

The Epistle

September 2011

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector

The View for September, 2011



While sitting on the part of a fence (about 16 feet high) that is designed to keep the wild horses from migrating south, it is possible to watch those who have been up on the beach negotiate the deep, loose sand between the hard beach and the hard road. One of the vehicles I watched was a Volvo Cross Country Wagon – full of passengers. As the driver got to the soft, loose sand, and saw how deep the ruts were, he slowed down, slower, and slower, and stuck.

Immediately, the doors of the car opened and out jumped all of the passengers. The driver gave them a few instructions – I thought in Swedish (how appropriate for a Volvo) and they got behind and pushed. Out of the sand and onto the road came the Volvo. I applauded them from my perch, and with smiles all around, off they went.

It reminded me of an event when I was driving in Norway with my parents right after college graduation. On a very narrow dirt track I got too far to the edge of the road and into soft dirt – getting stuck immediately. No sooner than that happened, cars around me stopped, men jumped out, pushed the car back onto four wheels, jumped back in their cars and drove off. Wow – help given simply because it was obviously needed!

Here on the beach, in such places of opulence and of appearance, it is easy to look and compare oneself to those you see. Attending church yesterday -- because I need to worship, to seek God, to hear the Word read and proclaimed, and sing the praises of the one I love -- I also am all the time, comparing, analyzing...maybe even judging.

It is a natural tendency we all have, to one degree or another. We look at others, judge them, and judge ourselves. We compare, contrast and struggle for ego advantage, or are dismayed by our inability to match up with another.

What, if when we were doing all this observing and comparing, we were asking: *where can I help? What gifts do I have that can be of use here – or there? Where are my talents? Pumping water out of flooded basements, staffing Vacation Bible School, being an encouragement to someone in need? What are my God-given gifts for ministry – compassion, teaching, leadership. Where can they be used for ministry and mission?*

We head into program start-up season this month of September. We are tried and tested. We have worked hard this summer – and now we put our energy back to work. Christian Formation – Choir – Development of the Fiscal and Human resources needed for ministry and mission in 2012 – the 5th Manos de Dios house build in Juarez – just to name a few. What is God calling you to do? Where can you put your gifts to work? “So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5. By God’s grace, may we look to one another not for our ego advantage, but for our ministry opportunity.

-- Andrew Osmun

Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*
10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

Christian Formation –
Resumes September 11, 2011
Childcare available
Coffee & Fellowship follows
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Wednesday — Noon Eucharist
Thursday — Morning Prayer
8 am
Both held in the Chapel
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October Epistle

Please email your submissions
for the next Epistle by
September 16, 2011 to
Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net

St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of
Jesus Christ
Preparing Disciples
Caring for the Community

St. Peter's Leadership

Ministers: The Congregation
Bishop: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian
Douglas
Rector: the Rev. Andrew Osmun
Assisting Priest: the Rev. Angela
Rowley
Executive Assistant: Susan Persett
Musician/Choir Director: Nathan
Bontrager
Christian Formation Director:
Karen Vital
Senior Warden: Mary Beth
Saltzman
Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau
Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie
Clerk: Candace Franz
Yale Divinity School Intern:
Matthew Schneider



September Birthdays

09/01 Paul Austin
 09/03 John O'Connell
 09/05 Richard Durazzo Jr.
 09/05 Thomas Scott
 09/05 Samuel Wilson
 09/05 Corinne Wist
 09/07 Leo O'Loughlin
 09/08 Robert Fohrenbach
 09/10 Erin Pinsince
 09/10 Charlotte Riker
 09/12 Judy Bryson
 09/12 Alan Keith
 09/12 Soledad Meade (daughter)
 09/12 Sherra Stewart-Rego
 09/14 Delia Vital
 09/15 Rowan Soracco
 09/16 Beth Jovanelly
 09/16 Kaya Vital
 09/17 Jacen Gallbronner
 09/19 Devin Soracco
 09/20 Dean Bibens Jr.
 09/22 Elinor Fajen
 09/22 Kate Pognataro
 09/23 Merna Carter
 09/23 Jesse Osmun
 09/23 Seth Osmun
 09/23 Ramsey Scott
 09/24 Lillian Warrington
 09/25 Tino Dangelo
 09/27 Dean Bibens III
 09/27 Patsy Eighmy
 09/27 Barbara Lewis
 09/28 Jennifer Giambra
 09/28 Brenda Thomason
 09/30 Vivienne Fitzgerald
 09/30 Lawrence Mackenzie

