

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1579 South State Street  
Clearfield, UT 84015**

**FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER  
TO ALL PARISIONERS**

“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.“

author: Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Nothing should be prized more highly than the value of each day.”

author: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Phone: 801-825-0177**

**Sunday - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.  
Thurs. - Healing Service 1:30 p.m.**

Dear Friends

My grandmother was a quilter. No matter the time of year, as long as her hands were able and her eyes could see fairly well, she would make quilts. She and her friends would gather in my grandmother's big living room in the winter months, and on the large front porch in the summer. There they would set up their frame, exchange family stories, drink plenty of iced tea, and fawn over the latest pieces of bright materials they had found for their project.

By the time she died, my grandmother had made at least one large quilt for each of her ten children and her more than forty grandchildren. Even quite a few of the great grandchildren had received such a gift. I still have the one she made for me. It's a series of pinwheels. Each stitch placed carefully by hand. Each piece of material comes from a dress or a shirt – or even a pair of shorts I wore at one time or another. That quilt represents my childhood. That quilt represents my grandmother's patience and careful planning. That quilt represents our love for each other, bonded into the stitches of its creation.

This month marks the completion of the beautiful mosaic that has been lovingly created at St. Peter's. Each piece of the mosaic has been carefully placed, embedded in the grout, cleaned and polished. Each stone, bead, marble – each little piece of jewelry or pottery or plate – shows care and patience taken by members of this parish in order to create something beautiful. It is an act of love – evidence of the hearts that dwell here. It will be beautiful hanging in the Narthex.

Like the pieces of that wonderful mosaic, the people of St. Peter's create, together, their own beautiful picture. Each member shines with particular talents, skills, and interests. Some of those abilities have already been demonstrated to me. I can hardly wait to see what shines through from you next. It is a blessing getting to know you.

Claudia+

**PARISH NEWS:** The Rev. Claudia Seiter is our new Rector and we have a new Sister Parish - St. Michael's Brigham City. Claudia will share time between us and St. Michael's with The Rev. Ivan Cendese filling in as needed on Sunday. Some Sundays we will have a deacon, The Rev. Deanna Sue Adams filling in on Sundays when Ivan is unavailable.

Claudia would like to invite you to get to know her a little bit better. Call her to make an appointment or drop in at the church. Here's her usual schedule: Monday is her day off or sometimes Diocesan meetings. Tuesday is a half day at St. Peter's and half day at St. Michael's. Wednesday is all day at St. Michael's. Thursday is all day at St. Peter's. Friday is a half day at St. Michael's and half day at St. Peter's.

### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

A new church directory is being prepared by our secretary, Susan Mathis. If you have an address change, phone no. or any changes, please fill out a "Membership Directory" sheet with the changes for your family. These forms are on the table in the vestibule. Leave on the desk in the office. Note: If you did not receive a letter about your giving statement from St. Peter's for 2009, please call our secretary Susan at 801-825-0177.

### **MOSAIC 2010:**

We have finished grouting. We are now cleaning in preparation to seal the mosaic. Talk to Pat Magee if you would like to help or talk to Sam Harris if you would like to help plan the move and/or hanging the mosaic.

### **PLEDGES FOR 2010:**

If you haven't turned in your pledge sheet for the coming year, you can put it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church.

### **GOOD NEWS:**

Adam Tenderholt, son of Russell and Susie Tenderholt (Vernal) and grandson of Kathy Tenderholt, graduated with a PhD in Philosophy. He will soon work in research at the University of Washington in Seattle.

ST. PETER'S LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2010

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Vestry Person</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Nate & Sunday	Leila W	Mike M Shirley		Judy G.
Feb14 <sup>th</sup>		Potluck T.Harris	Sue W.	Dave S. Phil K.		Kathy T Sunday
Feb21 <sup>st</sup>			Judy G.	Mike M Shirley		Sara D.
Feb28 <sup>th</sup>		Judy G.	Leila W.	Dave S.		Sue W.

Please sign-up for shared ministry slots and get a substitute if you cannot serve as scheduled.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesdays	11:00 a.m. Artist Guild
Thursdays	11:30 a.m. Women's' Bible Study
Thursdays	1:30 p.m. Healing Service & Eucharist
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. Choir Practice
February 14	Sunday Potluck - bring your favorite dish.
February 16	6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
February 17	12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Irish's last visit to St. Peter's

### **GOALS FOR 2010:**

I see peace and calm.  
I seek to do no harm.  
I seek to have a positive attitude.  
I seek to be actively watching and put on the armor of JESUS CHRIST!

