

Ornerstone October 2022

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

The Reverend Christina Hunter

Beloved of God,

It was a late summer Sunday morning in 2009. I was sitting in St. Peter's with my best buddy, Hannah Mudge. She'd been adopted as a seminarian by St. Peter's. We were both seniors in seminary, about to head back to class for our last year at Trinity School for Ministry.

I had gone to seminary on faith – quit my newspaper writing job in California and headed off with my Diocese's blessing but no clear call. On that summer morning, I had just a whisper of what to do after seminary: plant a new church. Hannah suggested I join her in that work in Troy after graduation, and I turned the crazy idea over in my mind, both frightened and excited by it. Could God really be calling me to something like that, assuming I even got approved for ordination?

I think Fr. Hartt was preaching, and I remember the Scripture that was read from Ephesians 6: "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God...." It was one of those moments where I knew the Holy Spirit was speaking to me through the readings. No matter what my future was, I knew I'd be ok if I sought God's strength and not my own.

That's one of my St. Peter's stories. Before I was a deacon or priest or even belonged in this Diocese, Jesus was in the midst of my story within these walls.

I hope many of you have gotten to both hear and tell stories of God working in your lives since our St. Peter's Stories sermon series kicked off on September 18. We'll continue the series through All Saints' Sunday on November 6, when we'll celebrate and reflect on God's work through his saints – both at St. Peter's and beyond. One of the ways we'll celebrate is alongside some of our youngest parishioners who will be prepared to receive Holy Communion for the first time that day.

As we move through this time of reflection, I wanted to invite all of you to a fun gathering in October at the halfway point: Storytelling Sunday and Chili Cookoff on October 16.

After the 10:30 am service, we'll gather in the Great Hall upstairs for a lunchtime storytelling exercise that I'll lead. And while we tell and listen to one another's stories, we'll enjoy the most mouth-watering chili that the parish can cook up.

For the competitive among you, the chili cookoff is a contest. Signups for the contest (or to bring bread or a dessert to share) will be on display in the Pumpelly Room. The person judged best chili cook will win the coveted "Jacob" prize, in honor of the Old Testament patriarch Jacob who cooked a stew so good that his brother Esau sold his birthright for it (see further Genesis 25).

I hope you'll join us for this time of fellowship and friendship. My prayer is, as we tell stories, we see more and more powerfully that Jesus is with us, that he is working among us, and that he'll continue to lead us into the future. I don't know exactly what the future holds for St. Peter's, but I do know that – if we seek God's strength and not our own – we'll be ok.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+



Vestry Meeting

The October Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:15pm. The meeting will be held on the second floor, meeting room of the guild house.

Choir - Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule: Thursdays: 5:30pm - 7:00pm full choir rehearsal Sundays: 9:30am - rehearsal for the10:30am service

Flower Guild Fall Class

The date for Flower Guild demonstration class has been postponed until further notice. Please check the weekly Sunday Leaflet for the re-scheduled date, or you can call Ruth in the church office at (518)434-3502.

Altar Guild Meeting

The Altar Guild will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 23rd, immediately following the 10:30 service. New members and any interested persons are welcome. Topics this year will include a review of our new procedures in setting up St Mark's and the Main Altar and a review of our Festival Day services. We will gather in front of the Main Altar in the church. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Ruth at the church office 518- 434-3502.

Thanks to the following Altar Guild members for their work in September and October of this year: John Davis, Sharon DeBonis, Catherine Gabriels, Pam Gerfin, Barbara Kelly, Michele Lundberg, Malcolm Moran, Catherine Schunk.

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We wish to thank all our volunteers for their service here at St. Peter's.



Storytelling Sunday and Chili Cookoff

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Our Stories of God

On Sunday, September 18th Mtr. Christina began a sermon series on "Our Stories of God at St. Peter's Church, Albany". The series will run for 8 weeks and will conclude on All Saints' Sunday, November 6th. Each week, Mtr. Christina will record her sermon from the previous Sunday and upload it to YouTube. The YouTube link, along with the other church announcements for the week, is then emailed to all those parishioners that are on the church's Constant Contact email list. The YouTube link will also be available on the church's website homepage at:

stpeterschurchalbany.org.

