



# Cornerstone

## November 2022

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church

107 State Street, Albany, New York

### The Reverend Christina Hunter

Beloved of God,

You've been telling some great stories.

I know that many of you have taken seriously our work of telling our stories of God to one another, and I want to thank you for rising to that challenge. Storytelling takes courage, and it takes trust in one another.

Many of you told me about encounters with just one person. Here's one such story like that Malcolm Moran said I could share with you:

"I was talking with John (Cerniglia), and I explained to him that at that time in my life I identified as an atheist, and that I didn't believe in God. He asked me how I explained the existence of beauty, and he told me God believes in me. This conversation helped start me on my journey of faith, and a few years later I got to the point where I felt sure enough in my faith to get confirmed and take my involvement with church more seriously."

Not all your stories were directly about journeys of faith. Several were about kindness and compassion – about being surrounded by prayer or lifted by friendship in times of tremendous loss and heartache.

Other stories were more everyday – you described experiences in worship or church work where teamwork, creativity, and humor shaped your experience of what Jesus has made this church to be.

Stories matter. Our past matters. That's because we have a dual identity. Our core identity or "sure foundation" (as the hymn says) is Jesus Christ himself, living within each of us. But secondly, St. Peter's has a distinctive identity and calling within our city, our diocese, and God's church.

Among the apostles, Peter was a leader. Loyal. Impulsive. Imperfect. Loved. He was like none of the other disciples. But, all of the apostles were called by Jesus to be themselves and to do the work of the kingdom – from Matthew the tax collector turned gospel writer to John the fisherman turned visionary.

Churches, like people, have personalities. When we want to describe a person, we'll often tell a story about her. And it's the same with churches. That's why we've been telling our stories here.

And as more and more stories are told, words are bubbling up that describe the personality of St. Peter's now, in 2022. Words like: "Joy." "Belonging." "Teamwork." "Love." You may have some of your own to add to the list.

Our formal season of reflection on heritage and storytelling will end as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints at the beginning of this month. Soon, Thanksgiving and the holy season of Advent will be upon us. But I pray that our storytelling will continue over holiday tables soon to be set.

May Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, continue to tell our story here. Let us pray that he gives us wisdom and insight to see what the next chapter will bring.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+

# Thanksgiving

## Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Peter's

Saturday, November 12th, 2022

Beginning at 5:00pm

Dinner Served at 5:30pm



Please join us for our Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner as we celebrate the holiday together. St. Peter's will again supply the turkeys and we are looking for volunteers who are interested in cooking a turkey and bringing it already sliced to the dinner. For those who cannot help with the turkeys we ask you to please sign-up to bring one of the other many Thanksgiving side dishes or desserts. There are two sign-up sheets located in the Pumpelly Room: one sheet is to let us know what side dish or dessert you will be bringing and the other sheet is to let us know how many of you are coming. You may also call Janice Chenot at (518)786-1070 to be added to the list.

We also ask you to please bring a donated food item (canned goods, rice, cereal, etc.) to be included in our traditional Thanksgiving Altar display. These items will then be donated to our local food pantries for distribution. For more information or to help with the dinner (cooking or clean-up), please contact Janice Chenot at (518)786-1070 or email her at: [jechenot@hotmail.com](mailto:jechenot@hotmail.com).

## Thanksgiving Altar Donations



2021

Again this year for Thanksgiving, we will decorate the Altars with a bounteous display of food – cans, boxes, jars or packages destined for distribution to the food pantry. (No fresh foods that can spoil, please.) We are asking for contributions from the whole parish family so that our altars may truly reflect our dedication to community outreach. Donations may be left at the Church **before** Saturday morning, **November 19th**, when the Flower Guild will be decorating the altars with the donated food, instead of the usual flowers. These Thanksgiving altars are given in memory of Jan D'Agostino, beloved leader of St. Peter's Flower Guild, whose idea for this decoration has become a fine tradition.

