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The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor

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Services at LCCC, Center for Conferences and Institutes, Room 130

9 AM Bible Study, Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery

10 AM Holy Eucharist



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From the Rector:



Well, well what an interesting week. I doubt if I will ever forget Sunday, September 30, 2007. It was a very busy Sunday, and a real "heartbreaker" in many, many ways.

Yes, it was the day that my heart broke physically. Had I not gotten to the hospital Sunday morning when I did there is little doubt that I would not be writing this article today. A cardiac catheterization revealed blockages of 90%, 80%, 50%, and 40%. They repaired the 90% blockage with a stent, and will repair the 80% blockage on October 16th. The other two will be monitored, but were of little concern to the doctors. I give thanks for modern medicine, the Lay Readers, especially Dan Clark who conducted our Sunday Service, and all the many people who held me in prayer. I never experienced any fear, and always felt supported. Thank you. Thank you all.

Last Sunday, September 30th, was also the deadline for The Episcopal Church to conform to the theological and moral standards of the worldwide Anglican Communion. They were to renounce their practice of ordaining homosexual individuals who were not living a chaste life and they were to allow for orthodox bishops to supervise congregations that refused the oversight of revisionist bishops. No one, absolutely no one, expected this to happen, and it did not. The bishops of the Episcopal Church once again tried to couch their written response in language that would indicate that they moving toward full compliance, and yet allow them to continue doing what they have been doing. No one was taken in by their duplicity, and this too was a heartbreaker.

Immediately after the Episcopal House of Bishops ended their meeting 151 "Common Cause" bishops met in Pittsburgh for four days to develop a "'separate ecclesiastical structure" in North America' called for by the Primates of the Global South ..." What does this mean? Well, within the next 15 months about 5 entire Episcopal

dioceses, along with other Anglican bodies like CANA, AMiA, FiF, etc. will draw up a constitution and form an entirely new Anglican province. It will take this long because the Episcopal bishops and the other bodies will have to present this plan to their annual councils for a 1st reading this year, and have a final vote next year. This may seem glacially slow to you and me, but it is astonishingly fast for the Church. For something like this to happen in a lifetime is unprecedented since the days of the Protestant Reformation.

By the time this goes to print the Archbishop of Canterbury may have taken some decisive action, but I doubt it. He seems to be working overtime to find a way to keep everyone at the table in the hope that we can find some way to live together. If the Archbishop of Canterbury openly supports the current stance of TEC the orthodox bishops are positioned to walk away. If the Archbishop declares that Communion with TEC is broken it will open the door for a number of orthodox congregations and Episcopal dioceses to sue for ownership of their property. The civil courts could be flooded, especially states with orthodox bishops. If TEC "walks away" the Archbishop of Canterbury will recognize the formation of a new Anglican province in North America, and again law suits for the ownership of church property will flood the courts. In any event, we are walking away, and if the orthodox bishops are the only ones to walk it probably won't get a lot of lasting attention. Oh, it will make a sound bite on the nightly news, but after all - who cares?

We on-the-other-hand do care. We care because our Communion with The Episcopal Church is truly broken. We care because the orthodox faith we received from the saints is sacred. We care because the Bible is not just a book of quaint stories to be revered. No, it is the Holy Bible. A holy object is an object set apart by God or for God. The Bible has always been deemed holy because it is **of God**. We care because the salvation of mankind depends upon the saving action of God in the life, death, and

because Jesus Christ is Lord. These are points of faith that are not accepted within TEC, and it is untenable that orthodox Christians be in any relationship with them – other than praying for their repentance and restoration. Communion is not an option.

I spent my last 30 years in the Episcopal Church encouraging people to “hang in,” because this ship has always righted itself and stayed on course. Well, I should have remembered that sometimes God just lets the flood roll on, and saves as many as He can by launching a new vessel. I don’t like it, but we are living in such a time.

***God bless you.
Fr. Skip***

VESTRY NOTES September’s Vestry Meeting was held at Westgate Clubhouse. Following a short bible study, the group talked about children’s Sunday School, visitors to St. Peter’s, and parish growth.

Treasurer’s Report. Ken Flack reported our financial status remains healthy and informed us we received 2 gifts of \$1000 to the Building Fund as the result of our recent effort to acquire property. When we found the purchase to be untenable, the owner of the property was exceedingly gracious in returning nearly all of our earnest money. We expect some refund as well of the money we have paid to Ark, Inc., to facilitate this transaction.

Senior Warden’s Report. Jim Mitchell advised that when this latest attempt to find a permanent home did not meet with success, he was approached with another potential funding source from the congregation to help move this process along. All things considered, there was a general consensus

to seek land where we could build a facility to our specifications. Renewed efforts to continue seriously with this project were set in motion.

OLD BUSINESS Goals for 2007. Double in size & find a place of our own. A new flyer to promote St. Peter’s has been developed and is available for distribution around the campus and community. Possible programs to attract students, such as inviting them to join us for food and fellowship, are being worked on by Dan Clark and Jim Jensen. New construction could also generate excitement for growth.

CANA Annual Council. This gathering will be held November 1-3, 2007, at the Church of the Epiphany in Herson, Virginia. At the last Sunday service, Roger and Matty Ludwig were elected to be our delegates, along with Stephanie Reeves, who was previously designated by the Vestry. Father Skip will also be attending. If anyone has any items they would like to have considered, please contact any of the foregoing.

CANA Newsletter. Father Skip was commended for his excellent work in putting out the CANA Newsletter. He remarked he has been receiving marvelous responses from all around the world - - Iraq, Nigeria, Jerusalem and many more.

NEW BUSINESS Fellowship. It seems time to gather again for fun and fellowship. Jim & Becky Burney will host a Potluck in their newly constructed shop building on Saturday, September 29th.

Community Partners. We have been notified by Albertson’s that our new kit complete with cards is anticipated to be shipped around the first part of October.

Blessings to all,
Susan Oyler,
Secretary / Clerk of the Vestry

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM October, 2007

To preview the lessons, you may go to www.biblegateway.com

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Oct 7	Lu Hart <i>Lamentations 1:1-6</i>	Barb Clark <i>Psalms 137:1-9</i>	Jim Jensen <i>2 Timothy 1:1-14</i>	Barb Clark	Dan Clark Jim Jensen Susan Oyler	Lu Hart Matty Ludwig LEM: Matty Ludwig
Oct 14	Nick Dawson <i>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</i>	Dan Clark (C) <i>Psalms 66:1-12</i>	Matty Ludwig <i>2 Timothy 2:8-15</i>	Roger Ludwig	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Lu Hart	Marge Marcewicz Gaye Flack LEM: TBA
Oct 21	Roger Ludwig <i>Jeremiah 31:27-34</i>	Marge Marcewicz <i>Psalms 119:97-104</i>	Susan Oyler <i>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Lu Hart Stephanie Reeves Marge Marcewicz	Susan Oyler Caryl Marion LEM: Marge M
Oct 28	Matty Ludwig <i>Joel 2:23-32</i>	Lu Hart <i>Psalms 65</i>	Stephanie Reeves <i>2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18</i>	Marge Marcewicz	Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler Marge Marcewicz	Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen LEM: TBA