

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
KEYS NEWSLETTER



MAY 2010

Dear Friends

I have been attending a book study group every other Wednesday for the last several months. The group decided when it was formed, that it didn't want to take on the usual fare of romance or dramatic stories that often become the center of such group discussions. Instead, everyone determined to mentally stretch themselves. After some discussion, the group decided to read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's, *Ethics*. I admitted to the group that I had already read the book a number of years ago, but I'm glad to be reading it again. It is writing definitely worth revisiting.

Bonhoeffer was facing a terrifying existence while writing this book. He had opposed the Nazi regime in previous articles, sermons and actions. The cost of his outspoken resistance was his freedom. Placed in a concentration camp from which he would never be released, he began to write on every little scrap of paper he could find. Several of the chapters in his work are incomplete or in need of some editing, but they at least survived whereas the writer did not.

One of Bonhoeffer's main arguments in his book is that our ethics cannot be things of convenience – turned off and on as opportunity and situation arise. Bonhoeffer reminds us that God is everywhere, in everything, and with everyone. Consider that for a moment. God is not only in the Church but on the freeway; not only in our living room but also in the bathroom; not only in the park on a beautiful sunlit day but also in the bar in the middle of the night. Like it or not – accept it or not – God is everywhere and with everyone. God only creates good, therefore all that is created is good. It's just that sometimes it gets covered in crap.

Our task as Christians is to wipe off that crap and see the good that God has surrounded us with. We are not to fall victim to the delusion that most things, events and people are evil, or at the very least, not worth our attention. How is our view of the world reformed when we remember that the whole world belongs to God? The biggest lie that evil ever tells us is the lie that we are fighting to make the world a good place. The reality of God is that we are fighting to help everyone come into the truth that God's world and all that is in it is good.

The Easter season reminds us of the creative and redeeming force of God and the creative and renewing power of God's love and goodness. Christ's atonement empowers us to rejoice in the power of that creation and to celebrate the fact that we are a part of it. Bonhoeffer knew this. In the midst of darkness, pain and suffering, he turned his heart's eye toward the love and creative force of God, inspiring generations to view the world again with new eyes. Wouldn't it be wonderful for us to inspire others in the same way?

Blessings

Claudia+



#### PLEDGES FOR 2010

Pledge Statements are ready and available on the table in the vestibule. Thank you to all who filled out their forms and submitted them.



#### ARTISTS GUILD

Pat Magee and her crew are working on beautifying our parish hall with symbols and colors of the church. She welcomes new people to help with this project.



### VESTRY MEETING

All are welcome to attend Vestry Meetings and hear what is being discussed as well as give their own input. The next one is May 3rd at 7:00pm at the church.



### BISHOP CANDIDATES "WALK ABOUT"

On behalf of the Transition Committee facilitating the process of electing the next Bishop of Utah, you are invited to attend an interview with the Candidate Finalists during the "Walk About" at Good Shepherd, Ogden on May 6th at 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. During the meeting, each candidate will give a statement, followed by a set of questions they will answer. This will be followed by questions from the floor. You may submit a question in advance for consideration by sending an e-mail to [winray@comcast.net](mailto:winray@comcast.net).

If you plan to attend, please let Sam Harris or Nate McCord know so we can get a headcount.



### CAR / TRUCK BOOT SALE and BAKE SALE

In the British style of garage / yard sale, we will have a car / truck boot sale here at St. Peter's on Saturday, May 15th starting at around 8:00am. So load up your trunks or trucks with all your gently used and unwanted items of any kind and sell them here. A \$10 per vehicle donation goes to the church. You may keep the proceeds of your sales OR donate a portion to the church, if you wish. At the same time we will hold a Bake Sale. We ask all the bakers out there to donate as many goodies as you can. Dave and Jim will be BBQing hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill for any hungry folks, or you can purchase dessert items from the bake sale.



### LADIES' LUNCHEON

After the success of last year's luncheon, we have decided the time has come for another one! This year it is planned for May 22nd. We would like to begin gathering at 11:30 for luncheon at noon. Please bring a dish to share and wear a lovely hat! This event is open to all, so please bring your lady friends and family members as well.



