



## For Pete's Sake!

The newsletter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
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Something Greater Awaits  
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Humans worship. It's as simple as that.

Whether we want to readily admit it, we are creatures who instinctively offer our devotion to something, or someone, above and beyond ourselves. We inevitably fill our need to be filled in some way. Everyone worships something, even though it is often called by many alternative names: ideology, politics, almost any "ism" of which one could think, religion, even football at this time of year.

The need for transcendence is as basic to us as the need for love, because love is what worship ultimately is: the act of loving beyond yourself, and, in turn, finding yourself loved beyond your own smallness.

Our friends at First Presbyterian and Pastor Terri might here point us in the direction of the Westminster Shorter Catechism when it famously asks, "What is the chief end of man (and woman!)" The answer: "To glorify God and enjoy him forever."

Now this seems a rather large claim to make -- that nothing is as important in all of life as the worship we give to God. But the Church makes this claim vigorously, knowing that for our human nature, the definition and meaning of life can be found nowhere else as perfect as in worship. Which makes sense, because, after all, the God who formed you in God's image might just have something of importance to say about the shape and structure of your life.

In worship we locate our truest selves because we are there located by the God who crafted us for relationship with God - and with others through God. For instance, I find I am endlessly being immersed into my most fundamental identity in baptism.

Those cleansing and refreshing waters are forever insisting that I am named by and sealed as Christ's own forever. My identity, therefore, is not up for grabs. Nor is

my life's purpose and vocation: As a priest, I stood in this very sanctuary last September and vowed before you, our Bishop, and God that I am called to "seek and serve Christ in all persons," and to "respect the dignity of every human being."

In worship, I engage in the most wonderfully counter-cultural activities imaginable: during the Confession I get on my knees in order to confess the hard realities about myself which I spend most of life trying to mask.

When the altar server washes my hands before I celebrate the Eucharist, I repeat a paraphrase of Psalm 51, asking God to cleanse me of my wickedness. By carving out these spaces in my life, I find the courage to own up to the truth and get over myself enough to turn to Jesus for help and salvation.

None of this comes naturally. It is not how any of us act without ritual practice. It's not just going to happen, in other words. Each bit of it must be learned and lived into through God's grace.

On my own, I wish to serve myself and am as apt to give into evil as resist it. When working out of my own resources, when I fall into sin, I am liable to stay put and wallow around in it for a while.

It is only in offering myself to the Maker and Creator of all life that I learn who and whose I am, on whom and what I am to rely, and where life's meaning is ultimately found. It is solely in adoration of the One beyond me that I best elbow my ego aside, embrace the other, and subsume my own little story into the expansive narrative that is the Kingdom of God.

Your mother always told you, "You are what you eat." But I tell you, "You are what you worship." You will become that to which you give your devotion and praise.

For this reason, Episcopalians (and Anglicans throughout the world) have always maintained the rule: "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*," which simply means, "Praying Shapes Believing."

You will become in belief what you give your prayerful heart to in worship.

Of course, there are many would-be deities out there wishing to gain your worship and thus bend the definition of your life. They would gladly insist that you are nothing but a consumer, or a libido, or a part of a voting bloc, or a paycheck, or a dress size, or a party member, or any number of countless other lesser identities unworthy to own one as precious as you.

But God in Jesus rescues you from those lesser gods in your worship of God in Jesus, and establishes you as rightly loved, embraced, called and sent forth. You become what God in Jesus says you are: a light to the nations, salt for the earth.

So come this week and find yourself in worship. Realize in praise, adoration and prayer that you are redeemed, sealed, gifted, called and, above all, living a life of infinite possibility and eternal purpose.

You know how I know?

Worship.

The rule of prayer determines the rule of belief.

You are what you worship.

Paz, Christopher+

### Invitation to the Table

This is the Table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow and those who have failed. Come not because I invite you, it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God, should meet God here.

The Table is ready.



### 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)

### Back to the Fifties Festival

On Saturday, 19 September, members of St. Peter's will be on the courthouse square as part of Lebanon's Annual Back to the Fifties Festival. We will be selling strawberry shortcakes topped with ice cream. This year the event is being chaired by Bob and Cherie Donaldson.

If you would like to participate by working the booth or baking shortcakes to be used at our booth, there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

### Bishop's Committee

The Bishop's Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am.

