

The Epistle

October 2011

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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The View for October 2011

The boat I have been crewing on, Tim and Candy McGovern's Paikea, was out this past Saturday for one of the final races of the season. I was sick – but went anyway – and rather than the full crew of 6 there were only 4 of us on the boat. Many factors go into choosing to take one course over another: current, tide, wind, competition. If you are on a downwind leg and the wind is directly behind you, being anywhere near competition that can catch up to you will just ruin your race – for as they come up toward your stern, they will take all your wind, and you will just about wind up standing still.

I have been on the boat when just such a situation occurred, and every single boat overtook us.

In Saturday's race, the downwind leg seemed to go forever (from the Housatonic breakwater buoy to the Welches Point buoy). All the boats were wing on wing – which means putting the boom and mainsail on the opposite side of the jib. There was a cluster of 4 boats behind us. We kept about even – until we reversed the sides of the main and the jib – and then we just lost them. What a great feeling to not be threatened by their stealing our wind and dropping us from in front to behind. In the final results of the race, we came in second in our class on corrected time (by 10 seconds). Talk about a happy crew!

Everyone loves success. We all want to be on the winning team. Yet one of the most important aspects of a community of faith is that it is with you just the same, win or lose. People of faith don't cut and run. They don't avoid dealing with the things that others would like to avoid.

So, how do you view last month in this community? We have had to say goodbye and Godspeed to dearly loved and engaged people. Bill and Richele Watkins who are moving back to New York to be near her family, Richard and Linda Fohrenbach who are moving to California because of Richard's new job, and Carol Hoponick – has moved from life on this earth – through the gates of heaven to walk with her Lord by sight. Add in some of the faces not seen in the past month, and these can combine to represent those oncoming boats that steal our wind, and threaten to leave us behind.

All I can say, is that I am so very proud of this community – on Sunday as we rejoiced and wept with the Watkins and Fohrenbachs, and on Monday as we rejoiced and wept with all who came for Carol's service. God was present – the community was present – love and faith and hope all came together to lift us, by the wind of the Spirit, past the sorrow that might have defeated us.

Do I know who will stand in their place, take up the roles they have left behind, provide the resources to fill the void in ministry, mission, and finance? No. But I know where to find them – they are the people who read this – who I pray will close the ranks, and keep moving forward.

May the Lord bless us as we take up the tasks that are before us.

-- Andrew Osmun

Sunday Services

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

10 am Christian Formation
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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November Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by October 21, 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



October Birthdays

10/04 Robert Eldridge
 10/09 Claire Ritz
 10/09 Katharine Simler
 10/10 Arielle Eighmy
 10/13 Audrey Riker
 10/13 Nora Riker
 10/15 Corliss Emmons
 10/15 Peggie Watson
 10/15 Lee Wonneberger
 10/16 Edna Luysterborghs
 10/16 Sharon Callahan
 10/18 Laura Gosset
 10/18 William Vance
 10/19 Deirdre Green
 10/19 Diana Lynch
 10/20 Jeffrey Mangels
 10/22 Edna Pavlowski
 10/26 Tina Bibens
 10/26 Gayanne Bristol
 10/26 Ron Jovanelly
 10/27 Nancy Reed
 10/28 Violet Austin
 10/28 Joseph Lang
 10/29 Richard Schock
 10/31 Beckett Casey
 10/31 Brogan Casey

October Anniversaries

10/01 Amy & Gene Bowman
 10/01 Hannah & Ben Greaves
 10/04 Judy & Joseph Giusti
 10/08 Rosanne & Kevin
 Haynes
 10/14 Alexis & Brendan Casey
 10/19 Barbara & Edward Wolfe
 10/20 Donna & Jay Pinsince
 10/23 Jenna & Jerry Massari
 10/24 Tina & Michael Bibens
 10/24 Kathy & Richard Schock
 10/28 Gayanne & Charlie
 Bristol

Report from the Treasurer: August 31, 2011

Income	\$178,897.78
Expenses	(186,024.88)
Net Change	(\$ 7,127.10)

Hurricane Irene took a direct hit to our income on August 28th. This along with summer vacations made August a challenge for paying all our bills.

Our hope is that things will return to some form of normal now that fall is upon us and our programs resume. The quarterly pledge statements will be sent during the first week of October.

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. October 16 and October 31 are available. *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.

October 2 – The Vital family
 October 9 – **Available**
 October 16 – Iris Love & Mary Beth Saltzman
 October 23 – Terry Osmun
 October 30 – The Carter family

Condolences

To Ted Hoponick and family on the loss of Ted's wife, Carol Hoponick.

To Frank and Claudia Matthews and family on the loss of Frank's mother, Mary Jane Matthews.

