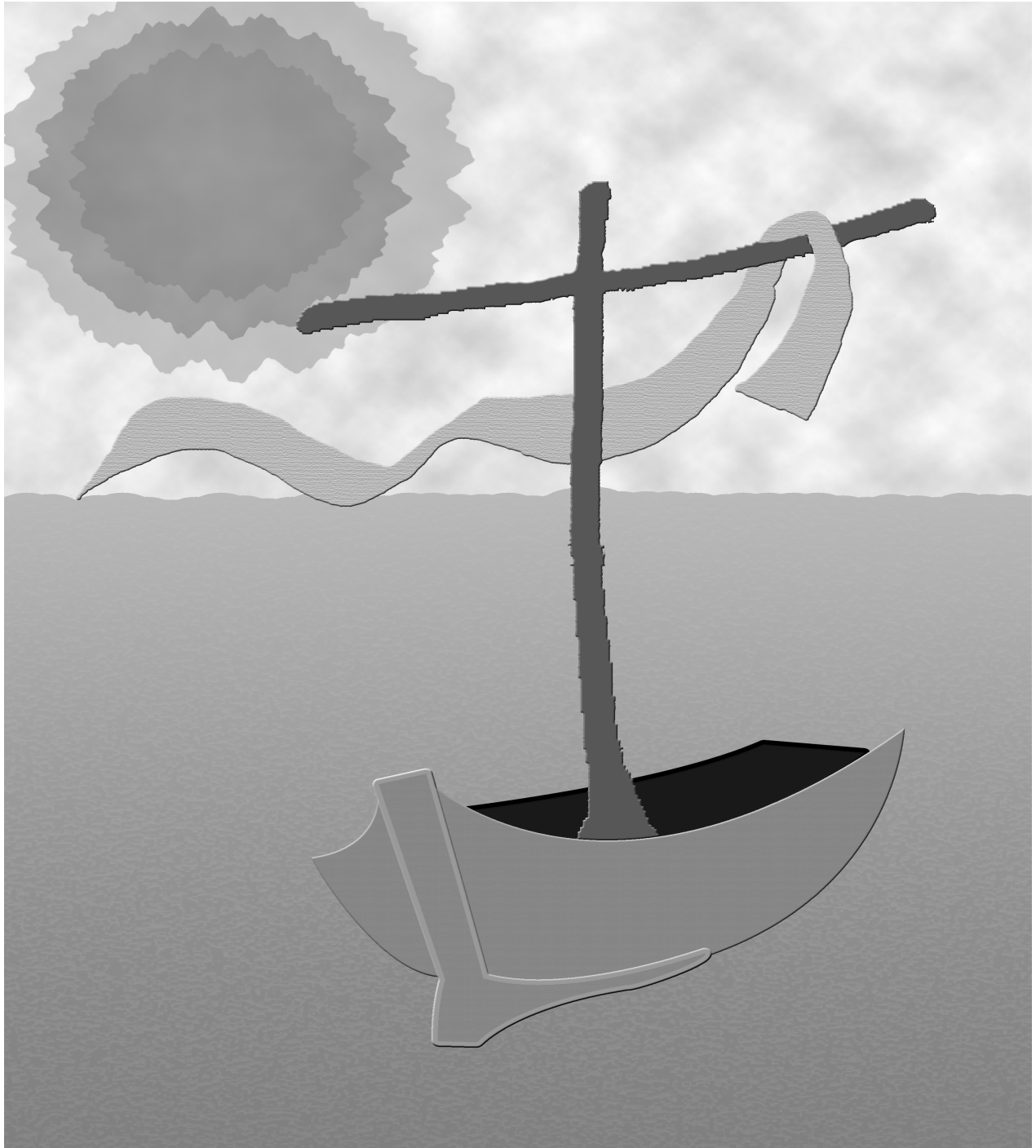


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
KEYS NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2011

## PRIEST IN CHARGE

As I begin my second year as Priest in Charge at St. Peter's, I am filled with tremendous gratitude for the opportunity God has given me to be with you. This past year has been marked with changes and adjustments. I want to thank you for your gracious patience and flexibility as we have worked to come together in community and as a sister parish with St. Michael's in Brigham City. Change is always difficult, especially for Episcopalians! There are, after all, reasons why we tell jokes about ourselves and our grip on things we consider permanent, ("Change the light bulb?!!! My mother gave the church that light bulb!!!"). In spite of the changes, we have had an opportunity to examine the great work done by people of faith within this community this year. Thank you for your commitment to God, to this parish family, and to the community as a whole.

