



# THE Cornerstone

## September 2018

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church

107 State Street, Albany, New York

### From the Rector

#### What is Alpha?

I hope that your summer was restorative and fun. Your clergy understand that the church can be quite warm in the summer. Please know that your faithfulness through the summer is appreciated.

As Episcopalians, we are aware that the church year begins on Advent 1. Of course, we actually live it out along the lines of the school year. In August, your clergy are usually focused on how to juggle fixed items of the St. Peter's calendar with our educational or devotional offerings for the parish. This is not always easy. The fixed calendar items have a way of driving the train -- parish picnic, Pre-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Dinner, Hanging of the Greens, and so on. It is hard to get space for what we want to offer at a time people are available to come, but we do our best. One such offering this year is Alpha.

Alpha is an eleven-week course in basic Christianity. It comes out of the Church of England and has been embraced by the past three Archbishops of Canterbury. Alpha is now global in reach. It has been used across many denominations. If one were to think of what CS Lewis meant by "Mere Christianity," Alpha would be just that. CS Lewis in fact began his seminal work as a radio program.

Originally, Alpha was designed as a parish course for new members of Holy Trinity, Brampton in England. It was a tool for integration of new members often unfamiliar with the basics of the Faith. It was so successful in this way that it grew into a program on basic Christianity. Alpha describes their program in this way: **"Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome."**

Holy Trinity, Brampton was a struggling parish when the Alpha program began. It has since grown to well over a thousand members. In no small part, the growth can be attributed to the charismatic nature of the clergy involved at Holy Trinity, Nicky Gumbel in particular. But Alpha has created talks in DVD form and the program is typically run in that manner. Alpha begins with a light meal, followed by the DVD talks and small group discussion. The DVD session averages about 30 minutes. The discussions are facilitated by laity or clergy.

Saint Peter's will run the Alpha course formally in the spring. The weather will be more predictable and the calendar a little less crowded. However, we need to get some parish members trained in how to use the program effectively. I am looking for volunteers to experience the program in a somewhat accelerated form. You do not need to commit to being a discussion leader later. The talks are worthwhile in themselves. The first session will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6pm.

I ask your prayers for Alpha. As your clergy minister to the broader community, it is clear that a course in "basic Christianity" in some form is essential these days. A refresher course is, of course, good for us all! If you are interested in Alpha, please let me know. I will be happy to answer any questions and would look forward to being with you in experiencing Alpha.

God bless, Fr. Hartt+

## From the Associate Rector

The Start of a New Year ...

Every September, I can't help but remember with fondness the start of a new school year. Donned in new outfits, with new supplies and a new classroom and teacher, the first day of the year was full of promise. This was the most exciting during grade school years when the first day of school started with posing for pictures on the front steps of our home. This was such a fond tradition I continued it with my own daughter as I see many of you do as well. Today, I still enjoy scrolling through Facebook in early September to see other people's children on their first day of school, even while this tradition ended long ago in my own home.

A new school year is exciting and full of promise and this yearly custom of picture-taking memorialized that anticipation. I feel the same way about our re-gathering here at Church each September. Even though it isn't really the start of the new church year, which liturgically begins the first week of Advent, the Sunday after Labor Day *feels* like the first day of a New Year. We are back from summer vacations, the full choir is dressed and ready-to-go, and we begin our full programming which tends to run on an academic calendar. And so, we begin our full round of events, special gatherings, meetings, worship services and Bible studies in the Fall; many of which have taken a hiatus over the summer months.

With the start of each new school year, there is great anticipation for the growth of one's intellect, character and even social or athletic standing within his/her community. How can we approach our "new year" at church with the same level of anticipation and excitement? What at church are you excited to experience this year? Are you looking forward to growing in prayer, in service, in worship or in fellowship? Is there a new ministry that you've always wondered about? Perhaps you are feeling called to more frequent worship or to filling your pew by inviting a friend to church? Maybe you'd like to learn about one of the Guilds? Or, perhaps you are feeling called to plan Outreach events with us? Maybe stewardship is on your thoughts and you'd like to re-commit a pledge to our Church? Perhaps you'd like to join one of the Bible study groups? These questions could go on and on!

