

FALL BRINGS A RETURN TO CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY NOON MASS— We have added a Wednesday Noon Simple Eucharist to the calendar. Please join if you can for this midweek mass.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP— We are having coffee hour in the Parish Hall (formerly known as the Undercroft) following the 10:00 AM service. It is so nice to see people making connections and getting to know one another again.

MORNING PRAYER—In addition to our 8:00 AM Morning Prayer services Monday through Friday, we have added Sunday Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM. If one is properly observing the Daily Office, Sunday Morning Prayer is supposed to be held in tandem with Holy Eucharist for that day. It is a blessing to start Sundays with Morning Prayer and have Eucharist after Bible Study.

BIBLE STUDY—Sunday Mornings at 8:30 AM is Back-to-Basics Bible Study. We are having a blast learning about the Bible and learning about the main stories of the Bible with fresh eyes. Both brand-new Christians and those seasoned in the Bible are having a great time learning and sharing about the Bible.

BOOK STUDY—Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 PM on Zoom we are discussing the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu. We will be discussing one chapter a week. Please join us for great discussion if you can.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Back-to Basics Bible Study
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:10 Coffee Hour Fellowship in the Parish Hall

PARISH UPDATES

Mother Mindy— We are growing! Make sure to introduce yourself to new faces and make everyone feel welcome.

Senior Warden Scott— I am sorry to see the outdoor Mass ending for the year. But am looking forward to starting a new next year. We. Have new faces every week at Mass on Sunday and that is great news.

Junior Warden Breck— Requesting quotes from Keebler for replacing 2 furnaces with 1 furnace. Installing external key lock for fire department. Fall Work Day for building and grounds will be Saturday, November 5 from 9 to noon.

RECEPTION GIFT

John Donohue was received into the Episcopal Church on February 27, 2022 at Zion Episcopal Church in Oconomowoc.

We will be presenting John with a Book of Common Prayer to commemorate his reception this Sunday,

October 9, 2022.

New Key Distribution Process

St. Peter's has always had a warm welcome for those who need a place to worship, a place to pray, a place to meet, and a place to work. As a result, there have been many keys given out to many people, some of which have never been returned. After many, many years, we have lost track of the number of keys that are out and who has them.

After a detailed discussion of the situation, the vestry noted that it has been decades since the church has had new keys for the doors and there is no record of how many keys have been made or who has them. Thus, the vestry has determined that the outside doors of the church will get new locks and keys.

A new Building Use Policy will be put into place with the new keys. In an attempt to keep track of who has keys and to inspire some accountability with their use and return, there will be a deposit required of \$20.00 for members and \$50.00 for nonmembers when the new keys are issued. Your name and contact information will be necessary as well as a second contact person in case we are not able to reach you.

You will be kept informed as to when this will take place. If you will be needing a new key, please inform Barb in the office so an estimate of numbers can be determined.

SERMON SUMMARIES BY ANGIE HOFFMAN

9/4/22

Sometimes the gospel message can be a stumbling block for us, but remember Jesus often spoke in hyperbole to make a point. Jesus does not want us to hate our father/mother but wants us to place our loyalties first in God. The cost of discipleship in this sense, can be costly for us. Seek first the kingdom of God. Love God, Love your neighbor. See the light, be the light.

9/11/22

I once was lost, but now am found. The three stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son remind us there is wholeness in restoring what was lost. For every lost sinner brought home again, the angels rejoice. We must tend to the suffering, love, and gather as a community. Our wholeness matters.

9/18/22

Father Ricardo Sheppard gave the sermon. He spoke of the costs and rewards of honesty. Others know our true nature not by what we tell them but by our actions. When we open the window for dishonesty, it becomes easier to do it again. We need to be honest with ourselves, with each other, and with God. We will sleep better for it at the end of the day. God, help me to be who you called me to be. I'll do my best to serve you. Lift me. Forgive me. All is well with my soul.

