



# THE Cornerstone

## September 2022

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church

107 State Street, Albany, New York

### The Reverend Christina Hunter

Feast of St. Augustine of Hippo, 2022

Beloved of God,

This isn't the newsletter article I wanted to write to any of you. We find ourselves in a time of loss.

I am currently in the air between Washington DC and Ohio, in route to bury my sister, Leah, who died unexpectedly one week ago. You are all gathered in worship in Albany, singing Morning Prayer while grappling with the terrible grief of Neil Keen's death yesterday.

As Christians, we claim victory over death. We always keep the risen Christ before our eyes, that we "may not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). The Last Day will come, and the Light of Christ will chase away the shadow of death forever.

But, until God makes all things new, it is right to grieve. We are called to share our burdens with one another. Christians are called to grieve as a family.

With that in mind, I would like to invite St. Peter's — for the next couple of months — into a spiritual practice that both aids grieving and gives new hope for the future: I want us to tell stories.

It's natural, in times of change and times of loss, to tell stories. My family has been telling stories of my sister's full throated, unforgettable laugh. You have all been telling stories of Neil's profound shaping of your lives through song and his steadfast presence.

The people of God have always understood who they are through sacred story — through remembering the things God has done through them and for them. Stories about God's work in your lives — through remembering others — helps us to see how we've become who we are. So, let's tell stories. Let's talk about Leah and Neil. Let's talk about Rose Emmett, who died peacefully last month and who someone described as "everyone's grandma." Let's talk about Harry D'Agostino and Geoffrey Hoderath and John Cerniglia and so many others.

And, let's tell stories about the saints who are still among us. About our friend worshipping across the pew or the choir member singing a row behind us. "As iron sharpens iron," so God uses us to shape one another into his workmanship. Into something beautiful that points to the kingdom.

This is a season of remembering who we have been. And, as we remember who we have been, it will become a season of asking God who we are now, in this moment, for this generation and for the future.

Each Sunday as part of the sermon, beginning on Parish Picnic Sunday (September 18) and leading up to All Saints' Sunday (November 6), I will tell you a story from St. Peter's past. We'll listen together to these stories of men and women — sometimes flawed, sometimes heroic — who heard God's call and shared the good news in their generations.

Then, sometime in October, we'll have a parish event where we can share food and stories (and probably some tears and laughter along the way). More details to come.

A time of change is upon us, and our griefs are real. But Jesus Christ's love is unchanging, and he is with us. May the Lord of our yesterdays and our tomorrows give you shalom this day and always.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+




**Those who have entered into REST:**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to Almighty God:

Jean Gale Joel - July 29, 2022

Rose M. Emmett - August 14, 2022

Leah (Vance) Reasoner - August 21, 2022

Neil K. Keen - August 27, 2022 



A Service for Neil Keen will be held at St. Peter's Church  
on Saturday, September 3rd, at 11:00AM  
Followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.



## Lay Eucharistic Minister Lunch Training



Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister? We will be having a training session with a light lunch on Sunday, September 11th, Mtr. Christina will be leading the class. She will go over all the duties and responsibilities involved in this Ministry. Anyone who is interested, or even mildly curious, is welcome to sit in with no obligation. If you have any questions please see Gordon Lattey or Susan Smith after any of the services.

## Vestry Meeting

The September Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 5:15pm., in the second floor meeting room.

## Clergy Welcome/Annual Parish Picnic September 18th!

Please join us for the St. Peter's Church Annual Parish Picnic and come meet our new Priest-In-Charge Mtr. Christina Hunter, her husband Fr. Paul Hunter and their children Martha and Jonathan. Sunday, September 18th immediately following the 10:30AM service at the Rectory, 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211. Chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass for the meal or a dessert. Please RSVP to the church office to let us know you are coming and what you are bringing. Or you may sign-up on the board located at the back of the church. A postcard with all of these picnic details will be mailed to everyone next week. Driving directions to the Rectory will be available in the front of the church.



## Outreach Meeting

On Sunday, September 25th, Laura Saffares will be directing the first meeting for the Community Outreach Committee, following the 10:30am service. The meeting will be held on the second floor, in the meeting room of the guild house. Anyone who has an interest in serving the community, please stop in to see how you can help! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Laura. You can reach her at (518) 368-4284. Please keep an eye out for more information on all of the outreach services that we will be participating in.

## Coffee Hour



On Sunday, September 11th, the DOK members will be hosting our first coffee hour this season. Everyone is welcome, so please stop by after the 10:30am service in the Pumpelly Room to enjoy some treats and good conversation! The Daughters would be happy to discuss their vision and plans for the near future at St. Peter's Church. The Julia Chapter will also be recruiting for a proposed Fall Discernment Class. (TBD).



**St. Peter's Coffee Hour** – A great place to extend our time together! We are still looking for volunteers to host coffee hour events after the 10:30 service. It's a great opportunity for casual conversations, information sharing and just plain enjoyment of others in the St. Peter's family. It's fun and fairly easy. Don't feel like baking or buying goodies? The kitchen freezer is always well stocked! Think you might need a bit of help? There are detailed instructions in the kitchen and helpers are always there too. An updated schedule has been posted in the kitchen – take a look and give it a try this fall. It's a rewarding stewardship that makes participants happy! Please contact Michele Vennard at [mlvennard@gmail.com](mailto:mlvennard@gmail.com), 518-858-0525(c), 518-274-4989(h)

## Carly's Cards

If anyone would like to secure a month, to become part of this marvelous endeavor, please contact Susan Smith at [Gpleasant49@gmail.com](mailto:Gpleasant49@gmail.com) or (518) 505-6051.