September Anniversaries

09/05 Helen & John Kropitis
 09/06 Sherra Stewart Rego & Mark Rego
 09/11 Lucille & Nicholas Pynch
 09/17 Claudia & Frank Matthews
 09/18 Maggie & Albert Faustini
 09/22 Linda & Richard Fohrenbach
 09/22 Kelly & Christian Thompson
 09/27 Lisa & Stephen Winters
 09/29 Richele & Bill Watkins
 09/30 Kate & Frank Pognataro

Report from the Treasurer, July 31, 2011

Income	\$158,905.84
Expenses	<u>(163,680.29)</u>
Net Change	(\$ 4,774.45)

The summer months always present a challenge as income is reduced. Our expenses have been greater than anticipated and this is due in part to property maintenance issues, utilities and office related expenditures.

The Vestry reviews more detailed financial reports at their meetings. Copies of those reports are available upon request.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
stpetetreas@sbcglobal.net

Food Bank Donations

St. Peter's continues its weekly collection for the Milford Food Bank at the Milford Senior Center. There is always a need for staples such as cereals, pasta, and peanut butter and jelly. Those items would be especially welcomed. *Please place all food donations in the basket located in the Narthex of the church.*

Altar Flowers

Flowers may be given as memorials, in thanksgiving, or to commemorate other celebrations such as birthdays or anniversaries. We ask for a donation of \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers.

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.

Coffee Hour

Caring for your Community - Coffee hour is a ministry by and for those who attend worship on Sunday morning, after the 10:00 service. Coffee hour is only possible through volunteers and donations. St. Peter's supplies the coffee. You may choose to host on your own, or as a group. It is a great way to meet new parishioners and share in fellowship. Ask someone who has not hosted before to join you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

September 4 - *Available*

September 11 - Juarez Breakfast

September 18 - *Available*

September 25 - *Available*

Condolences

To the Piscitelli family on the loss of their mother, Judy Piscitelli

To the Pinsince family on the lost of Donna's father, Jay Warner

Water, Water Everywhere!

-- Diane Gendreau



August 15th started as a typical Monday morning in my house until I received a text message on my cell phone at 5:45 a.m. from Andrew. "Basements need monitoring today b/c river still rising, sumps not keeping up. Did best I could, call when you get this." I called Andrew immediately – he had been at the church at 3:30 a.m. to build a temporary dam

the basement and re-route water flow to the pumps. He had already been in touch with Jeff Carter who would help me with "the monitoring."

At 3:00 in the afternoon, I was happy to see that the river had receded and you could once again drive behind the church. Once I opened up the cellar door however, I was not so happy anymore. The water had risen in the basement. I called Jeff and he came down when he got home from work and advised we had "lost the battle" and was on his way to get a new sump pump. The water had risen up to the motors on the boiler and the boiler alarm was going off. I met him down at the church by 6:00 and he already had water flowing out of the basement. By 9:00 p.m., we had the basement under control for the evening. Thank you to Jeff Carter and Danny Blanchet for all their help. Thanks also to Julia Carter who ran to Lowes for needed supplies.

The flooding also affected the little red shed in the back yard that contains our Nativity set! Thank you to Patrick Bell and Mike Bibens Jr. who helped Mary Beth empty out the shed on Thursday. Wet boxes had to be broken up and thrown away and the inside of the shed had to be rinsed out to remove all the silt that the Wepawaug River had left behind. I met Marybeth at the church later that day with 3 skids I had at home, and everyone was put back in the shed (without their boxes) on the skids to keep them up off the floor in the event of minor flooding.

A Message of Thanks from Chris Cunningham:

To the many Christians who helped me move, many heartfelt thanks. I am deeply touched, and appreciate all your hard work. I wish you all many blessings. Special thanks to the ladies who made my bed; it was great to climb in bed after a stressful day! God's blessings to you all!

Service for 9/11

On Saturday, September 10, St. Paul's Chapel will hold a service in honor of the first responders, recovery workers, and 9/11 volunteer community. A barbecue will follow the service for first responders, recovery workers and volunteers at 3:30 p.m. (reservations are required). Teams went from St. Peter's on several occasions to staff the food line through the night. Anyone who volunteered is welcome. You may register on the Trinity Wall Street web site here:

<http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/911/bbq>.