9/25/22

We must not pass by someone's suffering. The very least we can do is pray for the person, but we must also strive to help in any way we are able. Jesus requires us to have justice, mercy, faithfulness and to walk humbly with God. Share when you have enough to share. Love God and love your neighbor. Be kind. Have faith that Jesus rose from the dead, giving us hope of everlasting life. To preach the gospel means not only to use words but our actions. Tell others what you find compelling about belonging to the Church. Share the good news!

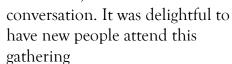
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

On Tuesday, September 14 a Gathering of ten We gathered around the long dining table and women met at the Rectory for a 10:00 AM Brunch enjoyed our delicious food, and comfortable

Women's

that included an egg bake (delicious!), lemon lavender scones, fruit, juice and the perfunctory hot beverages we all love (and some need).

As people arrived, Mother Mindy graciously gave tours of the Rectory as some had not seen it all, or it had been a number of years for others.



The next event will be in the evening, to accommodate those who are working during the day. It will be a dinner at the Rectory, Wednesday, October 26 at 6 PM. Please consider joining us!

Barb Werner-

BOOK REVIEW

Tracing The Contours of Faith: Christian Theology For Questioners By Wayne L. Fehr

Fr. Wayne L. Fehr, currently Priest Associate at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wauwatosa, wrote the column called "Ask A Theologian" in the Diocese of Milwaukee newsletter between the years 1999 and 2006. In this column he answered questions from Christians trying to make sense of their faith. As Fehr states, "Finding a deeper understanding of faith begins with a question." His book, 'Tracing the Contours of Faith' is a collection of essays from that column.

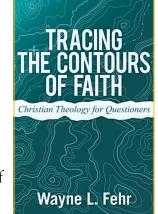
Fehr covers a number of topics including The Mystery of Christ, The Mystery of the Church, The Sacraments of the Church, Pastoral Theology and even Eschatology. Then at the very end he addresses the specifics of what Anglicanism is and what Episcopalians believe.

The book is kept in the 'question and answer' format which makes it easy to go directly to the questions that you are particularly interested in. I also found many questions that I didn't think to ask but should have. And no matter how well I knew or thought I knew the answer, Fehr always explored a dimension that added to my understanding and/or my faith.

Fehr is very good at noting where his ideas and quotes came from so there are many opportunities for further reading and research. But most appreciated are his references to our own Book of Common Prayer where he even states what page the information is on.

Fehr's experience as a priest and his doctoral studies in systematic theology do not put him above reach. He writes in a non-technical way that encourages understanding and continuous thought. 'Tracing the Contours of Faith' is a book that will benefit experienced Christians as well as those new to the faith of any religious tradition .

-Terrie Knox-



Faith is important, especially when you have to wait.

GOD'S TIME

Patience is hard when you're nearing the end of the string the kite barely hovering above the ground knowing if it doesn't catch the wind soon, it will settle once again.

My attempts have all exhausted me. Have I given too much or too little slack run in the wrong direction at the wrong time missed my chance?

I stop, lean into the sensations with stubborn commitment wait for the pull, the catch of the wind. There will be no holding back.

Angela Hoffman



PARISH PRAYER NET

Welcome to the Prayer Net. While I am not certain of the very beginning, Fr. Hanyzewski said the prayer chain was loosely going on when he first started at St. Peter's in the fall of 2011. People were assigned to call someone on the chain. Over time the name was changed to Prayer Net because of our patron saint, Peter the Fisherman (gathering up our prayers and intentions). The Prayer Net also came into the computer age by having someone gather up the prayers and then distribute them all at once to the entire group. Carmen Garcés Jones took over the Prayer Net from Liz Collins in the fall of 2015 and yours truly took over from Carmen in the spring of 2019.

We continue to pray for parishioners and ministries on a weekly basis, as well as recognizing birthdays and anniversaries. We also lift up in prayer the special needs of our St Peter's family, friends and national and world wide concerns. Come join us! And blessings to you!

