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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
OCTOBER 15, 2017  
In the Upper Room after 10am service

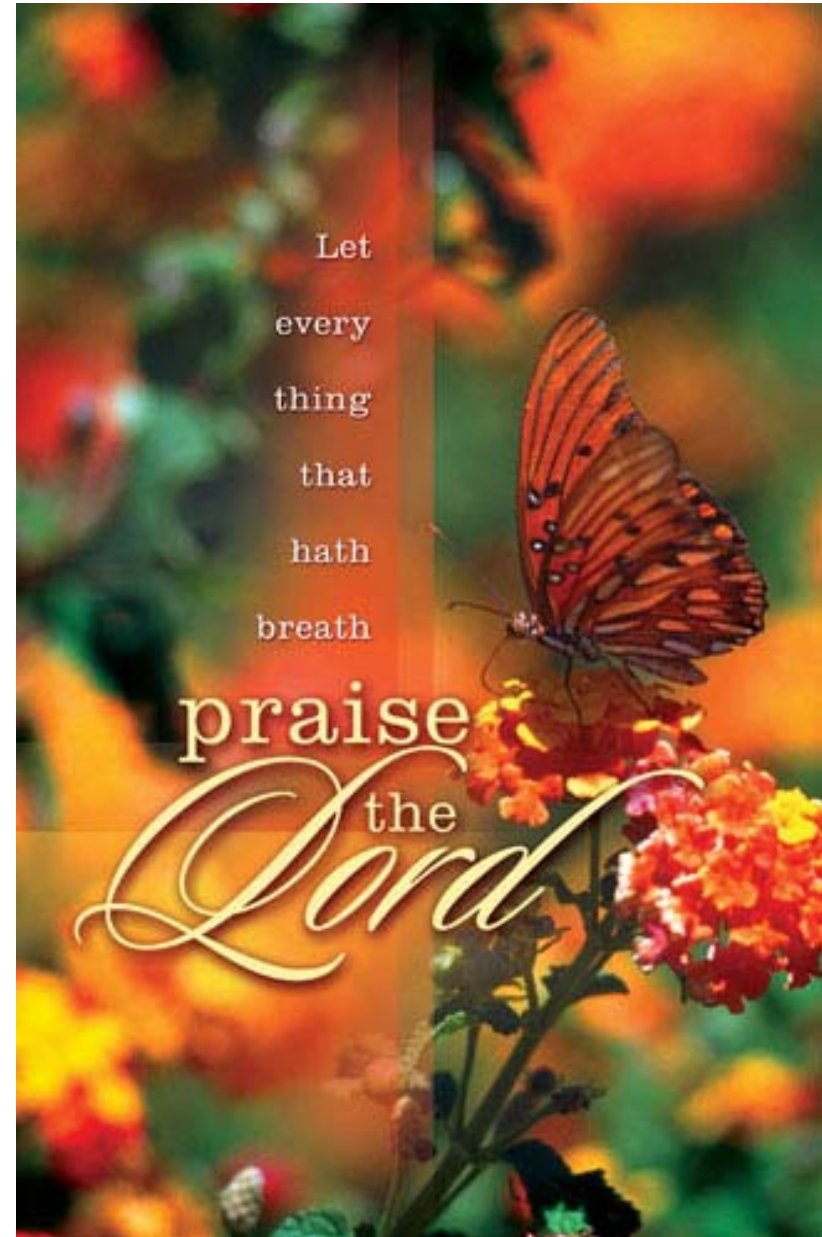
Suzanne Seaman, RN will be taking pressures and  
answering any questions you may have.  
Please welcome her!



# Onward

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

October 2017



## 2018 Pledge Campaign: Keep St. Peter's "Moving Ahead"

We've come a long way in the past year! Now we need to move ahead to welcome a new priestly leader early in 2018 with a strong enough budget for a full-time priest and program. Our pledge goal for next year's budget is \$280,000, which calls for every St. Peter's person and family to consider how they can deepen their support.

The Parish has seen a year full of accomplishments: deficit budget brought under control, booking records revised, clarified and brought up to Diocesan standards, and a Street Fair that attend by many hundreds, netting almost \$13,000.

Our Sunday School and SPY Programs are thriving under Fr. Antony's leadership, and the Youth Mission Trip this summer put 17 teens to work helping others.

Fr. Morris led a six-week study about Christian basics called "The Way to the Heart of God" last fall, a sermon response series in Epiphany, brought the Labyrinth to us in Lent, and leads a book study group on "Suffering and the Courage of God" this fall.

Meanwhile, dozens serve as ushers, lectors, choristers, acolytes altar guild and Eucharistic ministers in our Sunday services, our Health and Healing network supports the sick and shut in, the Op Shop and Nursery School serve the larger community, volunteers serve at Christine's Kitchen, and funds pass to organizations in need through the David St. George Fund.