Walk for BETH-EL – Sunday, October 16, at Fowler Field. Registration 12:30 p.m. Walk starts at 1:30 p.m.

Please come and walk as St Peter's family, or support the Youth Group led by Karen. If you cannot walk, please donate to St. Peter's team. Registration will be in the Fowler Memorial Building. The Walk begins and ends at the Fowler Field Pavilion. There is a choice of a 2 ½ mile scenic route in the Milford Harbor, Fort Trumbull and Milford Center areas or an alternate shorter walk around Fowler Field. Refreshments, goodie bags and closing ceremonies at Fowler Field Pavilion following the walk. Pledge forms will be available early September. For information call Brenda at 203-878-9890 or Brendat2@optonline.net

Recognizing Matthew Schneider

Before Matthew officially begins his second term as St. Peter's Yale Divinity School Intern this fall, we want to express our gratitude to him for his many contributions to St. Peter's over the past year. In particular, Matthew led a monthly movie series last fall/winter on the theme of "forgiveness" that was very well attended and received. Richard Fohrenbach, who with his wife Linda attended all four movies, describes Matthews leadership of the series as "enthusiastic" and "pastoral." "We learned that forgiveness is usually not planned, but often happens through an unexpected moment or gesture. Even though the movies were very serious, we always left feeling uplifted and positive." Richard recalls that one of the nicest things about the series was the "accidental seating" of friends, strangers, seniors and young people at the tables, creating a unique energy among the participants and helping to build the church community.

We thank Matthew for giving us this meaningful and memorable experience and look forward to whatever he has in store for us in 2011-2012. We are most blessed to have Matthew and his wife Hawley and daughter Eden with us for another year!

Caring for the Community

You are invited to join one of the many Worship groups below. The contact person for each is listed.

Acolytes



An acolyte is also known as an altar server. Acolytes assist the clergy and laity of a congregation in the liturgies of the community gathered together to worship God. Any child age 11 or older and adults can serve. Acolytes assist the clergy in preparing the Eucharist as well as helping with the cleaning up process after communion. They are responsible for lighting the candles, leading the procession and recession by carrying the Cross and/or torches and lead the procession of the Gospel Book for the weekly Gospel reading and assist with bringing the offering to the altar after it has been collected. If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact the church office or Diane Gendreau at 203-874-8456 or by email at dgendre1@optonline.net

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist. Members are also responsible for seeing that the altar is prepared for all weddings, funerals and baptisms. Teams of two people are scheduled each week. Members are on the schedule once every 4-5 weeks. For further information, please contact Sharon MacKenzie at smacknze@optonline.net

Greeters

Greeters are an essential part of our church. They are the first people to welcome guests and parishioners. Greeters also help parishioners find their name tags and provide visitors with name tags, increasing their comfort level and sense of welcome. They also help familiarize guests with our worship service, facility, child-care and church school. For further information, contact Debbi Smith at doras628@gmail.com



The Lay Ministers of St. Peter's

The lay ministers are trained laypersons -- men or women -- licensed by the Diocese of Connecticut to assist clergy in celebrating the various liturgical services of the church. Seventeen parishioners are currently licensed as lay ministers. On a typical Sunday at St. Peter's, a lay minister will announce and read the portion of the Psalter appointed for that day. He or she may hold the Gospel Book for the priest during the reading of the Gospel and he or she may assist acolytes by carrying the offering plates and the elements (bread and wine). One of the lay ministers usually leads the Prayers of the People and, most important, lay ministers licensed as chalice bearers distribute the wine (blood of Christ) during the Holy Eucharist. Occasionally lay ministers may be called upon to lead the service of Morning Prayer and to deliver homilies. If you are interested in joining the lay ministry, you should talk with Rector Andrew Osmun or Steve Winters, who heads the lay ministers. We would be pleased to have you join our ranks. For further information, contact Steve Winters at winters@wshu.org

The Lay Eucharist Ministers of St. Peter's (Visitors)

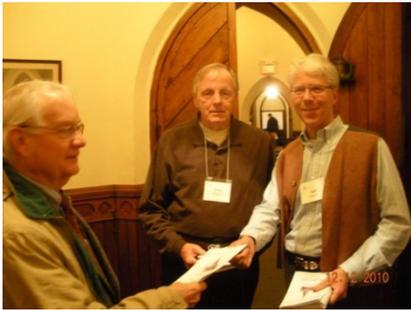
Would you like to become a LEME, someone who takes communion out to shut-ins after our Sunday or Wednesday services? We are looking for new members to bring love and caring to those who are unable to make it to church. If this is something you feel called to, please contact Linda Roti (203 878-8910) or ldroti@sbcglobal.net, or Linda Gustafson after the 8 o'clock service. We will then arrange an informational meeting and training.