**Thanksgiving Eve Services:** There will be **NO** Thanksgiving Eve Services held on Wednesday, November 23rd.

## Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner Donations

As was done in the past few years due to COVID, the Equinox Thanksgiving dinners will be prepared by restaurants instead of volunteers. To learn more on how to make a monetary donation, how to fundraise for this much needed form of outreach, or how to volunteer to deliver meals, please visit: <https://www.equinoxinc.org/page/thanksgiving-community-dinner-redesign-86.html>

## South End Children's Café Thanksgiving Outreach

Again this year, we will be filling Thanksgiving Bags containing all of the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the families of the South End Children's Café. Laura Saffares and several volunteers will be grocery shopping and making up these bags. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support this cause, please send your check to St. Peter's Church as soon as possible. On the memo line please write: Children's Café.

For more information about the Children's Café, please visit: <http://www.southendchildrenscafe.com>

**We thank you for your support!**

## All Saints' Day Service

On Tuesday, November 1st at 12:00 noon, there will be an All Saints' Day celebration of the Holy Eucharist to commemorate all the saints of the church. The said Holy Communion service will be held at the St. Mark's Altar. All are welcome to attend.



**Just a Reminder,  
Daylight Savings is November 6th  
Fall back!!**

## Outreach Meeting

The November Outreach meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th, following the 10:30am service upstairs in the meeting room on the second floor. Please join us to learn about Outreach ministries and hospitality events being planned!

## Vestry Meeting

The November Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8th at 5:15pm.

## Flower Guild Fall Class

The Flower demonstration class will be held Sunday, November 13th, after church and light refreshments will be served. Anyone who would like to learn more about arranging flowers for the altar, and about the Flower Guild in general, are Welcome. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Creagan (518) 438-3985.

## Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

## Carly's Cards - Volunteers Needed

As we begin a new holiday season, perhaps you may be interested in volunteering in 2023 for Carly's Cards. You will receive a bag filled with a variety of cards from the church office the week prior to the month you have volunteered to do Carly's Cards. All instructions will be included with the cards. It only takes a few hours to complete. Once the cards have been completed, just bring them to the church office to be mailed. If anyone is interested in assisting with Carly's Cards, please contact Susan Smith at (518) 505-6051 or email [Gpleasant49@gmail.com](mailto:Gpleasant49@gmail.com). Thank you in advance.

## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**November 6th**

**at the 10:30 am Service**

## **First Holy Communion**



**Nathan Douglas**

**Solomon Douglas**

**Congratulations !**

## Blessing Bag Monetary Donations

To assist and offer comfort to individuals who stay in our local homeless shelters, the Daughters of the King will be assembling Blessing Bags on Sunday, December 4th. These bags of good will and hospitality contain personal items such as toothpaste, a tooth brush, a comb, scented lotion, hair bands, deodorant, lip balm, band aids, cotton swabs, feminine pads/wipes, small tissue packets and small note pads and pens. This year, rather than accepting donations of specific items, the DOK will be purchasing the items that will be placed in each Blessing Bag, as they are interested in continuity with each product purchased in order to make the best use of each bag. Therefore, they are asking you to find it in your heart of hearts to donate to this special project by sending in a monetary donation. The DOK is not an organization and does not have the ability or the approval of DOK International to fundraise. All donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 27th. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Church and write "Blessing Bags" on the memo line. If you would like to join the Daughters in assembling the Blessing Bags, please join them in the 2nd floor Meeting Room immediately following the 10:30AM service on Sunday, December 4th.

## St. Peter's Choir

### CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:

Thursdays: 5:30pm - 7:00pm Full Choir  
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.

**Come join the choir  
for the Advent Christmas season.**

#### 10 Reasons Singing is Good for You

- Singing makes you feel better.
- Singing enhances lung function.
- Singing helps you beat stress and relax.
- Singing helps improve memory.
- Singing builds a sense of community.
- Singing lets you express yourself.
- Singing can help with pain relief.
- Singing boosts your confidence.
- Singing in the choir is a joyful way to serve God and St. Peter's Church.