- Eda Wilson, Prayer Net facilitator -

PRAYER LIST

In your charity, please remember the following people in your prayers: John, Njari, Amanda, Obi, Jim M., Jack, Bill, Gary, Vickie, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve, Deborah, Russell, Barb S., Scott J., Sarah S., Young, Jennifer, Lisa, Bev, Sally, Ally, Shonda, DuWayne, Nancy, Bishop Whitmore, and Matt. We give thanks that Melody is done with chemo! We give joyous thanks that Jerry's recent tests and scans are clean! (If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office.)



A Celtic Advent Adventure



Sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King Saturday, November 5, 2022. 9am-4pm Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman Wi.

Everyone's invited... as we learn to walk the way of a 40 Day "Celtic Advent Adventure." The focus of our time together will be the life giving mystery of the Incarnation, "God made Flesh". We will experience the Christmas story without all the Hallmark hype and commercialism that bombards us. This Adventure offers us the experience of understanding what "God With Us" truly means.

The day...will be taking a new spin on the season of Advent. We will celebrate the time with Eucharist, singing, praying, conversing, listening, and wondering together.



Our presenter...Will be Sister Barbara Jean Brown. She is the co-founder of Anamchara Fellowship, a dispersed monastic community founded within the Episcopal Church in 2003. Sister BJ (as she is commonly known) entered the Religious Life in 1973 in a traditional Episcopal Order but was led to start a new form of monastic community. For well over 40 years, Sister BJ has had a "peripatetic" ministry... traveling from parish to parish, diocese to diocese, conducting retreats, quiet days, conferences and workshops. Her primary loves are the mystical

experience and Celtic Spirituality. She is the author of <u>Six Smooth Stones</u>, <u>Spiritual Practices for Everyday</u>
<u>Life</u> and Convents, Jails and Other Tales (both available on Amazon). She received her Bachelor's degree in

Theology from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI and a Master's diploma from the University of Wales, Lampeter (UK) in Celtic Spirituality. Sister has recently moved to Sheboygan and we are so pleased to have her back in Wisconsin. She is an invaluable resource to our diocese as a guide, mentor and an Anam Chara to us. (Gaelic for "soul friend").

Physical sustenance

The Daughters of the King will provide a light breakfast, refreshments and lunch.

FEE... Donations at the door will be appreciated CHILDCARE... will be provided

For more information ...please call Janet Irvine at 608-295-1400 or email doctorjan96@gmail.com.

Just leave a message with your name, phone # and email.

Let us know if you need childcare!

The link to register will be in the upcoming weekly emails.



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

On October 7-8 The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee will hold its 175th Annual Convention at at two locations in Milwaukee. The Friday night session will be at the Westin Hotel and the Saturday meetings will take place at the Italian Community Center. Friday's session is open to guests and Includes dinner, dancing and the Key Note address by guest speaker Becca Stevens's: Priest, social entrepreneur and Founder and President of Thistle Farms, in Nashville, Tennessee.



Here is a quote about the evening from out Diocesan Website:

"Get ready to feel inspired to keep loving the world and renew the right spirit in our hearts.

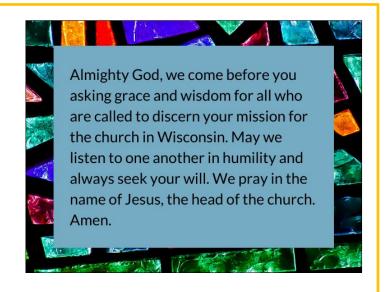
We will reflect on how revival is the soil to grow movements and encourage growth. On the way of love, we don't have to quit when we feel weary. Drawing on her twenty-five years of work as a priest and founder of Thistle Farms, Becca will offer us time to think how all our offerings change the balance of love in the world. She will also share stories from her latest efforts in Poland, working with women knitters who are refugees from Ukraine. Come prepared to welcome the spirit. Revival is not in spite of our hardships; it is in response as a defiant and faithful act."