Everyone might look forward to growth in a unique way this year at St. Peter's, but I do hope that everyone will look forward to growth itself. One of the dangers of community life in church is to fall into patterns that are comforting and yet don't grow us. I am not suggesting that there aren't times in our lives that we just need to come to church to seek refreshment and nourishment for our souls. Those seasons do occur. But when those seasons end, spiritual growth should be anticipated afterwards.

If you have felt "stagnant" in your spiritual life, I pray you take this invitation to view September as a new "school" year, full of excitement and anticipation to see what God will do in our lives both individually and corporately. Every week that we gather we hear wonderful accounts of people's lives changed long ago when God acted in incredible and miraculous ways. Even though the canon of Holy Scripture is closed, this doesn't mean that God's miracles have ended, nor that God doesn't act in our world today. He is ever present and wants to continue to be with us day in and day out. And as old as we might get, God can continue to teach us, as long as we remain open to Him.

In short, I'd love for each us to live into our Diocesan Motto this year: "Disciples making Disciples". The first disciples were students of Jesus who looked to him as their rabbi – their teacher. May we do the same. So, it's back-to-school for us all. May September provide a new start of anticipation and excitement for St. Peter's Church!

Yours in Christ, Mtr. Sue+

## **WELCOME!**

We would like to welcome our new Fulltime Administrative Assistant, Ruth Manns, who will be starting in the church office on Wednesday, September 5th.

Please stop in and introduce yourself anytime during the day, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 5PM

### **Coffee Hour**

Volunteers are needed for coffee hour following the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday services. To sign up to help with the 8:30am coffee hour, please call Michele Vennard at (518)274-4989. To sign up to volunteer for the 10:30am coffee hour please insert your name on the sign-up board located just before you enter the Pumpelly Room. Help is always needed with set-up and clean up, as well as volunteering to bake something for either coffee hour.



### **Parish Picnic: September 16th!**

The annual parish picnic will be held at The Rectory, 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211 on Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30AM service. Chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass for the meal or a dessert. A free will offering will be taken with a suggested donation of \$10.00 per family. Driving directions to the rectory will be available in the rear of the sanctuary.

### **Outreach**

The September Outreach meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 4:30pm. Please join us to learn about Outreach ministries and hospitality events being planned!

### **Vestry Meeting**

The September Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 5:15pm.

### **Friends of St. Peter's**

The group known as "Friends of St. Peter's" that meets on Tuesdays, will now be called "The Tuesday Group". This group will be on hiatus until the middle of September. For questions and more information please contact Donna Hershey at (518)462-6970.

### **Daughters of the King**

#### **Fall Assembly**



The Daughters of the King will hold their fall retreat on Saturday, October 13th from 9am to 3:30pm at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. The cost is \$25 including lunch. The theme: "In Your Presence there is fullness of Joy". The speaker and Celebrant will be Mother Christina Hunter. Questions: contact Jennifer Firth @ [jennuz@aol.com](mailto:jennuz@aol.com). All women are invited to attend. Come learn more about the DOK or visit [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).

### **Daughters of the King Annual Dues**

The Daughters of the King Annual Dues have been invoiced by the National Office and should be paid online by 09/01/18. If you would prefer to pay by check, or need financial assistance, please speak to Mother Sue as soon as possible.

### **Daughters of the King**

The DOK Julia Chapter will meet on Sunday, September 9th following the 10:30am service in the Vestry Room. We will update our Prayer List and then discuss Chapter 3 of the DOK Study Continuing the Journey: The Spiritual Formation Guide. Please let the office know if you need a copy of the DOK study and please read Chapter 3 before the September meeting.

### **Flower Memorials**

During the year, our Flower Guild arranges flowers to bring beauty to our sanctuary and joy to our congregation. Those wishing to make a donation for flowers for a memorial, thanksgiving or celebration should call the Church Office to confirm available dates. During Advent, we use only greens; during Lent, the altars are bare. Other Sundays, we welcome contributions. Cost of flowers: Main Altar is \$50, St. Mark's Altar is \$35, and the Tower Altar is also \$35. All requests are payable in advance.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

Are you looking to increase your religious experience? We are looking for members of St. Peter's who might be interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Experience the joy of serving God by assisting at both the Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharistic Sunday Services. If interested please call the church office at (518)434-3502.