Holy Baptism, First Communion and

Confirmation Classes: This fall, classes will begin to prepare children in first grade and older to receive first Holy Communion. In addition, Confirmation classes are beginning for Christians aged 13 and older. To take the classes, individuals must be baptized first. Please see Mtr. Christina or contact the church office (518) 434-3502, if you have an interest in preparation for Baptism, Communion or Confirmation.

* first Holy Communion prep classes will be held on October 9th and 23rd, following the 10:30am service at the St. Mark's Altar. All children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Coffee Hour

A great place to extend our time together! We are still looking for volunteers to host coffee hour events after the 10:30am 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, 518-858-0525(c), 518-274-4989(h)

Offering Envelopes for 2023

We are in the process of preparing a final list for the printers of those parishioners who wish to receive weekly Offering Envelopes for the first quarter 2023. Once again you will receive your contribution envelopes quarterly instead of the entire year all at once. Please review your envelopes for accuracy in your name and address. Should you wish to make any changes, or if you do not presently receive Offering Envelopes but would like to, or if you would like to discontinue your envelopes, please send your changes and/or information to Janice Chenot at office@stpeterschurchalbany.org or call the church office at (518)434-3502. In order for you to receive your first quarter contribution envelopes by the first of the year, your changes must be received by Monday, October 31st.

SAVE THE DATE

□ **FOR:** The St. Peter's Church Annual Pre-Thanksgiving □ Dinner

WHEN: Saturday, November 12th, 2022 beginning at 5PM, Dinner Served at 5:30pm

INFO: More info will be available in the following weeks. (See the weekly leaflet, the church website and the November Newsletter).



The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King (Julia Chapter) consist of women at St. Peter's Church who strongly believe in *prayer, service and evangelism*.

On Sunday, September 11, the Daughter's of the King hosted the first coffee hour for the 2022 Fall season. Our intension is to familiarize parishioners of our commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism. When you have a special prayer request, please contact myself or Michele Lundberg to confirm your needs which will be added to our **confidential** prayer list. The "power of prayer" will impact your life in a positive manner because God is forever listening to us.

On Sunday, October 9th, the Daughters will hold their next meeting immediately following the 10:30am service (Second floor meeting room, of the Guild House) to plan future events which will include working closely with Laura Saffares and The Community Outreach Committee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Daughter's of the King, please contact myself or Michele. Below is our contact information. Discernment classes will be announced in the near future.

Susan J Smith, DOK President (518) 505-6051

<u>Gpleasant49@gmail.com</u>

Michele Lundberg, DOK Secretary, (518) 438-0992

<u>Michelelund65@gmail.com</u>

Assistance with Carly's Cards

Carly Crewel was committed to send Birthday, Anniversary and Get-Well cards to parishioners while a member of St. Peter's Church. We all were fortunate to receive a card from Carly. Unfortunately, Carly passed away in June 2021. Members of St. Peter's Church often voiced their opinions as to how everyone enjoyed receiving and will miss "Carly's Cards!" But with the support of the Vestry, arrangements were made so Carly's Cards could continue with volunteer help. There is no cost to the volunteer, only your time in the beginning of a month. Volunteers for Carly's Cards will be given a package of cards, return labels, a list of who should be receiving a card and the type of card, and address labels. It usually takes a volunteer approximately 2 hours in the beginning of a month to complete the entire process. After you have prepared all the cards you may return everything to the office to be mailed. I look forward to discussing "Carley's Cards" with anyone who wishes to volunteer. Please contact Susan J. Smith @ (518) 505-6051 or Gpleasant49@gmail.com.

Youth Formation & Sunday School





Making Prayer Pretzels







Outreach / St. Francis Mission

St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen Saturday, October 15th ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm

On the 3rd Saturday of every month, Laura 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. A Huge Thank You to all that come to volunteer. For information or to let Laura know you are coming please call her at (518) 368-4284.