St. Peter's is represented by Lay Deputies Breck McHenry, Terrie Knox, John Donohue, and Bob Krumm. Resolutions that will be voted on include: 1) An annual stipend for Deacons, and giving access to Credo, 2) Creation Care—Providing funds for initiatives and Education regarding Creation Care, 3) Minimum Clergy Compensation increase of 5%, and 4) Standing Committee qualifications to include Deacons (Formerly nominations were limited to Priests). The other voting item at the Convention will be the 2023 Budget. (A very thorough treatment of each of these resolutions is on the Diocesan Website. Go to "About" on the homepage and then Diocesan Convention in the dropdown menu.)

Please pray for all those attending from our parish and from those throughout the Diocese. Pray for wisdom and clarity as they consider the Resolutions on the ballot.

Prayer for the Episcopal Wisconsin Trialogue

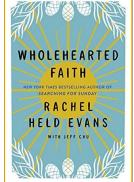
The "Trialogue" is composed of the three Episcopal dioceses of Wisconsin that are exploring how reunification to one diocese may better equip us to be the church God is calling us to be. Please pray with us.



TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM

Back by popular demand is our Tuesday night book study. Starting this Fall, we will be delving into the book "Whole Hearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu.

Here is the description of the book: "Rachel Held Evans is widely recognized for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books, which have guided, instructed, edified, and shaped Christians as they seek to live out a just and loving faith.



At the time of her tragic death in 2019, Rachel was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. With the help of her close friend and author Jeff Chu, that work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world.

This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book."

As this book is a series of essays, we will be taking one essay a week and discussing it. After the first session, we decided to read the chapter we will be discussing before class. Discussion is fruitful whether you've read the book or not, so if you do not have the book or have not read the chapter, you are still encouraged to attend. If you would like the office to order you a copy, please email or call the office.

Since we are taking on one essay at a time, it will take several weeks to get through the book. We will do Part I before Advent, then have an Advent Study, then discuss Part II in the new year.

The dates for the study are:

Tuesday, Oct. 4	Session 1- Chapter 1 On the Days When I Believe				
	(Please read Forward, Introduction, Prologue before class)				
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Session 2–Chapter 2 My Wicked Little Heart				
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Session 3—Chapter 3 Where Stone Becomes Flesh				
Tuesday, Oct, 25	Session 4—Chapter 4 The Liberation of the Know-It-All				
Tuesday, Nov. 1	Session 5–Chapter 5 Thick Skin, Tender Heart				
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Session 6-Chapter 6 Jonathan Edwards Is Not My Homeboy				

The Zoom Link will be provided via email before the first session, and will be included in the St. Peter's email each week. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship, with the convenience offered by a virtual platform.

Vestry Meeting, September 21, 2022 On Zoom

<u>Present:</u> Mother Mindy, Bill Cannon, Scott Fernhaber, Breck and Laurie McHenry, Matt Bills, Ginny Laurent, Bev Wille, Terrie Knox

<u>Check-ins:</u> Mother Mindy asked each person how they are doing and how we can pray for them.

<u>Prayer</u>: Mother Mindy prayed through all the prayer requests.

<u>Approval of Minutes from August</u>: Bill moved and Scott Seconded to approve the August 17 minutes. All in favor.

VESTRY

<u>Financials:</u> Reminded that we just go \$60,000. From the Auxiliary fund. \$23,000 of this went into the building fund. The rest went into the operating account. Mother Mindy also asked if we should consider getting a new furnace proactively, or wait until it gives us problems. Breck explained the complications. Discussion followed. Mother Mindy said that the vote has already been taken. Sometimes the relationships with the business is more important. Matt wondered about whether it has been serviced. We have already been told (a few years ago) that they are quite old and will need replacing.

Business:

1. Cookie Cupboard/Holiday Market – We have been asked to be a venue site for the Holiday Market. Past Co-Chairs are very busy and would need to have someone to come along to help coordinate and take some of the burden off. No one on Vestry is able to take on anything more. We will need to put this need before the rest of the congregation. Bev suggested that some people may feel comfortable to be a part of a team. It was discussed whether we should say yes to being a Venue for the City-Wide Market.

