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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CELEBRATING SUMMER PASSAGES Farewell to Our Good Friend, Alison Cheek



Alison Cheek

Sunday, July 21, The Reverend Alison Cheek preached at a “farewell celebration” at St. Peter’s. By August, she will become a resident of Brevard, North Carolina, where she will be joining a spiritual community of old and new friends.

In the April 2010 ROCK, Dorothy Nyman wrote a delightful personal portrait of Alison. It begins :

“Once upon a time, a minister was invited to a meal with one of his parish families; a father, mother and their young son and younger daughter. The father suggested to his little girl that she ask a blessing on the meal. And she dutifully recited:

‘Eat away, chew away, bolt and munch and guzzle.
Never leave the table till you’re full up to the muzzle!’

(From The Magic Pudding)

Mortified by this startling departure from the expected, her father immediately assigned his son to disembarass the family with a proper blessing. But, what no one could have known that day, was that this imaginative girl would someday challenge conventions at a level much higher than the dining room table. Or that decades later, in 1976, she would find herself as one of the Women-of-the Year on the cover of TIME magazine.

For she was Alison Cheek, one of the “Philadelphia Eleven”- female deacons who had challenged the patriarchal order of the Episcopal Church that barred ordination of women as priests.

The following time line briefly summarizes life events leading up to and following Alison’s historic ordination:

- Alison was born 1927 near Adelaide, southern Australia and raised as a Methodist. “As a child, Alison reported she had ‘never heard about an angry God, I only heard about a loving God.’
- Shortly after graduation from the University of Adelaide) and marriage to her economics tutor (Bruce), in 1949 the two moved to Boston, where Bruce had a Harvard fellowship.
- Three years and two children (Malcolm and Jonathan) later, they returned to Australia where Bruce joined the faculty of the Australian National University and they remained until 1957. A third son Timothy was born, and Alison was confirmed in the Anglican Church, with her bishop’s permission to also retain membership in the Methodist Church.
- In 1957, Bruce accepted a position with the World Bank and the family moved to Washington, D.C., where daughter Bronewen was born in 1958.
- While living in the D.C. area, Alison became one of the first two women admitted to Virginia Seminary, where she earned a Master of Divinity degree (1969). She was later ordained a deacon (“the first woman deacon in the South”) and served on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria as a lay minister in charge of pastoral ministries. She continued her studies at the Washington Institute of Pastoral Psychotherapy; worked with the much respected therapist and author, Sheldon Kopp; also worked with the Personal Counseling and Consultative Centers of Greater Washington; and established a private practice in counseling.

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WINDOW OF THE SPIRIT *views into the souls of St. Peter's*

- In 1974, she was approached by a group of women and clergy determined to change the Episcopal Church's rejection of women's ordination. On July 29, 1974, as part of "the Philadelphia Eleven", she and the other women were ordained by four retired bishops (later censured) – and as expected, set off a "firestorm" within the Church.
- On November 10, 1974, at St. Stephen's Church, Washington, D.C., Alison celebrated her first Eucharist as an ordained priest, and the first Eucharist in the United States celebrated by a woman priest.
- In 1976, the General Convention revised its interpretation of the canons to allow ordination of women and the ordinations of the "Philadelphia Eleven" were regularized (i.e. accepted).
- That same year (1976), Alison was featured, along with other "feminist change agents" as Time Magazine's cover "Women of the Year."
- In 1979, following the unexpected death of her husband from a heart attack in 1977, Alison closed her private practice and became Co-Director of a Venture in Mission national outreach initiative in Philadelphia. She remained in that position until 1982.
- In 1982, she returned to academic study under a Proctor Fellowship at Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) in Boston and was also engaged as a pastoral counselor. After completing her Doctoral Program, she became a faculty member and Director of Feminist Liberation Theology at EDS.
- In 1996, following a heart attack the year before, Alison joined the Greenfire Community and Retreat Center in Tenants's Harbor, where she was a Board member and friend of the co-founders: Connie Ward Chandler, Roseanna Kazanjian, and Judith Carpenter – and remained active as a facilitator, teacher, and counselor until Greenfire closed.
- During her time in Maine, Alison has actively consulted, educated, and preached in numerous communities throughout the Anglican Community. Following the closing of Greenfire, she offered herself for counseling and supply service at St. Peter's and has been widely respected and loved throughout the congregation.