### Parish Directories

The latest edition of the St. Peter's Parish Directory is available for you on the Welcome Table. Thank you to everyone who took time to validate their information and get this important document up to date!



### Monthly Family Night

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, we gather at 6pm for Evening Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist. The service will have no music and we will be using the readings from *Holy Women, Holy Men* to guide us. The service should last no more than thirty minutes.

For August, after the service, we will be gathering outside (weather permitting) for lawn games. There will be badminton and volleyball set up as well as Frisbee Golf.

Please bring the family (and children) on 27 August as we live into community! This would be a great way to invite your friends to check us out! Childcare will be provided.

### Miss The Service?

You can still hear the sermon! Visit our webpage at [www.weseegodinyou.org](http://www.weseegodinyou.org) for audio files of recent sermons and calendar of events. If you know a shut in who would like to receive them by email each Sunday, let Fr. Christopher know!

## Do you Goodsearch?

Most of us use our computers to do searches for things we want to look up. What if we could use that same curiosity AND raise money for St. Peter's? This week, we received approval to be listed as an approved charity through the Goodsearch/Goodshop family of websites.

All you have to do is register for a free account, selecting "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" (in Lebanon, IN) as the cause you want to support. Then, instead of going to either Bing or Google for your searches, go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to satisfy your curiosity. The search engine is powered by Yahoo.

Set Goodsearch up on your work computers, phones and tablets... and let the money start accumulating. We receive \$.01 per search. So 5 searches by 10 people a day equates to about an extra \$200 a year for St. Peter's.

There is also the sister site "Goodshop." On the Goodsearch page, connect through Goodshop to do your online shopping at Amazon, Target, Staples, online florist companies and over 5000 retailers. A portion of the proceeds from your shopping is donated to St. Peter's.

With the holidays coming up, it is an easy way for the church to receive a little of the money that we each will be spending anyway!

For questions, see Fr. Christopher

## When Need Arises

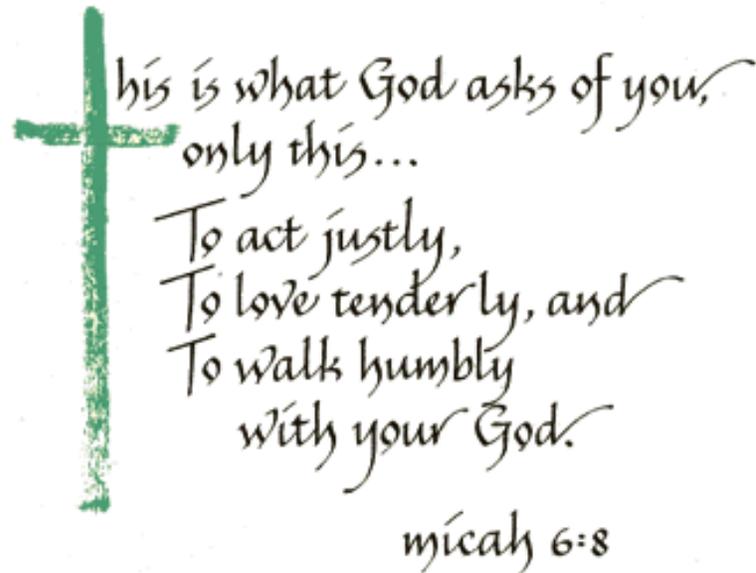
If you need to get a hold of Christopher+, you may call the parish phone at 482-2322. Messages are checked at least once per day (excluding Friday).

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

## Office Volunteers

Do you have a couple hours a week that you could volunteer at St. Peter's? There are many administrative tasks that need to be completed and Christopher+ is looking for some volunteers this fall.

Even if it is just one hour a week, that is fine! See Christopher+ for details.



## Christian Education starts in September

Now that the kiddos have adjusted to the daily routine of going to school, it is time to gear up for the beginning of our Christian Education school year. To kick things off, classes will begin on 13 September with the children going to Sunday School during the first part of the service and coming in at the Peace.

Following the service on the 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our "Sundaes for Sunday School" on the patio where you can decorate your dish of ice cream with your favorite toppings. Our Nursery Attendant, Kimberly, will provide supervision for the children while those adults who wish to participate in Adult Education can gather at the tables near the television for class.

A reminder that Sunday School meets the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. The fourth Sunday is Children's Sunday where they participate in the entire liturgy. On those months with 5 Sundays, the children stay in through the Gospel and then go out into the Gathering Area for a quick activity before returning to the Sanctuary at the Peace.