# Adult Education

## Book and Bible Study

### Our Father Who Art in Heaven; Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς



Referencing Matthew 6:9-13 and *Abba: Meditations on the Lord's Prayer*, by Evelyn Underhill, Mother Sue invites you to join our Book and Bible Study on Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Vestry Room of the Guild House (next door to the church). This study will prove to enhance your understanding of the Lord's Prayer as well as deepen its spiritual significance in your life. Men and women of the parish are invited to join us. Books will be preordered; please reserve your copy as soon as possible. A donation of \$6.00 for the book is requested (with scholarships available), or you may order a Kindle copy directly from Amazon for \$.99. Other publications of Underhill's book may be used as well.

This semester's study will include:

- The Lord's Prayer (Book of Common Prayer versions)
- Discussion of Underhill's reflections (one chapter weekly)
- Studying the Biblical content of the prayer as given by Jesus to his disciples (from the Greek text); Matthew 6:9-13

Class Date	Underhill Chapter	Biblical Text
September 18th	Chapters 1, 2	Introduction; Our Father who art in Heaven
September 25th	Chapter 3	Hallowed be thy Name
October 2nd	Chapter 4	Thy Kingdom Come
October 16th	Chapter 5	Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven
October 23rd	Chapter 6	Give us this Day our Daily Bread
October 30th	Chapter 7	And Forgive us... as We Forgive...
November 6th	Chapter 8	Lead us not into Temptation, but Deliver us from Evil
November 20th	Chapter 9	For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and Glory



### Spiritual Direction Series

#### **Spiritual Direction: a primer**

a mini-seminar on what it means to be a Christian Spiritual Director and to be spiritually directed

**September 22, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

#### **Spiritual Formation: with Dr. Brian Fast**

The next level in discovering what Spiritual Direction is all about

**September 29, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

#### **The Center for Healing & Spiritual Formation**

There is no charge for this seminar.

To register online please visit:

[http://ctkcenter.org/spiritual\\_direction\\_seminar\\_series](http://ctkcenter.org/spiritual_direction_seminar_series)

or call (518)692-9550, ext. 112



### Holiness II Date Change

The Holiness II conference originally slated for October 2nd-3rd is now re-scheduled for March 31st-April 2nd, 2019. The new conference is entitled *Holiness: The Road to Resurrection*, and will take the form of a Lenten Retreat; an excellent way of preparing our hearts for Holy Week. Archbishop George Carey will continue to be the key-note speaker. For now, please adjust your calendar.

# Youth Formation & Sunday School

## Blessing of the Backpacks

We invite the youth of St. Peter's to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed for the new school year. This will happen on Sunday, September 9th during the 10:30am church service.



## Backpacks & Supplies for Back-to-School

Every year the Sunday School collects backpacks (new or lightly used) and back-to-school supplies to be donated to the children at Grace and Holy Innocents. Please pick up an extra backpack, notebook, pack of pencils or pens, loose leaf paper, or markers and place the items in the bushel baskets located in the Pumpelly Room or in the Sunday School rooms. These supplies and backpacks will be delivered to Grace and Holy Innocents on Saturday, September 15th. Thank you for your support, your donations are greatly appreciated.

## Prayer Pretzels/Sunday School Registration

On Sunday, September 9th Sunday School registration will take place and the children will be busy making prayer pretzels. Please take a moment to stop upstairs to complete a registration card for your child(ren).



## St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, September 15th ~ 11AM to 1PM**

On the 3rd Saturday of every month St. Peter's Church is committed to preparing and serving lunch to 100+ people at the St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen (formerly known as Grace and Holy Innocents) located at 498 Clinton Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. We invite you, and the youth of our church (the Angels in Training) along with their friends, to join Laura Rulison (our Director of Christian Education) in helping with this outreach program that is in such desperate need of volunteers. For information or to let her know you are coming please call Laura at (518)368-4284.



Calling all Families to **Youth Sunday:**  
held on the last Sunday of each month  
resuming on **September 30th!**

The clergy of St. Peter's continues this ministry which highlights the youth of our church at the **10:30am service** on the last Sunday of the month. We are proud of our youth and how they are growing into their roles as members of St. Peter's Church. Because of this, we invite them to take special part in the Youth Sunday service on the last Sunday of each month. The teens fill important roles in the Sanctuary. Additionally, we offer **Children's Chapel** for our youngest members. In lieu of our traditional Sunday school offering, pre-Confirmation youth and Sunday school teachers celebrate a Youth Eucharist in the Pumpelly Room. Children begin worship with the parents in the main Sanctuary and following the first reading the children are invited to process into Children's Chapel for their own Gospel message, homily and instructed Eucharist service.