Rehearsals are every Thursday from 5:30-7 pm.

Contact Mary Bon at 518-439-9238 for more information



### COMING IN DECEMBER



#### *Sing - Along*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th  
at 3:00 PM**

Presented by St. Peter's Choir,  
Soloists, Chamber Orchestra and organ.  
Come hear the prophecies foretelling  
Christ's coming, Christmas story and  
Christ's death and resurrection  
told through the ageless music of Handel.

No charge for admission.  
Donations will be received.

#### New COVID Update

Because of a recent spike in COVID cases at St. Peter's, a new alert system is being put into place for flu season this fall and winter. Our COVID Guidelines have been updated to include this item: "If a parishioner tests positive after attending worship or a church function, we ask that the church office be notified so that we can send out a weekly notice via Constant Contact letting other parishioners know there was a positive COVID case. This open and regular communication will give parishioners the information they need to decide how best to protect themselves. The names of the COVID-positive parishioners will be kept confidential."



## Youth Formation & Sunday School

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS!!

The Sunday School children will be baking pumpkin bread and muffins on **Sunday, November 13th**. Please allow the children to wear old clothes so they may enjoy the wonders of baking. There will be a blessing of the bread on **Sunday, November 20th** and each member of the church will be able to take a loaf home to share for Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Again we are collecting gently used coats for kids and the elderly of St Francis Mission. Donations can be dropped off in the green barrels in the back of the church, or upstairs in the Sunday school room, or you may call the church office to schedule a time for drop off. The cold weather is coming and many people at the soup kitchen are in need this year. So look through your closet and tell a friend or neighbor to see if they have anything to donate as well. We are in need of children's coats sizes 2t to 5; Women's medium to 2XX; and Men's large to 2XX. We are also collecting hats and gloves/mittens for children and adults. Laura will pick up any donation!

**November 27th** Advent Wreaths and candles available in Pumpelly room.

**Mark your calendars:** The Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 11th**. We need angels, shepherds, etc. We also need of some older alumni to read for the Pageant. All are Welcome to join us on **Sunday, December 4th** to get parts and costumes, and to practice! If anyone is interested please drop me a text or give me a call. Any questions or comments, please give me a call at (518)368-4284.

Blessings,

Laura Saffares

\* Please keep an eye out for information in the bulletin and December newsletter for upcoming news, and how to help the families of our community during the Christmas Season.

## Outreach

### St. Francis Mission ~ Saturday, November 19th ~ 11AM to 1PM

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. Thank You to all that come to volunteer. For more information or to let Laura know you are coming please call her at (518) 368-4284.

### The Albany Damien Center

The Albany Damien Center, which is supported by our Outreach Committee, has openings for volunteers in the kitchen and food service. This is a great opportunity for those of us who find immense satisfaction in feeding a crowd. Help is needed weekdays between 2PM and 6PM, and the work involves prepping and serving food and running the dishwasher. The food service especially is an invaluable chance to speak with and get to know the members of the Center, all of whom are living with HIV/AIDS. The chef is patient and knowledgeable and the staff is welcoming. The preparation and service of meals is part of the Smart Meals program, which works with the members to help them understand better how to care for themselves and their health (and their budgets) by shopping for and preparing balanced and nutritious meals if they choose to cook for themselves. The members of the team include the chef, the assistant chef, and a dietician. A cooking class is offered weekly and those who attend get a bag of groceries containing the ingredients for the meal they just learned how to make. For more information please contact Kelsey at 518-449-7119 x112, [Kmoslander@AlbanyDamienCenter.org](mailto:Kmoslander@AlbanyDamienCenter.org), or speak to Sharon DeBonis at church.

