

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron CT 06248  
Phone: 860-228-3244; Fax 860-228-4490 (M-F 8-11)  
Email: [stpetershebron@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetershebron@sbcglobal.net) Website: [www.stpetershebron.com](http://www.stpetershebron.com)

## St. Peter's Weekly Vision –October 18, 2015

By Susan Ostrout

### What just happened!!!

On Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. Rite 1 & 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite 2 we celebrated the THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Excerpts from Father Perry's sermon:

"Wouldn't it be a beautiful world if just 10 percent of the people who believe in the power of love would compete with one another to see who could do the most good for the most people?"

Muhammad Ali, from his autobiography *The Soul of a Butterfly*

Christ-like service does not come to us easily as Kimberly Clayton shares in the following story:

"While pastoring an urban church, I saw dozens of homeless people come daily seeking help. Our Outreach Center offered many services. One day, a man leaving the Center asked me if he could borrow a stapler. He made this request from the hallway while I stood behind the safety of our office wall and glass window. I am ashamed to admit it, but I hesitated. He held no papers in need of stapling. Behind the wall of my office and "wall" of my privilege, I held a stapler. In that momentary hesitation, Christ came to teach me, again, the nature of discipleship. By God's grace, I went out and gave him the stapler. He bent down and began to staple his torn pants leg from his ankle to his knee. He had only wanted to shield himself from the bitter cold – and I had almost refused to serve in even that simple way. It did not cost me anything, yet it might have cost me my soul."

- **The Homemade German Community Dinner Oktoberfest! Thank you everyone who contributed and assisted us to make this a great success. The dinner total after Sunday morning sales \$2,116.75. Thank you Nelson & Marianne Moore for cooking and managing this fundraiser.**



Nelson & Marianne Moore

- **The YTD total on Pumpkin Festival sales as of 10/18/2015 \$ 7,624.00 according to Brian Swanson, Treasurer.**
- **Wow!!!....The Pumpkin Festival was on the Front Page of the Hartford Courant Community Paper on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> along with several photos of the kids enjoying the activities on pgs. 12 &13!!!...check it out...remember... it was also Front Page news in the Journal Inquirer.**
- **We all have just received our pledge cards for 2016 along with a wonderful thought provoking message from the Vestry. As you know, the return of the pledge cards is critical to establishing next year's budget. Please take this opportunity to consider your pledge and return it by Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Don't Miss!**

- **Church School begins at 9:55 with a prayer circle for primary and intermediate-age children (and parents if they'd like can join us). Children go to individual classes for discussion and activities related to a Bible Story; they join their families for Communion at 10:45. Check out our website for more information.**
- **Tuesday, October 13 -Choir practice 6:30-8:15 pm**
- **Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. --- Holy Eucharist with Service of Healing. A lovely, quiet soul-refreshing informal service held in the church**

- **Monday, October 26** - The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at St. Peters. Please mark your calendar and plan to give. Each donation can save three lives!
- **Monday, October 26 – Women’s Club Gathering** - We're going to have a Halloween party at Sue Ostrout's home. This is not our usual day so we hope everyone can still make it. If you like, wear a costume and bring some ghoulish food and drink. As always...we guarantee a lot of fun! Sue's address is 130 Jennifer Drive, Hebron. Call her at 860-228-0061 for more info or directions.
- **Saturday, November 14 – Roast Pork Dinner**
- **Saturday, November 21** -St. Peter’s Annual Fall Clean-up -Buildings and Grounds Committee asks for help from all ages. Please meet at Phelps Hall at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and start work at 9:00. This will include the cleanup around the church, garden, parish hall and rectory. It is a great way to get together with fellow parishioners and work on beautifying the church grounds and have a few laughs. We also provide fuel for your efforts with coffee and donuts/bagels. Please come armed with your gloves, tarps, rakes. “Many hands make light work” so the more people who come, the quicker it will go.
- **Saturday, December 5, 2015 – St. Nicholas Fair**

## **Nuts and Bolts!**

- **Let us know if you have news to include in the “Weekly Vision”** it is sent out via an e-mail blast to all members of the church as well as friends of St. Peter’s....call Susan at 860-228-0061 or e-mail [sdocker@comcast.net](mailto:sdocker@comcast.net)
- **A message from the choir loft: Stop by and lend us your voice!!! Don't be shy -CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!!** We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:15 and Sunday mornings at 9:05 to rehearse. Anyone interested please come and talk to the organist (Josh Ziemski).
- **Weekly Weeders** - We've closed up shop for the season. We'd like to thank our 'regulars' for the wonderful work they did this summer. Thanks to Francine Bloch, Joan and Ron Churney, Billy Kreck, Rick Marks, Cindy Brinkman, Kathy Kniep, Robin Messenger, Amy Stone and Joanie Perkins, the Memorial Garden has never looked so good! They came on Monday nights when they could and the results speak for themselves.

Special thanks go to Chris Gerke for the amazing work he has done pruning the shrubbery in the garden and around the church. He was spotted working out there at all times of the day and every day of the week and we are so appreciative of all that he has done! See you all next Spring!

- Many children have come through our doors been baptized, confirmed and now have moved away or at least gone off on their own. If you think they would like to receive a copy of the Vision, please let me know. Send me their emails. We would love to hear how they are doing. [sdocker@comcast.net](mailto:sdocker@comcast.net)
- Ministry Opportunity- St. Peter's needs chalice bearers for the 10 am service.

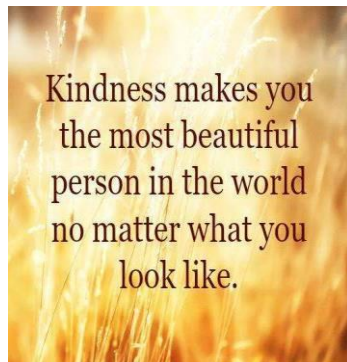


Georgette Conrad & Brian Swanson ----- Halloween Party

Please take a moment and check out our new website designed by Robert Mangiafico: <http://www.stpetershebron.com>. If you have any good photos of events at St. Peter's Church, please share with us.

- Are you reading all the sayings being posted on Our Comfort and Joy website designed by Pat Kell? Here is an example!  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/thecomfortandjoycommunity>

**Check out "Interview with God" on this site.**



**Rob Mangiafico and family**