiritual gas tanks with the Holy Spirit rather than demonic and destructive things is made clear when the Psalmist says to God: "You have made known to me the path of life; you fill me with joy in your presence." (Psalm 16:11)

Life is, indeed, a journey down many and varied roads. We can travel in one of two ways: We can move forward in fits and starts, lurching on fumes until we gather just enough worldly resources to get us down the road to the next stop. Or, we can fill our hearts and souls with God, who empowers us through hill and valley, along smooth stretches and over potholes. Best of all, God doesn't charge us anything, and he will fill our spiritual tanks to overflowing. God will be fuel, vehicle, and riding companion all, and the road trip will be one of joy.

So, who will fill your gas tank?

Paz, Christopher+





The Pathways to Vitality team is making plans to create a diameter outline of the labyrinth in a couple of locations on the property. This will give us an opportunity to visualize the labyrinth in various settings.

Several people walked the taped labyrinth while it was in place in the gathering area last month. The children and young adults explored it several times.

There is a special fund set up in the church accounts for designations to the Labyrinth construction fund. If you would like to donate to this fund, please indicate "Labyrinth" in the memo of your check.



Photo courtesy of Jason Fortner.

Our Facebook page now has 110 "likes." The link is <https://www.facebook.com/Weseegodinyou>.

Communications Committee

We are ready to start updating our Parish Directory! On Sunday, 3 May there was a printed copy on the Welcome Table for you to review the information you would like shared in the parish directory.

Currently, we have names, addresses, phone, email, birthday and anniversary information. Please take a look and, if it all looks good, then indicate so by placing a checkmark next to your name.

We will have the updated directory printed and ready for distribution on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May.

Christopher+ Vacation Schedule

With the warmer weather, plans are being made for vacations.

The office will be closed for its summer recess from 22 July – 1 August as Christopher+ and family will be on vacation. We will have a Guest Priest with us on 25 July and Christopher will be back on 2 August.

Hopefully, we all will be able to enjoy some time relaxing this summer!

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, 13 May at 7p.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.



Episcopal Fund for Human Need

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 fund additional grants to provide the basic necessities for those in times of need.

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

Please give generously on Pentecost Sunday.



Update on Kroger Community Rewards

For the first quarter of 2015, because of your shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card that is linked to St. Peter's Community Rewards account, we received a check for \$316.32!

Thank you for helping St. Peter's through your shopping at Kroger! If you have not registered your card with St. Peter's and would like to do so, please see Fr. Christopher.

National Day of Prayer

The Lebanon Area Clergy Alliance (LACA) sponsored the National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, 7 May at Memorial Park in Lebanon. The event began at 12 noon and featured many clergy from Lebanon. A hot dog truck was there for the convenience of people attending on their lunch hour.

Fourth of July Parade

If you would like to be part of the St. Peter's entry into the Lebanon Fourth of July Parade, please see one of the Bishop Committee members to learn how you can help.



Update on the Bees at Adult Education

On 26 April during adult education, we heard and watched Chuck Dailey's informative and fascinating presentation on our new ministry of beekeeping. Several tools were on hand, including a smoker, which makes the bees docile. There is a rumor that Jason Fortner plans to use it when we have incense, but that has not been confirmed at this point.

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. Gary Sanders is in the process of planting bee-friendly plants and flowers out near the corral so that we can help the bees develop enough honey reserves to endure the next winter.

This project continues to receive interest from our Bishop. Fun fact: the two hives that will start our venture have been named for the two "Queen Bees" of The Episcopal Church: Katharine (our Presiding Bishop) and Cate (our Bishop).

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 after the Maundy Thursday liturgy through noon on Good Friday.

♥ Thank you to Chuck Dailey and Jason Fortner, who shared their musical gifts with us on Palm Sunday with the haunting Offertory Anthem, *To mock your reign, O dearest Lord* (#170, *The Hymnal* 1982).

♥ Thank you to everyone who shares a God Moment on Sundays. These moments inspire us to watch for what God is up to in our own lives. As we are vulnerable with one another, a deeper relationship is formed.

♥ To Kent South, Bob and Cherie Donaldson, Chuck and Sandy Dailey, and Christopher+ for all the work on the grounds in the last couple of weeks.

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



Mid-week Eucharist

We are continuing our mid-week Eucharist on the 4th Thursday of the month. The service will have no music and will begin with Evening Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist with a short reflection by the vicar.

We use the propers (appointed collect and lessons) from *Holy Women, Holy Men* to guide us.

The service begins at 5:30pm and should last no more than thirty minutes.

On 28 May, we will gather for a light meal after the service and plan the social events (and leaders!) for 2015. Come and help us build community!

This is a great way to invite your friends without a church home to check us out. Childcare will be provided.

Bishop's Committee – DATE CHANGE

The next meeting of the Bishop's Committee will be held on Tuesday, 19 May at 6:30pm in the Library.

Flowers and Coffee Hour

Please see the sign-up sheets on the welcome table to sign up to either provide the flowers for a given Sunday or to host a coffee hour after the 10am service. Spaces are available for these ministries of hospitality.