Lectors

Lectors read an Old Testament and/or New Testament reading to the congregation during the service. Lectors are scheduled in advance and can expect to read about once a month. Lectors are expected to prepare by reading and reflecting on the meaning of the lesson during the week prior to their scheduled service. This is a very rewarding opportunity to actively participate in the worship service, and to make God's word come alive for your fellow believers. For further information, contact Paul Mangels at CTEngraver@aol.com

Ushers

Ushers do a lot more than pass out bulletins before the service starts. They are responsible for making sure the doors are unlocked, the lights are on and the temperature in the church is comfortable. They need to keep an eye on the seating and, if the church is getting full, assist in finding seats for worshipers. They take an accurate count of the congregation, worship participants and Christian Formation attendees. They collect the offertory, control the flow of communion, and tidy up the church after the service. They are also responsible for directing folks to different areas of the church they may not know how to get to (restrooms, child care areas etc.). If you are interested in becoming an Usher, please contact the church office or Paul Smith at orskyborsky@gmail.com.



Choir

Music plays an integral role at St. Peter's both as a tool for worship on Sunday mornings, a place for fellowship at weekly rehearsals, and as an extension of hospitality to the larger community. As Music Director, it is my hope that everyone in the parish can have some involvement with music despite perceived musical ability. If you play an instrument of any sort (really, anything at all) please let me know; there's nothing too big, small, or strange that can not be incorporated and used to enrich our worship. The choir is always open to new members. We work hard each week to prepare music and manage to have a great time together doing so. Your attendance and support at public concerts is a great way to extend the St. Peter's community to those we may not see on a Sunday morning. And finally, but of foremost importance, use the voice God has given you to sing strong every Sunday morning! Please email Nathan at bontrager.nathan@gmail.com

You are invited to join one of the many Outreach groups below.

Mission Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for our monthly dinners to serve a great meal to the homeless or anyone in need. With four teams you will be doing it three times a year. A great way to "Care for the Community" and enjoy fellowship. Call Brenda Thomason 203-878-9890.

There are many more opportunities over the year to help, such as Relay for Life, Salvation Army backpacks for Milford school children, a Walk for the Homeless, helping with the many breakfasts to benefit Beth-El, Heifer, Juarez, Relay for Life, etc...

Pray for our missionaries Heidi and Russ Smith in Chile, Ian and Polly Montgomery in Peru, and Gateway mission training center in El Paso. Pray for our mission trip to build a house in Mexico.

Financial support for all our endeavors is always needed. Mission funds do NOT come from your weekly offering. To support Mission use the envelopes at the back of church or write on your envelope- "Mission" or to be more specific "Heifer" or "Juarez".

We are always looking for new members with ideas and enthusiasm for the Mission Committee. Contact Deb Smith, Jean Shelton or Brenda Thomason

You are invited to join one of the Committees below.

Fellowship

The Fellowship Group of St. Peter's seeks to provide fellowship activities for the parishioners of St. Peter's. We also do activities that help to make our presence known in the community while fostering a sense of community and cooperation by the whole congregation. Volunteers are needed to help develop new ideas and to help with existing activities. Please email Dee at deegreen@optonline.net

Communications

The mission of the Communications Group is to effectively communicate the mission and ministry of St. Peter's with our Members (internal) and our Market (external) via the Website, Epistle, Bulletins, Brochures & Directories, Bulletin Boards, etc. Our goal is to keep information up to date and accessible. Ideas welcome. Please E-mail Mary Beth at miacozza@bswlaw.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that the St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry does more than knit prayer shawls? We also knit baby blankets for children baptized at St. Peter's. This year we have been knitting hats and scarves for Christmas-at-Sea, which is an outreach program of the Seaman's Church in New York City. Seaman's Church is a ministry of the national Episcopal Church. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library. Come join us to learn how to knit, crochet or just to visit! For more information, please contact Linda Roti at 203 878-8910.