## **PRAYER CHAIN:**

We have a very active prayer chain where we pray for those requesting it for two or more times each day for two weeks time. After two weeks, we check in with them to see if they need more prayers. For those who are ill or going into surgery, we pray for healing and recovery. Those with other needs, we pray for those needs and longer than two weeks if the need is there. Kathy Tenderholt is the head of the prayer chain. If you would like to pray for people and have the time to call two other people to pass it on, please call Kathy at 801-544-3265. Also, if you would like to be put on the prayer chain, call Kathy with the details.

**THURS. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** 11:30 on Thursday and we welcome any new women to our group. Bring your lunch.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

Sunday School teachers, substitutes and/or helpers

Lectors - Lay readers for lessons and prayers.

Hospitality - Serve some simple snacks and clean-up on Sundays

Greeters/Ushers - Greet parishioners and hand-out bulletins

Altar Guild - Prepare the table for Holy Eucharist

Chalice - Serve the Holy Food at the altar

Vestry - Serve by helping do the business of the parish.

Delegate - Serve by going to convention.

Choir - Serve by Making a "joyful noise" to the Lord.

Acolyte - Serve at the altar by carrying the torches.

## **LENTEN STUDY:**

The Rev. Ivan Cendese has offered to hold classes on Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings to study a book entitled: "**THE LAST WEEK: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem**" by **John Dominic Crossan**. The study of this book might help give you an insight into the development of your own faith. Another possibility for a class would be Sunday mornings for a men's group if we have those who would like it. Please sign-up and mark your preference for day and time on sheet in the parish hall if you would like to participate. Talk with Ivan if you have any questions.

## **2010 ANNUAL MEETING:**

Annual meeting was conducted by Senior Warden, Sam Harris and reports given by The Rev. Claudia Seiter, Senior Warden, Sam Harris, Altar Guild Director, Kathy Tenderholt, Sunday School Director, Tasha Harris and Music Director, Christina Sanchez. Reports follow. Financial and Treasurer's Report will be updated and finished at the end of March. Kirk Kristen and secretary, Susan Mathis, are working on getting all of our financial information into the church windows program and when finished, we will put a report in our newsletter. Our church computers were all down in December and everything had to be recreated by Kirk and Susan. It has been quite a job and they were both thanked for their hard work. Susan reported that we had about \$6,000 in our checking account as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and our payroll is about \$1900 per month.

Voting was held for three new Vestry members, two 3-year terms and one 2-year term and delegates to convention. Winners were:

Two 3-year term	David Shaw and Leila Williams
2-year term	Nate McCord
Delegates	Mike Harris and Steve Marino

Present Vestry members who will continue:

Sam Harris, David Fast, Melanie Monahan and Mike Harris.

Claudia stated how important this year is for our delegates and their representation of St. Peter's. The delegates will attend a meeting for the election of a new bishop on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Episcopal Convention on November 5<sup>th</sup>. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the installation of our new bishop will be held at the Grand America and this is really an elaborate and beautiful ceremony that happens so rarely. She encouraged all members of St. Peter's to attend if at all possible.

Necrology Report: Prayer given for Nelda McPeek who died in 2009.

Jesus taught us that death is not the enemy, the end, or the final answer. Death is GOD's invitation to come back to HIM and be with HIM forever. Death is where GOD invites us to be a part of the mystery of creation.  
*(above are notes from an old Bible study)*

## **Rector's Annual Report St. Peter's Episcopal Church 2010**

Annual reports are, by their very nature, a stroll down memory lane. They are a summary of the events (accomplishments and challenges) of the past year. Obviously, having become your new Rector at the beginning of January, I can't summarize St. Peter's past activities. Fortunately, the accompanying reports provide a record of last year's events. Having read them, it is apparent to me that St. Peter's is a place filled with good people of good will; people who are thoughtful, creative and dynamic.

Since I cannot look back, let me do a little looking forward. Over the next few months, we will have opportunities to get to know more about each other. Some of you have already made a point of dropping in for a little conversation. Thank you. You have made me feel welcomed and excited about building a partnership with you.