Letter from Bishop Cate (Condensed from her Address at Convention)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is not the kind of address I usually provide at a Convention of the Diocese -- reporting on my own activities and providing highlights of our ministries during the past year. I will make that address when we meet in October.

This is a report of a different kind, sharing with you important information about a project I am asking you to undertake for the next two years.

During the first week of March I called the Standing Committee together to meet with Bp. Clay Matthews, of the Pastoral Development Committee for the House of Bishops. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Standing Committee that I have decided to call for the election of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis. I am anticipating that we will elect at the October meeting of our Convention in 2016, and that we will Consecrate and Seat our new bishop two years from now -- in April of 2017.

The Standing Committee will have responsibility for oversight of this process; they will appoint a Search Committee and a Transition Committee -- and do all such good things as they believe will help the diocese in the process of searching for and electing a new bishop. During this time of discernment and election, information will not come from my office, but from the Standing Committee. Many of you know and can appreciate that certain aspects of any search process need to be confidential, and I'm certain you'll understand and respect that need.

Because the Standing Committee will be overseeing the transition process, I will be free to give my attention to being your bishop -- and I look forward to these next two years of still having the best job in The Episcopal Church! My heartfelt thanks to all of you for what are doing and will continue to do in service to our Lord.

Blessings,



+Catherine M. Waynick
X Indianapolis
April 25th, 2015
Bloomington, IN

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 and for the ECUSA 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)

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.

Outreach & Evangelism

Meeting together to worship is important, but we must remember that we are also called to reach out to those around us in order to proclaim the Good News of God's love and forgiveness and to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

In recognition of this fact, our St. Peter's Outreach & Evangelism Committee is seeking people who are willing to explore the possibilities of how we might impact Lebanon and the surrounding area.

We will work with existing organizations and programs, seeking ways to expand and improve what we do at St. Peter's. If you're interested in this aspect of our mission, please contact Jason Fortner at jafortner@att.net or 765.891.1760.

Upcoming Events -- May

- 10 May: Healing Service follows 10am service
- 12 May: Christopher+ at Fresh Start at Trinity, Indy 9:30am-3pm
- 12 May: Deanery Meeting at St. Peter's at 6pm
- 13 May: Rogation Service at 7pm
- 14 May: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) Group meets at 5:45pm
- 17 May: Sunday School -- End of Year Celebration
- 17 May: Church Clean-Up Day
- 17 May: Welcoming The Newcomer at St. Timothy's, Indianapolis, from 4-6pm
- 19 May: Bishop's Committee meets at 6:30pm in the Library
- 24 May: Pentecost Sunday; Children's Service & Change for Change
- 24 May: In-gathering of pledges for Episcopal Fund for Human Need
- 28 May: Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist -- 5:30pm; Social Activity Planning Session follows
- 31 May: Trinity Sunday
- 16 June -- St. Peter's is hosting Fresh Start group 9:30am -- 3pm

Coming Fall 2015



God Bless You
on your
BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

11 Kate and Lucy Fortner
14 Patsy Sanders
20 Barb Moore
22 Matt Fortner
26 Lorelei James



Pentecost Blessings

Ministry Team Schedule, 2015

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

	05.03	05.10	05.17	05.24 Pentecost	05.31
Altar Server	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock
Reader	Chuck Dailey	Jason Fortner	Norma Sanders	Debra Hartsock	Andy Hartsock
Intercessor	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Andy Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders
Thurifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jason Fortner	N/A
Altar Guild	Margie Whitehead	Carol Ann Webb	Dorothy Kelley	Carol Ann Webb	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Cherie Donaldson	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Children's Sermon	Children's Activities
Coffee Hour	Jason & Shelbi Fortner	Eric Mohringer and Donaldsons	Kent South & Christopher Beasley+	Marion Ritchie	Chuck & Sandy Dailey

	06.07	06.14	06.21	06.28
Altar Server	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead
Reader	Chuck Dailey	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Norma Sanders
Intercessor	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Dorothy Kelley	Andy Hartsock	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders
Altar Guild	Jason Fortner	Carol Ann Webb	Margie Whitehead	Dorothy Kelley
Sunday School	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Cherie Donaldson	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Children's Sermon
Coffee Hour	Kent South & Christopher Beasley+	Eric Mohringer and Donaldsons	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Please be praying for...

Kalpana Acharya
Adam & Lindsey
Eric Alexander
Wesley Beasley
Becca
Brittany & Annette
Cammy
Cary, Alex, Kate, Troy & Gina
Charlie
David
Sandy (Chadd) Davis
Bonnie & Lew Dailey
Shirley & George Dehn
Debbie DeLeon
Cherie & Bob Donaldson
Cindy
Carol & Becky
Cassie

Paul Fauser
Cathy Gray
Gwendolyn
Sharon Harpold
Andy Hartsock
Deborah Heaton
Mimi Kuhn
Josephine
Clella Leach
Luke
The Doug Marer family
David McKinney
Johanna Mohringer
John Mohringer
Pam Morford
Matt, Barbara & Abi Pickut
Mary Ann Riley
The Jake Roth family

Desiree Roth
Patsy & Bill Sanders
Betty Saunders
Donna South
Tasha, Gaby & Omar Strong
Kimberly Thomas
Johnny Williams
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.