

**St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
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Dear fellow parishioners:

Did you know that everyone dreams every night, even if they don't remember? Dreaming is an important part of sleep and helps maintain good physical and mental health. Even dreams that aren't very pleasant serve a purpose, helping us work through problems of the day, maybe giving us creative ways to resolve issues and come to grips with difficult times. Daydreams – those momentary retreats from the “busy-ness” of the world – offer us a chance to re-charge our batteries and refresh our minds. There, we can imagine all manner of wonderful opportunities.

All our dreams can open a gateway for us to safely explore our joys, our troubles, our aspirations and hopes, our fears, and our desires. For months, however, the dreams of many have become waking nightmares because of current events. Even those whose lives have not been upturned by financial and personal troubles have found their dreams seem a little more distant and less attainable.

In our baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to go out as witnesses to God's love. The people of St. Peter's have a long history of striving to live up to our baptismal promises, both within our parish community and in the greater community around us. In our dreams, we have heard the call to care for God's people and God's creation – a call to actively participate as stewards of the great gifts God has given us – and we have responded.

The Outreach Committee and the Fair Trade Fair were the result of one person's dream. A few parents dreamed of worship and educational opportunities for their children – Wednesday School and the Family Service were born of those dreams. The Community Garden grew out of the dreams of our greater community. We are using our dreams to help those whose dreams have faded into pain find hope and dare to dream again.

During this November's Annual Pledge Drive, we are asking you to listen to the dreams God has sent to you and to share them with us. How has God asked you to take care of Creation? What can we do at St. Peter's to make those dreams come true? What do we already do that speaks to your dreams or helps your dreams come true? The Dream Catchers are asking for your help and input with a brief questionnaire on the back of pledge sheet. Please take a few moments to fill it out as you make your annual pledge. With your pledges of time, talent and financial support and your dreams, we can continue to respond to God's call to serve Christ in all persons and be active stewards of Creation.

In God's Peace,

Betsy Johnson  
Vestry Stewardship Liaison

Kit Allgood-Mellema  
Stewardship Chair

Gary Paxton  
Senior Warden of the Vestry

2010



# ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA PLEDGE CARD

Please use the other side  
for your dreams  
for St. Peter's.

As a responsible Christian steward, in gratitude for God's gifts,  
I commit a portion of that time, talent and treasure which God has  
entrusted to me for His work in this congregation, diocese and  
the world as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### TALENT:

#### Christian

##### Formation/Nurture

- Wednesday School
- Youth Program
- SAFE Church
- Bible Study
- Theology Seminar
- Education for Ministry (EFM)
- Newcomers/Inquirers/  
Confirmation Classes
- Prayer Chain
- Men's Group
- Fellowship Hour  
Hosts
- Potlucks & Gatherings
- Driver (for church van)
- Building/Grounds/Gardens
- Endowment Board
- Stewardship Committee
- Women's Gospel Reflection

##### Pastoral Care

- Lay Eucharistic Visitor
- Retreat Coordinator/Facilitator

##### Administrative

- Office Helper

#### Service/Outreach

- ECW (Episcopal Church Women)
- Cooperative Church Council
- Braveheart Volunteers
- Keys (newsletter) Mailing Assistant
- Archives/History/Photographer
- Vestry
- Parish Outreach Committee
- Public Awareness
- New Member Welcome
- Deanery & Diocesan Ministries
- Community Farm

#### Worship

- Acolytes
- Musicians
- Choir
- Worship Assistant
- Altar Guild/Flowers/Cleaning the  
Church
- Greeter/Usher
- Bell Ringer
- St. Peter's Players
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this pledge sheet and return it to the Church.

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### TREASURE:

\$\_\_\_\_\_per (week) (month) (year) (circle your choice)

## Authorization for Credit Card Payment

- I prefer to pay my pledge by automatic charges to my  
Mastercard or Visa (please complete the credit card section if you  
wish to pay your pledge by credit card.)

Please print

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize St.  
Peter's Episcopal Church to place the following charges on my:

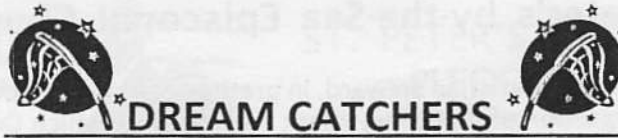
- MasterCard: number \_\_\_\_\_
  - VISA: Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- (Sorry, American Express, Diner's Club or Discover not accepted)

- Please bill my credit card for a **one-time payment** in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Please bill my credit card in the installment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per month for \_\_\_\_\_ installments, starting \_\_\_\_\_  
and ending \_\_\_\_\_
- Please bill my credit card  quarterly  semi-annually  
 other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that to cancel this service I must notify St.  
Peter's Episcopal Church in writing.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
authorized signature Date

Please notify the Church Treasurer with any changes in your credit  
card



St. Peter's is in the process of collecting hopes, wishes, and dreams for the future of our congregation. We need your insight in identifying these visions. Previous goals that have come to fruition are The Fair Trade Fair, The Family Service, and Wednesday School. It is once again time to open our ears and hearts to share the dreams God has sent to St. Peter's by-the-Sea. Please provide your thoughts and ideas.

What particular activities do you like at St. Peter's?

What unique Christian witness can or do we make?

What are your other hopes, dreams, and ambitions for St. Peter's?

Please list below: