

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1579 South State Street  
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**JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER  
TO ALL PARISIONERS**

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

**Sunday - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**

**PARISH NEWS:** Advent party/workshop saw dozens of symbolic ornaments being made and a total of 10 pizzas devoured. A mini-play, *“Don’t Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas”* produced much laughter.

Susan’s going away party had lots of white: mashed potatoes and gravy, deviled eggs, and white cake plus lots of other yummy potluck dishes. Susan was pleased with the beautiful water-color painting of St. Peter’s, the gazebo and our beautiful rose garden. Our resident artist, Pat Magee did a wonderful job in recreating St. Peter’s for Susan to remember us. A memory book with places for parishioners to slip in photos made another nice gift. The Altar Guild members gave her an apron to think about when she is in the kitchen “setting the table.” We will greatly miss the Beem-Beery family.

**ANNUAL MEETING - from our SENIOR WARDEN:**

Annual meeting will be January 31<sup>st</sup> right after Sunday service with a catered brunch to follow. If you would like to help with the business of the church, please sign-up to run for a Vestry position or delegate to convention. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**MOSAIC 2010:**

The mosaic is finished and awaits grouting. Talk to Pat Magee if you would like to help grout will be done on Tuesdays.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS MURAL:**

A BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful children and their Sunday School teachers for creating the fantastic Christmas Story mural. It was fun to watch each week as new characters and scenery appeared. Thank you also to Pat Magee who drew the background, inspired and showed everyone how to create this unusual Christmas display.

ST. PETER’S LAY MINISTRY SHEDULE - JANUARY 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>
Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melanie		Leila	David S Shirley		Judy G.
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dave F.	Potluck	Judy G.	Mike M Shirley		Kathy T
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>			Leila	David S		Sue W.
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>			Sue W.	Mike M		Sarah D
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>		Brunch				Jennifer

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. Womens' Bible Study  
 Saturdays           10:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 January 10<sup>th</sup>        Sunday Potluck - bring your favorite dish.  
 January 31<sup>st</sup>        Annual Meeting with catered brunch.  
 March 14<sup>th</sup>           Bishop Irish's last visit to St. Peter's

Note: Bishop's schedule was changed.

“Smile. Have you ever noticed how easily puppies make human friends? Yet all they do is wag their tails and fall over.” from THE CONFIDENCE COURSE, by Walter Anderson

“Kind words are the music of the world. They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes, as if they were some angel's song which had lost its way and come to Earth.” Frederick William Faber

“It is no longer good enough to cry peace. We must act peace, live peace, and live in peace.” Native American Proverb

**A recent Anglican Digest had a thoughtful list of how to live the journey between baptism and burial. I share it as a new beginning for 2010 and**

possibly a new way to follow JESUS in *our journey together*:

**I will do more than belong. *I will participate.***  
**I will do more than care. *I will help.***  
**I will do more than believe. *I will practice.***  
**I will do more than be fair. *I will be kind.***  
**I will do more than forgive. *I will love.***  
**I will do more than earn. *I will enrich.***  
**I will do more than teach. *I will serve.***  
**I will do more than live. *I will grow.***  
**I will do more than be friendly. *I will be a friend.***

### **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.  
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.

*“Heroes are those who kindle a great light in the world, who set up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for people to see by. Saints are those who walk through the dark paths of the world, themselves a light. Felix Adler*

*“All people are sacred and their names are etched in the heart of the eternal God.” Pope Benedict XVI*

*“The best bridge between despair and hope is a good night’s sleep.*  
E. Joseph Cossman

*“Wrestle for thine soul, especially in such days as these. St. Cyril of Jerusalem - 4<sup>th</sup> Century*

Dear People of St. Peter's

This new year brings a new priest to St. Peter's. I know that it was a surprise to many of you to learn of Susan's leaving. Her gentleness and humor are to be treasured. She loves the people of St. Peter's and will miss you. Susan's spiritual journey has brought her to a new calling. She will be a wonderful Hospice Chaplain.

It is often difficult having to accept change. We just get comfortable – get into a routine - and then, we have to start all over again. Usually, when a new Rector comes into a parish, there has been an Interim time before. That's a time when the congregation has a priest who temporarily maintains the functions of the parish while a Search Committee puts together a Parish profile and conducts a search for the right person to fit the need.

Because the Diocese pays for a priest to be at St. Peter's, this parish skips the whole Interim and Search process and simply has a new priest delivered to their door. This can be both convenient and worrisome. Convenient because it saves time and money. Worrisome because the parish more or less has to take who is sent. I suppose it's like buying a car without a test drive. You don't even get to kick the tires. (PLEASE don't kick the tires!)

Over the next few months we will get to know each other. But to do that, someone has to make the first introduction. So, let me say just a few things about myself so I won't be a complete stranger to you.

My name is Claudia Seiter. I am currently the Vicar of St. Michael's in Brigham City. This is now your sister parish. St. Mike's and St. Pete's will share priests and some ministries. Over the next few months together, we'll figure out how to do that. I have been the Vicar of St. Michael's for 2 years. Before that, I was the Associate Rector of Good Shepherd in Ogden for 6 years. I currently serve on the Commission on Ministry and have served in a variety of diocesan positions in the past. My husband's name is David. We have 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren with another on the way. I taught high school for 30 years and loved it. So, nothing scares me!

More importantly, I want to fall in love with you. I know, that sounds really corny and insincere. But, I firmly believe that the only way a community of faith can function effectively is if every member tries to fall in love with everyone else who comes through the door. The only way I know to teach that lesson is to do it.

The next few months will be challenging for us. Trying to figure out schedules; helping me and my Assisting Priest, The Rev. Canon Ivan Cendese, PhD., and my deacon, The Rev Deanna Sue Adams, get to know you; learning to trust and rely on each other. All those things take time.

I hope that you will step with me into this next part of the St. Peter's journey. I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and learning to love you.

Blessings

Claudia +

P.S. To help get this going, please circle Sunday, January 31, on your calendar. Following our Annual Meeting, I'm hosting a special brunch for the parish, in the parish hall. It's my way of letting you know how happy I am to be with you.