# November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><i>Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Psalms 107:1</i></p> 		<p>1 <b>All Saints' Day</b></p> <p>12:00pm - Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:45am - Top of the Hill</p>
<p>6 <b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion 11:45am - Outreach Meeting <i>Following the 10:30am service</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:15pm - Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:45am - Top of the Hill</p>
<p>13 <b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer</p> <p>Sunday School Baking Pumpkin Bread</p>		<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:45am - Top of the Hill</p>
<p>20 <b>Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion Blessing of the Pumpkin Bread</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:45am - Top of the Hill</p>
<p>27 <b>The First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 <b>St. Andrew's Day</b></p> <p>8:45am - Top of the Hill</p>

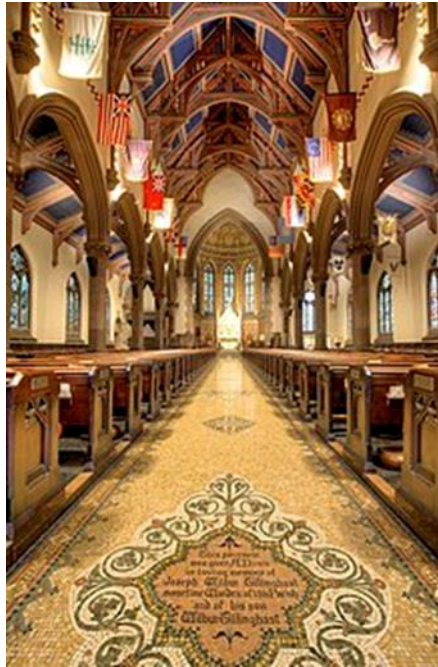


## Count Your Blessings



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
of the Hill	3  5:30pm - Full Choir	4	5
of the Hill	10  5:30pm - Full Choir	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>  Office Closed	12  5:00pm - Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
of the Hill	17  5:30pm - Full Choir	18	19  9:30am - Harvest Altar Decorating  11:00am - Angels in Training
of the Hill	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  Office Closed	25  Office Closed	26
ew the Apostle			
of the Hill			

## Mosaic Decorations of St Peter's Floors Church Nave



In St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany the floors consist of decorated mosaics. Going up the center aisle toward the altar, the first mosaic is **in honor of Joseph Wilbur Tillinghast**, sometime Parish Warden and of his son Wilbur Tillinghast. Continuing toward the altar the next symbol is of a **lamp** depicting light and good works. Next is the symbol of an **anchor** for stability and hope. Still further is a **crown** of celestial reward. The final symbol is of **St Peter**. It contains the **inverted cross, the mitre, the key and crosier**. These symbols remind us that St. Peter is the rock upon which the church was founded.

The floor in front of the lectern and podium, depicts symbols of **vines and branches**, reminding us that Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches of this vine. In John 15, Jesus tells his people "Abide in me and in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me. A central quadrefoil contains the **Greek Symbols Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the ending in the Lord.

The two symbols on either side of the central quadrefoil bear respectively the **pelican**, the symbol of redemption and the **phoenix** the symbol of resurrection. The symbol on the extreme left bears **three fishes** indicating baptism. The one on the extreme right bears a **ship** indicating the church. In the intertwining of the vine there are sixteen shields the traditional symbols of the **twelve apostles** as well as those of **Moses, David, St Stephen and St. Paul**.

These mosaics were given in A.D. 1901 by Sarah Tweddle Tillinghast in loving memory of Joseph Wilbur Tillinghast and of their son Wilbur. The pavement was laid by Tretel Brothers and Co. under the supervision of J.A Holzer both of New York City. When it was dedicated on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1901 the Feast of All Angels it was termed the handsomest example of its kind in the country.



## Other Happenings



### Welcome Home Initiative

a program for combat veterans

Monday - Wednesday, November 7th - 9th

The Welcome Home Initiative® ministers healing for military veterans who have served their country in combat or any other service context that has caused suffering in varying degrees from post-traumatic stress or moral injury, and are in need of soul repair. Spouses too are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Our FREE retreat helps veterans and spouses understand the hidden impact of combat and trauma, and provides a safe place for emotional healing. This essential spiritual and emotional healing is a complement to healing received from psychiatric and social services.