Preparing Disciples

You are invited to join a Bible Study group. Contact person is listed

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7p.m.-8:30p.m. in the Library at church. We are currently working our way through the Old Testament. All are welcome. Call Brenda Thomason 203-878-9890.

Fridays 1:30p.m.-3 to 4ish. Women's Bible study at various homes. We have great fellowship, so we never know exactly when we end. Call Brenda Thomason for info.

Tuesday Mornings 7 a.m., Bible Study Meets in the Rector's office and is focused on Books of the Bible - read through a chapter per week. We cover both New Testament books and Old Testament books. Each study closes with a short sharing round the circle and a prayer. Coffee is served! For more information contact Andrew Osmun or Paul Mangels.

Christian Formation

We offer Sunday morning classes to children in grades pre-K to five, and currently meet as a large group, and move from room to room doing activities such as music, crafts, and Bible stories/verses. This is a great opportunity for the older children to step up and help the little ones, and these lessons are some of our most successful! We have found that relationships were formed on a deeper level between all the children in this manner, and all children learned on their own level.

We have our steady teachers each Sunday to maintain consistency, but we are in need of volunteers to help on an occasional Sunday to assist in the classrooms. If you would like to help out, please contact Karen Vital, Director of Christian Formation, at saintpeterscfdir@sbcglobal.net

Youth Group

We offer a youth program for grades 9 – 12. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Please contact Karen Vital, Director of Christian Formation.

A second Youth Group will be added to our programming this year, for kids in grades 6,7, and 8. This will begin in October, and the plan is to meet on Tuesdays from 5-6:30, and overlap with the older Youth Group.

Christian Formation

Christian Formation classes will begin on September 11th. We will again be starting in church and be dismissed to class after a children's sermon.

Youth Group

Meeting dates – September 6th and 20th, 6-8pm

Confirmation Class- September 11th 4-6pm

Vacation Bible School

-- Karen Vital

Our second Vacation Bible School was a resounding success! The week of August 15th-19th, we hosted 45 children ages 4-12, and St. Peter's was transformed into "Hometown Nazareth". Children from St. Peter's, as well as many from the Milford community, came together in "tribes" to learn about the life of Jesus as a little boy. Bible points were that Jesus had a family, Jesus had a name, Jesus had a home, Jesus went to church, and Jesus served others...and WE DO TOO!! Thank you to all who donated baskets and cloth to help us with our transformation! A HUGE thank you to all who gave their time and talents to make this year so amazing!

Hometown Nazareth Volunteers

Tribe leaders:

Asher Tribe- Alexis Casey, Dee Green

SimeonTribe- Candace Franz, Richele Watkins

Levi Tribe- Natalie Green, Allison Smith, Kyle Carriero, Iris Love, Lee Wonneberger

Food Market: Deb Smith, Amy Bowman

Mary's House Bible stories: Linda Roti, Rosemary Allsop

Marketplace shops: Cindy Bucciarelli, Whitney Bibens

Fun and Games: Michael Bibens, Allison Field

Farmer's Field: Fred Vital

Wool Shop: Chandler Riker

Synagogue School: Steve Winters

Music: Erica Durazzo

Toddler Tribe: Patrick Bell, Rebecca Fraleigh

Thank you to Conrad Green, who came down at the last minute to drill holes in our sheep!

Thank you to Susan Persett who typed up my daily VBS newsletter every day!

Thank you to all who prayed for our week, as your prayers were definitely felt daily!



Fellowship

On **Saturday, Oct. 15**, St. Peter's will be hosting a progressive dinner, providing a great opportunity for members of St. Peter's to get to know each other better. The families participating will be divided into groups containing approximately 4 families. One family would provide appetizers, one family would host soup and salad at their home, another family the main course at their home, and one family would provide dessert. Details and schedule are included in the article that follows.

If you have any ideas to help encourage fellowship among the parishioners at St. Peter's please join us at our meeting on **Monday, Sept. 12th in the parish hall library**. We will be finalizing details for the progressive dinner and discussing our fall events. If you have any questions please call or email Dee Green at 203-874-0418 or deegreen@optonline.net.

Join us for St. Peter's First Annual Progressive dinner on Oct. 15th!