From left to right. Front: Susan Kanellakis, Alison Cheek. Back: Ralph Moore, Diana Beach, Jim Bocchino, and Ted Kanellakis.

■ In July 2013, Alison will be moving to Brevard, North Carolina to join the Red Bud Community, started by women clergy friends who have long urged her to join them. She will be living in a retirement center and welcomes communications. Her address will be 100 College Row, Apartment 268, Brevard, North Carolina 28712.

Alison will be greatly missed, but we bless her and send her forth with our love and respect as she begins this new spiritual journey. . . .

The Folks at St. Peter's

Prepared by Mary Alice Bird

Celebrating Passages: Robert J. Earle

On Friday July 12th the families and friends of St. Peter's and beyond gathered to celebrate the funeral and burial of our long-time beloved organist, Bob Earle. As many have known, Bob had been battling cancer courageously for over a year but finally was no longer able to respond to treatment. He died peacefully at his home in St. George on July 8th, surrounded by his closest friends, and long-time partner, Herb Coburn.



Herb Coburn and Susan Kanellakis talk at the reception after Bob's service.

Moore, Bob had been a sternman for a few years with John Hall, lobstering out of Tenants Harbor.

Bob had many musical threads to his life, and he wove them together skillfully across his years at St. Peter's. He lovingly cared for our organ, keeping it in top condition year after year. He worked with Marion Gray to bring the annual Handel's *Messiah* 'community sing' to St. Peter's and other community churches. He provided training and support to musicians, young and old alike.

Memorial gifts can be directed to: The Bob Gagnon Cancer Treatment Center, Pen Bay Medical Center; Kno-Wal-Lin Home Hospice Service; or St. George Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Association.

A Eucharist and Rite of Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's. Participants in the ceremony included fellow Midcoast musician and organist, Sean Fleming, former rector the Reverend Ralph Moore, the Reverend Jim Bocchino (current priest in charge), the Reverend Peter Jenks, and the Reverend Alison Cheek. Burial at Achorn Cemetery followed a festive reception for members of the family and parish friends.

Bob had served as organist at St. Peter's for the past fifteen years, stepping down from his musical role last October. Originally from Massachusetts, Bob had moved to Maine in 1990 to become director of nursing at Shore Village Nursing Center. In 1992 Bob moved across town to Kno-Wal-Lin Home Health Care to be a home care provider as nurse and support person. Before becoming St. Peter's organist in 1998 under Fr.



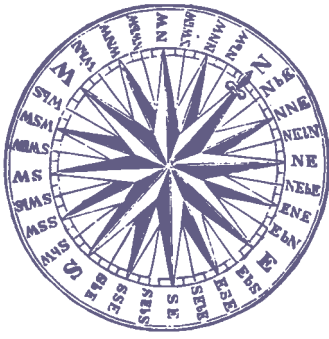
A Thank You to St. Peter's from Herb

I can never say Thank You enough to all of you at St. Peter's for the support, thoughts, and prayers that you gave Bob and me during the past year. Bob's "journey" was a difficult one, but the St. Peter's Family helped us get through it. To Father Jim and Alison: thank you so much for taking the time to come to the house and talk with Bob and to give Communion throughout the past seasons. That meant a great deal to him.

Bob's funeral service on Friday was such a very special day for me. Father Jim, Ralph, Peter Edward, and Alison, plus Sean at the organ, made that possible. It was so very heartwarming to see so many friends from St. Peter's there to celebrate Bob's memory and life. I also want to say a special 'Thanks' to JoAnne Murphy, Mary Hunter, Marilyn Smith, and Lucy Banks (and all their helpers) who provided a wonderful reception afterwards for me and my family.

From the time Bob first came to St. Peter's, you welcomed both of us with open arms and open hearts, and I will never forget that!

