



The Morning Star

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A Special Thank You

A special note of thanks for supporting the redesign of the Trust Funds. The Vestry had approved the redesign of the Saint Peter's Charitable Memorial Fund and the Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Fund at the May Vestry meeting. As communicated earlier, redesigning the Waterman Farm Trust Fund required an approval by 75% of the Voting Members of St. Peter's. Ballots for voting were mailed to all Voting Members with a Special Meeting called for June 17, 2018. Members were allowed to vote by mail, or in person. I am very pleased to announce that the vote was 64 YES, 1 NO and 1 ABSTAIN. With the redesign of the Waterman Farm Trust now approved, we are now moving forward with First Midwest Bank to have all aspects of the redesign to a Total Return Trust design.

As the existing 2018 budget had been based on the church receiving \$11,000 from the Waterman Trust and \$5,200 from the St. Peter's Trust, all for operating income; we have instructed the bank to distribute all interest earned through 7/31/18 to the church. The new design in the Trust Funds will then start to produce monthly income to the church starting in August. This will result in a 5% draw of the average of the year end Fund balances, based on a 3 year average. Thus income received in Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec 2018 will be based on an average of the principal value for the three years 2015, 2016 and 2017. This average will be recalculated at the close of 2018, and

the base for the average will be reset to be based off of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

We have also moved the money from Special Account #148-HINES Proceeds to the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Fund. Although the balance of \$115, 775.36 appears on the Financial Reports issued to you covering May, it was moved in June. This will increase the value of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Fund for 2018 and be included in developing the new average for fund distribution in 2019. The movement of this money into the fund will also allow the money invested to grow. Please note that the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Fund can also be used as a future depository for future Memorial Funds given to the church. Adding to this Fund will allow for growth beyond market conditions and allow a family or individual to leave the church a gift that will continue to grow over time.

Under the redesign, the guidelines for Trust Fund investments to parameters of 50% equities/50% fixed assets (bonds); with the potential to move the mix by +/- 10%. Based on direction by the Advisors/Trustees, this means the investment parameters could move to a limit of a 60%-40% mix in the future. We plan on growing into the immediate design of a 50-50 mix slowly as existing bond funds mature. Doing so immediately would result in a discount on current values.

All money received from Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Fund will go directly to Operations, as it has in the past. Vestry has approved the distribution of money from the Waterman Farm Trust Fund as follows. 60% to

Operations, 25% to FPIF and 15% to Outreach. Money from the Charitable Memorial Fund will be utilized as outlined in that trust fund.

Your support in voting for the redesign will allow St. Peter's to realize additional money to meet existing budgetary needs and to review line items that were reduced in 2018. Through a combination of pledges, plate offerings and money received from our Trust Funds, we can set a plan in place to ensure the success and vitality of St. Peter's.

On behalf of the Advisors and Trustees of the Trust Funds, our sincere Thank You for making this happen.

Regards,

John T. Vain, Larry Smith, John Castle, Bill Nicklas, Jane D. Ovitz, Barb Koehnke, John Boies

A note from our Sr. Warden

As St. Peter's continues its transition period, it is important to remember the solid foundation we have built with God's help. The near unanimous vote to amend the Waterman Trust, the vestry's decision to change the other trusts, and the continued congregational financial support have assured us that St. Peter's will remain financially stable for the foreseeable future. This vote is also a reflection of how united the congregation is in moving forward. It is a testament of our faith and commitment to the future.

Over the last few months many parishioners have stepped forward to make sure the church continues to run smoothly. The search committee continues its work in looking for our new Rector. Although it may seem like this is taking an inordinate amount of time, it is more important to get the Rector God is calling us to receive than to simply fill the position. I would encourage all members to continue to pray for the search committee and the vestry.

We have supply priests scheduled for all but one Sunday for the months of July and August.

A parish supper has been scheduled for August 2. I am told it will be a simple, enjoyable, family friendly event.

Larry Dirst will be changing up some of the music for July and August, which gives even more to look forward to during the service.

I have faith that we will continue to move forward together as a parish and I look forward to the exciting things to come in the next two months. As always if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Phil Montgomery
Senior Warden



PARISH SUPPER

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m. Meet and Mingle. 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Come when you can, food will be available.

What to bring: **YOURSELF**. Kids bring your parents and grandparents

Menu: Hotdogs with all the necessary condiments, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and chips.