The purpose of this dinner is to join in fellowship with our fellow parishioners, and get to know one another outside of the traditional church setting. Significant others or a friend, even if they are not members of the church, are invited and encouraged to attend!

All groups will start in the parish hall with appetizers and end with desserts at the parish hall.

Schedule:

- 5:00 – 5:45 Appetizers at the parish hall
- 6:00 – 6:45 Soup and Salad at a host house
- 7:00 – 8:45 Dinner/Entrée at host house
- 9:00 - Dessert back at parish hall

While meeting in the parish hall for appetizers, each person or couple present will have an assigned "route" to follow. First, you will be going to someone's home for soup and salad, getting to know some of your fellow parishioners in a more intimate setting. Once that course is complete, each person or couple will move to another home for dinner. Here you will be with some of the same people from soup and salad, but some new people as well. After dinner, we all reconvene back at the parish hall for dessert to end the evening.

In order to make this a successful event, we would like everyone attending to sign up to bring either an appetizer or dessert (no hosting required, just bring your food item to the Parish Hall), or sign up to host soup and salad or dinner at your home. Two families may opt to share the meal preparation at one home.

A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jen Shoop at

203-218-7600 or Dee Green. We look forward to seeing you at this new event!

Manos de Dios #5 News

St. Peter's is planning its fifth trip to Anapra, west of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to build a 450 square foot house in February. The next meeting for the Mission trip is Sunday, Sept. 11th at noon. If you are thinking about going or are interested in helping with the fundraising – please contact Conrad Green at cagreen@optonline.net or just come to the meeting. Fundraising efforts include Thanksgiving pie sales: the usual fruit pies plus cannoli, tiramisu, and cheesecakes-plain or with toppings from Luigi's Bakery. Team members will begin taking orders on Sept. 18th during the breakfast. Additionally there is a BREAKFAST on Sept. 18 and a PASTA DINNER AND AUCTION on Nov 12. Gift certificates for goods or services will be auctioned off at the dinner – do not miss it!

A Note from Nathan

It has been a great summer of music at St. Peter's and there is much more to come, as the choir gets ready to start up again in September. As we start to add a few more musical elements to the service, I invite your participation in any number of ways. First, and most important, keep the great singing coming from the pews. I have been very grateful for and encouraged by the real growth in singing I have heard this summer and believe it will only continue to improve. Second, we are always ready to welcome new choir members so if you are interested please contact me right away. In addition to singers, I am always on the lookout for other musical talents from within the parish. If you play any instrument at any level, I want to know about it! Our musical life and worship is enriched with every new sound that comes from the community. Finally, I am also on the lookout for writers who might have interest in trying to author the text to some new hymns. If you have an interest in poetry or other literary forms and think this sounds interesting, please be in touch.

St. Peter's Purpose Statement

On September 6, at 7:00 p.m. we will resume our monthly meetings, to discuss and study our purpose statement. We will be reviewing – how, what, why – and applying this to our statement. All are welcome to attend.

**SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
PREPARING DISCIPLES
CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Hamjambo! (“How Are You?” in Swahili)

-- Natalie Green

On August 8, I finally arrived back in Connecticut after spending nine weeks in the Arusha region of Tanzania (near Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru) with the Global Service Corps. Being back has been very different. I have only been home for about two weeks, so it will take a little more adjusting back into American culture after being around people who are so vastly different than we are. While in Tanzania I went to four different villages and taught students and community members about HIV/Aids, life skills, food drying, nutrition for women and children and people living with HIV and Aids, as well as sustainable agriculture practices, particularly Bio-intensive agriculture, and how to vaccinate chickens against Newcastle’s disease. For the nine weeks, I stayed with a Tanzanian host family. The family I stayed with was so kind and the father (who worked as a pastor, a civil engineer, and a translator for Compassion International) spoke English very well. In general communicating was pretty simple. Many Tanzanians who live in Arusha speak at least some English because secondary school is primarily taught in English and all universities teach in English. The most interesting part of my time in Tanzania was seeing and learning about the Maasai culture and how some of their cultural practices have influenced the spread of HIV within the Maasai culture. Overall my trip was amazing and I hope that I will be blessed enough to have an experience as life changing as this was again. This was definitely an experience I will never forget!