2 . Fall Schedule - Sundays: 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship

M-F 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesdays 6:00 PM Book Study Wednesday 12:00 Mid-week Mass

Mother Mindy asked about anything else we should bring back into the schedule. Matt suggested a work day.

Service Feedback -

<u>Ginny</u>: loved that there is not a camera on the floor between her and Mother Mindy. The new cameras have facilitated this.

<u>Bill</u>: very satisfied with the Mass. Disappointed to not see the choir this last week. (This is a season of rebuilding the choir because of graduations last spring). Bev asked about having a member choir when the students are not there.

<u>Matt</u>: likes that there is a lot of passion in the sermons. Something to improve might be the donation of an old game system (for Joshua),

Breck: Glad to have the Common Cup back.

Scott: loves seeing all the new faces. Wants online experience to be improved.

<u>Bev</u>: We are in need of 5 handicap parking spots. Breck will work on this...perhaps the no parking here to corner could be "except on Sunday)

<u>Sound System</u> – Breck has had conversations with Peak Systems, and with Father Sheppard. DSP is key to making our hum and hiss go away. This part is about \$1,200. They put together a new quote that includes the most crucial components. The quote was about half the cost of original. There is still a supply chain issue. \$4,700. Breck made motion to go with new quote for audio updates, Scott Seconded. Ayes have it. Bev abstained.

<u>Codes</u> – Scott was offered a couple of keyless pads. He said he would bring them in. Mother Mindy expressed her concern about who will have to administer this type of system. Most likely will fall on the Rector or the Office. Scott clarified that keypad should be on the inside doors. This makes a lot more sense. Another item is that the Fire Department said we need a Knox Box (a secure box to keep keys for outdoor lock and inside doors in case of fire).

Reports:

Breck is trying to get better WIFI into the Worship area. Moved the modem into the copy room. But, then Barb didn't get WIFI on her desk computer. Still working on it.

Mother Mindy – trying to add things back into our schedule without things getting too crazy for her. She's really enjoying the Back to the Basics Bible study. New families are coming. She is still doing things in the Community. She represented the Homeless Coalition at a Fireside event. Did the memorial for the Bar Tender at FatBoyz who died untimely.

Motion to adjourn from Terrie, Ginny seconded. All in favor.

Mother Mindy closed in prayer. Meeting ended at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Werner

FALL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Wholehearted Faith Book Study on Zoom, starting in October

WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon Midweek Mass, starting in October

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

8:30 AM Back-To-Basics Bible Study in the Gathering Room

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist: In-Person and Livestreamed

11:10 Fellowship (Coffee Hour)

12:00 Noon Outdoor Mass in the Peace Garden (October Only, Weather Permitting)

In addition, look for information on a Healing Service and Chat and Craft Group that Mother Mindy is cooking up.



October 2022



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LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 9 10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: Bill Cannon Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

OCTOBER 16 10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: John Donohue Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

OCTOBER 23 10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Matt Bills Acolyte: Bob Krumm Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

OCTOBER 30 10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Bev Wille

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: John Donohue Usher: Duane Riggs

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Sunday, October 9

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour

<u>Tuesday, October 11</u> 6:00 PM Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, October 12 12:00 PM Mid-Week Mass

Sunday, October 16

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour

<u>Tuesday, October 18</u> 6:00 PM Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, October 19 12:00 PM Midweek Mass 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, October 23

10:00 AM Sunday Worship 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour

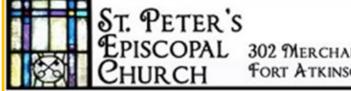
<u>Tuesday, October 25</u> 6:00 PM Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, October 26 12:00 PM Midweek Mass

Sunday, October 30

10:00 AM Sunday Worship 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour October 2022 Newsletter ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 302 Merchants Avenue Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

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NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER IN THE GATHERING ROOM 8:30 AM BACK-TO-BASICS BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED 11:10 FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE HOUR)

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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

To Lead Each Person into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ, Train Them as Disciples, and Make Jesus Known to Others.