Outreach / Albany Damien Center

Albany Damien Center Volunteer Needs

728 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12208

Contact Kelsey @ 518-449-7119 x112 or Kmoslander@AlbanyDamienCenter.org

Program	What is needed	Days/Dates/Times	
Smart Meals	Kitchen assistance (serving, prepping food, running dishwasher)	Mondays through Fridays 2 PM - 6 PM	
PAWS	PAWS - Schenectady, Troy & Albany food/supply deliveries	Schenectady - 1st Tuesday of every month 12 - 1 Troy - 2nd Friday of every month 12 - 1 Albany - 3rd Tue. of every month 12 - 1 for pick up and deliveries are from 1 - 4	
		as needed	
	Transporters for pets/owners to grooming, vet appts, wellness clinics	as needed	
	In Home Pet Care	as needed	
	Foster Homes	as needed	
MPower - LGBTQ Program	Assisting with preparing for events and tabling as needed		
	Front Desk volunteers	Mondays through Fridays 10:30am - 2pm	
Housing & Front	Game Night Help	2nd Friday 5:30pm-7:30pm	
Desk	Movie Night Help	3rd Friday 6pm-8pm	
Facilities / Build- ing	Cleaning - Daily interior cleaning. Requires the ability to lift, working while standing for periods, perform tasks without supervision	Mondays & Fridays 7:00-10:00am	
	Painting	Flexible	
	Watering & caring for indoor & outdoor	Flexible	



Archives

THE HISTORY OF MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

St Peter's Church is now over 300 years old. The first edifice of the church was built in 1715 under the direction of Thomas Barclay. Music in the early church consisted of hymn singing to a bass viol or pitch pipe..

The American Revolution took place from 1775-1783. The church and congregations suffered during this time. The Reverend Thomas Ellison tried to renew parochial life after the war, especially between the years of 1787 and 1790. Phillip Hooker agreed to build a new edifice (church) in 1802.

The second edifice was completed in 1803 by The Reverend Frederick Beasley. A new organ was built by the New York builder William Redstone in 1812. It was the first organ installed in St. Peter's Church. Then, in 1835 a new organ was built by Mr. E. and Mr. G. G. Hook of Boston.

The third and final edifice of the church was built under Reverend Thomas C. Pitkin. It was completed in 1860. In

1860 Johnson and Son of Westfield MA built an organ. This organ was located in the rear balcony of the church. In 1886, Hilborne Roosevelt built a new organ for the newly prepared organ chamber at the front of the church. One of the most outstanding organists and choirmasters in the early period of the church was Frank Sill Rogers who held the position from 1892-1934.

In 1921 the Skinner Organ Company built the Battershall Memorial Organ with funds raised by The Rev. Walton Battershall. The final organ was the Schlicker Organ built in 1976. Organists of importance during this time were Donald Ingram (1969 to 1978), Andrew Clarke (1978 to 1980) and our own Neil Keen (1980 to 2022).





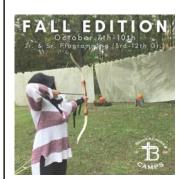
Thank you Dear Friends,

There are hardly enough thank you's to recognize all your kind gestures as Amanda, David, and I mourn the death of our beloved father and husband, Neil Keen. • the beautiful music of the choir, organist choir director, Vaughan Mauren and cellist, Erica Pickhardt at the funeral; • the presence and support of so many of you who attended the funeral or offered your condolences; • the beautiful flower arrangements by the flower guild, and the other floral tributes; • the wonderful reception orchestrated by Janice Chenot and a crew of volunteers; • your cards, caring notes, flowers, special memories, and memorial gifts; • the columbarium niche where Neil's ashes rest; • Mother Christina Hunter, Rev. John Paarlberg, Pat Shortfall, Wayne Hill, Ruth Manss, and everyone who made the Service in Thanksgiving for Neil's Life a fitting tribute to his life of love, music, and service to St. Peter's. Your thoughts, prayers and condolences continue to provide support and comfort as we mourn Neil together.

Blessings, Mary Bon

Other Happenings

Fall Retreat at Beaver Cross October 7-10



All the fun of a week of camp – crammed into one awesome weekend retreat!

This is BC: Fall Edition.