To Leigh Warrington and family on the loss of Leigh's grandmother, Doris Nichols.

To Brian McCarthy and family on the loss of Brian's mother, Janice McCarthy.

Congratulations

To Beverly and Gary Johnson on the birth of their granddaughter Noella Brooke, to Brooke Johnson Torres and Henry Torres.

To Tom and Cindy Feliconio, parents, and Merna Carter, proud grandmother, on the baptism September 4th of Sabrina and Samuel.

Moving News



A lovely coffee hour reception was held on September 25th to celebrate the ministry of Linda and Rich Fohrenbach and Bill, Richele, Carrie, and

Andrew Watkins. The Fohrenbachs are relocating to California and the Watkins family is moving to upstate New York outside of Schenectady. They all will be sorely missed by St. Peter's!



Sharon Mackwell has also relocated. She is now living on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. She may be contacted through her email address, sharon_06513@yahoo.com.

A Note From the Vestry

If you have any questions or concerns in the aftermath of Jesse Osmun's arrest in August and the meeting that took place on August 11 with Bishop Curry, please speak with any Vestry member. We are all available to help our community through this difficult time.

If you would like to talk to the Diocese directly, you can contact Bishop Curry:

860-233-4481, Ext. #117

E-mail: jcurry@ctdiocese.org

Or, Ronald Casey, PH.D., Clergy & Assistance Program:

888-453-2327

Experiencing Discipleship Together

A new discipleship program will be led by Matthew Schneider. Interest meeting: Sunday, October 9th at 9 a.m. and 11:30 am, Rector's Office.

This program is prepared for adults interested in an opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. It may also serve as preparation toward the goal of adult confirmation, baptism, reception into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows when Bishop Douglas visits St. Peter's in May. However, these goals need not be the expected destination of any participant. The main goal of this program is one of *discipleship*: to help participants grow to more closely resemble—in their lifestyle, beliefs, and values—disciples of Jesus Christ and His Church. The program will also be experiential—not lecture or classroom based—and will take place in a group setting: participants will *experience discipleship together*.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please attend one of the interest meetings mentioned above. If you are unable to attend a meeting but are interested in possibly participating, you may contact Matthew at matthew.schneider@yale.edu.

Veggie Table

Many thanks to Alice Fredericks and Shelia and Steve Drotar for their donations to the fresh veggie table (and all the others who donated anonymously!). A donation has been sent to the Milford Food Bank.

Anapra, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico Mission Trip

The fifth Mission Trip to Anapra, just outside Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, has been scheduled for Feb. 16–25. This will complete the commitment that was set five years ago to build five houses there. This is not to say we are done. There is great need for this type of mission work in our neighborhoods, our state, our nation, and around the world. Our team, at the moment is 27 strong. We are now working to fund our trip through the fundraising efforts mentioned below. We thank you for your support and your prayers.

Pie and Cheesecake Sale

Team Members will be taking your orders for delicious pies and cheesecakes baked by Luigi's Bakery. Your pie order will arrive just in time for Thanksgiving Dinner. Orders will be taken until the first week in November.

November 12th -- Save the Date & Your Appetite Mission Team Pasta Dinner

The Juarez Mission Team will be preparing a Pasta Dinner that will be served at 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 with children 5 and under free. Tickets will be available soon from any team member in advance or you may purchase them at the door. Tickets purchased early will insure no wait at the door. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy a homemade pasta dinner.

Juarez Mission Fund Raiser, Quilt Raffle

Jen Massari has sewn a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled at the Juarez Dinner on November 12. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for seven. All proceeds will support the fifth Mission Trip to Anapra. To obtain tickets, please contact a member of the Juarez Mission Team. This raffle will end at 7 p.m. when the winning ticket will be drawn. You do not have to be present to win.



Christian Formation

There will be **NO CLASSES** on October 9th, Columbus Day Weekend.

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Dates- October 4 and 18th 6-8pm

Confirmation Class- October 16, 11:30-1:00

The Youth Group will be participating in The Beth-El Walk for Homeless on October 16 at 1:30.

The Youth who served in Logan, WV this summer will be presenting a slide show and personal accounts of their experiences on October 23 during both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. We look forward to sharing this amazing experience with the congregation!

A LOOK AHEAD...

We are beginning to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Pageant, which will take place on December 18th. I am looking for anyone age 4-18 to participate. Please contact Karen Vital.

Worship Participant Schedule Alert

To all acolytes, lay ministers, lectors, readers, ushers, greeters, and child care staff -- multiple revisions have been made to the October schedule, provided at the end of this Epistle. Please review and take note!

