

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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42 Sweden Road

Bridgton, Maine 04009



Fish Tales



Episcopal Parish serving the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region since 1962

June 2009

Summer Wednesday Evenings at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will sponsor its Second Annual Summer Wednesday Evening Series beginning the third Wednesday of June. This series will last until the end of September. Each Wednesday evening will begin with a celebration of Holy Eucharist, giving people an opportunity for weekly worship and Communion when their summer schedule interferes with regular Sunday worship. The evening worship will be followed by a brief coffee and dessert time of fellowship and special focus program that will last from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Dessert Fellowship
7:30 p.m.	Monthly schedule:

First Wednesdays: Alternative Energy Use--A presentation by Jack Bash, including visual offering and discussion.

Second Wednesdays: Contemporary Worship using a variety of contemporary and cultural Christian music.

Third Wednesdays: Healing Service with Intercessions, Laying on of Hands and anointing for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Fourth Wednesdays: Concert Series featuring a variety of artists and music. The concerts are free and will include a free-will offering.

Fifth Wednesdays: A special talk by Sigvard Von Sicard about Reconciliation between Christians and Muslims

We'll begin with the first Wednesday evening service on June 17th.

The World Flute Trio is the feature concert for Wednesday, June 24th.



Carl Dimow *on western flutes*, Nicole Rabata *on wooden Irish flute*, and Phil Nyokai James *on Japanese bamboo shakuhachi flute*.

Join us as New England's own renown World Flute Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m on June 24th. Masters of their talent who share a love of music, the World Flute Trio will be entertaining us with various cultural, Irish, Japanese and European musical pieces, as solos and an ensemble. Come for Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m., refreshments at 7 and a mesmerizing performance by the World Flute Trio at 7:30.

The public is invited to attend any of these Wednesday Evening programs.

For more information, please call
St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 647.8549.



Reflections from the Senior Warden

Can you believe we moved into our new church building just over a year ago? Sometimes it feels like we've been there a lot longer and at other times we realize it's still new and we're still in a "learning" cycle.

For example, we've had a problem with our water. The well head was installed below grade because of its proximity to the driveway. Generally this is not a problem, but that wasn't true for St. Peter's. We discovered that ground water was being sucked into the well and then pumped into the church. The well has now been extended above ground level, and we expect that this will take care of the problem. Sounds like a simple solution, but it took several months to determine the cause and then to correct it.

The contractor has now been able to get the heavy equipment required onto the property and everyone can see the work in progress required by the D.E.P. to treat storm water runoff. As of this writing, we have a relatively large hole, and some have suggested that we make this our own private fishing hole or an old-fashioned swimming pool.

We're required to provide two vegetated under-drained soil filters (UDSF), which ultimately will look like a grassed, water retention area. The depth will be four to five feet after the various soil layers are in place. Being an eternal optimist, I expect this to be finally finished in the near future. I hope this will be the end of our parking lot addition "odyssey."

Bishop Stephen Lane visited on Wednesday, May 13th, and the Wardens, Vestry and other parish leaders met with him prior to the service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. He was very interested in hearing what was going on in the life of St. Peter's, and he shared with us some of his thoughts now that we're in our own church building. It's always interesting when there's a change, and personally, I was favorably impressed with our new Bishop.

Our annual Plant and Baked Goods Sale took place on Saturday, May 23rd. From all reports it was well supported. My thanks to Co-chairs Marion Browning and Emily Hammerle and everyone who worked or baked to make this a success.

My Joke-of-the-Month is taken from *Those Wonderful Church Bulletins*:

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

God Bless,

Bob Vivian, Senior Warden.



The office will be closed during the week of June 5-12, while Janet is on vacation. If you are in need of using the church at that time, please contact Janet in advance to make arrangements. Phone messages, e-mails and mail delivery will continue as usual. Bishop John will also be away from June 9-13. Rev. Male will take care of any pastoral needs during that time. In case of an emergency please contact him at 207.233.4138.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church began as a summer mission in 1962. On September 8, 1974, St. Peter's-by-the-Lake held its first service of extended ministry. Since then, though it did not have a home of its own, the church has provided an Episcopal presence to summer and year-round residents of the Lakes Region by meeting in various locations including people's homes, Bridgton Academy and local churches of different denominations. The first service in St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sweden Road in Bridgton, was held on May 25, 2008. The building and contents were dedicated and consecrated on June 1, 2008.



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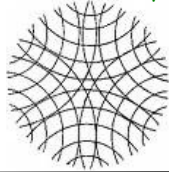
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Good Shepherd of the Earth

Energy Series by Jack Bash

Beginning in July, a series of talks on energy production and use will be given on the first Wednesday of the month following the 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist service. The first talk will focus on "The Smart Grid and the Changing World of Energy." Jack will host an open discussion on what the smart grid means, why it is necessary and how it benefits consumers. He will also discuss the storage of electricity and its importance.

Don't miss the Good Shepherd of the Earth talks at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, following the 6:30 service of Holy Eucharist.