This past year has been full of extended blessings for me that have helped me grow in my calling. Near the end of 2009, I was asked to join the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese. This is an advisory group that assists the Bishop in determining the education and ordination process for prospective clergy, and offers guidance for lay education. I continue to serve on this Commission and to serve as the Chairperson for its permanent sub-committee on Education and Formation. As Chair, I authored an extensive policy statement for the sub-committee this year. I am also currently attending the Fresh Start program in the Diocese. Each time clergy enter a new parish, they begin this two-year program of education and reflection. I continue to serve on the New Hope Crisis Center Board and on the Food Pantry Board in Brigham City. I am a member of the Interfaith Ministerial Association and the Northern Utah Ministerial Association. I also continue to serve as the Convener for the Northern Clericus in our Diocese. I was asked to submit two articles on Civility to northern region newspapers this year, and to serve the ACLU as a panel member on LGBT issues, at Weber State University last fall.

As the priest of two parishes, I know that the greatest challenge I continually face is to find ways to be present with both communities for as many activities and services as possible. Thank you for being so conscientious in remembering that because there are two parishes yoked together, every parish activity and function is doubled on my calendar. I deeply appreciate your vigilance in checking with me before scheduling parish activities. This assists me in being with you whenever I can so that you will know that I love you and want to share our spiritual and fellowship experiences.

### Our Ministry

We changed the time for worship service in June, from 10:30 AM to 9:30 AM. This change has allowed me to move from only being with you once or twice a month, to being present with you virtually every Sunday. Thank you for this. With your sister parish of St. Michael's, the time changes have allowed me to spend time with you each week, whether I am the preacher/celebrant or not. Thank you also for allowing me to minister to you when you have been in the hospital or recuperating from illness. Thank you for coming to me when you have needed an ear to listen or a voice of support. Allowing me to become a part of your lives is a great gift you have given me. I treasure it.

I am deeply grateful to my colleague and mentor The Rev. Ivan Cendese, PhD, for his enthusiastic support of this parish and our ministry together. His insights and talents are a joy that we at St. Peter's have the pleasure to experience. Father Ivan's enthusiasm for learning has led to the creation of a men's Sunday gathering twice a month after service where ideas and scripture may be more fully explored. If you have not taken advantage of this group, you need to. Episcopalians have always been known for their free exchange of ideas – no small accomplishment in a society that often seems intent on making us all think alike. We are fortunate that Father Ivan will be able to remain at St. Peter's through this year. I value his support and friendship and his commitment to the Gospel.

We have had the joy of meeting The Rev. Susan Fischer this year. Susan is currently serving as our Transitional Deacon and is in process for her ordination to the priesthood. Susan has proven to be a willing student and I appreciate her devotion to learning all she can about the role of a priest and to her ability to remind us how wonderful it is to have a Deacon serve at the Altar. In order to add to her experience at St. Peter's, I have assigned Susan to preach once a month during her transition. She has been doing a beautiful job. Susan has also been willing to lead the women's study group that meets after service twice each month. She is doing a great job with this as well. As a parish we will, with God's grace and the consent of the Bishop, soon see Susan ordained as a priest. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of her ministry.

Our ministry at St. Peter's however goes far beyond the work of the clergy. Many of you have given of your time and talents to build the community of St. Peter's. From the members of the Bishop's Committee to the newly formed Finance Committee, from Music ministry to Altar Guild, from Servers to Sunday School teachers and Nursery, LEMs, Artists Guild, Building and Grounds, newsletter and bulletin, Coffee Hour and Brunch, Ladies' Luncheons and special activities, as well as our new Social Committee, the loving people of St. Peter's reach out to each other and to everyone who enters this place, with their love and talents.

The love extends further through our outreach ministries. The quiet way in which many of you leave gifts of food to be given through our Fishes and Loaves ministry to the local Food Pantry is an expression of your understanding that God calls us to practice the Gospel in the world. The ministry provided by so many of you to Lincoln Elementary through year long donations of school supplies, clothing, books and money has offered the opportunity for children to have better lives. Thank you for the gentle, thoughtful way you have presented your gifts and offered up such blessings.

This community has come forward in its ministry of leadership as well. I am deeply grateful for the work of the Bishop's Committee. This Committee has prayerfully and thoughtfully approached parish work and continues to be a great guide for us in the life of this community. Our loving Sunday School teachers have prepared and modeled lessons of love and faith for our children. God bless them for their dedication. Our choir and wonderful organist have led us in the celebration of music and God's love. Each person who has stepped forward to offer their abilities to God and this community has been a part of what makes St. Peter's such a wonderful place to worship and laugh together. Thank you for your ministries and for sharing them with all of us.

#### Stewardship

Stewardship is at the heart of these ministries. In its most obvious form, stewardship is also what keeps our doors open and the lights turned on. Even in the difficult economic times we have faced as a society, the people of St. Peter's have committed themselves to thoughtful stewardship of our church. We surpassed our goal in numbers of pledges as well as ended the past year 'in the black.' As a mission church of course, we are not able to cover all the costs of maintaining our parish. We are fortunate however, to receive a generous grant from our diocese. This grant covers clergy salary and benefits as well as some operations money. One of our challenges as a parish is to find ways to become more financially independent. In order to help us more clearly lay out our vision for reaching financial goals, a diocesan commission will be visiting with us later in the year as we review our plans for the future.