Love and Peace,
Herb Coburn



Bishop Lane Visits St. Peter's

WAYPOINTS activities and notices on our journey together



Thank you Note from Gretchen Lane

We received the following note from Gretchen Lane, wife of Bishop Stephen Lane, following their visit to St. Peter's on June 30th.

Dear People of St. Peter's,

What a treat it was to be with you for worship and fellowship yesterday, June 30th. The wonderful music offered by the choir and congregation was a wonderful addition to my worship experience. Thank you so much for your gracious and warm welcome—and for the bread! A tasty and tangible bit of hospitality!

Thank you! In Christ,
Gretchen Lane

Bishop Lane greets returning parishioner Valerie Welles

The Right Reverend Stephen T. Lane, Bishop of Maine, made his Episcopal visit to St. Peter's on Sunday, June 30th. He celebrated Holy Eucharist at the 10 am service and joined parishioners at the festive Coffee Hour afterwards. In the Parish Hall, the Bishop spoke about diocesan activities and St. Peter's transitional status. He encouraged us to be patient in our discernment and not rush the process. His wife Gretchen was with him for the visit.

Scott Dyer was the organist for the day and the newly forming choir was introduced. Choir members had been rehearsing with Scott for this special day and their efforts were impressive. Members of the congregation were very appreciative of the musical offerings.

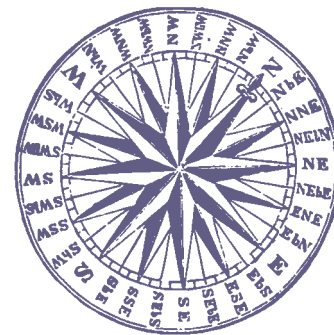
A Message from Father Jim

Have you ever taken the time to ask yourself, "Why do I go to church?" There seem to be as many answers to this question as there are people sitting in the pews. Some people attend church because they find the sermon uplifting or inspiring. Some people attend church because they like the music. Others may enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie they find there. Still others attend out of a sense of obligation. Some attend church because of what they think God can do for them if they do something for God. But the single most prevalent reason people give when asked why they attend church is, "I go to church because it makes me feel good."

The reason you should go to church, however, should really have nothing to do with any of the above. And if you go to church only in order to feel good then you are really there for the wrong reason and your attendance will probably soon wane and stop altogether. The reason you should go to

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church is out of a sense of gratitude and in thanksgiving for what God as already done for you. If God-in-Christ loved you enough to give his life for you, can you not give him a couple of hours each week? Don't begrudge God this time of praise and worship. Take this time out of your busy week and sanctify it to him by joining with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday morning. Give him this time right of the top of your week. Make it his each and every week and you won't miss it. There is no time like the present to make your worship of God a top priority in your life. Jim+



News and Notes

Jim on Vacation Jim will be on vacation during the month of August. Supply clergy for the month are the Rev. Amelia Hagen on August 4th, the Rev. Ted Kannelakis on August 11th and the Rev. John Van Siclen on August 18th and 25th. He will be back with us on Sunday September 1st.

Lemonade on the Lawn Lemonade and iced tea will continue to be served on the lawn following the 10 a.m. service during August. Be open and welcoming to our neighbors, especially the little children, who may wander over and join us for some refreshment.

Fall Adult Forums Beginning September 8th the Adult Forum topic will be "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Episcopal Church but were Afraid to Ask." Over the next month think about questions you may have about the history, theology, polity, liturgy or governance of the Episcopal Church. Please mail your questions to the parish office or email them to Jim at rector@stpetersrockland.org. When Jim gets back to St. Peter's on September 1st, he will begin researching your questions and be ready to start the forums on September 8th.

Check Out Our New Website St Peter's has a redesigned and updated website. It is still a bit of a work in progress but we encourage you to check it out at stpetersrockland.org. In today's culture an up-to-date website is crucial as it is the first place people look when they are searching for an area church. Also, in the future, the parish profile will be put out on the website for clergy to look at who may be seeking to find a new call. Please remember that we are still working on this and some new changes and additions will probably be made. Check back often!