St. Peter's is strong, and can become stronger as the new Priest who will be Rector is chosen this fall and comes to help us take our next step in service to God's mission in our communities. Your prayerfully considered pledge is an important part of that mission. Help us reach our \$280,000 goal!

### *St. Francis and Reformation Sundays: To Special October Celebrations*

**October 8: Blessing of the Animals and St. Francis Eucharist**— Bring your pets to the Courtyard at 9 a.m. for our Annual Blessing of the Animals, then come at 10 a.m. for a service honoring St. Francis of Assisi, who launched a preaching and service to the poor movement that changed the medieval Church. This is family church day, too, so there will be a special Children's sermon about Francis, and hymns about creation.

**October 29: Reformation Sunday**— This is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, which split Christendom into Roman Catholic and Protestant, and let loose forces that created the modern world. It is also 50 years since the reforms of Vatican II began to bring Catholics and Protestants closer together. We will celebrate with the use of the 1559 Communion

## Saint Peter's Fundraiser

### *Pre-order your Christmas Ornaments today!*

#### **Replica of the stained glass window honoring the Rev. Stephanie Keith Wethered**

Saint Peter's is offering a custom made ornament to celebrate Christmas and to honor Mother Stephanie's decade of service to our church family. The ornament will replicate the recently dedicated window depicting the parable of the "Lost Coin" (Luke 15, 8-10), notably mentioned as one of her favorites during her last official sermon at Saint Peter's prior to her retirement. Proceeds from ornament sales will be split between split between a purse for Mother Stephanie and Saint Peter's.



*Create a Christmas Tree Full of Saint Peter's Memories for your Family!*

*Complete form below and send forms by October 31*

Send complete form to: **Pam Au**  
**20 Maple Lane**  
**Essex Fells, NJ 07021**

or email me your order at [aulets59@gmail.com](mailto:aulets59@gmail.com). You will be notified when the ornaments arrive with instructions for pick up. Payment due at delivery.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Phone Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ (unit price \$20 each)

**Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_



St. Peter's Youth

**Jr. SPY**

Oct 1 and 22 4:00-5:30 pm

**Sr. SPY**

Oct. 1 5:30-7:00 pm

Oct. 15 Mission Trip Sermon during the 10 am service

Oct. 21-22 Camping trip to Highpoint State Park

**Tents needed for camping trip!**

Sr. SPY will be going on a camping trip October 21-22 and are in need of two 6-person tents. If anyone in the congregation has a 6 person tent that they would be willing to lend us, we would be truly grateful. 2- or 4-person tents would work as well. Please contact me if you're able to help us out.

Fr. Anthony,  
[fr.anthony.saintpeters@gmail.com](mailto:fr.anthony.saintpeters@gmail.com)

**Family Church**

We had another AMAZING Family Church service on September 17th! Many thanks to our spectacular children who read, sang and served so beautifully!! Jocelynn Dilkes, Samantha Vitiello and Jake Watkinson each did such a great job reading. A shout out to Rachel Vitiello who also did a super job

reading despite being drafted 5 minutes before the service. Our elements were carefully delivered by Colin Carr & Devynn Dilkes and our adult ushers were blessed to have the multi-talented Joseph & Samantha Wohltmann assisting each step of the way. The Children's Choir sang like angels, as usual, and we all enjoyed learning more about the reredos behind the altar from Fr. Bob.

I LOVE family church and the special way the children each care for their duties! I'm very proud!! Our next Family Church will be Oct 8th so please let me know if your child(ren) would like to help!

With Faith & Love,  
Dana Leach  
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**Sunday School**

It is so great to have everyone back in Sunday School; we are starting out strong! The children will want to come to Sunday School in October as our Godly Play lessons are from the old testament and this means...some of our favorite lessons and...THE DESERT BOX! The 4th-6th grade will continue their exploration of the same lessons we hear in church, but at their level with activities that help with their exploration of their faith. Our time is limited in Sunday School and some of the children really want to share, and wonder, and pray together. This is VERY important. PLEASE try to arrive on time so we can make the most of our time together :)

Reminder of our teachers & greeters: PreK-K, Jennifer Jackson & Emily Blake; 1st-3rd grade, Dana Leach & Sarah Blake; 4th-6th grade, Christina Doyle. Sunday School begins at 10:00 and the children will join their families approximately at the peace.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved I'd love to talk to you!

