



THE Cornerstone

May 2022

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church
107 State Street, Albany, New York

From the Vestry

CLERGY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Vestry is delighted to announce that Mother Christina Hunter has accepted our call to become Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. She will assume the role of Priest-in-Charge in early July 2022.

As Priest-in-Charge, Mother Christina will perform the same responsibilities and functions as a Rector, under an initial two-year agreement. After 18 months, the Vestry, together with Mother Christina, will evaluate the relationship with the hope and intention of calling her as our Rector at that time. While this type of relationship is new to us at St. Peter's, it is very common in the Episcopal Church and recommended to parishes and candidates alike as an effective launch to what will hopefully be a long-term relationship.

Many of you will remember Mother Christina and her husband Father Paul Hunter from their time here in the summer of 2021. In two short months, Mother Christina made an indelible impression on us with her unwavering service to Christ, our community, and our parish. She deeply appreciates our worship and music traditions. She believes that change is best accomplished collaboratively in the church. For these reasons and many more, we were thrilled when we learned that she was interested in returning to St. Peter's with her young family to serve in this Priest-in Charge role.

The Vestry will share updates and additional information about the Hunters and this exciting new chapter in our history in the coming weeks.

The Vestry



Palm Sunday



Easter



St. Peter's News

National Day of Prayer

The Annual National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5th. The Albany event will take place at the Capitol at 12:00pm

Vestry Meeting

The May Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:15pm, in the meeting room on the second floor.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King met on Sunday, April 3rd and the elections of officials were held. The new DOK President is Susan Smith and Secretary/Treasurer is now Michele Lundberg. Many issues current to the DOK were discussed including church outreach in conjunction with The Christian Education Director, Laura Rulison and scheduling of the next meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2022. All baptised Episcopal women are welcome to join. Discernment classes maybe scheduled for the fall 2022. Please pray for all members of the DOK as they continue God's work within St. Peter's Church. The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate.

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 or (518) 505-6051.

Choir: Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:

Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:30pm Treble Rehearsal
5:30pm - 7:00pm Full Choir Rehearsal
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.

Assisting Organist

Mary Bon has joined the St. Peter's staff assisting our Organist and Choirmaster, Neil Keen. Mary has a B.M. in Organ Performance and Liturgical Music from Hartt College of Music where she met her husband, Neil Keen, and an M.M. in organ performance from New England Conservatory. She and Neil spent a year in Oxford, England studying organ and choral music earning the Associate of the Royal College of Music diploma. She served for thirty-nine years as Organist/Choirmaster and Minister of Music at First Church in Albany. We welcome Mary and are happy to have her on the St. Peter's team.

Coffee Hour

Please join use for coffee hour after the 10:30 AM service. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen near the Pumpelly room if you wish to volunteer on a Sunday.

**We Wish To Thank All our Volunteers
For Their Service!**

Albany's CROP Hunger Walk Is Here!

It's not too late to support the St. Peter's team of walkers and donate to the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk.

Albany's 2022 Walk will take place on Sunday, May 1st, in person, departing from the First Lutheran Church, 646 State Street, Albany at 1:00 PM. Please contact Maria Holden (msholden1@aol.com) if you would like to join the St. Peter's team of walkers. If you prefer, you may walk in your own neighborhood any time during the month of May.

To contribute to Albany's CROP Walk and support our team, please visit our new team web page at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-peters-episcopal-church-albany>.

Or you may pay by check made out to "CWS/CROP" and mailed to the Church office.



CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to address hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised go to the host community to fight hunger locally. Remaining funds are distributed worldwide, including to Moldova for Ukrainian refugee relief.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Thank you so much for supporting the St. Peter's Team and CROP Walk 2022!



Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory



Youth Formation & Sunday School

St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen - Saturday, May 21st ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm

On the 3rd Saturday of every month, Laura Rulison our Director of Christian Education and new Chairperson of Outreach, along with other volunteers, all get together to help serve the families of our community in the South End of Albany. You are welcome to come and witness this amazing outreach program anytime you can, we are there from 9AM-1PM. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Laura at (518)368-4284.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to help, this amazing outreach program to our community.

Thank you and may God Bless,

Laura

Mark your calendar!! On Mother's Day, May 8th, the Sunday School children will be making very special gifts for the moms, grandmoms, etc... please join us during the 10:30 service.