Coffee Hour after the 8:00 a.m. Service For the past couple of months (and this may be a warm-weather phenomenon) the 8 a.m. congregation has been nearly as large as or larger than the 10 a.m. congregation. Some of the folks have thought it might be nice to have a cup of coffee after the service. If anyone would be willing to take on setting up a light coffee hour for after the 8 a.m. service please speak to Fr. Jim or one of the Sr. Wardens.

We Depend on Volunteers You all ought to be aware that the paid staff of St. Peter's Church consists of the priest and the parish administrator (who only works 15 hours per week). We depend heavily on volunteers for the vast bulk of what takes place here at St. Peter's. Volunteers set up our coffee hour, set up tables and chairs for events, mop the floors, clean the church, take care of the flower beds and property and joyfully perform many other tasks. Please bear this in mind if something isn't quite the way you think it ought to be. Even better, say "thank you" for the faithful efforts of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

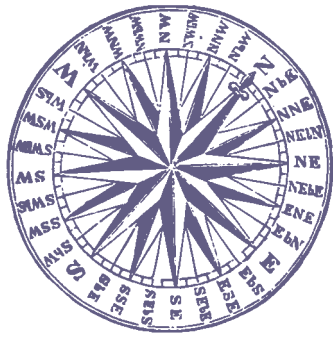
WAYPOINTS activities and notices on our journey together

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We will resume in September.

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GALLERY of the SPIRIT 'PASSAGES for CELEBRATION'

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We mark the occasion of Alison Cheek's move to more accommodating retirement 'climes' by celebrating the important passages in her life as Priest. She has given three works on permanent loan to St. Peter's for our display and use. I have gratefully accepted them for our current exhibit now presented in the Gallery of the Spirit.

The two larger woodcut prints were created on the occasion of her ordination with the other ten women in Washington DC and her celebration of the Eucharist after that. One pictures the group of eleven new ordinands gathered around the altar; the other her celebratory 'breaking of bread' for the congregation to receive. The black and white photo captures Alison and her mentor, Fr. Bill Wendt, at St. Stephen's in Washington.

Alison has promised to send us a bit more info about all of these after she settles into her new home in Brevard, North Carolina.

Thom Buescher

AIO: Your Help Always Needed!

Please keep the needs of our AIO Food Pantry in your mind this month. I know at this time of year it is hard for people to donate the foods to fill our cart in the Narthex, but it seems lately it takes at least two or three Sundays to get enough in there to make the trip over to the Pantry on the first of the week, driven by our own Linda Mann. I thank everyone who has donated all these years. The need goes on just the same for families in need of healthy foods this summer.

Thanking one and all,
Mary E. Hunter

How can you help AIO?

Here's what would be especially helpful for you to bring in:

- pasta sauce
- tuna
- baking mixes
- toilet paper
- soup
- beans
- shampoo
- soap

UPDATES from our Deacon and Candidate for Ordination

From Deacon Jane Chatfield

Following the festivities and excitement of my ordination June 29th, here's what I have in mind for a portion of my service this summer, looking towards Fall.

I will be spending more time visiting at Pen Bay Hospital. The chaplain, Abby Pettee, will begin a course for people who want to become Spiritual Care Volunteers when she gets 6 or more people interested in the training. Anyone wanting to be part of this can email her at apetty@penbayhealthcare.org or phone her at the hospital, 596-8000 and ask to speak with the Chaplain. This will be very helpful for extending the work Jim and I do already at St. Peter's. Please consider the possibility! You will meet some wonderful people, and it's not as scary as you might think.

I would also like to bring back Neighborhood Suppers. The guests will be those from St. Peter's, and also people living near the host/hostess. You may remember the format: pot luck, revolving hosts, meeting maybe once a month.

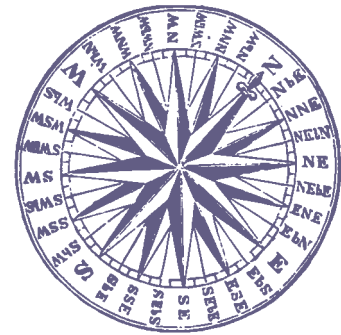
My Sunday worship responsibilities include both the the 8 and 10 o'clock services. I look forward to seeing you there.

