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Onward

A newsletter for and about the people of St. Peter's Church

FEBRUARY 2020

Episcopal Church Women

The Episcopal Church Women will be holding a soup and chili sale on February 9th, immediately following the 10am service in the Upper Room.

Please consider making a quart or two of soup or chili for this fundraiser. This year our profits will go to "North Porch", to help the little children and babies. Soup containers will be available in the Upper Room February 2nd.

Thank You in Advance,

Sue Mazur and Jennifer Jackson
ECW



Sunday School

Sunday School lessons continue to be good ones in February! We have moved out of the Old Testament into the New Testament in Godly Play so we are now talking JESUS ;) I am so impressed with the enthusiasm of the children each week and how they listen and tie things together! I LOVE talking about Sunday School so if you have questions or want to see what your child is learning reach out; you can even sit in on a class!

With Peace & Love,
Dana Leach
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Sunday School Dates

Feb 2nd & 23rd - Sunday School
Feb 9th - Family Church
Feb 16th - No Sunday School,
school vacation weekend

Sunday School - Service Project

Service Project!! The Sunday School is going to collect toiletries for the Caldwell Food Pantry throughout February. We talked in Sunday School about how often people grab a box of pasta or can of soup for food drives, but that is also necessary for people to have toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo...the list of things one young lady came up with was VERY impressive!

Please help your child pick out some items they think would be helpful to someone with limited resources. Caldwell Food Pantry helps many local families and elderly. There are people right here who have needs, not just in Newark or Paterson.

We put a box outside the Sunday School classrooms in the hallway for our collection. Let me know if you have any questions and thank you in advance!

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Family Church

January's Family Church was another special Sunday at St. Peter's! I'd like to thank the fabulous readers, Vincent Korenstein, Lena Korenstein and Jonathan Spell. They read so nice and clearly!! We had our unofficial lead usher, Dylan Negrotto, continue to keep things flowing with wonderful assistance from Charlotte Hogan and Kevin Egan. The elements were carefully delivered by Addison Hogan and last minute enthusiastic addition Charlotte Albano.

I continue to feel my heart overflow watching these dedicated children during Family Church!! To volunteer your child (ren) for our February 9th family church please email or call. Dana Leach, 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com.

Littlest Parishioners' Playgroup

Saturday, February 1st, 10:00-11:30

The weather is cold so time to get the wiggles out at playgroup!! The Littlest Parishioners' Playgroup is for parishioners with children age 3ish and younger. It is a lovely group of young families sharing similar milestones and struggles. Please join us the first Saturday of each month from 10-11:30. We will be in the upper room (unless the weather magically gets warm and snow melts, then we will be on the playground). Older siblings are also welcome! Our March date is March 7th so mark your calendars now.

Any questions contact Dana Leach at 973-364-7544 or scottdanaL@aol.com or Nat Bernardo nathaliabernado23@gmail.com.

Pageant - Thank You!!!!

The Christmas pageant this year was WONDERFUL!! Many thanks to all the children from readers down to our smallest sheep! I think there were close to 40 participants this year. A special thank you to Terri Korenstein for taking up the helm and to her many assistant elves. She did a great job of organizing us all! If you have any good pageant pictures please send them to me.

Peace,
Dana Leach, scottdanaL@aol.com



A Word from the Priest in Residence

Dear Parishioners,

Half of our Sunday service is focused around hearing and understanding the Scriptures. To aid this, we have begun to print the text of the lessons in the bulletin, and provide a brief overview “Guide” for the Collect and all four lessons. In addition, during my time here, the Sermons will have seasonal themes drawn from the meaning of the Season. In Epiphany, we will consider each week one or more of the many “attributes” or characteristics of the biblical perceptions of God: Love and Judgment, Invitation to Seek, Call and Opportunity, and others to come.

Our Sunday 9 a.m. service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for Wee Believers (children 4 and under) will likewise, focus on how Jesus reveals the nature of God in his words and deeds, and our 9 a.m. 2nd Sunday Adult Education session will focus on “Identifying God’s Presence in Daily Life.” Follow the announcements in our weekly “Life at St. Peter’s” e-blast!

Blessings,

Fr. Bob

Vestry Meeting Highlights January 13, 2020

- The Vestry reviewed the proposed budget for 2020, made small changes, and planned for the Annual Meeting.
- Canon Clark approved our Parish Profile and will now post in for our Search for a new Rector.
- The Street Fair Committee had its first meeting.
- Frank Butterfield, Pam Au, Michelle Spell, and Toby West were nominated as delegates for 2021 Diocesan Conference.
- Investments are up 24% for 2019 to a \$1,926,000 total.
- Our annual Vestry planning day was scheduled for February 8.



St. Peter's Street Fair

June 5th & 6th



The Street Fair is coming! Our annual Street Fair will be held on Friday June 5th from 5:30-9 pm and on Saturday June 6th from 3-7pm. We are looking for a few good men, women and youth to help make this event a success. In particular we need a chair for the Decorating Cupcake Booth and many people for set-up and take-down. If those don't sound appealing, there are many other opportunities available whether it be helping out at game and food booths, donating strawberries, shortcakes or tricky tray items. If you are interested and/or willing to help out, please contact Christina Doyle at doyle531@hotmail.com or 301.802.7878.



Families, choir members, and Health & Healing crew joined together at Crane's Mill to serenade residents on December 15th.



SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WELCOME TO YOGA

*Yoga is the union
of the body, mind and spirit.*

Weekly practices focus on ethical guidelines and
personal observance to help us

become unstuck, build an awareness of a mind body connection,
make peace within ourselves and grow.

Tuesdays . 7-8:15 pm

THE UPPER ROOM 271 Roseland Avenue, Essex Fells

*February 11 & 25 in the Undercroft

\$15 per class. One third tithe to the church | rsvp: pataliotta@gmail.com

unfurl YOUR MAT. *relax* YOUR BREATH + *join* US IN COMMUNITY



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Vacation Bible School...HELP!!



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Are you good at cutting and pasting? Organized on the computer? Do you like children & teens? Is MS Excel fun for you? Do you like detailed work? Are you creative? There are so many jobs associated with VBS! We have begun reaching out a bit more in earnest as the time is quickly going by to see if there are people willing to step up and take on Vacation Bible School. It is a lot of work, but when broken down it is very manageable. Emily Blake intends to continue as decorating chair, which is a huge roll. There is already a theme and we have ordered the starter kit to take advantage of a sale. The first week of August (3rd-7th) has also been reserved on the church calendar. Early planning should begin soon. Just because you volunteer to organize a portion does NOT mean you need to attend VBS. The teens run much of it and we have done fine with only a small handful of adults during the actual camp.

VBS is a critical in-reach and out-reach ministry for St. Peter's. It brings together our SPY teens, our Sunday School children, St. Peter's Nursery School children AND many other teens and children from the community around us, along with a handful of adults from the parish. Not only does it help to grow the church, but it supports the larger community through donations and fosters good will between St. Peter's Nursery School and the church. It truly builds bridges.

It was an incredibly hard decision to step aside from leadership, but necessary for many and varied reasons. We have no interest in abandoning VBS, however, and intend to continue to play a part, just not as large. Please reach out to us to discuss. Sadly, if we do not have people to run VBS this year we will not be able to have it :(

With Love & Faith,

Dana Leach and Kris Blake

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Notice

It has come to our attention that recyclable items are being placed in the church's dumpster along with other household trash that doesn't belong to the church. We have very limited space in our dumpster and we get charged extra for the recyclable items that are placed there. Thank you for your cooperation.