**Youth Sunday** helps our youth learn about and connect with our liturgy as well as take their place among us as St. Peter's Church members. Please speak to Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue if your child would like to have a special role during an upcoming Youth Sunday (i.e. reader, acolyte).

## Beaver Cross: FALL EDITION

All the fun of a week of camp – crammed into one awesome weekend retreat! This is BC: Fall Edition. Come visit Beaver Cross in the Fall for some great camp games, worship, messages, and fellowship.

**WHEN:** Friday to Monday, October 5th - 8th

**DROP-OFF:** Friday at 7PM

**PICK-UP:** Monday at 10AM

**WHO:** Jr. Fall Edition: 3rd-7th Grade  
Sr. Fall Edition: 8th-12th Grade

**PRICE:** \$180/camper

Information may be found at:  
[http://www.beavercrossministries.org/  
jr--sr-fall-edition.html](http://www.beavercrossministries.org/jr--sr-fall-edition.html)

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
2 <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Healing Prayers 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	3 <b>Labor Day</b>  Office Closed	4	5  8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
9 <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/ Backpack Blessing  Sunday School Registration and Prayer Pretzel Baking  11:45am - DOK Meeting	10  5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	11  4:30pm - Outreach Meeting 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	12  8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
16 <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion  Church Picnic @ The Rectory following the 10:30am service	17  5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	18  5:00pm - Book and Bible Study	19  8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
23 <b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer	24  5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	25  5:00pm - Book and Bible Study	26  8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
30 <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Youth Sunday</b> 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/Children's Chapel			

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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the Hill Communion	6	7	8
the Hill Communion	13 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	14 <b>Holy Cross Day</b> 12:30pm - Organ Concert	15 11:00am - Angels in Training
the Hill Communion	20 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	21 <b>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 12:30pm - Organ Concert	22
the Hill Communion	27 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	28 12:30pm - Organ Concert	29 <b>St. Michael and All Angels</b>

# St. Peter's Music



## **CHOIR START-UP**

Regular Choir Rehearsals will resume the week of September 10th on the following schedule:

Mondays: 5:00PM - 6:15PM ~ Trebles

Thursdays: 5:00PM - 6:30PM ~ Trebles

5:30PM - 7:00PM ~ SATB

Sundays: 9:30am rehearsal for the 10:30am service

We are eager to welcome boys and girls age 8 to grade 8 to join the Treble section of the choir. Please contact Neil Keen at (518)339-0137 for further information. There are also openings for singers of high school age and above.

**PLEASE HELP US RECRUIT CHORISTERS  
BY SHARING THE ENCLOSED FLYER -  
IN YOUR SCHOOL, LIBRARY,  
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD, ETC.  
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

## **FRIDAY NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS**

will resume on Friday, September 14th. These free half-hour concerts are presented each Friday at 12:30pm. Come and hear organist Neil Keen and guest artists perform on our wonderful pipe organ, one of the largest and finest in the Capital District.

## **MUSIC CORNER**

Just in case you think conflict in churches is a new thing, check out this news article from the past.

June 17, 1901, Binghamton NY -

*"There is an interesting state of affairs at the First Methodist Church at Chenango Forks. The minister had his horse shod at the shop of a blacksmith who was not a member of the church. A rival blacksmith, who was a church member and an intimate friend of the organist's mother, complained, and the organist refused to play. The choir took the part of the organist, and there was no music at the service yesterday. Then the minister put a padlock on the organ, and when some of the choir attempted to make it unpleasant for him, the minister barred them from the church."*

- from 'The Music Trades, June 29th 1901

## **Saint of the Month Club**

### **Constance, Nun, and her Companions, Commonly called "The Martyrs of Memphis," 1878**



In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died. In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her Companions. The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a Girls School adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the Cathedral Dean, and Sister Constance immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary; Sister Clare from St. Margaret's House, Boston; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons, Rector of Grace and St. Lazarus Church, Memphis; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler, assistant at Holy Innocents, Hoboken. The Cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, the Sisters' two matrons, and several volunteer nurses from New York. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other Communion who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation.