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**Littlest Parishioners Play Date!!**  
**\*Saturday, October 7th, 9:30-11:30**

\*St. Peter's playground (upper room if inclement weather)

\*Age 3 and under (older siblings welcome)

We are going to start a new group for families with children age 3 and under! St. Peter's has a nice size group of young families with toddlers; these children are not quite old enough for Sunday School, but active and ready to play and meet new friends (Mom & Dad may also be happy to meet new friends, too). Please join us for our first Littlest Parishioners' Play Date at the church! The resource of other parents is so valuable when your children are small, not to mention the support of others going through the same things you are :) Hope to see you on the 7th! Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for this new group. With Faith & Love, Dana Leach  
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**HEIMAT STRING QUARTET**  
**Group Biography - 2017-2018 Season**

The **Heimat String Quartet** was founded during the fall of 2014 in Boston, MA. All avid chamber musicians, each player brings a wide array of experience and renewed energy to both the music and the group.

Notable engagements have included performances and master classes at The College of New Jersey, Mercer College, Duke University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dickinson College, and participation in the Juilliard String Quartet Seminar. The Heimat Quartet were the 2016 featured young artists for the 34<sup>th</sup> season of *Music From The Western Reserve*. In addition to performing, many of the members held teaching positions in the greater Cleveland area where they were also the string quartet-in-residence at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio (2015-2017).

In 2015, the quartet was selected as the graduate string quartet-in-residence at Kent State University where they recently completed their studies with the Miami String Quartet.

This summer the quartet participated in the Mimir Chamber Music Festival held annually in Fort Worth, TX. In addition, they held the fellowship quartet position at *Interlochen Center for the Arts* during the 2017 summer session.

More recently, the quartet spent two weeks in Hamburg, Germany at the *International Mendelssohn Festival* as a selected ensemble to participate in this year's festival. Later this month they will head to Nova Scotia to participate in masterclasses and performances at The Lunenburg Academy of Music, followed by a trip to Ecuador for more masterclasses and concerts with members of the Macondo Chamber Players as well as the Juilliard String Quartet.

This year the quartet will pursue Artist Diploma's as the graduate string quartet-in-residence at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University under the tutelage of the Shanghai String Quartet.

**HEIMAT STRING QUARTET**

Patrick Shaughnessy, violin  
 Aubrey Holmes, violin  
 Christine Sherlock, viola  
 Brendon Phelps, cello

Saturday Evening, October 21, 2017, at 7pm - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Essex Fells, NJ

**PROGRAM**

String Quartet No. 64 in D Major, Op. 76, No. 5, Hob.III:79 . . . . .Haydn  
 Allegretto – Allegro  
 Largo cantabile e mesto  
 Menuetto: Allegro  
 Finale: Presto

Langsamer Satz . . . . .Webern

**INTERMISSION**

String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 51, No. 1 . . . . .Brahms  
 Allegro  
 Romanze: Poco adagio  
 Allegretto molto moderato e comodo  
 Allegro

Service at both 8 and 10 a.m., Reformation music, and a special forum after the service featuring a dialogue between Fr. Morris and The Rev. Fr. John J. Ranieri of Seton Hall University about "Reformation Now and Then" and how far our churches have come in better understanding.

The Rev. Robert Morris, D.D., Interim Rector  
[angelhold@earthlink.net](mailto:angelhold@earthlink.net), 973-477-3128

**Angel Food Ministry**

On Saturday, October 28th from 10-2, we will be cooking in the church kitchen to make meals for the Angel Food freezer. If you are interested in helping out, please email Serena Watkinson at [hop26@yahoo.com](mailto:hop26@yahoo.com) or call [973-731-2879](tel:973-731-2879) to leave a message. The Angel Food ministry helps members in our St. Peter's family that might need a meal due to illness, unforeseen circumstances, or those who may just need their spirits lifted. If you cannot help out that day, no worries! There are plenty of ways to contribute. A sign up sheet will be on hand starting in early October of items that can be donated for our cooking extravaganza. :) We can't wait to fill our freezer.....

Serena Watkinson &  
 Maggie Wohltman  
 Angel Food Co-Chairs

**Honoring Sally Munson**

Sally Munson was honored by Fr. Bob and the Health and Healing Cabinet for establishing and faithfully guiding the Cabinet's work since the time of Rev. Tremaine. At the dinner hosted by Carolyn Westcott, Sally was presented with a silver bracelet with the words of Julian of Norwich "All will be well...."

Cabinet members include Dana Leach, Esther Pivarnik, Kathy McLaughlin, Maggie Wohlmann, Serena Watkinson, Suzanne Seaman, Pat Sheeleigh, Carolyn Westcott, Gail Marentette, Father Bob Morris, and the Rev. Susan Negrotto, Coordinator.



*Sally Munson  
 and Father  
 Bob at Health  
 & Healing  
 Honor Dinner*

**Milestones**

Baptisms Emilia May Copeland, granddaughter of Mallory & Wayne Copeland  
 Victoria Belle Almonte and Gianna Isabella Soriente, granddaughters of Terry Soriente