Drop off: Friday Oct 7, 6:30 p.m. Pick up: Monday Oct 10, 2:30 p.m. For: Jr. Fall Edition: 3rd - 7th Grade Sr. Fall Edition: 8th - 12th Grade

PRICE: \$180/ per person



Blessing of the Animals

Join us at Cathedral of All Saints, on October 2nd, for the blessing of your beloved pet at this short service beginning at 3pm with Dean Harding, proclaiming God's love and concern for creation in the tradition of St. Francis.

Starting at 2 pm, artists will sketch charcoal pet portraits to benefit the Cathedral's mission to school children in Haiti. Paper and instruction will be available to young artists who would like to join in.

All are welcome to the worship service and free program of Cathedral Arts!



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:

John K. Sterrett - September 7, 2022



October 2022

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9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10 Columbus Day	11	12
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23 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer Following the service: First Holy Communion Class Altar Guild Meeting	24 St. James of Jerusalem	25	26 8:45am - Top of
30 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer	31 HALLOWEEN		

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the Hill	5:30pm - Full Choir		9:30am - Diocesan Bible Symposium
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the Hill	5:30pm - Full Choir	Aposties	

New Guild Liaisons Committee

The Vestry of St. Peter's Church has appointed a new committee to help with coordination among our worship-related ministries and guilds, which is especially important now as we welcome our new Priest-in-Charge to our church family. Our goal is two-fold: first, to serve as a resource and point of contact for Mother Christina on our worship practices, traditions, and opportunities; and second, to serve as a clearinghouse for your suggestions and concerns regarding worship, which we will share with the Vestry, Clergy and guilds and ministries.

The Guild Liaisons are members of the St. Peter's community who represent the Vestry and the ministries and guilds that enhance our worship celebrations. Current members are: Cathy Schunk (co-chair), Sharon DeBonis (co-chair), Malcolm Moran, and Maria Holden.

We welcome your questions and comments as we strive to ensure collaboration and clear communication regarding our worship. Stay tuned for our contact information. In the meantime we'd love to hear from you in Church.

Cathy Schunk, Sharon DeBonis, Malcolm Moran, and Maria Holden

New Committee

St. Peter's Episcopal Church CHARTER - Guild Liaisons

<u>Team Identification</u>				
Team Name:	Guild Liaisons	Team Members:	Cathy Schunk	
Maille.			Sharon DeBonis	
			Maria Holden	
			Malcolm Moran	
Reports to:	Vestry	Duration:	Established June 2022; ongoing	
Purpose:				

The Guild Liaisons of St. Peter's Episcopal Church serves as a resource and point of contact for the Clergy on our worship practices, traditions, and opportunities for enhancements. Appointed by the Vestry, the Guild Liaisons are members of the St. Peter's community who represent the Vestry and/or the ministries and guilds that serve to enhance our worship celebrations. We are a clearinghouse for suggestions, questions, and concerns regarding worship, which we will share with the Vestry, Clergy and worship-related guilds and ministries. We will strive to ensure collaboration, consultation, and clear channels of communication.

Background:

The Vestry of St. Peter's Church recognizes the need for clarity regarding our worship practices and traditions, and coordination of our worship-related ministries and guilds, especially today as we welcome a new priest to our church family.

Goals

- Support our Priest-in-Charge by serving as a resource regarding St. Peter's worship practices and traditions.
- Assist with communication among the Vestry, Clergy, worship-related ministries and guilds, and congregation.
- Increase participation in the guilds and ministries that enhance our worship.

Activities

Together with the Clergy and on behalf of the Vestry, we will help to coordinate all efforts that support our worship life including:

- ♦ Altar Guild
- Choir and Music
- ♦ Flower Guild
- ♦ Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Lay Readers
- Ushers
- Daughters of the King
- Special Services

Coordination will include periodic check-ins and documentation of practices as needed or requested. We will respond to and direct appropriately any worship-related questions, concerns, and suggestions from Church members and visitors.

Critical Success Factors:

- Participation in activities that together enhance our worship is broadened.
- Our worship life is enhanced through deeper collaboration and collective investment.