In Christ's love, *Jane Chatfield*

From Sheila Seekins: What I Am Up to Now

In June I was awarded a Master of Divinity by Bangor Theological Seminary, thanks to lots of grace and support, including from you all. I am a candidate for ordination to priesthood. The past three years have been more of a whirlwind than before of school, commuting, formation, exams and my work as a nurse at the psychiatric and addictions recovery center. Times that were sometimes exhilarating, sometimes palpably sacred, sometimes just plain hard work. I joined life for a year at St John's Church in Bangor, with the privilege of having Rev. Rita Steadman and also Rev. Mary Ann Taylor for mentors. Then I shared life with the people of St Margaret's in Belfast, with Rev. Martha Kirkpatrick for a mentor.

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I was on schedule to graduate last year but a few things happened on the way to both graduation and ordination. Included in the detour were major surgery for me, and major illness for Midge; such events are life-changing in ways that are still coming to fruition. Events of the past few years also include changes in the life of the church in Maine and elsewhere. Consequently I am currently in the midst of “what next” questions. God will lead in God’s time. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry asked me to take time to deepen my formation and continue discernment, and the Bishop asked me to return to St Peter’s for this indefinite time period, for which I am very pleased. I am also grateful that Jim Bocchino agreed to mentor me.

Thank you all for your welcome back, for your faithfulness and prayers and support these many years.

In peace, *Sheila Seekins*

Should St. Peter’s Again Have a Choir? And the answer: a re“sound”ing YES!!!!

St. Peter’s has been known for great music for many decades. The “greatness” has taken on many forms with various leaders and participants who were willing to devote talents to the task. For some, the quality of the music was the single determining factor in choosing this parish.

So how to carry on the tradition of quality, and at the same time recognizing our diminishing resources? How to foster the desire to carry on, with members already serving in multiple capacities? Where would the choir sit: the choir loft is missing?

But I was wrong to worry about any of those worried questions above...

On June 30th, our informal choir group performed Mozart’s, “Ave Verum” with only 2 Wednesday-night rehearsals and a brief run through before the Bishop arrived. 13 people stepped up to meet the challenge. The congregation had nothing but wonderful things to say about the anthem. At the reception following, I heard many folks express pride and joy that our parish could muster such quality in a few rehearsals.

This past Wednesday, we officially began our work as a choir.

Eleven people attended with many more expressing interest for the coming weeks and months. We prepared the Spiritual, “Deep River” for the final service led by The Rev. Alison Cheek on July 21st. We are also working on a number of pieces for the weeks ahead.

The choir is for everyone... You do not need to have music reading skills or be a professional musician. If you have questions, my email is yorkdyer@roadrunner.com

Please come and join us!

Scott Dyer

I have been asked to carry on the singing tradition at St. Peter’s with a choir that will sing on the last two Sundays of each month. The choir rehearsals will be held on the Wednesday night prior to each Sunday we sing... In other words...

August 14

Choir Rehearsal 6 pm

August 18

9 am Rehearsal 10 am Service,
Rite 2

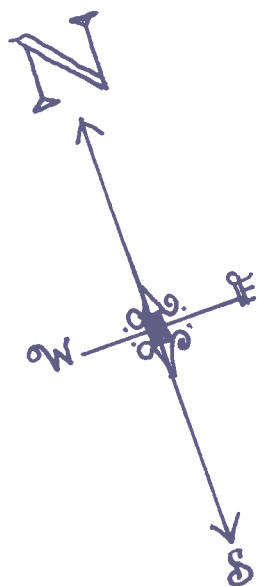
August 21

Choir Rehearsal 6 pm

August 25

9 am Rehearsal 10 am Service,
Rite 2





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Karen and Seth Thompson: Two Cultures Bridged

Thom Buescher asked us to share a bit about our 'split' lives between Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Rockland, Maine for the August ROCK. For those who don't know where the UAE is located, it's in the Middle East and borders Oman and Saudi Arabia.

While many may first think about the differences between Maine and the UAE, there are actually many similarities. The UAE and Maine are approximately the same size. They both reside in gulf shores – the Gulf of Maine and the Arabian (a.k.a. Persian) Gulf and, much like Maine's rich maritime history, the UAE has its own with pearling, fishing, and trade.