Stewardship is also obvious in the loving care demonstrated through the work of our Building and Grounds ministry, Mike Harris' work as Sexton, and the beautiful ministries of the Altar Guild and the Artists' Guild. The lovely mural in the Narthex and the wonderful paintings of the Gospel symbols are only two of the examples. Loving hands prepare food for Sunday and gatherings and hand us bulletins as we enter the church. All of these ministries are demonstrations of God at work through us.

I look forward to another year of growing in faith with you. I'm excited about the activities that have already been planned for this year and the possibilities for sharing new ways to build community with each other and the world around us. Thank you again for your graciousness and patience as changes to liturgy, schedules, committees, activities and finances have been made. Your faith and love of God and each other are at the core of St. Peter's Church.

Yours in Christ

Claudia+



## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday January 30th. While many things were discussed, a few specific items stand out.

Senior Warden, Sam Harris, discussed our stability and the forming of several committees to help continue that stability. Some of the new committees (and their chairpersons) are: Finance Committee (Kirk Kristian), Building and Grounds Committee (Nate McCord), and the Social Committee (Phil Kinchington). On the subject of Stewardship, it was noted that although our goal was 25 pledges, we surpassed that reaching \*26\* pledges!

Our Junior Warden, Nate McCord, in his capacity as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, talked a bit about the improvements that have been made to the building, including fixing the water fountains, new art work, and the installation of our mosaic. He discussed some of the upcoming improvements, including making use of the church bell and installing some new outside lighting.

In Altar Guild news, after a long term of serving as the head of the Altar Guild, the 'candle' was passed from Kathy Tenderholt to Sue Warren. Sue has served on our own Altar Guild as well as at other churches.

A full copy of the Annual Report will be available on the website in the near future, which contains many many other items of note.



## ST. PETERS' WEBSITE

Did you know we have a website?  
Did you know that it has fun things on it?

In addition to all the announcements in the newsletter, it also has links to news articles about our congregation, pictures of various activities, a full calendar, copies of past newsletters, and now, a link to the Forward Day By Day devotionals!

Many Episcopalians use the Forward Day by Day devotionals in their lives. Now they can be accessed directly on the web, and, even better, directly from our own website. The link can be found in the menu under Community -> Devotionals.

Also recently added are links to Our Daily Bread and The Upper Room.

If anyone has any other devotionals they use on a regular basis that they would like to suggest also be referenced there, let Jessi Overton know and she can see about adding them there.

Visit our website at [www.stpetersutah.com](http://www.stpetersutah.com)



### THIRD THURSDAY FUN

Third Thursday for February will be a Family Munch and Movie night on Thursday 17th February at 6pm. Munch will be Hot Dogs. Chips and Popcorn, movie will be Toy Story 3. There will be no Third Thursday in March due to Lent.



### LADIES' LUNCHEON

This month's Ladies' Luncheon will be held at 11:30am on February 24, 2011. Place TBA still, so listen for that announcement soon. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship.



### FISHES AND LOAVES

With the arrival of cooler weather, the demand on the food pantry continues to grow. We average one or more deliveries a day. Your continued support of food and monetary donations is appreciated. We can always use high protein foods and basic items such as peanut butter, mac'n cheese, cereal, canned meats, tuna.

If you have questions, please contact Juliane Glander, the St Peter's rep to Fish 'N Loaves, or Marlene Sutherland, Treasurer at 801-558-7827.



### MEN'S PRAYER AND BREAKFAST.

On Saturday 12th February we will be holding a men's Prayer meeting and Breakfast. Meet at the Church at 9am for Prayers, then across to the Star Cafe for Breakfast.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study Group is under-way. All men are welcome to join, meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, following services. Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and learning.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Well, we can't let the men have all the fun! The Women's Bible Study is also under-way. We will be having our time on the first and third Sundays.



### VESTRY MEETING

All are welcome to attend Vestry Meetings and hear what is being discussed as well as give their own input. Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is set for March 7th .



### Weekly Events

Sunday	9:30am	Holy Eucharist
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Artists Guild
Thursdays	1:30 p.m.	Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
Saturdays	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice

### This Month's Events

February 12, 2011	9:00am	Men's Prayer Meeting & Breakfast
February 17, 2011	6:00pm	Third Thursday Fun Family Munch & Movie Night
February 24, 2011	11:30am	Ladies' Luncheon - TBA

### Upcoming Events

March 7, 2011	7:00pm	Vestry Meeting
March 8, 2011	6:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 26, 2011	8:30am-5:00pm	Vestry Training & Retreat

The deadline for submissions for the December newsletter will be Sunday, March 6, 2011.

If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please submit it to [webmaster@stpetersutah.com](mailto:webmaster@stpetersutah.com), or call Jessi at 801-217-3933, or hand it to her / let her know on Sundays.

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