EASTER EGG COLORING



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 The Third Sunday of Easter 10:30 am - Holy Communion 1:00 pm - CROP Walk	2 Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles	3	4 8:45 am - Top
8 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 10:30 am - Morning Prayer 	9	10 5:15 pm - Vestry Meeting	11 8:45 am - Top
15 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am - Holy Communion	16	17	18 8:45 am - Top
22 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am - Holy Communion 11:45 am - D.O.K. Meeting	23	24	25 8:45 am - Top
29 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:30 am - Morning Prayer	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
of the Hill	5 National Day of Prayer 5:00 pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Full Choir	6	7
of the Hill	12 5:00 pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Full Choir	13	14
of the Hill	19 5:00 pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Full Choir	20	21 11:00 am - Angels in Training
of the Hill	26 Ascension Day 5:00 pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Full Choir	27	28
			Thank You to all the Men and Women who have served our country 

BEAVER CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY



Beaver Cross Spring Break Camp

What better way to spend time off from school than at Beaver Cross Camp?! Spring Break Camp, structured similar to our Day Camp program, brings the excitement of summer to the school year. Campers will have the opportunity to do all of their favorite camp activities including: archery, sports, ropes, crafts, sling shots, axe throwing, drama, nerf, culinary, campfire, and more!

The program operates 8AM-5:30PM, with an add on option of early drop off with breakfast at 7:30AM. The cost of the program is \$150. Registration includes all programmed activities, lunch, and an afternoon snack. To find more information, and to register, visit: beavercrossministries.org.

Summer is just around the corner and for the youth of our diocese that means CAMP! If you know someone that hasn't made their summer plans yet let them know that Beaver Cross is still hiring for their 2022 season. Positions like ropes staff and lifeguards can be commuting roles for those that are local. The camp hires from around the world though and all positions offer housing and meals: which is great for one of our counselors coming in from Spain. Don't let the young adults in your life miss out on this amazing experience!

Apply today at beavercrossministries.org

Coming Soon - Register Now!

Join us for the 154th Annual Convention & Youth Rally

of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany
June 3rd - 5th, 2022

Silver Bay Family Retreat Center

Spend the weekend with hundreds of friends from the Diocese of Albany at Silver Bay, the beautiful YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center on gorgeous Lake George. In addition to the official business of the diocese, enjoy workshops, worship, fellowship, music, recreation, entertainment, exhibits and more!

Programming and fun for people of all ages!

Registration is due by May 22, 2022

To register online:

<https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/online-convention-registration/>

A Mother's love can not be measured.

It's a brilliant gem to be treasured.



*Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms
You all are a true blessing from God.*

ATTENTION 2021-2022 GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge all graduates for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, your child, or even your grandchild will be graduating from high school or college or **has already graduated anytime during this past year**, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday May 22nd, so that it can be included in the June Newsletter. You may also email your information to: [**office@stpeterschurhalbany.org**](mailto:office@stpeterschurhalbany.org)

1. NAME OF GRADUATE: _____

GRADUATING FROM: _____

(Name of High School or College)

WHAT KIND OF

DIPLOMA OR DEGREE: _____

(i.e. Regents Diploma, Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts)

NAME OF COLLEGE

HE/SHE WILL BE ATTENDING: _____

PURSUING WHAT COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

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George Clinton

One of the Founding Fathers of the United States

George Clinton, (July 26, 1739 - April 20, 1812) was an American soldier and statesman. He served in the British army during the French and Indian War. Trained as a lawyer he began a legal practice after that war and served as a District Attorney for New York City.

Disaffected by the demanding British rule, Clinton became a supporter of the American Revolution. He was elected to the Second Continental Congress, but left for military duty before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In December 1775 the New York Provincial Congress commissioned him Brigadier General in the militia and called on him to defend the Highlands of the Hudson River from British attack.. He built two forts along the Highlands and stretched a giant chain across the river to prevent the British from sailing northward. In March 1777, Congress commissioned him a Brigadier General in the Continental Army..

George Clinton initially became Governor of New York in Kingston on July 30th, 1777. At George Washington's request he returned to the Highlands to defend it against a large British force in October 1777, all the while remaining the Governor. Clinton would serve a total of seven terms as Governor from 1777-95 and again from 1801-04. In 1780 George Clinton led raids on the New York State frontier protecting settlers from attacks from both British regulars and Indian tribes. During his governorship Clinton defended New York State from the demands of outsiders eventually earning the state the name of "*Great Empire State*."