Differences – there are many. The most distinct is the weather. Winter ranges between 70 and 85, but summer temps can reach 120....and it's surprisingly very humid, despite all of the sand. Dress among people residing in the country varies greatly, as there are a number of different nationalities, religions and belief systems represented. Karen does not 'cover' in the UAE nor is she expected to do so. However, we believe it is important to respect local culture by dressing modestly.

Moving to the Middle East was an unexpected opportunity when Seth was offered a position to teach Multimedia Design at the American University of Sharjah in 2006. Founded by the Ruler of Sharjah in 1997, the school is coeducational, English-speaking and based on the North American model. Approximately 5,000 students now attend the University from approximately 70 countries with a majority of students from the region.

While some may think of us as summer people, we have been very happy that St. Peter's has welcomed us so warmly and even made us name tags. We consider Rockland our home and look forward to coming 'home' every summer. We will be returning to Sharjah and the new academic year in September.

Karen Egly Thompson



EFM Group Forming for the Fall

In mid September, St. Peter's will again be offering the Education for Ministry program. The purpose of EFM is to help us to deepen our faith with knowledge of scripture, history and theology, coupled with theological reflection. The ultimate goal is to help us develop ministries beyond the four walls of the congregation. It is to help us integrate our faith with how we live out our lives.

Our program normally meets on Thursday evenings and includes a simple meal, and it starts in mid to late September. Beyond theological study and reflection. We get to know each other well, and we are there for each other.

What has made this group a particularly rich experience this past year is what people have brought to it, since we all seem to bring along what we've been doing and thinking to where we are at present. Last year we had people with the following backgrounds: Two Episcopalians with Roman Catholic backgrounds; two UCC Congregationalists who came from Plymouth Brethren roots; two Christian Scientists, a Lutheran from the ELCA tradition, someone who became active in the Episcopal church later in life and an Episcopalian with a Unitarian-Universalist background. Whoever is in the group in a particular year; the time spent together is a bonding experience.

Another unique feature for this group is that we have a meal together each week. We have for the past few years met on Thursday evenings; depending on people's schedules this fall, we may shift the evening, or leave it as is. Since we start with a spiritual autobiography, it gives the participants and mentors a chance to get to know each other before the rest of the experience unfolds.

The pattern of the meetings are a theological reflection followed by a study of scripture, history or theology, depending on what year the participant is in. Some people do all four years without a break, others take a year off between years. Still others stop after one or two years. In the fall, we have new resources, commercially available books for each of the years. For the common lessons, we will use new resources prepared by Sewanee seminary at the University of the South in Tennessee.

If the time or format for this group doesn't work for you, but you'd like to consider it there are groups at St. John Baptist, Thomaston and St. Thomas', Camden. Their meeting times are different, Sunday early afternoon after services including time for lunch.

In short, one might describe EFM as polishing the lens of our faith so that we might live our lives as God as given it to us through his son, Jesus the Christ.

Please contact one of the two mentors for the group: Jim Bowditch (236-2272) of St. Peter's, Rockland, will be one; Joanne Ryan from St. Thomas', Camden (785-2726) will be the other.

Jim Bowditch

Native American Ten Commandments

The earth is our Mother, care for Her

Honor all your relations

Open your heart and soul to the
Great Spirit

All life is sacred; treat all beings
with respect

Take from the earth what is needed
and nothing more

Do what needs to be done for the
good of all

Give constant thanks to the Great
Spirit for each day

Speak the truth but only for the good
of others

Follow the rhythms of nature

Enjoy life's journey; but leave no
tracks

*Located and Offered for Reflection by
Susan Kanellakis;
original source unknown*

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

At the June 19, 2013 Vestry meeting, the following items were discussed or acted upon.