## Adult Education Topics – Fall 2015

For the month of September, Adult Education will meet after the service on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> near the new television outside the sanctuary.

From 11:20-12:00, we will explore Topics in Anglicanism or Updates from Around the Diocese. Grab a cup of coffee and join in as we explore the origins of our faith.

13 September: "The Elizabethan Settlement"

27 September: "The Church in the Colonies"

4 October: Conversation with Bishop Cate



The Pathways to Vitality team has created a diameter outline of the labyrinth in a couple of locations on the property. This is an opportunity to visualize the labyrinth in various settings.

Several people walked the taped labyrinth while it was in place in the gathering area. 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 113 "likes." The link is <https://www.facebook.com/Weseegodinyou>.

### St. Peter's Weather

Yes, we have our own weather station here at the Church! It is located in the perennial gardens out behind the church. To view the data from St. Peter's, you can either download the Weather Underground app for your smartphone or download the Wunderstation (made by Weather Underground) app for your iPad. Then you will need our "station id" to find us - it is **KINLEBAN14**.

You can also go to Weather Underground (click the link) and enter the station id above.

Now, how many other parishes can boast this?

### Updates on the Bees

Our bees are doing well and signs point to the Katharine hive picking up in production compared to the first few weeks. If you would like to learn more about the bees and see them up close, the hives are usually opened up on Saturday in the late morning or you can stop by the church and Fr. Christopher can walk you out to the corral and talk about the bees. Jackets and veils are available for your use.

### Thank You...

♥ Thanks to Jason Fortner for leading the service of Evening Prayer on July 23<sup>rd</sup> while Christopher+ was on vacation.

♥ Thanks to Sandy Dailey for calling the Bingo numbers at July's social activity. She added to the fun we had that evening. And everyone won a prize!

♥ To the Parish of St. Peter's for the wonderful celebration of one year in ministry with you.

♥ For all those who have worked in the gardens, the flower beds, washing the windows, and dusting in the church over the summer.

♥ To all the wonderful coffee hour hosts who provide us great treats each and every Sunday.

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



### Business Cards

In our bathrooms, the mirrors read, "You are looking at the face of a minister of the Church." By our baptismal covenant we are called to go out and preach the Good News to others and to share the love of Christ to all persons.

To that extent, we have a supply of business cards on the Welcome Table that have the church's name on them and the times of our worship. There is also a spot for you to put your name. Feel free to take a few and hand them out or post them on the bulletin boards around town.

Many times when we are out at Kroger or Walmart or a restaurant, we might be asked about our church or the activities going on there. Wouldn't it be nice to have a card to hand to that person that includes all our information – and then invite them to join us?

### Update on Kroger Community Rewards

For the second quarter of 2015, by shopping at Kroger and using our Kroger Plus Cards that are linked to St. Peter's Community Rewards account, we received a check for \$259.53! 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.



## Upcoming Events – August - September

- 23 August: Invite-a-Friend Sunday & St. Peter's Open House.
- 27 August: Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist at 6pm, followed by Social Activity. This is outdoor game night. Bring snacks to share
- 30 August: Children's Service and Change for Change Sunday.
- 6 September: Healing Service around the altar follows the 10am service.
- 6 September: Undesignated gifts in the offertory go to Christopher's+ Discretionary Fund.
- 8 September: Christopher+ at Clericus in the morning.
- 10 September: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) Group meets at 5:45pm, beginning with a light supper, followed by an activity of the group's choosing.
- 10 September: Bishop Cate meets with the Bishop's Committee at 6:30pm at the Church.
- 13 September: Kickoff for Christian Education Year. "Sundaes for Sunday School" follows the service!
- 13 September: Adult Education from 11:20-12:00.
- 17 September: Christopher+ at Fall Ember Day. NO OFFICE HOURS.
- 19 September: Back to the Fifties Festival on the Square with Strawberry Shortcakes made by St. Peter's. People wait all year for these delicious creations, often standing in line that day.
- 20 September: Bishop's Committee meets at 11:45am in the Library.
- 20-22 September: Following Bishop's Committee until Tuesday Night, Christopher+ is at Waycross for Fresh Start Conference.
- 24 September: 6 pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion, followed by social activity or movie night.
- 27 September: Children's Service and Change for Change Sunday.
- 27 September: Adult Education from 11:20-12:00.
- 4 October – Bishop Cate visits St. Peter's. We will engage in conversation with her after the 10am service.