St. Peter's Purpose Statement

On October 4, 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**

Walk for BETH-EL, Sunday, Oct. 16

The 20th Annual Walk for the Homeless is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. inside the Fowler Memorial Building. The Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Fowler Field Pavilion. On October 2, Kathie Hebert will be accepting contributions after the 8:00 a.m. service and Brenda Thomason will be available to receive donations after the 10:00 a.m. service. All proceeds will benefit Beth-El Center, Inc. To support St. Peter's Team and for additional information, please contact Brenda at 203-878-9890 or Brendat2@optonline.net

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry

St Peter's has been serving this ministry for several years now. Operation Christmas Child is a project headed by Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. The boxes go all over the world to children, who may NEVER have received a gift - EVER! They learn of God's Love for them, and receive a New Testament. After 12 weeks of Bible study, many are baptized, bringing their parents to Christ. What a wonderful way to fulfill our mission - Spreading the Gospel, Preparing disciples, and Caring for the community.

Please shop with your children so they can feel the joy of giving to another child. You may pack your own shoeboxes and/or come to our day of assembling the boxes on November 15. Below is a list of items needed. We HAVE stuffed animals and pencils. We NEED enough of the following to make about 24 boxes:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, sharpeners, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculator.

TOYS-small cars, balls, dolls, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild soap bar (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth.

OTHER: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), T-shirts, socks, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

If you purchase a quantity of any of the above, please e-mail Brenda at brendat2@optonline.net, then we can keep a balanced inventory for the boxes. I will update weekly in the Sunday Bulletin of items purchased in sufficient quantities.

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. Please consider joining us for this great event, the sign up sheet will be in the back of the church until Oct. 2nd.

If you have any ideas to help encourage fellowship among the parishioners at St. Peter's please join us at our meeting on **Monday, Oct. 3rd in the parish hall library**. We will be setting up the groups for the progressive dinner and discussing our fall events.

If you have any questions please contact Dee Green at 203-874- 0418 or deegreen@optonline.net.

Dear St. Peter's:

Thank you so much for the pillowcase dresses and the pillowcases. I really appreciate your support and will make sure the dresses go to Haiti on the next mission trip. Your kindness will be a message of hope and protection to these vulnerable young girls. You have definitely made a difference in their lives.

All the best,
Rosemarie

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=uo%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!

OCTOBER 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (Recent Revisions are Highlighted)

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	J. Chiodo K. Carriero	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	P. Bell R. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	J. Carter 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	P. Mangels P. Watson	Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	P. Smith K. Pagnataro	M. Saltzman D. Smith	TBD 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	L. Roti B. VanBrederode	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	F. Hopkins J. Carter	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	TBD 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. Gendreau	B. Lewis J. Carter	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	Joshua 3:7-17 Micah 3:5-12	B. McDonald P. Smith	S. Peck M. Ritz	E. Durazzo P. Bell

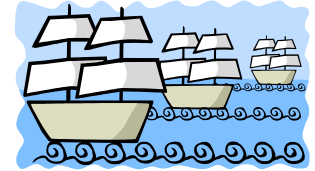
NOVEMBER 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
November 6, 2011	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	S. MacKenzie	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	G. Bristol	
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens K. Carriero	C. Riker S. Winters	D. Bryson J. Bryson	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	M. Ritz F. Hopkins	J. Bryson D. Pinsince	TBD
November 13, 2011	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	G. Bristol	Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	E. Pasenelli P. Austin	A. Swanepoel	
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo R. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	C. Franz B. Eldridge	Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	K. Pegnataro J. Carter	M. Saltzman D. Smith	C. Ritz P. Bell
November 20, 2011	8:00 AM	M. Schneider	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23	G. Bristol A. Fredericks	S. Giambra	
Last Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	P. Bell J. Chiodo	D. Green D. Smith	P. Watson B. Vanbrederode	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23	B. McDonald P. Smith	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	A. Smith M. Gendreau
November 27, 2011	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	K. Gammage	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	D. Blanchet B. Kuhar	B. Neilson	
First Sunday of Advent	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau K. Carriero	D. Pinsince J. Carter	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	B. Eldridge F. Hopkins	S. Peck M. Ritz	E. Durazzo TBD



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2 Pentecost 16 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Discipleship Meeting 9 & 11:30 a.m.	3 Fellowship Group 7:00 p.m.	4 Purpose Statement Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6 p.m.—8 p.m.	5 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	6 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Pentecost 17 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. No Christian Form	10 Columbus Day Observed Office Closed	11 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office	12 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	13 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Outreach Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	14	15 Progressive Dinner 5:00 Parish Hall
16 Pentecost 18 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Beth-El Walk 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 4 p.m.—6 p.m.		18 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Vestry 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	19 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Church Library	20 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	21	22
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