Assumptions:

- Per the Canons of the Episcopal Church, "The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and the pastoral direction of the Bishop."
- Our guilds and ministries are rich with talented and committed parishioners and running smoothly.

Communication

We will provide:

- Monthly reports to Vestry
- Regular conversations with ministries and guilds, as requested
- Periodic updates to parishioners through newsletter and letters
- Report at Annual Meeting



REGISTER NOW FOR THESE NOVEMBER EVENTS

Registration Now Open for the <u>Albany Diocese Daughters of the King Assembly</u>

Saturday November 5, 2022 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Registration at 8:30 AM

Christ the King Center, Greenwich, NY
Great Hall & Chapel

Rev. Christina Hunter will be the Speaker
The DOK Chaplain, Rev. Sue Troiano will be the Celebrant

For more information and to register please visit:

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Annual Bible Symposium: The Rev. Dr. James Haddix on Isaiah

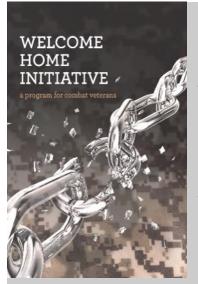
The Cathedral of All Saints

November 5 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Please join us for our Annual Bible Symposium with The Rev. Dr. James Haddix and his presentation, "Seeing & Knowing: Isaiah's Visions of Sight, Sense, and Sound in Shifting Times."

Tickets must be purchased online by Oct. 29 to include lunch.

For more information visit: https://www.cathedralofallsaints.org/events/bible-symposium-2022



Welcome Home Initiative

a program for combat veterans

Monday - Wednesday, November 11th - 13th

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 | (518)692-9550, ext. 201

Parish Picnic 2022

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A Special Thanks to the chefs and all who contributed to make this such a wonderful day!









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Thank you all for coming to the Parish Picnic And Welcoming the Hunters!













MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH June 14th, 2022

Present: J. Chenot, D. Spath, A. Closson, S. Debonis, C. Gordon, F. Hershey M. Holden, M. Moran, J. Russom, G. Scala **Absent**: M. Lundberg

Opening Prayer Led by M. Moran.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, May 24th, 2022

The May 24th, 2022 minutes were approved on a motion by D. Spath and seconded by S. Debonis. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

Sr. Warden's Report -J. Chenot

Just a year ago this month, we began a new journey together as we began our search for a new rector for St. Peter's Church. This past year we were able to celebrate a full church calendar year successfully with supply ministry each week. More impressively, we were able to do this in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. Our vestry, search committee, congregation, guilds, all worked together making this happen with much prayer, dedication and their love to St. Peter's. In the end, I think we have all become a more loving, connected congregation, with former members as well as some who have become new member recently.

Last month, we were able to announce the acceptance of Mother Christina Hunter as our new Priest in Charge. Some who were able to meet Mtr. Christina last year are very excited of the news, as well as others outside of our congregation congratulating us on the calling of Mtr. Christina.

The month of May also brought some sadness and grief to many in our congregation. We had some members with serious medical conditions, as well as some members passing away. Unfortunately, it was extremely difficult to find Delegates to send to this year's convention. The diocese was informed of our circumstances, and we were able to be excused for this year's convention.

The Hunters will be arriving the last weekend in June and Mother Christina will be performing her first Sunday service with us on July 3rd. We look forward to their arrival as together we begin a new chapter at St. Peter's Church. I am quite confident that St. Peter's love and hospitality will help as the Hunter's get adjusted the first few weeks after their arrival.

Our church calendar officially ends each year in June. We will be recognizing our choir and Sunday school on June 19th during the 10:30 service. Following the service there will be an Ice cream social event in the Pumpelly room for all to enjoy. Hope everyone has a fun and safe summer.

Sunday Attendance – The Average Sunday Attendance is 69.5.

Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

George reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May. Offerings for the month of May were \$30,797 and Year-to-date we are at \$78,189. This compares to \$79,499 for 2021. Investment accounts saw small declines for the month. Merrill Lynch was down -0.42% for the month and Key was down -0.34%. Year-to-date Merrill Lynch has a return of -15.02% and Key is at -15.10%. Expenses were \$65,807 under budget year-to-date through May.