Parish Register

Baptism: Michael Lain

Confirmation: Marge Blaney, Phil Blaney, Anne Ineson, Greg Jones, Michael Lain, Norma Vivian

We celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ and their families on the occasion of their Baptism and/or Confirmation. May God continue to bless and direct them in life's journey.



Don't miss out on this summer's Vacation Bible School held at the First Congregational Church on South High Street in Bridgton. St. Peter's parishioner, Sandy Wissmann, is the Director of Children's Education at the Congregational Church. She once again invites St. Peter's youth to join in the fun-packed week. VBS will be held June 22-26 from 9 a.m. until noon. It is open to all children ages 3rd through 5th grade. This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light."

FMI: contact Janet at the church office, 647.8549.

Haiti—Maine Companion Relationship

Please join me by giving a warm St. Peter's welcome to John Arrison, from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast, on Sunday, **June 7th**, as he shares with us his mission experience in Haiti. John will also describe St. Margaret's participation in the Diocese Companion Program with a parish in Haiti.

"Relationships (*companion parishes*) exist to strengthen each participant in ministry and mission. Ideally, such relationships will involve the partners in increased awareness of the single mission to which all are called. That mission includes:

- mutual encouragement and prayer for one-another;
- intensified knowledge of and concern for one-another; and
- the exchange of resources, both spiritual and material."

~from the Diocesan Web site

Because we would like this presentation to be interactive, we invite everyone to join John in the Sanctuary after the Worship service. Bring your coffee and goodies along with your questions and enthusiasm!

~Lin Frank



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

~ Proverbs 22:6 (RSV)



St. Peter's Annual Summer Picnic

July 26, 2009

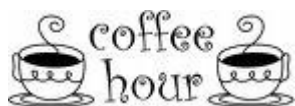
11:00 a.m.

Hosts: George and Joan Wright

Directory/Office Information Sheet

Thank you to all who have returned the church directory information sheet. For those who still wish to have their contact information included in the directory, please see me no later than June 5th. Printing will begin June 15th. Bishop John will use some of the information gleaned for his records and necessary Diocesan needs. Contact the church office if you need a form—647.8549

~Thanks,
Janet



Volunteers needed for summer coffee hour.
Sign up at the ushers' stand.

St. Peter's Cook Book

The cook book is starting to take shape, but . . . we still need your recipes. Any helpful hints or personal notes about the recipes are also welcome.

Suggestions for a cook book title?

Bring your recipes and title suggestions to church.
Please place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Thanks,

Leigh Hayes, Karen Doughty, Janet Jones, Barbara Marshall and Pat White



All mothers and those who have mothers would like to thank Bob Vivian and Phil Blaney for the beautiful flowers presented on Mother's Day. Also a special thanks to all the men who provided coffee hour on this special occasion. Your delicious efforts were greatly appreciated.



Flea Market Fun(d) Raiser



On Saturday, **June 23rd**, St. Peter's will rent a table at the Bridgton Community Center's Flea Market. Please bring those treasures you no longer need to our table by 8:30 on **June 23rd**. Clean your attics, basements and barns and bring your good stuff. No large appliances or "junk" please. This is a great opportunity to generate funds for a utility shed at St. Peter's, while also supporting the efforts of the BCC.

FMI: contact the office at 647.8549

A HUGE Round of Applause

Many thanks to Emily Hammerle and Marion Browning, who once again co-chaired the annual Plant and Bake Sale, and to their vast crew of helpers. The sale raised \$900 for St. Peter's Outreach programs.



New to St. Peter's Episcopal Church?

If you are a new member or just moved to the Greater Bridgton area and would like your records transferred to St. Peter's, please call Janet at 647.8549 so a transfer can be sent to your former parish.

Maine Senior Farmshare Program

Maine state residents age 60 and older are eligible for up to \$50 worth of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables for up to eight weeks this summer through the Maine Senior Farmshare Program. Individuals with an annual income up to \$20,036 and couples with an annual income up to \$26,995 are eligible to sign up for a free seasonal share of produce from one of about 140 participating farmers. To sign up for a share or be placed on a waiting list, call your local Area Agency on Aging at 1.877.353.3771.

FMI: www.getrealmaine.com/connect/farmshare/



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GROWING PAINS AND JOYS!

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

Perhaps an appropriate play on those words from the Psalmist would be:

This is the parish God has given us! This is the wonderful building God has given us!

This is the family in Christ which God has given us! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Growth and new life are always wonderful gifts! Growth and new life, however, bring change and all change brings loss as well as gain, awareness of what else might be “if only,” appreciation for what has been given, and the possibility of a spirit of scarcity as well as a spirit of abundance. Somehow it seems to be a human tendency to slip into scarcity thinking or into focusing on the loss or what might be “if only!” Even the Hebrews in The Exodus, after being liberated from slavery in Egypt, turned on Moses and exclaimed, “If would have been better if we had stayed in Egypt and died!”

