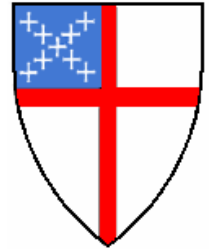


St. Peter's of The Valley Episcopal Church

The mission of St. Peter's is to be a joyous family of God gathered in worship and prayer, teaching the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and ministering to others.



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From the Bishop's Committee:



Sunday, May 11th was a special day for St. Peter's. The pansies that Nancy Hoffman had planted in the whiskey barrels outside the church welcomed Bishop O'Neill to celebrate and preach at our two morning services. Aside from being Pentecost and Mother's Day, the Bishop performed the confirmation of Maggie Fitzpatrick as her proud parents stood by. She did not need The Book of Common Prayer for she already had memorized her responses. Adding even more to the celebration, we honored three of our graduates, "Kat" Fitzpatrick, Lauren Hoffman and Corey Mineo.

Bishop's O'Neill's sermon was inspirational. It resonated deeply with all of us and gave a message that many were in need of at this time in our lives at St. Peter's, a message to not be afraid to come out of the dark of a closed room and open ourselves with love to the world. We spoke to the Bishop afterwards about the sermon and how much we had needed his insight. He has an intense, earnest style of faithful delivery, a delivery full of faith.

There were many wonderful asides moments that made the day even more human and special. Bishop O'Neill had forgotten to ask about birthdays at the 8 o'clock service so Judy Whitmore asked him in the kitchen afterwards if he would say a prayer for her son Trevor overseas in the Navy. There were the three of us holding hands listening and sharing in the most wonderful prayer for Trevor. Then there was the unforgettable exchange between Tyler Gruel and the Bishop as Tyler recounted the Bible story from Godly Play and answered questions about the role of Bishop. Tyler ended up with the scepter and miter on loan from the Rt. Reverend and the ultimate compliment that he deserved to be Bishop, not Rob, O'Neill.

The experiences of the morning were memorable. Bishop O'Neill did not linger too long at hospitality and was heard to say he had to hurry back over the mountains to be with three mothers, his wife, his own mother and mother-in-law. St. Peter's was blessed by his visit. We know we are in his prayers as he is in ours.

As we go forward with our search for a new vicar, we fortunately will work with Father Denis Ford as our interim, planning the present day to day happenings at St. Peter's and looking toward the future. The Bishop's Committee will spend a day's retreat on Saturday, June 28th addressing some of these matters and will keep you informed.

Blessings to all,
Lee Ann Eustis



Calendar Items

June Celebrations



Anniversaries

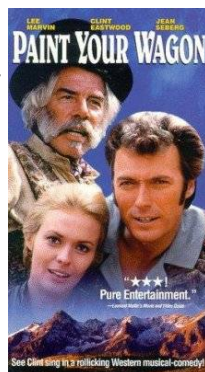
06/03/1995 Jim and Ann Rominger
 06/14/1986 Bob and Susan Keenan
 06/16/1990 David and Susan Faulkner
 06/22/1985 Ken and Cindy Everett
 06/28/1988 John and Maurine Fitzpatrick

Birthdays

06/02 Lillian Holley
 06/05 Nicolette Heard
 06/05 Carolyn Scheer
 06/07 Nancy Hoffmann
 06/09 Lauren Hoffmann
 06/12 Paul Sutro
 06/14 Isadora Oliver
 06/15 Hilary Smith
 06/16 Annie Havron
 06/18 Taylor Serson
 06/20 Betsey Safford
 06/22 John Fitzpatrick
 06/27 John Paul Fitzpatrick
 06/27 Barbara Stirling

Kate Keenan Art Scholarship Fundraiser a Success!

Thanks to every one who made the Kate Keenan Art scholarship Fundraiser a success last weekend. The scholarship will go to a promising graduating senior to help continue their studies in the arts. For more please contact Bob Keenan at 963-9431 or lazyfare@sopris.net.



Volunteer needed to prepare Vicarage

We need someone to wash the linens at the vicarage and have the vicarage prepared for visiting clergy. Fr. Denis will be out of the vicarage on June 10, and we will need to have the vicarage prepared for visiting clergy that afternoon. If you can help with the preparation, please call Paul Sutro at 963-9540 or psutro@gmail.com

Extended Table Reminder

There will be an extended table on Thursday June 5th 4:30-6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church in Glenwood Springs. If you can help in any way, please call Karin Bannerot at 963-3368.

Roaring Fork Valley Relay for Life and Glenwood Merchants team up on June 6

The Roaring Fork Valley Relay for Life and merchants at the Glenwood Meadows Mall in West Glenwood Springs are teaming up on Friday June 6 to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society. Market Street will be alive with raffles, giveaways, free samples, and happy hour specials. The festivities begin at 10:00am and will continue until closing. KMTS radio will be live from 4:00pm until 6:00pm with Moe's Restaurant providing live music.

Episcopal Summer Camps Dates for 2008



Middle School Camp June 15-21
 Elementary I Camp June 22-28
 Angel Tree Camp Elementary June 29 -July 3
 Elementary II Camp July 6-12
 High School Camp July 13-19
 Wilderness Camp July 27 - Aug. 3

For more information and registration, watch the [Summer Camps page](#) of the diocesan web site.

Around St. Peter's

Shonda Gay Zeigel Cortez September 4, 1955 – May 13, 2008



Shonda, 52, died peacefully in Carbondale, Colorado from complications of breast cancer. She is survived by her husband Ed Cortez of 33 years, her parents Alan and Laura Zeigel of Denver, her sister and brother-in-law Désha and Rick Davis of Edmonds, Washington, her brother and sister-in-law Brad and Nancy Zeigel of Carbondale, and her cherished nephews and nieces Ian and Mollie Davis, and Megan, Arick, and Alli Zeigel.

Shonda was born in Boulder, Colorado. She graduated from Boulder High School in 1973 and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976 with a B.A. in Latin American Studies. She majored in Spanish and minored in Art History. She and Ed met in college and were married on December 20, 1975. Shonda discovered a love of teaching late in life when she began working as a bilingual teacher's aide at Basalt Elementary School in 1995. She was studying for teacher certification and had finished her first year as a second grade bilingual teacher at BES when she was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer in 1998. She later returned to the classroom as a special education aide at Carbondale Middle School. She also worked over a period of 10 years for a private animal shelter and animal welfare organization, the Progressive Animal Welfare Society in Lynnwood, Washington.

Shonda loved children and animals, including the dogs, cats, and guinea pigs with whom she and Ed have shared their lives. She enjoyed fiber arts, especially knitting, gardening and had a passion for reading.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made, if desired, to any favorite charity, especially local organizations dedicated to people or animals in need, such as Roaring Fork Hospice (1906 Blake Ave., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 and C.A.R.E. (Colorado Animal Rescue, 2801 CR 114, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601).



Prayer for Shonda

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Shonda, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

St. Peter's is a parochial mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Aspen, and is a part of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other through Christ (from the catechism in The Book of Common Prayer, page 855).

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