

The Epistle

August 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector

Dear friends in Christ:



It is hard to believe that I have been with you for almost two months! In such things as numerous coffee hour conversations, two vestry meetings, weekday services, several nursing home or hospital visits with some of the elderly parishioners, interaction with staff, and brief chats after worship services, I have seen your strong faith in the Lord and your deep love for each other. St. Peter's is a wonderful group of people and I feel blessed to have been able to begin to get to know many of you. Thank you again for welcoming me into your parish family for the summer.

Beginning a couple of weeks ago and continuing through August, our lectionary uses excerpts from the book of Ephesians as our New Testament reading on Sundays. I am planning to preach through this wonderful letter of St. Paul since it has so many beneficial things to say to every church. Because many of you are traveling during July and August, I thought it might be useful to include a brief outline and schedule so we can all be reading and thinking about the same things, whether here or away.

Summer 2012 Preaching Schedule on Ephesians

July 15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual Blessings in Christ
July 22	Ephesians 2:11-22	Made One in Christ
July 29	Ephesians 3:14-21	A Prayer for the Church
August 5	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ
August 12	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Living as Children of the Light (Part 2)
August 19	Ephesians 5:15-20	Living as Children of the Light (Part 4)
August 26	Ephesians 6:10-20	The Armor of God

The lectionary skips the following sections, but they are definitely worth reading too!

1:1,2	Greetings; To and From; Grace and Peace
1:15-23	Thanksgiving and Prayer to Realize God's Purpose and Power
2:1-10	Made Alive in Christ; Saved by Grace
3:1-13	Paul, the Preacher to the Gentiles
4:17-24	Living as Children of the Light (Part 1)
5:3-14	Living as Children of the Light (Part 3)
5:21-6:9	Wives and Husbands, Children and Parents, Slaves and Masters
6:21-24	Final Greetings

I would love to encourage everyone to take some time to read and reflect on these passages of Scripture. I trust that God will encourage and strengthen all of us in our faith through time spent in His Word, whether you are a newcomer to Bible reading or a seasoned veteran.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Blessings in Christ,
Rev. John Whitnah

John

John will be in the office on Wednesdays. His cell number is 860-836-4560. Home number is 860-408-1126. To contact by email: jnwhitnah5@aol.com

Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

Christian Formation

(Recess for the summer until September)

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Monday – Thursday Evening
Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday — Noon Prayer

Thursday — Morning Prayer
8 a.m.

All services held in the Chapel

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September Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by August 17 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

Supply Priest: the Rev. John Whitnah

Musician/Choir Director: Nathan Bontrager

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz



August Birthdays

08/01 Gabriel Garnett
 08/02 Bonnie Neilson
 08/03 Stacy Maslar
 08/03 Henry Torres
 08/04 John Carriero
 08/05 Chandler Riker
 08/06 Carol Harker
 08/07 Douglas Emmons Sr.
 08/08 Belle Clark
 08/09 Soledad Meade
 08/10 Richard Hebert
 08/11 Angela Swanepoel
 08/14 Lucas Vital
 08/15 Warner Dixon
 08/15 Mimi Harvey
 08/17 Ruth Boyd
 08/18 Susan Peck
 08/19 Brooke Vanbrederode
 08/21 Steven Bell
 08/21 Barbara Totten
 08/22 Jeffrey Collis
 08/24 Zachary Shoop
 08/25 Michael Bibens Sr.
 08/26 Lucille Pynch
 08/29 Ginger Burrows
 08/29 Judith Ann Johnston
 08/30 Brendan Casey
 08/30 Robert Broughton
 08/30 Jake Fleming
 08/31 Samantha Kringstad

August Anniversaries

08/05 Marie & Bob Palmatier
 08/06 Candace & Burvee Franz
 08/06 Linda & Cliff Roti
 08/07 Margery & Robert Mackendrick
 08/08 Brooke & Henry Torres
 08/10 Deb & Christopher Soracco
 08/12 Soledad & Joseph Meade
 08/18 Julia & Jeff Carter
 08/20 Cathy & William McDonald
 08/24 Violet & Paul Austin
 08/25 Beth & Kevin Bell
 08/26 Sharon & Fred Callahan
 08/27 Marcy & Paul Mangels
 08/31 Terry & Andrew Osmun
 08/31 Debra & Michael Garnett

Report from the Treasurer: June 30, 2012

Income for the month	\$17,626.40
Expenses for the month	(21,817.37)
Monthly Deficit	(\$ 4,190.97)

While our activities slow down during the summer months, the operating expenses of St. Peter's are ongoing.