## Flower Guild Fall Class (Coming SOON)


Happily we have recently received several inquiries from parishioners interested in the joining the Flower Guild. However one of the things that people have mentioned is that they feel they don't have enough (or any!) experience arranging flowers. We will therefore be presenting a demonstration class this fall for anyone who would like to learn more about arranging flowers for the altar, and about the Flower Guild in general.

Anyone with an interest in flowers or flower arranging is welcome to attend. The class will be held **Sunday, October 2nd** after church and light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please call Ruth Manss in the church office (518) 434-3502 or Nancy Creagan (518) 438-3985.

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>4 <b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 <b>Labor Day</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>8:45am - Top of</p>
<p>11 <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/ Backpack Blessing LEM Training Session w/lunch following the 10:30am service</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>5:15pm - Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>14 <b>Holy Cr</b></p> <p>8:45am - Top of</p>
<p>18 <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion Sunday School Registration and Prayer Pretzel Baking <b>Church Picnic @ The Rectory</b> following the 10:30 Service</p>	19	20	<p>21 <b>St. Matthe Apostle an</b></p> <p>8:45am - Top of</p>
<p>25 <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer Outreach Meeting following the 10:30am service</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>8:45am - Top of</p>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Funeral Service for Neil Keen @ 11:00am <i>w/Reception after the service</i>
the Hill	8	9	10
Cross Day  the Hill	15	16	17  11:00am - Angels in Training
ew, nd Evangelist  the Hill	22	23	24
the Hill	29 <b>St. Michael and All Angels</b>	30	

# Youth Formation & Sunday School and St. Francis Mission

## 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 the St. Francis Mission. 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 front of the church and upstairs near the Sunday School rooms. These school supplies will be blessed on September 11th and delivered to St. Francis Mission on Saturday, September 17th. Thank you all for your support, your donations are greatly appreciated!

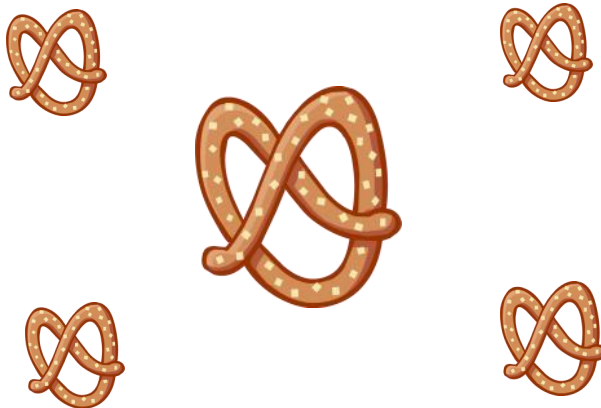


## Blessing of the Backpacks

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 11th, during the 10:30am church service.

## Prayer Pretzels/Sunday School Registration

On Sunday, September 18th 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 - Served 292 meals on Saturday, August 20th**



As the need for this Outreach program grows, so does the need for more volunteers!

If you are interested please contact Laura @ (518) 368-4284



## The Daughters of the King, Inc.



Our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. The Julia Chapter of the Daughters of the King was established in 1990 at St. Peter's Church under the direction of Deacon Christine Wickman. Since then, we have many women praying for the church and others who have requested special prayers through the Prayer Request Cards located in the church for everyone's use.

Prayer always comes first. It is the first priority for Daughters, and our Service and Evangelism depends upon it. Each Daughter's Rule of Prayer should be carefully considered and guarded. It should be prayerfully chosen, reviewed regularly and revised periodically. Our vows do not specify particular prayers, length of prayers, or times of

prayer, just that we pray daily for our sisters, our church, and our clergy.

A Daughter will love God and have affection for her neighbors. She will pray to Jesus who is her intimate friend. She prays regularly and unceasingly, for prayer is a state of being, not just a physical or verbal position. A Daughter's life is a prayer born or acted out of love, not fear. A Daughter will serve her King and her service to the King of kings is only accomplished when she serves in and through His family, the Holy Church.

Contact Susan J. Smith (President), Michele Lundberg (Secretary/Treasurer) or any of the DOK Members (Donna Ohlman, Karen Chatman, Cathy Connors, Judy Burns, or Alice Sanigular,) if you are interested in becoming a member of, the Daughters of the King. [Gpleasant49@gmail.com](mailto:Gpleasant49@gmail.com) (Susan J. Smith, President) or [Michהלund@aol.com](mailto:Michהלund@aol.com) (Michele Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer)

Visit the Daughters of the King on the church website at

[www.stpeterschurchalbany.org](http://www.stpeterschurchalbany.org)



### Other Happenings



Dinner at the  
Fort Orange Club  
With Michael Ward

Saturday,  
September 24, 2022  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Please join us for a special evening with Dr. Ward, who will give an additional presentation over dinner at the Fort Orange Club in Albany at 6PM. Special dinners like this help us support Cathedral Arts programming.

For more information:  
<https://www.cathedralofallsaints.org/events/dinner-with-dr-ward>

### The Cathedral of All Saints

After Humanity: A Guide to  
C.S. Lewis's The Abolition of  
Man with Dr. Michael Ward

September 24 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

C.S. Lewis scholar and author of  
**"Planet Narnia,"** Michael Ward  
returns to the Cathedral to discuss  
his latest book, **"After Humanity:**

**A Guide to C.S. Lewis's The Abolition of Man."**

Please purchase tickets by 9/18 to ensure you are included  
for the catered brunch.

Michael Ward's visit is a joint presentation of Albany's two  
cathedrals: The Cathedral of All Saints and the Cathedral of  
the Immaculate Conception.

For more information:  
<https://www.cathedralofallsaints.org/events/abolition-of-man>



## *Clergy & Staff*

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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.

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