Opposed to the ratification of the United States Constitution, Clinton became a prominent Anti-Federalist and advocated for the addition of the United States Bill of Rights. In the early 1790s, he emerged as a leader of the incipient Democratic-Republican Party, serving as the party's Vice Presidential candidate in the 1792 Presidential election. Clinton did not seek re-election in 1795, but continued to serve as Governor again from 1801 to 1804. He was the longest-serving governor in U.S. history until Terry Branstad surpassed his record in 2015.

Clinton was tapped as the Democratic-Republican Vice Presidential nominee in the 1804 election. He sought his party's Presidential nomination in the 1808 election, but the party's congressional nominating caucus instead nominated James Madison for President. Despite his opposition to Madison, Clinton was re-elected as Vice President. Clinton died in 1812, leaving the office of Vice President vacant for the first time in U.S. history.

The Archives has a reprint of a painting by Len Tantillo of Governor George Clinton's ship taking gifts to the Indians. Possibly Clinton Avenue in Albany is named after Governor George Clinton.

**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING
ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

March 8th, 2022

Present: J. Chenot, D. Spath, A. Closson, S. DeBonis, C. Gordon, F. Hershey, M. Holden, M. Lundberg, M. Moran, J. Russom

Absent: G. Scala

Opening Prayer Led by D. Spath.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, February 8th, 2022

The February 8th, 2022 minutes were approved on a motion by S. DeBonis and seconded by F. Hershey. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

Sr. Warden's Report –J. Chenot

To begin, our Lenten season started the first Wednesday of this month in March with our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner a great success. We were unable to have the event last year due to covid, so it was great to see everyone come together again enjoying the food and company. Thanks to Jeff Russom, Janice Chenot, Pam Gerfin, Laura Saffares, Robin LaPlante and so many others who volunteered to cook, serve and clean at the dinner.

The following day on Ash Wednesday we had a 5:30 evening service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes. Normally we see the Sunday attendance after the Advent decrease. As of now, we are still at one Sunday Service at 10:30 and hoping to return to two services as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, our one service has been doing quite well. As we try to rebuild after covid, we need to keep in mind there are new faces coming in and want to know more about the church. We need to be there each Sunday to show that we are alive and have a vibrant congregation, if not, they may not return. Just in the past few months we have had a few new people that have been now returning regularly, and in one case, a young couple that visited last fall and now members of St. Peter's will be getting married this summer.

Neil Keen and our choir have been preparing for our upcoming Good Friday service. This year the choir will be performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross" by Heinrich Schutzon on Good Friday, with orchestra. Please know your time and dedication at rehearsals preparing for this music, as well as the music for Easter Sunday services does not go unnoticed, and is an important ministry to St. Peter's.

We look forward to the Easter egg hunt on the Saturday before Easter, at the Rectory. We pray that we may enjoy some nice spring weather and get a great turn out for our Easter Egg hunt, Palm Sunday and both Easter Sunday Services.

Sunday Attendance - The Average Sunday Attendance is 54.4

Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted and reviewed in George's absence. Offerings for the month of February were \$10,454 and Year-to-date we are at \$19,060. This compares to \$17,025 for 2021.

Investment accounts saw decreases for the month. Merrill Lynch was down -1.97% for the month and Key was down -2.85%. Year-to-date Merrill Lynch has a return of -7.96% and Key is at -7.96% as well. Expenses were \$28,903 under budget for the month.

Pledges are beginning to come in for 2022. To date we have received 25 pledges for a total of \$103,410.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

Property – The Rectory will have some outdoor Spring clean-up prior to the Easter Egg Hunt.

After Easter, we will be purchasing new stoves for the Guild House kitchen. This will be to keep us in compliance with Albany County Fire Codes.

The pianos throughout the church and the guild house will be repaired and tuned.

Outreach – None

Old Business – None

New Business – The services for Holy Week were discussed. When they are finalized, the schedule will be published in the leaflet.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by D. Spath and seconded by A. Closson, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

Closing prayer was led by M. Lundberg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon

Clergy & Staff

Neil K. Keen, M. Mus., FAGO, ARCM.....Organist & Choirmaster
Mary E. Bon, M. Mus., CAGO, ARCM.....Assisting Organist
Laura Rulison Director of Christian Education
Ruth Manss..... Office Manager
James P. Shortall.....Sexton
Wayne Hill.....Assisting Sexton
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

Vestry

James Chenot..... Senior Warden
Deborah Spath.....Junior Warden
George ScalaTreasurer

Ashley Closson, Sharon DeBonis, Christie Gordon,
Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg,
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Services

Sunday

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

(1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

(2nd & 5th Sunday)

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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