### JUNE 1ST TIME CHANGE

Regular Sunday church services will begin at 9:30 a.m. beginning on June 1st. This will allow Claudia to cover both our service and St. Michael's in Brigham City when Ivan and Deanna Sue are not available.



### LET'S ALL TIDY UP THE NURSERY

It has recently been noticed that the nursery toys need an overhaul. Some simply need cleaning, while other need to be retired.

We are in need of people to volunteer to sort through the toys in the nursery, to clean the ones that can be cleaned, and to help determine which ones to get rid of. Some may still be serviceable for other children and could be sold at the Boot Sale on the 15th of May. Also needed is the separation of toys not safe for the 3-and-under children. The time has come to move these to a different area.

With getting rid of some toys, some others will likely be needed to replace them. While I'm sure there will be specific toys that will be requested, if you see a good deal on a toy safe for \*3 and under\*, please feel free to bring it to the church to donate.

An actual "Tidy Up the Nursery Day" may be planned at a future date. Keep an eye on the website and an ear out during announcements to listen for that date.



### SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME

How many of you love to read, but would enjoy discussing the book with others? Several people were talking and want to put out feelers to see if there is any interest in starting a book club. No decisions have been made yet as to where, when, and what we'll read; that should be a group decision. Sue W. is willing to get the ball rolling and facilitate this venture, but needs to know if there is any interest. We can start this spring or wait until fall. If you are interested and know of any relative, friend, and/or neighbor who would like to be a part of this club as well, they are more than welcome.

Any questions or interest, please let Sue W. know at church, by e-mail me, give her a call. She will be away for the month of June, so Christina Sanchez will also be a contact person.



Sam Harris, Jr. recieved the rank of Wolf in the Cub Scouts.

Sam was one of 20 entries in his school talent show in April. He organized a group of 6 boys including himself. They performed the "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" skit. He practiced very hard and the skit was well recieved. His Mom is VERY proud!

The deadline for submissions for the June newsletter will be May 22nd.

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.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1st 9:00am - Clean Up Day
- May 6th 7:00pm - "Walk About" at Good Shepherd, Ogden  
All invited to interview with bishop candidate finalists.
- May 9th Potluck Sunday - bring a dish to share
- May 15th 8:00am - British Style Car/Truck Boot Sale  
and Bake Sale
- JUNE 1st 9:30 a.m. Time change for Sunday Service begins

### Weekly Events

- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Artists Guild
- Thursdays 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- Thursdays 1:30 p.m. Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
- Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice



### CAMP TUTTLE 2010 SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 6-9	Mini Camp	\$295
July 11-16	5th-6th Grade Camp	\$325
July 18-23	7th-8th Grade Camp	\$325
July 25-30	High School Leadership	\$350
Aug. 6-8	Family Camp	\$75 per person

Note: Age groups are based on what grade the child is going into for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information, visit [www.camptuttle.org](http://www.camptuttle.org), or call the Episcopal Diocese with any questions.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						<i>Clean Up Day</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		10:00am - Artist's Guild		11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10am- Choir Practice
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day		10:00am - Artist's Guild		11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10am- Choir Practice <i>*Boot Sale and Bake Sale*</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		10:00am - Artist's Guild		11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10am- Choir Practice <i>*Ladies Lun- cheon*</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		10:00am - Artist's Guild		11:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Healing Service		10am- Choir Practice
30	31					
	Memorial Day					

	<b>Vestry Rep.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	<b>Usher / Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>May 2, 2010</b>		Rosy S.	Kirk K.	Mike Mc.		Judy G.
<b>May 9, 2010</b>			Judy G.	Phil K.		Kathy T. Sunday
<b>May 16, 2010</b>		Sanchez	Sue W.	Mike Mc.		Sue W.
<b>May 23, 2010</b>		Tasha H.		Phil K.		
<b>May 30, 2010</b>		Jessi O.	Phil K.	Mike Mc.		

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