In these next few months, we'll figure out *together* - with the people of St. Michael's - how the yoking process can effectively work for us. Your ideas and concerns are important components to figuring this out. Nothing about the process is set in stone. So, please, as we have opportunities for conversations about this - be present - participate in this new St. Peter's adventure.

So often, as Episcopalians, we feel negatively impacted by being such a minority. It's great to have the actuality of linking with another parish (St. Mike's) for some united activities and ministries. I am deeply grateful to The Rev. Canon Ivan Cendese and The Rev. Deanna Sue Adams for their devoted assistance in this process. With you, we can make this work well. I look forward to hearing from you about ways and times you think sharing might be possible.

Of course, St. Peter's will always be its own distinctive parish. Yoking is not about destroying identity or mission. Yoking is about sharing, encouraging, and supporting. My hope is, that we will be able to look back on this time as a productive, growing period, in which, with God's help and grace, we will find new ways to bring the light of Christ into our lives and into the world.

Blessings

Claudia +

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2009**

**By Samuel I. Harris, Senior Warden**

I have been serving as Senior warden since October of 2009. In that short time we have shared many experiences, including the departure of our priest for the past 5 years, Susan Beem-Berry, and the installation of Claudia Seiter as our new priest. We welcome Claudia here to St. Peters. The mosaic that began in August is close to being completed and we have plans to install and dedicate this beautiful piece of work before the end of February. We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck. We celebrated Advent with a part including a crafts and a play. We observed the progression from Nazareth to Bethlehem through the eyes of our children as they displayed their art depicting this remarkable story. The children's Christmas Eve service was a joyous occasion. Children in the congregation were invited to participate in the service explaining the birth of Christ.

Many wonderful things happened before I was asked to be Senior Warden, including:

- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Via Media study series
- British-style car boot sale
- Parish auction to raise money for the playground project
- Completion of the playground - Garret Billings Eagle Scout Project

Ongoing events, including:

- Ladies Thursdays Bible Study
- Thrilling Thursdays
- Ladies Luncheons
- Beautification of the grounds

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

By Christina Sanchez

Our ten-member choir is very committed and meets at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings and sings twice a month. We sing a variety of music with an Easter cantata last year and the possibility of a Christmas cantata in 2010. My Goals are:

1. To increase members
2. Uniform dress
3. Set aside a choir area for rehearsals
4. Music Committee to select hymns
5. Children's music and/or special music
6. Music to inspire and "praise the Lord."

## **ALTAR GUILD DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

By Kathy Tenderholt

The Altar Guild is here to serve. We serve our Father in Heaven. We serve the priest, and we serve you. It is an honor and a privilege to serve. It is not a job squeezed in between shopping and lunch, but a chance to be in a quiet church, very often alone, but in God's presence and calm ourselves down and feel rested. We do the usual things, setting up the Altar for services, for weddings and funerals and decorate the church at Easter and Christmas. Do you ever wonder where the Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias come from? Well, it's our job to pick them up, bring them to church and arrange them.

A couple of times a year, we clean the pews, the Altar rail, the window ledges, and generally help keep the sanctuary clean.

We also launder all the linens, order supplies like wafer and wine and help to keep the church running smoothly.

We have eight women in the Altar Guild now, but would welcome anyone (men or women) that would like to join us.

Respectfully, Kathleen Tenderholt

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2009**

**By Tasha Harris**

In 2009 our congregation gained five new Sunday School teachers and three new Sunday School classes. They are as follows:

Rosy Shaw is teaching the pre-K class.

Julie Tricket is teaching the K to 7yr.-old class.

Michele White is teaching the 8 to 12 yr.-old class.

Kathy Tenderholt and Jennifer Mounts are braving the youth group.

I would like to give many thanks of appreciation to all of our new Sunday School teachers. Thank you for guiding our children in their spiritual journeys.

Thank you to Erika Hall for her continued service to St. Peter's youngest members in the nursery.

- Thank you to everyone that supported the youth of St. Peter's in their fundraising efforts for Camp Tuttle. The Chico Bag sales were well received by our parish. St. Peter's was one of the largest supporting parishes Of the fundraiser.

## **SPIRITUALITY**

“Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.” Karl Barth

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” Melody Beattie