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## St. Peter's KeyNews! August 31, 2017

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**This Sunday at the 9:30 service**, Erik Donough will perform on soprano saxophone accompanied by our Music Director, Sal Lagattuta. Erik serves as Instrumental Music Teacher at Heritage Middle School in Livingston and also plays professionally in NJ and New York. Erik's wife, Cindy (Garrison) grew up in the St. Peter's community.

**Porch Prayers are continuing on the Rectory porch each Friday morning at 8:00 a.m.** All are welcome. Coffee is provided!

**Our Annual Sunday School Picnic for children and families will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory backyard.** We will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. If it rains, we will gather in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

**The vestry will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Our Vestry wants to know your opinions about life at St. Peters!** As we begin to plan for 2018 and beyond, your thoughts are important to us. A short survey which may take 10 minutes to complete would give the vestry important feedback. Each person in the household may do the survey even if you have the same email and computer. We plan to share the summary of the survey with the parish in September. You do not have to identify yourself. Thank you for your participation! Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/v2wmqmk>.

**The Caring Card Ministry meets on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the parish nursery. **The Finance Committee will meet at 7:15 on Thursday, Sept. 14** in Rev. Chuck's office.

**Welcoming Sunday is September 17! Our service schedule moves to 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.** A lunch for all in the Parish Hall will follow the 10:15 service, generously provided by Ray Rogers and Lynne Neeley. Displays regarding the Slate Roof Project (which will begin in early October) will be set-up. Bethany Russo, our project coordinator and Joan Nix, architect will be able to answer any questions that you may have about the roof replacement, which will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. We are still gratefully accepting donations to the roof project to meet the \$25,000 challenge grant offered by a generous anonymous donor.

**Sunday School Classes will begin on Sunday, September 24 at 10:00!** We are still in need of either teachers or teacher assistants for the three classes which will be meeting in the Undercroft on all Sundays except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. It is hoped that volunteers would only serve once a month, if we get enough youth and adults to help. All who wish to teach or assist are urged to attend a meeting on Saturday morning, September 16 at 10:30. Help us help our children grow in faith! A sign-up schedule will be sent out to those who volunteer. We thank Jennifer Parker for stepping up to be the new Sunday School Supervisor for this year!

**"Faith in Fiction" Returns!** Led by Rev. Chuck on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>, short stories from *Listening for God, Volume 4* will be read and discussed from a theological perspective. The book can be ordered on Amazon. E.V. Janopaul can help you order through our Scrip program and benefit St. Peter's at the same time! For information, ask Rev. Chuck.

**Have you seen the recent news articles?** St. Peter's annual picnic was featured in the August issue of the *Mountain Lakes Magazine*. An article about the picnic which was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Garrison home included photos of some of the fun. In addition, an article about the grant that St. Peter's received from the Morris County Historic Preservation Fund Board was published in the *Daily Record* and *Neighbor News* this past week. The article included information about the process that St. Peter's engaged in with a Preservation Plan which led to the awarding of the \$262,000 grant for the replacement of the slate roof on the main church.

**We are in need of Fall Coffee Hour hosts for and September 24, October 8, 15 & 28, all Sundays in November and December.** To sign up, you can use the Sign-up Genius or you may call the office. Here is the link to sign up electronically: <https://tinyurl.com/y8cd9fx6>.

**If you would like to make a donation to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey,** please consider donating to the Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Harvey Response Fund. The administrative costs of this charity are quite low and therefore your dollars will go farther than with other charities. Attached is information on how to donate to the fund.

**A Prayer for Labor Day.** Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Have a great Labor Day holiday!**

**Peace and Blessings,**

**Adele+ and Chuck+**