Dessert: ice cream with toppings

Beverages: ice tea, lemonade, milk, coffee

Bronwyn Burgweger will supply a few games for the children. If you have an interest in helping Bronwyn in this area please text or call Bronwyn at (815) 761-9866.

The objective to this evening's event is to stay, pray and have fun together.

Please come and have a simple meal and enjoyable evening with your church family.

Any questions please speak with Cindy Vain or Lynne Roberts.

Elmwood Cemetery visit rescheduled

It was not very nice weather on Sunday, June 10 when we had planned to offer a visit to Elmwood Cemetery. We had hoped to show what has been done so far to improve the gravesites of the Waterman family and those of the priests who once served St. Peter's.

We have rescheduled this visit for Sunday, July 22. Again, the time will be from 10:45 until 11:30. Please come and see what has been accomplished to restore the monuments and what remains to be done with further financial assistance.



A reminder that our summer schedule began on Sunday, June 3rd. One service at 9:00 am will be offered on Sundays in June, July, and August.



Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 5th!!

Our parish picnic will once again be held at the Burgweger's Quartermoon Farm, 4434 Old State Rd. in Kirkland IL

If you have not been to the picnic before, the setting is beautiful with trees and a lake and you might even get a golf cart tour!

This is a great way for us all to get together and enjoy the day.

The Burgwegers will provide pork, lemonade, ice tea, coffee, place settings, and tables and chairs. All you need to bring is a large dish to pass and your meat if you do not want pork. (you may want to bring bug spray also)

Our service will be at the church at 9 am and you can head out to the farm any time after that.

A big thank you to the Burgweger's for hosting this wonderful event. Hope to see you all there!

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2108

As approved at the June vestry meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Senior Warden Phil Montgomery. Those present were:

Phil Montgomery, Fr. Jim Clement, John Boies, Anita Biletzky, Bronwyn Burgweger, Judy Dettloff, Henry Vincent, Barbara Weaver, and Donna Hill. Also present were John Vain, Treasurer, Larry Smith, Waterman Farm Trust Advisor, Judy LaPorta, vestry clerk, and Lynne Roberts.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Judy Dettloff, seconded by Phil Montgomery, and carried.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Barbara Weaver, seconded by John Boies, and carried.

Phil Montgomery reported that he has obtained supply priests for the months of July and August, with one opening on July 8th.

Finance Committee – Treasurer John Vain reported that pledges to date have increased and St. Peter's is in a good cash flow position. The operating budget is in good shape. Two years ago our cash flow was a negative figure.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by John Boies, seconded by Barbara Weaver. The motion carried.

Building and Grounds – The leases from our two tenants have been signed. No increase will be made at this time. Rent increases will be discussed at a later date. A notice of 3 to 4 months should be given before any increases are made. Liane O'Keefe will be reviewing rentals in the area to compare when making a decision.

Caregiver's Committee: Report attached

Outreach – The food contributions have decreased. All are asked to bring a can of food or other non-perishable item each week to assist with summer needs.

Interim Rector report:

Fr. Jim reported that the funeral service for Linda Hartlip was held with interment in Tinley Park.

Laverne Selman's interment was held in Oak Park.

Father Clement's last day at St. Peter's will be June 24th as he has been called as the 25th Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredonia, New York.

John Boies updated the vestry on the Elmwood cemetery project. This year is a continuation of the work done last year by Larry Dirst, Jane Ovitz, Barb Weaver, and John Boies. The stones are deteriorating, clean up was done, and a stone was moved. Several of the Watermans, including James and Abby, are in that plot. Because there is no family left we take responsibility for the upkeep. The June & July Red Bowl offering will be used for restoration. The cost is estimated at \$2500.00. After the service on June 10th, the parish and friends of St. Peter's are invited to tour the cemetery and view the work that has been done and see what is left to do.

A motion was made by Barbara Weaver that the vestry sponsor a dinner in honor of Fr. Jim and his service to St. Peter's. John Boies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Phil Montgomery, John Vain and Larry Smith spoke with the vestry regarding an important financial decision for the congregation of St. Peter's. St. Peter's currently has 3 trusts. These trusts were originated in 1964, 1987, and 1990. The vestry has the authority to make changes to two of the trusts. The congregation must approve any changes to the Waterman Trust. The current terms of the trusts allow St. Peter's to withdraw interest and dividends only on an annual basis. It is being proposed that these trusts now be managed by the Total Trust concept, allowing 5% of the average balance for 3 years be taken on a monthly basis. Due to the current financial landscape, this will increase income to St. Peter's, while keeping the principal. It was noted that many non-profits and charitable organizations use this method.