The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, Thecla, Ruth and Frances, the Reverend Charles Parsons and the Reverend Louis Schuyler. The six martyred Sisters and priests are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The beautiful High Altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.

## **COLLECTS**

We give thee thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## Creating the Church Altar

The Pruyt Altar of St. Peter's Church when it is set up for Communion Service consists of the center cross, candlesticks with candles, holy scriptures, the chalice and paten set for communion, the fair linen, and a frontal. Often there are flowers added to grace the Altar. Nearby on the Credence Table are the cruets for water and wine and the ciborium for the host.



The following gifts were made to the Church for the altar:

Two three-branch candlestick holders - The gift of Edmund and Ella Cowie. The dedication reads:

*To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our Parents  
Edmund and Ella Cowie by their Children 1991*

Two single candlesticks - These were dedicated as follows:

The first - *In Loving Memory of John Palmer Harcourt*  
The second - *In Loving Memory of Samuel and Lois Harcourt*

The central cross - This was dedicated:

*In Loving Memory of Thomas Yates Wilson*

On the Altar:

The dust cover - This covers and protects the the fair linen until the time of Holy Communion when it is removed.

The frontal - The frontal is placed over the altar. A portion of the frontal hangs below the altar and contains a design. These frontal designs are very beautiful. A variety of frontals are available for various seasons of the church year.

The fair linen - The fair linen is placed over the frontal.

The chalice - The chalice (cup) has several coverings. It is first covered by a purificator. Above this is the wafer which is taken and broken by the priest during the communion service. Above this is the veil, an 18 to 24 inch square which is placed over the chalice. It must be large enough to touch the altar on all sides. Finally the burse covers all. It is a hinged case made of two 9 inch squares of silk with Plexiglas inserts and may contain purificators. Both burse and veil have the same designs as the frontal.

The corporal - The corporal is a cloth which is placed below the chalice and the paten. Stray bits of host or drops of wine are gathered here.

The purificator - The purificator is used to wipe the chalice.

The lavabo - The lavabo bowl is used to rinse the hands of the celebrant. The lavabo finger towel is used to dry the hands of the celebrant after rinsing.

The Credence Table:

This table is in the east wall of the Sanctuary. On the Credence Table are the credence cloth, the ciborium, which is a container for the host, and the cruets containing water and wine. The lavabo bowl and lavabo finger towel are located here.

Below the Altar in bas-relief are three Greek symbols:

**XP** *Chi Rho* - A Christogram in which the Greek symbols for Chi and Rho are placed so that the vertical stroke of the Rho intersects with the center of the Chi.

**HIS** - An abbreviation of the name Jesus - Symbolizing the Holy Name of Jesus.

**AO** *Alpha Omega* - Symbolizing Christ as the beginning and the end of all things.

# REGISTER NOW FOR THESE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

## Transformed: An Inner Healing Conference w/Judith MacNutt

October 19th-20th, 2018



Christ the King Spiritual Life Center welcomes Judith MacNutt from Christian Healing Ministries as the keynote speaker for a conference dedicated to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. The conference begins Friday evening, October 19th (7pm to 9pm) and continues on Saturday, October 20th (9am to 4pm) and includes a Healing Service at 2:30pm on Saturday afternoon.

As always, early arrival to enjoy the Christ the King campus is highly encouraged. Come enjoy a buffet dinner (\$19 per person) with friends before the conference on Friday evening. Dinner starts at 5:30pm.

For more information, including the full schedule, and to register for the conference and to make a dinner reservation, please visit: [http://ctkcenter.org/page/transformed\\_inner\\_healing\\_conference\\_wjudith\\_macnutt](http://ctkcenter.org/page/transformed_inner_healing_conference_wjudith_macnutt).

