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St. Peter's Weekly Vision – January 10, 2016

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
10:00 a.m. HOLY BAPTISM**

What just happened!!!

We had a visit from Bishop Laura! Hobbled by a knee injury, Bishop Laura joined us for coffee after the 8 a.m. service, then presided over the Baptism of Sophie Lynn Bush and celebrated Eucharist with us at 10 a.m. She concluded her visit by sharing lunch and conversation with the Vestry.



The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens was elected and consecrated in 2007 and serves as the Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church in CT. Laura enjoys working with parishes and communities as they seek to enhance their life of discipleship, nurturing their spiritual lives and engagement with scripture. Linking this discipleship with ministries of being sent out into the world as apostles to share the good news is the primary focus of her ministry.

Birthdays: Sunday's Bulletin announced the celebration of birthdays this week: Please call or send along your own best wishes to your friends: Travis Salois (1/9) Mark Robson (1/11), Russell Wheeler (1/14), Stephanie Wheeler (1/14), Melinda Woods (1/15) and Kate Docker (1/16)

Don't Miss!

Wednesday, January 6th 7 pm Buildings and Grounds: Rick Marks shares some of the concerns raised at the recent meeting:

- A. All service/Agreement contracts (those pertaining to B&G responsibilities ex: all building, all grounds and all service contracts for maintenance done by outside contractors). The purpose for this is to assure that all the right questions are asked and that all the appropriate services are being performed.**
- B. All people purchasing items or repairing anything B&G related must speak to our committee first before proceeding. The purpose for this is to make sure the item or repair that is being done is foremost needed and done properly.**
- C. The budget is supposedly finished so this is a concern that will have to be brought up before next year's budget is put together. The concern is that B&G should have a minimum of \$ 1,000 put aside for emergency repairs and these funds should be attainable without approval from Vestry. The purpose for this is to expedite the emergency repair process without waiting for a vote from Vestry. The example that comes to mind was the bathroom toilet problem we had a few years back on the 4th of July weekend in which we could not get a hold of most of the Vestry. Luckily, Jack paid out of his pocket to get things taken care of. At some point, we may not be able to pay out of our pocket.**

Monday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. - Our next meeting of the Women's Club is going to be a Robin Kenefick's house instead of Mary Latour's. Call Mary for directions.

Sunday, January 31 at 11 a.m. – Annual Meeting

St. Peter's Community Outreach

Trinity Wall Street's "Trinity Institute" annual theological conference will be held Jan. 21-23, 2016, in NYC and at partner sites across the country. The title is, "Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice," and speakers include Nicolas Kristof, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry among others. In ECCT, St. John's in Waterbury, St. John's in Vernon, St. Mark's in Mystic, Trinity in Hartford, and The Commons in Meriden will each serve as a registered local site and webcast the full conference. Online registration available. A flyer is available at the back of the church. More information on the ECCT website: www.episcopalct.org

Nuts and Bolts!

Laurie and Kelsi Marks are looking for odd pieces of yarn to make cute hat ornaments for next year's St. Nicholas Fair. Please bring the yarn to Women's Club meeting or church. They will be happy to show you their sample.

Question/Answer: **Question: What is the yearly Diocesan pledge and why do we have to pay it?**

Answer: The annual Diocesan pledge is required of all Episcopal churches in Connecticut. It is approximately 10% of the annual budget from two years back. The pledge goes towards the Episcopal church's mission work, both in the state, and throughout the world. It is an outreach donation that helps support those in need, and brings us all together within the Episcopal community at large. Link: <https://www.episcopalct.org/Beliefs-and-Practices/Mutual-Responsibility-and-Interdependence-MRI/>

Cabin Fever Party in February – We are looking for someone to host this fun-filled annual tradition. Please let me know if you would like to host this year. You get lots of help!!!

Calling All Youth! Judi Babin and Lynn Hassouna have begun a new series of discussions for youth to be held on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Father Perry's office. Any young person in grades 7 through 12 is welcome to join them. These discussions will continue to be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. More events are being planned including a Confirmation Class starting in January.

Visit us on the Internet

Our website (www.stpetershebron.com) offers an always up to date calendar, upcoming events listed with details, news from “The Vision”, the bulletin, the latest happenings, an updated photo gallery, and more!

Fr. Perry’s sermons are available on St. Peter’s website. If you missed Father Perry’s sermon, or want to hear it again, feel free to listen from the website.

Sermons may be found at: Services > Sunday Audio Sermons

Church School schedule is now on the website – If you were not able to attend church one Sunday, or want to review a church school topic at home, the website has a schedule of church school topics including bible verses and additional information. Just go to: About Us > Church School > Church School Schedule

Check out our Comfort and Joy website designed by Pat Kell. Lots of nice sayings. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/thecomfortandjoycommunity>