My class of secondary school students at Namanga secondary school



My home-stay family



A food dryer



Making a double-dug bed as part of the bio-intensive agriculture practicals

Preparing Disciples:

Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

Text versions:

Church of the Savior, Washington, DC - more social action oriented:

<http://www.inwardoutward.org/>

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback:

<http://profile.purposedriven.com/dailyhope/post>

Esoteric Episcopal Priest's musings - Barbara Crafton: <http://www.geraniumfarm.org>

Ministry of Evangelical group dedicated to servant ministry: <http://blog.leadlikejesus.org>

Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Ministry of the British Jesuits - comes as an audio file: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

Crosswalk, the intersection of faith and life dedicated to building up the Church, which is the body of Christ – text (many other resources): <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals>.

Contemplative resources in both text, audio, and video: -<http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=u0%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources):

<http://www.ssje.org/word>

If you have a favorite daily devotional and would like to share with the congregation, please contact us so we can publish it!

SEPTEMBER 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
September 4, 2011	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	M. Schneider	G. Bristol	Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 12:8-14	D. Blanchet B. Kuhar	A. Fredericks	
Twelfth Sunday								C. Ritz
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Bibens	M. Schneider D. Green	P. Thoma T. Osmun	Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 12:8-14	B. McDonald P. Smith	M. Bucciarelli M. Ritz	P. Bell
September 11, 2011	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12	L. MacKenzie C. Bristol	G. Bristol	
Thirteenth Sunday								W. Bibens
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero E. Durazzo	B. Lewis D. Smith	C. Franz L. Wonneberger	Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12	R. Fohrenbach M. Ritz	D. Pinsince M. Saltzman	M. Bibens
September 18, 2011	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	K. Gammage	Exodus 16;2-15 Jonah 3:10-4:11	E. Pasanelli P. Austin	E. Luysterborghs	
Fourteenth Sunday								E. Durazzo
after Pentecost	10:00AM	R. Fraleigh J. Chiodo	M. Schneider J. Pinsince	R. Fohrenbach P. Watson	Exodus 16;2-15 Jonah 3:10-4:11	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	D. Smith J. Bryson	M. Gendreau
September 25, 2011	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	S. Callahan	B. Neilson	Exodus 17:1-7 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	D. Emmons G. Bristol	C. Emmons	
Fifteenth Sunday								C. Ritz
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	P. Bell M. Gendreau	S. Winters J. Carter	B. Watkins D. Smith	Exodus 17:1-7 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	F. Hopkins J. Carter	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	A. Smith

OCTOBER 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
October 2, 2011	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	G. Bristol	S. MacKenzie	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3:4b-14	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	A. Swanepoel	
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens W. Bibens	S. Winters J. Carter	J. Bryson B. VanBrederode	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3:4b-14	B. McDonald D. Bryson	J. Bryson M. Ritz	C. Ritz P. Bell
October 9, 2011	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	B. Kuhar D. Emmons	B. Neilson	
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Bibens R. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	R. Fohrenbach M. Ritz	S. Peck D. Pinsince	M. Gendreau E. Durazzo
October 16, 2011	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	C. Bristol E. Pasanelli	S. Giambra	
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau J. Chiodo	D. Green D. Pinsince	R. Fohrenbach P. Watson	Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	P. Smith K. Pegnataro	M. Saltzman D. Smith	M. Bibens A. Smith
October 23, 2011	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo P. Bell	D. Smith S. Winters	B. Watkins B. VanBrederode	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	F. Hopkins J. Carter	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	W. Bibens C. Ritz
October 30, 2011	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	G. Bristol	B. Neilson	Joshua 3:7-17 Micah 3:5-12	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	E. Luysterborghs	
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero M. Bibens	B. Lewis J. Carter	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	Joshua 3:7-17 Micah 3:5-12	B. McDonald R. Fohrenbach	S. Peck M. Ritz	E. Durazzo P. Bell



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				1 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Pentecost 12 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6:00—8 p.m.	7 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	8 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Outreach Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	9	10
11 Pentecost 13 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Confirmation Class 4—6 p.m.	12 Fellowship Group 7:00 p.m.	13 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office	14 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	15 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	16	17
18 Pentecost 14 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Juarez Breakfast after both services	19	20 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6:00—8 p.m. Vestry 7:00—9 p.m.	21 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	22 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	23	24
25 Pentecost 15 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m.	26	27 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m. Church Library	28 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	29 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	30	