## Beth Moore: Living Proof LIVE!

Mother Sue invites the women of the church to join us for Beth Moore's Living Proof Live at the Times Union Center in Albany on Friday, October 26, 2018 (5:00pm) and Saturday, October 27, 2018 (8:30am). The cost is \$79.00 per person unless we have a group of 10 or more (then the price lowers to \$59.00 per person). Those who would like to stay afterwards may join us for a group lunch on Saturday afternoon. Please let Mother Sue know of your interest by Sunday, September 30th. More information can be found at: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/living-proof-live/living-proof-live-albany>



## Welcome Home Initiative

a program for combat veterans

Monday - Wednesday, November 12th - 14th

The Welcome Home Initiative© is a healing program for military combat veterans and spouses. These veterans may be suffering in varying degrees from Post-Traumatic Stress or Moral Injury and are in need of Soul Repair. The format of the program helps veterans and spouses understand the hidden impact of combat and provides a safe place for their emotional healing. This essential spiritual and emotional healing is a complement to healing received from medical, psychiatric, and social services. There is NO CHARGE for veterans or their spouses thanks to the generosity of individuals, churches and businesses.

To learn more, apply to attend, or to support this initiative contact

Christ the King Spiritual Life Center

<http://www.ctkcenter.org> | [healing@ctkcenter.org](mailto:healing@ctkcenter.org) | (518)692-9550, ext. 201



## Volunteer Schedules

We wish to thank our volunteers for their service to St. Peter's.  
If you would like to volunteer, please call Ruth in the church office at (518)434-3502, ext. 5.  
The blanks below indicate areas of need.

	<u>September 2nd</u>	<u>September 9th</u>	<u>September 16th</u>	<u>September 23rd</u>	<u>September 30th</u>
<b><u>8:30am</u></b> <b><u>Lectors</u></b>	John Sterrett Janell Hobson	Gordon Lattey Connie Powell	Gordon Lattey John Davis	Gordon Lattey Gayle Hartz	Gordon Lattey Ray Roohan
<b><u>10:30am</u></b> <b><u>Lectors</u></b>	Edith Allen Earl Stafford	Tim Murphy Cate Clark	Victoria Pautler Moses Kamyia	Terry Falnery Laura Grill	Youth Sunday
<b><u>Flower</u></b> <b><u>Guild</u></b>	Edith Allen	Sherry Bishko	Ann Collins	Nancy Creagan	Catherine Gabriels
<b><u>8:30am</u></b> <b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Clark Daggett Fred Lincoln	Bernie Burnell John Davis	Robin LaPlante John Sterrett	Robert Hull Teddy Hull	Clark Daggett Fred Lincoln
<b><u>10:30am</u></b> <b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Sharon DeBonis Julie Hotmer Drao Catherine Schunk	William Collins Kevin Creagan Jeff Russom	Sherry Bishko Moses Kamyia Frank Spath	Chris Grill Mark Lundberg Michele Lundberg	William Collins Kevin Creagan Jeff Russom Frank Spath
<b><u>Altar</u></b> <b><u>Guild</u></b>					



### **ANNUAL RETREAT**

#### *Tools for the Journey*

#### **Calling All Women!**

Please come and find tools to reduce stress and help cope with life's challenges. Let God show you inner peace.

**September 7th & 8th** at the Dominican Retreat Center, 1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY. The retreat begins with light refreshments and registration at 6:30PM with the program beginning at 7:15PM and is overnight Friday through Saturday at 4PM followed by an optional dinner. The cost is \$120 per person, and limited scholarships are available. For more information please call Gretchen at (518)439-8574 or contact the HAWS office at 68 S. Swan St., Albany, NY 12210. Registration brochures are available at the back of the church or from the church office.



### **Healing Prayer Session**

**Saturday, September 29th ~ 9am - 12 Noon**  
**Cathedral of All Saints, Albany**

The Cathedral of All Saints, Albany cordially invites you to an educational program on Healing Prayer led by Father Mark Chestnut, Director, Healing Center of the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, and his wife Darlene. We will convene at 9am in the Lady Chapel for the Holy Eucharist. The session, to be held in Pederson Hall, will focus on: the scriptural basis for prayer; prayer itself; and, a practicum. Time will be provided for identifying content and scheduling of future sessions. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. We look forward to having you with us. Kindly rsvp by 9/21/18 to Cathryne Welch at (518)465-0084 or [wdscaw@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wdscaw@nycap.rr.com) Thank you.

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## *Services*

### **Sunday**

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday**

Holy Communion 12:05 p.m.

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