Father Jim reported:

- The Bishop will be visiting St. Peter's on Sunday, June 30. A special coffee hour will follow the 10:00 a.m. service and the Vestry will meet with the Bishop at noon.
- Letters of agreement (for use of facilities) have been received from all but one AA group.
- Supply clergy has been arranged for Jim's vacation: August 4, Amelia Hagen; August 11, Ted Kanellakis; August 21 and 28, John Van Siclen.
- Additional names are still needed for Vestry replacements. Those already submitted are unable to serve at this time. Jim will check the bylaws to see how many members are required.
- The terms of Jim's Letter of Agreement outlined a number of tasks related to Search preparation for him to orchestrate with the parish. These will be major agenda items beginning in the fall.

The Junior Warden (Scott Tilden) reported:

- John Snow and he (Scott) are willing, as the Vestry offered, to do the work surrounding the back chapel doorway.
- Scott will look into options for fuel contracts and email results to the Vestry so a decision can be made by the next meeting.
- The statue of St. Peter has been returned from repairs and resides in the narthex, which the Vestry concluded to be a suitable location. It was formerly outside the parish hall entrance.
- A faulty railing on the front entry will be repaired and the furnace storage area will be cleaned up (again!).

United World Mission Presentation: The Vestry has invited a local team to make a presentation between services on **Sunday, August 4**, about their mission work in Asia with United World Mission.

Education Grant to Sheila Seekins: The Vestry approved a grant of \$400 from the theological support fund for Sheila Seekins.

Native American Sunday: Pat Snow and Mary Alice Bird reported that they have talked with Ted Kanellakis about contacting the spiritual elders of the Penobscots to arrange for their participation in a fall Native American Sunday service, and Ted is in the process of doing this.

For the Vestry, *Mary Alice Bird*



THANK YOU from SPECTRUM GENERATIONS

We received this letter of thanks and encouragement for ministry from Marianne Pinkham, the Regional Director for Spectrum Generations, after our gift to them from the Share the Love Auction. Editor

June 28, 2013

To the members of the Share the Love Auction Committee and Members of St. Peter's in Rockland:

On behalf of Spectrum Generations Knox Community Center please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift to us from the proceeds of the Share the Love Auction. Your funds support our agency's goal to actively enrich the lives of families through programs and services that encourage generations of adults to age in a comfortable way that is right for them. The donation you made to us during a special ceremony in May is deeply appreciated.

This is a wonderful gift. It will help us accomplish much in the weeks and months ahead in our efforts to guide individuals and families across all ages and abilities through the lifelong process known as the 'Art of Aging.' I also want to extend multiple 'thank you's' from the volunteers and staff at the Coastal Knox Center who are working to make our center serve as a vital and energy-filled community resource to the midcoast region's aging and disabled population.

Your auction gift allows us to continue our commitment to active agers and older members of our communities. Should any members of the parish wish to volunteer as a Visiting Buddy, become an active member of the Center's local advisory council, or become an advocate for aging by serving as a Center Ambassador anytime throughout the week, please contact Amanda Veilleux at 566-0339 or me, Marianne Pinkham, at 563-1363.

Again, many thanks for your generosity and belief in the future Spectrum Generations and the many benefits that our agency's programs offer our most treasured population.

With appreciation and gratitude,
Marianne H. Pinkham, Regional Director



Sunday Altar Flowers

Each Sunday our altar is adorned with floral arrangements. These can be given in memory of deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving for significant persons or events in your life. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please fill out the form below and send it into the parish office to the attention Rhonda Hart. Please note that if two people ask for the same date it will be shared. Your memorial or thanksgiving will be noted in the Sunday bulletin and the Prayers of the People. The suggested donation for each date is \$25.00 and we will use seasonally available flowers. Please make checks payable to "St. Peter's Flower Guild."

Your Name _____

Date(s) Requested _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please Note

If you have read this, or any other edition, of The Rock please tell Chris McLarty. She's never heard anyone except the former editor mention doing so.

Thank you.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church seeks to serve God's mission of restoring all people to unity with him. We open wide our doors and say, in the name of Jesus Christ, "Welcome."

Worship

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 7:00 AM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Office hours

Monday–Friday 9 AM to 12 PM
The Rev. James Bocchino, Transitional Priest
(rector@stpetersrockland.org)
Kate Jones, Parish Administrative Assistant
(stpeters@stpetersrockland.org)
Dorothy Nyman, Organist
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine

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