A motion was made by Phil Montgomery that the St. Peter's Episcopal Church fund and St. Peter's Charitable Memorial Trust funds be amended to the Total Trust concept of managing funds as defined by management and trustees. (5% of the average balance for 3 years) on a monthly basis. The motion was discussed and questions answered. Henry Vincent seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Voting procedures for the change to the Waterman Trust were discussed. A committee was assigned to determine the voting procedures that must be used. This committee consists of Henry Vincent, Phil Montgomery, Barbara Weaver, and Larry Smith.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Boies and seconded by Judy Dettloff. Fr. Jim offered a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully submitted

Judy LaPorta
Vestry Clerk

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Red Bowl Offering

The Red Bowl Offering during the months of June and July will be for a project at Elmwood Cemetery offered by Larry Dirst.

HOPE HAVEN DINNERS

St. Peter's continues to provide a meal for the community homeless at Hope Haven on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Needed volunteers include a chair for each month in 2018 and persons to prepare or purchase food items. Sign-up sheets for 2018 are located in

Waterman Hall. Please help the Outreach Committee provide one meal each month to our area homeless at Hope Haven.

The Outreach Committee is looking for easy, inexpensive recipes for our Hope Haven Dinners. If anyone has any recipes to share, please put them in the Outreach mailbox. Thank you!!

SYCAMORE FOOD PANTRY "FEED OUR SHEEP"

The Sycamore Food Pantry is running low and faces a difficult summer without our help. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring two summer food drives for the pantry: one on Sunday, July 1 and one on Sunday, August 5. It is our hope that the parish will support these monthly food drives in order to increase the amount of donations St. Peter's takes to the Sycamore Food Pantry. Look for the "Top Ten Ideas" for contributions to the pantry at the back of the church and in Waterman Hall.

The next meeting of the Christian Outreach Committee will be held on July 18, 12 noon, in Waterman Hall. Please feel free to join us!

St. Peter's Book Club

St. Peter's Book Club meets the first Tuesday each month. July's meeting will be on July 3rd at 9:30 am and discussion will be on the book *The Light Between the Oceans* by ML Stedman. Anyone who likes to read is welcome to join!



Prayer Corner

For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lectionary readings for Sundays in July and August: The readings may be found at www.lectionarypage.com

July 1: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:
Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

August 5 :Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34: 1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



Altar Flowers

Dedications for altar flowers are needed! The Altar Guild has been providing the flowers when we have no dedications, but the funds are running low! We want to continue to have our altar decorated with flowers, so please consider a dedication. Please remember that more than one dedication may be made each Sunday and cost can be split.

Nursery

Our nursery is open for family use but will not be staffed during the summer months.

Birthdays in July

- 6 John Engstrom
- 8 Ryan Hill
- 10 Daniel Hulsey
- 11 Marcus Mommer
- 15 Al Masco
- 18 Christopher Newquist
- 19 Trisha Drake
- 20 Drake Crittenden
- 22 Ann Ovitz Ayres
- 22 Helen Beamish
- 28 Mary Kowing
- 28 Denielle Noe
- 31 Carol Quitno

Wedding Anniversaries in July

- 19 Michael & Cecilia Grimson
- 26 Ann & John Engstrom

Birthdays in August

- 1 James Wilson
- 1 Susan Frost
- 5 Harriet George
- 8 John T Vain
- 8 Michael Grimson
- 13 David Ayres
- 14 Alexander Harley
- 15 Grant Mommer
- 16 Regan Mommer
- 16 Cynthia Dorband
- 17 Nicolette Newquist
- 18 Natalie Hulseberg
- 23 Nancy Franke
- 24 Landon Egler
- 25 Sarah Burke
- 25 Quinn Carrier
- 28 Virginia Poust Wirsing
- 29 Peter Grimson

Wedding Anniversaries in August

- 4 Jean Evans & Jerry Lane
- 11 Debra & John Woodstrup
- 16 Mary Glynn & John Boies
- 17 John & Nancy Castle



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The Parish Vision Statement

Red doors open for growth and renewal, where we find ourselves and others transformed.

The Parish Mission Statement

To be an inclusive fellowship growing in the Holy Spirit, nurturing the burdened and the joyous, reaching out to our communities and God's world

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"...until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" 2 Peter 1:19