We have received 27 pledges for 2022 for a total of \$104,730.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

<u>Property</u> – There are a few dead trees in front of the church that we are looking at having removed.

Outreach - None

<u>Old Business</u> – The Hunter family will be arriving June 22nd. We look forward to welcoming them to the Rectory to get settled in. In other business, there has been a proposal for a formation of a new Worship Committee. This will serve to keep communication open between the guilds and the Vestry and Rector. More details will follow.

New Business – Mother Christina's first Sunday preaching will be July 3rd. The vestry also is looking at the following Sunday, July 10th, to begin the 8:30am service again. Details for this service will be discussed with Mother Christina and Neil Keen and Mary Bon regarding potential for music.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Gordon and seconded by J. Russom, then was approved unanimously by the vestry. Closing prayer was led by D. Spath.

Respectfully Submitted, Christie J. Gordon

MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH July 26th, 2022

Present: Mtr. Christina, J. Chenot, D. Spath, A. Closson, S. Debonis, C. Gordon, F. Hershey M. Holden, M. Lundberg,

M. Moran, J. Russom, G. Scala

Absent: None

Opening Prayer Led by Mtr. Christina.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, June 14th, 2022

Due to this meeting being out of normal schedule, the June 14th minutes will be approved at the September Vestry Meeting.

Sr. Warden's Report -J. Chenot

I want to begin by welcoming Mother Christina Hunter to her first vestry meeting with us. We also want to welcome her husband, Father Paul and their two children Martha and Jonathan to our St. Peter's family. Mother Christina and I have been in many conversations since her arrival as her family has been settling in at the rectory. Most of the conversations were getting her up to speed on a few things in the near future. July 3rd was Mtr. Christina's first service in which she celebrated with us as Priest in Charge and we look forward her celebrating many services ahead, including all our other special occasions we celebrate throughout the year.

This unusual vestry meeting (July meeting) was called to get our vestry together for the first time to meet and get more acquainted with Mother Christina and to get her thoughts as we move forward.

Again, welcome Mother Christina and your family. We are so grateful you and your family are now part of our St. Peter's family. God Bless

Jim

Sunday Attendance – The Average Sunday Attendance is 68.0.

<u>Finance</u> – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

George reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June. Offerings for the month of June were \$18,290 and Year-to-date we are at \$96,479. This compares to \$90,046 for 2021. Investment accounts again saw declines for the month. Merrill Lynch was down -6.70% for the month and Key was down -6.42%. Year-to-date Merrill Lynch has a return of -21.72% and Key is at -21.52%. Expenses were \$70,715 under budget year-to-date through June.

We remain at 27 pledges for 2022 for a total of \$104,730.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

<u>Property</u> – The garden at the church has been weeded out and well maintained in preparation for filming that will be occurring at the church in August.

<u>Outreach</u> – The outreach committee has begun discussing the backpack and school supply collection that occurs in September. More information will go out to the congregation on when supplies will be due.

<u>Old Business</u> – The vestry began discussing the possibility of bringing in a marketing intern to help maintain our social media presence. This is something we are looking at reaching out to Siena college about offering to some students and possibly offering college credits.

New Business – The vestry has decided the Fall Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday September 18th at the Rectory following the 10:30am service. The vestry will post the date in the upcoming leaflets and newsletters to inform parishioners. In other new business, Mother Christina brought forward new COVID guidance regarding communion. This communication will be sent out via constant contact to the parishioners

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by F. Hershey and seconded by J. Russom, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

Compline was led by Mtr. Christina.

Respectfully Submitted, Christie J. Gordon

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Christina HunterPriest-in-Charge				
Mary E. Bon, M. Mus., CAGO, ARCMOrganis				
Laura Rulison				
Ruth Manss Office Manage				
James P. ShortallSexton				
Wayne HillSextor				
Janice ChenotOffice Volunteer				
E. Constance Powell				
Vestry				
James ChenotSenior Warden				
Deborah Spath				
George Scala Treasurer				
Ashley Closson, Sharon DeBonis, Christie Gordon,				
Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg,				
Malcom Moran, Jeff Russom				

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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.