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

Christ the King Spiritual Life Center

<https://ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/186-2022-whi-fall-retreat> | (518)692-9550, ext.



Opening the door of your heart to Jesus

An Advent Retreat 2022

Friday, December 2nd - Saturday, December 3rd

The invitation Jesus gives to each of us to open the door of our hearts to him can be seen as a powerful symbol of spiritual growth.

For more information and to register please visit:

[2022 Advent Retreat - Christ the King Center \(ctkcenter.org\)](https://ctkcenter.org)



**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING**  
**ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting minutes will be approved at the October vestry meeting.

**MINISTER'S REPORT** – Mother Christina

I'd like to begin this month's report by saying a personal thank you to all of you for your kind words, notes/cards, and support in the wake of the death of my sister, Leah. Your prayers have truly carried me and my family for the last several weeks.

My role here at St. Peter's right now, is two-pronged. I'm doing "rector stuff" that any priest here would do, and I have a second duty to do "interim stuff" for the next year and a half or so. My report will reflect updates in both of those areas:

**Rector stuff:**

- Since starting in July, I've reached out to about 20 parishioners who are sick, shut in, or haven't been in church for a while. I have done eight home/hospital visits, and I'm developing a regular visiting list of shut ins.
- I did graveside services in August for Jean Joel and Rose Emmett, and I officiated at Neil Keen's funeral in September. I will be assisting at John Sterrett's funeral this Thursday.
- I am exploring the possibility of livestreaming/recording our services at St. Peter's. I believe this will be a real gift to our shut ins, and it'll be a way for people who are considering worshipping with us to get a feel for our services.
- I recently did a training session for our LEM team (including one new member), and I created a "St. Peter's Eucharistic Customary" that sets a consistent standard for how we operate as a team during worship. (I can send any of you a copy if interested).
- I am working on training a team of LEVs (Lay Eucharistic Visitors) from our existing LEMs so that we can have a more robust and effective ministry of visiting the sick and bringing them communion.
- I have compiled a list of ideas to help with outreach/making the church welcoming. It would be a great help to me if the Vestry could look over them and give some feedback on whether some are good and others wrong-headed.

**Interim stuff:**

- My job as interim involves essentially two duties: My first duty is to do "big picture" vision/mission work with the whole congregation that answers three questions: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What is God calling us to do? The second duty is to review ministries, systems, policies, etc, and see if anything needs to be updated, cleaned out, done away with, or highlighted/celebrated.
- I am beginning congregational "big picture" work with working on the "Who are we?" piece. I am doing this largely by encouraging the parish to engage in a practice of storytelling, and, by reflecting on how God has used us in the past, beginning to see a shape of who God has made us to be today. This work will have a few parts to it:
  - Part A: I introduced the beginning of this idea to the parish in this month's newsletter.
  - Part B: This Sunday (parish picnic) through All Saints' Sunday on November 6, I'm beginning a sermon series that'll include a story from St. Peter's past (as well as proclaim the lectionary readings of the week).
  - Part C: Midway through the sermon series (so roughly October 16), we'll have a "Storytelling Sunday" gathering where we'll have chili and dessert and share stories in groups in a way that leads to a shared sense of our identity as a church (I'll be leading this – it's really a cool exercise).
  - Part D: At the Storytelling Sunday, we'll put up a timeline (somewhere in the church, Pumpelly Room, or between) where parishioners can add significant events that they experienced at the church. This will stay up through All Saints.
  - Part E: On All Saints' Sunday, we'll have celebration of the conclusion of our storytelling season, and I'll share some of what came out of the "Who are we" reflections with the parish.

I am looking at some systems/policies, etc., that I think could benefit from some discussion and review. More on that in the coming months.

I am continuing monthly meetings with my interim ministry mentor, Fr. Bill Thomas, via Zoom.