You might find using our E-Giving program a helpful tool in making your donations in an automated way. You can schedule your contribution to take place or process on a date of your choosing.

Visit the  site located on our WEB site.

Should you have any questions in regards to our income or expenses, please contact me.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
smacknze@optonline.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. The second Sunday (**August 12**) and the third Sunday (**August 19**) are available for flower donations. *If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.*

Coffee Hour

Caring for our 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.

August 5 - **Available**

August 12 - Kathie & Joyce Hebert, Nancy Lang, Kathleen Paglinco

August 19 - **Available**

August 26 - **Available**

Our Home away from Home

Over the past few weeks, I have had the occasion of walking different folks through the church...repair people, firefighters, and a representative from Simplex Grinnel regarding our fire alarm that was malfunctioning. They all remarked what a beautiful church we have. To which I replied, "Thank you! It's home to me..."

Just like home, things at St. Peter's need attention. Cleaning has to be done and repairs need to be made. The Lawn needs to be mowed, gardens need to be weeded, lights need to be shut off and doors need to be locked.

Just like home, if you are the last one to leave any part of our church, make sure windows are shut, lights are shut off, and the door locks behind you. You wouldn't leave your home with the lights on and the doors open would you? (I personally do not like giving my money to the UI Company.)

I would hope all of you treasure St. Peter's as much as I do, and care about how she looks. See a piece of paper blowing across the lawn? Pick it up! See something that needs fixing? Let me know if you have a talent such as gardening, painting, carpentry, and plumbing and would like to donate some time; talk to me! The kitchen also needs a good cleaning! Maybe you like to dust! The pews could use a little TLC! If you see it, thinks it needs a little attention and would like to help, let me know. There is always something that needs attention.

Let us all take pride and take care of our "home".

Diane Gendreau, Jr. Warden

Ciudad Juarez 6th build!

We are beginning to plan our sixth build in Anapra, a colonia of Ciudad Juarez, in February of 2013. Our team is growing and we would love to welcome you to its ranks!

There will be an organizational meeting in September for anyone interested in participating. The meeting date will be announced in the September Epistle. If anyone has any questions, please contact Dee or Conrad Green at deegreen@optonline.net or 203-687-8660 or, Linda Roti at 203-878-8910 or ldroti@sbcglobal.net. You can also talk to someone who has gone in the past.

We are excited about going again! Come and see what the buzz is all about!

Christian Formation

Fall is not very far away and neither is the first day of Sunday school! Christian Formation will resume on Sunday, September 9, at 10:00. More information will follow.

Vestry

The August Vestry meeting has been changed from Tuesday, August 21, to Wednesday August 22. Please change your calendar!

Choir

Practice is scheduled to resume on August 30 at 7 p.m. in the choir room in the Taft Building. Come and join us! We can always use a few more voices especially tenors and bass. For more information, speak to Nathan or any of the choir members.

Mark your Calendar

On Sunday, August 26, at 3pm the Early Music trio, Entwyned, will present a concert at St. Peter's. This will be Entwyned's second visit to the parish but with all new repertoire this time. Entwyned features Dee Hansen on flute, Eric Hansen on lute, and Nathan Bontrager on viola da gamba. Musical selections will range from the Renaissance through Johann Sebastian Bach. The concert is open to the public and donations will be accepted but there is no need to pay for those who are unable. Please spread the word, this is a great opportunity to extend our reach into the local community.

Another date to Remember

There will be a celebration of Judy Piscitelli's life and work held by the Milford Fine Arts Council at the Firehouse Gallery in Devon – September 9 at 4 p.m.

Caring for the Community

Mission News - Refugee Family

Thank you for your donations of non-perishable goods for the family that will reside in the apartment at the First Congregational Church. They were very gratefully received along with a beautiful quilt donated by one of our parishioners. A family of three has been selected- mother from Iran, father from Iraq, and a three-year-old little boy. They were living in a refugee camp in Turkey, and are expected to arrive at the end of July.

Salvation Army Backpacks

Thank you for your generosity. St. Peter's has once again filled twenty backpacks for the needy children in the Milford Schools.

Prayer Shawl needs Knitters and Crocheters!