St. Peter’s has been incredibly blessed with a wonderful new building in which to worship and from which to do the work entrusted to us by the Lord. We have been superbly blessed with many new people joining the band who wandered in the wilderness of the Lakes Region for 40 years before coming to our own parish. Such growth is exciting, but it does require change. It involves including many more people in every aspect of our life in Christ. It means being open to doing some things in new ways.

The following are examples: There is a building committee of five with Eric Wissmann as chair, to whom any building needs and concerns should be directed. The kitchen committee, co-chaired by Marge Blaney and Ernestine Bash, oversees the kitchen, its use and arrangement. The Parish Administrator, Janet Jones, keeps the parish running smoothly by coordinating the calendar and keeping communication clear and up-to-date. Margaret Reimer, Master Gardner, coordinates the plantings and care of our Memorial/Prayer Garden and works closely with the Rector about arrangements for burials. The Altar Guild, Lectors, Chalcers and Ushers all involve many new people and many new ways of doing their ministry. And next year, the same will be true for our Sunday School and youth programs. We are like St. Paul’s image of the Church as a body with arms, limbs, fingers and toes: each with our role to play in the life of the church; each dependent upon one another, but still not the same. None is responsible for the ministry of the others!

The other truth about “this day, or this parish, or this building, or this family in Christ,” is that all of them are in transition! We are pilgrims on a journey with the Lord, making what we can of each day, the parish, this building and our family. Like each of us, the Lord is not finished creating them and giving them new and mature life. Each of us, this day, this parish, this building, our Family in Christ, even our genetic family, is in the process of becoming. Each is not yet worthy of the glory that is yet to be revealed, to use words from St. Paul. Part of the journey is rejoicing in what has already been given and in the words of St. Paul, “hoping for what yet is to be given with patience.”

God has indeed blessed us with this day, this parish, our building, our church family!

Let us rejoice and be glad in them!



Congratulations 2009 Graduates Katie and Mitch Tusing

Katie graduated from UMA in early May with a degree in dental hygiene, and Mitch will graduate from Fryeburg Academy on June 7th. He'll pursue a degree in computer sciences at Southern Maine Community College.

Hats off to Katie and Mitch, and their parents, Liz and Ron.

Pre-General Convention Gatherings Around the Diocese

In preparation for the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, to be held during July in Anaheim, California, regional conversations among Maine Episcopalians will take place throughout the state.

A regional conversation will be held at
Christ Church, Norway on June 11th from 7-8:30 p.m.
All are welcome

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Holy Eucharist, Sunday School and Child Care

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

Parish Coordinator

Janet Jones

Director of Music

Evan Miller

Christian Education Coordinator

Janet Jones

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Leigh Macmillan Hayes

Vestry

Senior Warden: Bob Vivian

Junior Warden: Eric Wissmann

Vestry Clerk: Leigh Hayes

Vestry Treasurer: Jack Bash

Members:

Jonathan Jones, Lin Frank, Karen Mentus, Deb Ripley, Kirk Engstrom, Liz Tusing

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Mission of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is a congregation that meets to worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a place where everyone is welcome. We find our strength in the Eucharist. We pray that we may use our time, talent and resources for the benefit of our community. We gather to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to uphold and support each other and to reach out in service to others.

June Calendar of Events

June 1	6:00 p.m.	EfM
June 4	7:00 p.m.	NA for Women
June 7	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Trinity Sunday Children's Summer Program & Child Care
	10:30 a.m.	Brunch and Haiti Presentation
	11:45 a.m.	In-Reach Team Meeting
June 8	6:00 p.m.	EfM—last class for year
June 9	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Joan W.'s home
June 11	7:00 p.m.	NA for Women
June 14	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Children's Summer Program & Child Care
	11:00 a.m.	Bridgton Health Care Service
June 16	11:00 a.m.	St. Peter's Café
June 17	6:30 p.m.	Mid-week Holy Eucharist & Special Program
June 18	7:00 p.m.	NA for Women
June 21	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Father's Day Children's Summer Program & Child Care
June 22-26	9:00a.m. - noon	Vacation Bible School at First Congregational Church
June 23	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Norma V.'s home
June 24	6:30 p.m.	Mid-week Holy Eucharist & World Flute Trio
June 25	7:00 p.m.	NA for Women
June 27	9:00a.m.-1p.m.	Flea Market sale at BCC
June 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Children's Summer Program & Child Care
	10:45 a.m.	Vestry Meeting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please keep the following in your daily prayers:

Larry L., Frederica M., Larry D., Peggy J., Greg W., Marcia E., Margaret M., Ava Ann L., Ellen M., Fran F., Mike M., Barbara J., Jay S., Gwyneth B., and Claire K.

Basket of the Month

The "Basket of the Month," a source of outreach for St. Peter's, continues to support St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry in Portland with the following items:

June: Personal Products—shampoo, deodorant, soap, lotion, shaving cream, etc.