

St. Peter's Bald Head

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Greetings from Bp. Longest

"St. Peter's Bald Head" cried the conductor on the trolley years ago, as it stopped in front of our beautiful Church of St. Peter's By-the-Sea. The first service in the present church building was held in 1898. Before then, for decades in the mid-1900's, services were held on that same hill—"Christian Hill", as it was known by many.

Well, it is 2005 and the services once again are being held on Christian Hill.

Welcome back to St. Peter's on Bald Head

Cliff. May the weeks and months ahead bring us all closer to each other, to those who visit us this summer, and most importantly, may we all come closer to God.
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From the Editor

I'm asking the congregation of St. Peter's to be sponsors for our newsletter. If you know of anything that you feel should be included in an edition of our letter, please submit it to me.

Maybe you have read a good book, or know of an upcoming performance, witnessed a deed of kind-

The task ahead of us
is never as great as
the Power behind us!

ness which deserves to be shared; I welcome everything and will make room for it. "St. Peter's Bald Head" is published monthly during the time the church is open for services and once during the Advent-Christmas season and again during the Lenten-Easter season.

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Thanks! carm

Alma Deam Leavitt, 1912-2005

The following is a remembrance offered by three of Alma's daughters.

Our father, a Framingham native, spent several summers in Maine when he was growing up. He remembered driving

through Ogunquit past the Leavitt Theatre in the 1920's! It was his idea that we should also spend summers in Maine. In 1951, we made our first trip to Maine. We traveled by Stude-

baker from Cleveland to Moody Beach, and it took three days. As the New York Turnpike expanded, year by year, so did the Mass Pike and Route 128, our time improved. I believe it



was in 1962 that we did the trip in one (albeit very long) day. *see page please*

Jane Says...

by Jane Greene

Marlet and Bill Ferguson's grandson, Dylan, age 16, is the Junior Olympic champion for aerial skiing in the USA. He also came in 3rd in the national competition which includes all ages. He is now preparing for the world-wide Junior Olympics, which will be held in NH next winter. Congratulations, Dylan; you have made your grandparents very proud.

Clemmie Earle has moved into a lovely, large apartment in the main building of Slocum Hill. Her new address is 212 Slocum Hill, York Harbor, ME 03906.

On June 3, an opening-up party was held at the church. Peg Richardson, Bill Ferguson, John and Catherine Goodwin joined Linda Shanghnessy,

Marlet Ferguson and ms. Jane, members of the Altar Comm., and Rp. Charles and Barbara Leighton. Barbara has agreed to be on the Altar Comm., and Charles not only worked hard, but added his wonderful sense of humor to make it a fun-filled event.

About that large new house being completed down near the rocks and to the left of the Maritime House. It appears to be very close to the St. Peter's property line, but when you look at it from down on the rocks, it is a good distance away. The owners bought the land from a member of the C&H Brown Wagon family. The large garage, which has an elevator, will house their antique car collection.

John and Catherine Goodwin are

leading a very busy life these days; driving up to Maine to see to St. Peter's affairs and back to Cleveland for a multitude of social events. It's great to see them doing so well. Hopefully they will be able to settle into their Ogunquit home on a permanent basis soon.

Rev. Tom Vanderhorst and Hank and Louise Bokans have started a busy month of weddings. There will be 5 in June. Coordination between them and the Altar Committee, opening up the church for flowers, setting up for communion, getting the proper frontal on and off, moving the flowers in place for family services, etc. etc. can be a challenge, but so far we think we have it under control. Thinkin' go to all the making the process run smoothly.

Alma Deam Leavitt, continued

In 1963, on our annual walk on the Marginal Way, we spotted a "For Sale" sign on an empty lot near the light-house. My father quickly decided to spring for it. We returned to Cleveland that August with a lot and plans to build. In June 1964, we returned to Maine, this time to Ogunquit, to a not-yet-finished house. Everyone called it "Alma's House", and we still do. Alma returned to her house every summer thereafter, even in the summers when

she was recovering from one of her major health challenges.

The first years in Ogunquit, we walked to the Baptist Church for services, but by the early 1970's, our parents had found a home at St. Peter's. Our father served on the Board of Trustees for several years. Alma was active in the Altar Guild and is responsible for the multi-point kneeler for the Bishop. Both our parents loved St. Peter's, which our father passed to their family. We have

had two family weddings, one baptism and one confirmation at St. Peter's. The grandchildren have enjoyed their services as acolytes and bell ringers.

Our mother was a woman of courage and enthusiasm. She did not speak of her courage, but she never stopped chattering about her enthusiasms. We can hardly believe our indomitable mother will not be here to share August in Maine with us.

Alma's Obituary

as it appeared on 4/15/2005 in "The Plain Dealer" of Cleveland, Ohio

Alma R. Leavitt, who drew across western Pennsylvania in the 1930s to enroll people in the new federal Social Security program, died Tuesday at the Judson Park retirement community in Cleveland.

Leavitt earned a political science degree decades before job equality for women was a common concept. She took a series of positions with increasing titles, but found that she was allowed to use only her typing skills. That

prompted her to take a civil service test and become one of the first field managers in the Social Security Administration.

Based in Erie, Pa., she went from town to town, setting up tables in the lobbies of courthouses and post offices as residents could sign up for the new retirement insurance program.

She left the job when she married May 14, Luther C. "Lark" Leavitt Jr. in November 1941.

Leavitt, 81, was born Alma Elizabeth Deam in her parents' home near Cleveland's University Circle. She graduated from Shaw High School in East Cleveland and from Fines Stone Blather College of Western Reserve University in 1935. She had to leave college for a year to receive treatment for tuberculosis at a sanatorium in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

The Leavitts moved to Cleveland Heights in 1949. next page please

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They attended Hope Lutheran Church, where her parents had been founding members, so they could attend services in English instead of German.

Leszette worked at polling places on election days. She volunteered with the PTA and was a Boyette and Girl Scout leader. She drove cancer patients to treatment appointments, served on the board of the Florence Crittenton Society and was president of the Flora Stone Mother Alumnae Organization.

She was a gardener who belonged to the Western Reserve Herb Society, Garden International and Cleveland Garden Club. She was a member of the

Lectern Social Club, College Club of Cleveland, Cleveland Skating Club and the DAR.

In 1904 the Leszettes built a summer home in Opusquit, Maine, where she attended church at St. Peter's By the Sea.

Her husband, retired chairman of the Kryptonite Manufacturing Co., died in 2001. A son, Richard, also is deceased.

She is survived by daughters Jean E. Denton of Philadelphia, Mary Kenneth Leszette of Harrisburg, Pa. and Jean M. of Seattle, Wash.; eight grandchildren and a teacher.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 2005			1	2	3	4
5 Van ME 11 am ICE/music	6	7	8	9 Golf Meeting 10:30 am Morseon Dinner	10	11
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26 Van ME 11 am ICE/music	27	28	29	30		