Our numbers have dwindled over the past year and so has our output. We would love to welcome some new knitters and crocheters to our group! Are you interested in making baby blankets for the newly baptized or prayer shawls for those in need of comfort or would you like to learn a new skill? We have instructions available for simple patterns for beginners and more intricate patterns for the experienced knitter or crocheter. We meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the church library. For more information contact Linda Roti, 203-878-8910, or speak to Kathie Hebert, Candace Franz, Susan Peck, or Linda Roti any Sunday. Hope to see a couple of you there!

250th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church

Don Warren is the Chairman of the team responsible for preparing for the 250th anniversary of St. Peter's. Our anniversary is January 11, 2014. If you have a story, experience, history of the church, photographs or anything you believe would be appropriate for the history of our church, please send them to Don

Warren at stpeters.milford.250@gmail.com. A mailbox is set up in the hall of the Parish Hall, for your convenience. Please leave all information, pictures etc. Please leave your name with your information.

Morning, Noon & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer is Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. led by Linda Roti.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist at noon. Bring a lunch, and share in fellowship with John Whitnah and the other noon worshippers!

Evening Prayer is Monday – Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Currently, Paul Mangels, Deirdre Green and Steve Winters are leading the services.

You are invited to attend all or any of these services. All services are held in the Chapel.

Attention Worship Participants

The August and September Worship schedules are included in this Epistle. If you are not available – please contact someone in your group to cover or swap with you.

Let's Make Life Easier!

The Rev. John Whitnah has joined us during Andrew's leave of absence. Let's help him get to know who we are by wearing our Name Tags! They are filed in the narthex. If you don't find one with your name on it, ask the greeters to make one up for you on the spot. A permanent name tag will be made to replace it and then filed.

That will also help those of us who have been at St. Peter's a while get to know those of you who are new to our family!

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!

AUGUST 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
August 5, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Ephesians 4:1-16	P. Austin D. Emmons	A. Swanepoel	
10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon	J. Pinsince J. Carter	J. Bryson	Ephesians 4:1-16	D. Bryson J. Carter	S. Peck D. Pinsince	C. Ritz P. Bell
August 12, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Blanchet	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	A. Fredericks B. Kuhar	S. Giambra	
11th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo	D. Pinsince C. Riker	L. Roti	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	D. Smith G. Burrows	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
August 19, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Ephesians 5:15-20	D. Blanchet C. Bristol	A. Fredericks	
12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau	S. Winters D. Green	D. Smith	Ephesians 5:15-20	P. Smith K. Bell	B. Bell J. Shoop	E. Durazzo M. Bibens
August 26, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Ephesians 6:10-20	E. Pasanelli G. Bristol	C. Emmons	
13th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	P. Bell	D. Smith J. Carter	P. Watson	Ephesians 6:10-20	R. Durazzo K. Pignataro	C. Mahnken M. Bucciarelli	C. Ritz A. Smith

SEPTEMBER 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
September 2, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	E. Luysterborghs	
14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens E. Durazzo	C. Riker D. Smith	D. Bryson P. Watson	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	F. Hopkins P. Smith	J. Bryson S. Peck	C. Ritz P. Bell
September 9, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Blanchet	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	S. Giambra	
15th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens W. Bibens	S. Winters D. Green	B. VanBrederode C. Franz	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	K. Bell K. Pegnataro	M. Saltzman D. Smith	M. Bibens E. Durazzo
September 16, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
16th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero R. Fraleigh	D. Pinsince J. Carter	R. Allsop D. Smith	Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12	J. Carter F. Hopkins	B. Burrows B. Bell	M. Gendreau A. Smith
September 23, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	G. Bristol E. Pasenelli	A. Swanepoel	
17th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo G. Lucas	C. Riker D. Smith	J. Bryson L. Roti	Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	D. Bryson B. McDonald	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	W. Bibens C. Ritz
September 30, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 James 5:13-20	C. Bristol A. Fredericks	G. Bristol	
18th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau W. Dixon	S. Winters D. Green	P. Watson B. Vanbrederode	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 James 5:13-20	R. Durazzo P. Smith	M. Bucciarelli S. Peck	E. Durazzo P. Bell



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chapel Monday—Thursday			1 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	2 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	3	4
5 Pentecost 10 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	6 Fellowship Group 7:00—8:30 p.m. Library	7 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Rector's Office	8 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	9 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel Outreach Dinner 5-7 p.m.	10	11
12 Pentecost 11 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	13	14 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office	15 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	16 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	17 	18
19 Pentecost 12 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism 10 a.m.	20	21 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office	22 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	24	25
26 Pentecost 13 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Concert 3 p.m.	27	28 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Church Library	29 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	30 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	31	