Coming Fall 2015



## 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 still available!

## Leadership at St. Peter's

### Clergy

Vicar The Rev. Christopher R. Beasley

### Bishop's Committee

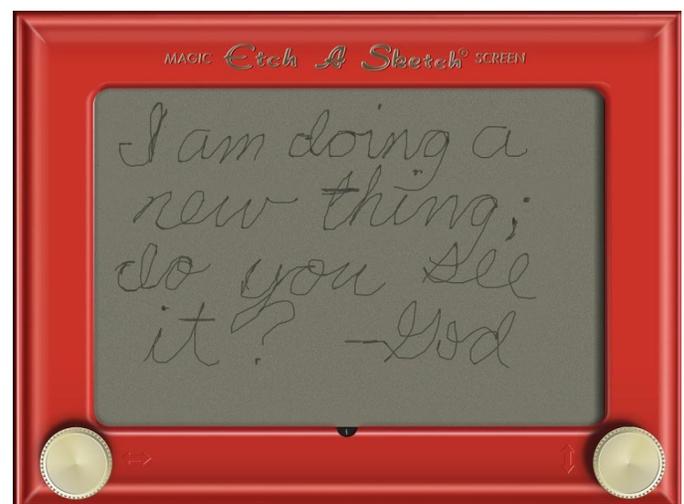
Senior Warden	Sandra Dailey
Junior Warden	Jason Fortner
Treasurer	Cherie Donaldson
Communications	Lindsey Dickerson
Welcome/Invitation	Debra Hartsock
Stewardship	Diana Halstead

### Music

Organist Carol Ann Webb

### Christian Education

Nursery Attendant	Kimberly Thomas
Sunday School	Shelbi Fortner





### August Birthdays

2	Kent South
7	Chuck Ford
16	Shirley Dehn
18	Marion Ritchie
18	Jason South-Beasley
20	Jason Moore
25	Ben Hartsock

### September Birthdays

1	Bob Donaldson
3	Kate Pool
4	Gabrielle Balint
6	Amanda Yauney
7	Vesna Alic
	Chuck Dailey
13	Callie James
14	Tom Mohringer
19	Sarabella Cook
23	Yuka Buchanan
24	Bob Dehn
25	Chris Donnolo

## Ministry Team Schedule, 2015

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

	08.02	08.09	08.16	08.23	08.30
<b>Altar Server</b>	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead
<b>Reader</b>	Carol Ann Webb	Norma Sanders	Debra Hartsock	Chuck Dailey	Andy Hartsock
<b>Intercessor</b>	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson
<b>Usher</b>	Dorothy Kelley	Andy Hartsock	Chuck Dailey	Jason Fortner	Gary Sanders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jason Fortner	Dorothy Kelley	Carol Ann Webb	Margie Whitehead	Dorothy Kelley
<b>Sunday School</b>	Children's Activities	Children's Activities	Children's Activities	Children's Sermon	Children's Activities
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Chuck & Sandy Dailey	Eric Mohringer and the Donaldsons	Gary & Norma Sanders	Bring snacks and finger food to share	Jason & Shelby Fortner

	09.06	09.13	09.20	09.27
<b>Altar Server</b>	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley
<b>Reader</b>	Jason Fortner	Norma Sanders	Debra Hartsock	Carol Ann Webb
<b>Intercessor</b>	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson
<b>Usher</b>	Andy Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Ann Webb	Jason Fortner	Dorothy Kelley	Margie Whitehead
<b>Sunday School</b>	Children's Activities	TBD	TBD	Children's Sermon
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Kent South & Christopher Beasley+	Eric Mohringer and Donaldsons	Marion Ritchie	Carol Ann Webb

### *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  
 Ciella Leach  
 Luke  
 David McKinney  
 Johanna Mohringer  
 John Mohringer  
 The family of Matt Pickut  
 The family of Mary Ann Riley  
 Rhonda  
 Desiree Roth  
 Patsy Sanders

Betty Saunders  
 Donna South  
 Tasha, Gaby & Omar Strong  
 Steve  
 Kimberly Thomas  
 The family of Abby Van Demark  
 Yuka and John  
 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.**