Submitted by The Rev. Christina Hunter

### **Sr. Warden's Report** –J. Chenot

I would like to start our meeting by sending our sincere condolences to Neil's wife, Mary Bon, his son David and Daughter Amanda, for their loss of Neil who passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Neil has been our Choir Director at St. Peter's for forty two years and will be sorely missed by all. Sadly, a few days prior, Mtr. Christina's lost her sister. Please know our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Unfortunately, the Hunters family week away in August was cut short due to the unexpected death of Mtr. Christina's sister, the week prior to Neil's passing. Father Paul Hunter was able to fill in and perform our regular Sunday services here at St. Peter's, while Mtr. Christina flew to Ohio in preparation for her sister's funeral. As soon as she returned on Tuesday, we all began preparing for Neil's funeral.

Neil's Funeral was performed on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00am. The service and music performed was beautiful. We want to thank Vaughn Mauren, former choir member, now Choir Director at Christ Church in Bronxville NY, for directing and playing the organ at Neil's service. At the end of the service, Neil's ashes were placed in our columbarium located in the rear of the church in the Bell Tower.

To Ruth and Janice, thank you so much for all the extra effort put forth these past few weeks. They have been able to put all these additional services together, in some cases just hours before services with last minute changes. Finally, by finishing all the printing and folding of leaflets for the upcoming services, many thanks again to the both of you.

This upcoming Sunday, we will have our annual Parish Picnic at the Rectory. Postcards/invitations have been sent out to our parish members and clergy from the Dioceses whom helped out with supply ministry in the absence of Clergy. We hope everyone who is able to come, enjoys the great food and again welcome the Hunter family to St. Peter's family.

Finally, I want to again thank Mtr. Christina for helping us get through Neil's loss, as she grieves her own sister's passing. You have been a blessing to all of us in the short period of time you have been with us and we thank you for all your help. It also has been truly heartwarming to see everyone reach out to one other during the losses we have all had to experience these past few weeks, all of you are a blessing to St. Peter's.

**Sunday Attendance** - The Average Sunday Attendance is 68.1.

### **Finance** – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

George reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August. Offerings for the month of August were \$10,657 and Year-to-date we are at \$117,894. This compares to \$121,622 for 2021. Investment accounts again saw declines for the month. Merrill Lynch was down -3.05% for the month and Key was down -3.90%. Year-to-date Merrill Lynch has a return of -16.96% and Key is at -18.97%. Expenses were \$78,597 under budget year-to-date through August.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

**Property** – On suggestion by Vaughn Mauren, we will be looking to have the organ fully assessed and have any malfunctions fixed. This will be important for when we begin the search for the next choir director and organist.

**Outreach** – None

**Old Business** – The new Worship Committee submitted a charter with full detail on what their committee will encompass. The committee was approved on a motion by M. Lundberg, seconded by F. Hershey, then unanimously approved by all vestry members.

We are still in talks with Siena college regarding a marketing intern. The vestry is working on a list of exactly what we would like this intern to do including how much time we would like them to commit and keeping a running list of what they do in their working time. Our hope is that this marketing intern can help us keep up on the social media forefronts to become more visible.

**New Business** – The vestry began speaking about how to begin the search for a new Organist and Choir director. Vaughn Mauren, a former choir member and current choir director/organist of his own parish, has expressed interest in helping us with this search. We are very grateful for the experienced help.

The Vestry also started discussing with Mother Christina the possibility of bringing back some things our parish used to do such as Wednesday services and education and book classes. We also talked about how to increase our community presence. These were all things to begin thinking about for now and we will touch back to them in future meetings.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Spath and seconded by M. Holden, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

Compline was led by Mtr. Christina.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon

## *Clergy & Staff*

The Rev. Christina Hunter.....Priest-in-Charge  
Mary E. Bon, M. Mus., CAGO, ARCM.....Organist & Choir Director  
Laura Rulison..... Director of Christian Education  
Ruth Manss..... Office Manager  
James P. Shortall.....Sexton  
Wayne Hill.....Sexton  
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer  
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

## *Vestry*

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

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**107 State St.**

**Albany, New York 12207**