



Cornerstone

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107 State Street, Albany, New York

From the Rector

Hope: A Cardinal Christian Virtue

It was in seminary that I first heard the expression "to sin against hope." The idea conveyed by the expression is that it is proper to consider hopelessness a sin in itself. Well, if hopelessness is a sin, there is plenty of it to go around.

For awhile now, I have detected a growing sense of hopelessness among Christians. It takes many forms. We look at the world around us and find ourselves consumed with worry. We are worn down by threats of terrorism, concerned about climate change, and weary of the daily drama of our political life. We combine these things with the life of the Church herself. The Episcopal Church remains mired in so much controversy. We gather in the midst of numerical decline every Sunday. The institutional Church is not as robust as it once was. Our hearts are troubled.

The clergy are not immune from the impact of these things. At times, we feed the problem without intending. A couple of years ago, I caught myself preoccupied at Vestry meetings with "average Sunday attendance" figures. The fact that the Diocese and Episcopal Church as a whole also focus on these figures does not help the clergy. The bean counters have us counting beans! It is the wrong focus entirely. I think it is right to regard such bean counting as a flat-out temptation -- a temptation towards the sin against hope.

Lest I seem to be guilty of the very sinning I am writing against, I will move on. My point in the above exercise is to let you know that I get it. I know that there are ample reasons to feel hopeless. I'm not temperamentally a "put on a happy face" sort of fellow, which is all the more reason for vigilance. As a rector of a parish, it is imperative that of all the spiritual sins from which to spare you the first on the list is the sin against hope. It is at the very top of my watch list because it affects everything else.

Saint Paul has a word for us here: *"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."* (Romans 8: 24-25.)

The Apostle Paul is speaking in that passage specifically of our hope in the resurrection of the body. It is important to note Paul's intention in the passage for two reasons. The first reason is that one ought not to take Scripture out of context. The second reason concerns the very nature of Christian hope. We hope as Christians for *real* things. We face the world in light of what is already revealed in the risen Christ and what is promised by Him. As Paul will later say of living out our Christian hope, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."* (2 Timothy 4:7-9.)

To not "sin against hope" is really the same as "to fight the good fight." We have every reason as Christians to bring our sure and certain hope into this world. This world is held in the hope of eternal life. This world has a Savior. This world has children of the Kingdom sowing their good seeds in word and deed. Jesus teaches us, **"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."** (Matthew 6: 26, 33.) This is a promise. Jesus' promise.

Anxiety and hopelessness are twins. Is God in charge or not? Saving the world is above our pay grade. So also is worrying our way into world or church order. The first job of the Christian is hope. Hope in God. Hope in what God has already done and revealed in Christ. Hope in what God keeps doing as the kingdom breaks in mysteriously beyond all human agency. Let's keep our eye on the kingdom ball. Every other game isn't worth playing.

Hope is what it's all about -- *"Christ in you, the hope of glory."* (Colossians 1:27.)

In sure and certain hope, Fr. Hartt+

From the Associate Rector

Reading the Holy Bible at the mercy of the Translators...

Studying the Holy Bible is a worthy and lifelong task. If you are new to this, it can be overwhelming. There are many different “versions” of the Bible to choose from. In fact, we are blessed today with much Biblical scholarship with which to study, compare, and contrast different translations of Holy Scripture. Actually, the Old Testament was originally in Hebrew and Aramaic, with the New Testament in Greek. Studying in these ‘original’ languages, although a worthy goal, may not be practical for us all. And so, we are all at the mercy of translators who have done that hard work for us. But, all translators need to make choices when completing their translations because one word in one language does not always have an exact equivalent in another language. And this is why we see differences among translations from the same source.

Some common translations today include the Revised Standard Version (RSV), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), King James Version (KJV), English Standard Version (ESV), New International Version (NIV), Book of Common Prayer Version (BCP) and so on... Choosing a translation can seem daunting! For example, let’s look at the (3) translations below. Each is a different translation of Matthew 6:9-13, also commonly known as The Lord’s Prayer:

TRADITIONAL	CONTEMPORARY	TRANSLITERATION
Our Father, who Art in Heaven	Our Father in heaven	Father of us in the Heavens
Hallowed be thy Name	Hallowed by your Name	Let be Sanctified the Name of You
Thy Kingdom Come	Your Kingdom Come	Let come the Kingdom of you
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven	Your Will be done on earth as in Heaven	Let be done the will of You as in Heaven, also on the earth
Give us this day our daily bread	Give us today our daily bread	The bread of us daily, give to us today
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.	And forgive us the debts of us, as also we forgive the debtors of us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil	And not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. <i>Amen</i>	For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. <i>Amen</i>	Because of You is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory to the ages.

Reading each of these points out more than just older versus contemporary language. Word choices differ greatly, and with them, meaning is enhanced. So, how do you choose which translation of the Holy Bible to read and study?

To start with, I would suggest choosing a translation that is comfortable for you. Trying to read a translation of the Holy Bible that you have difficulty understanding will not result in the spiritual growth you might be hoping for. Instead, choosing a more intellectually comfortable translation will free you of that and enable you to focus more on the thoughts conveyed than the meanings of individual words. Many people also choose to purchase a good Study Bible which adds notes and comments that help explain the Biblical text. This, too, is a good idea especially if you are studying individually.

Of course, group study is also a wonderful way to delve into Holy Scripture because you will have the added benefit of the thoughts and comments from other people as well the different translations each might be reading from.

If this is intriguing to you, but you don’t know where to begin, please join us Tuesday evenings at 5:00 as we continue to study and discuss The Lord’s Prayer as found in the Gospel of Matthew. This short prayer, although known by many, is far richer than our contemplation in church services normally allows as we move through the Prayer at lightening speed! Slowing down phrase by phrase, and studying key words from the Greek language, is deepening both our understanding of, and also our spiritual connection to this wonderful prayer given to his disciples by our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us!

With Blessings, Mother Sue+

Other Happenings

Outreach

The October Outreach meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 4:30pm. Please join us to learn about Outreach ministries and hospitality events being planned!

Vestry Meeting

The October Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 5:15pm.



Healing a Woman's Soul Benefit

An evening to benefit Healing a Woman's Soul (HAWS), entitled *Anything Chocolate...* will be hosted by St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd. in Albany on Saturday, October 20th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. There will be a dessert buffet, silent auction, the second annual Paula award for a volunteer helping victims of domestic violence, and an "Anything Chocolate..." Contest. "Anything Chocolate..." contest entries are due no later than October 20th at 5:00pm at St. Paul's. Please bring entries the size of a small pie or 8 cookies or muffins, in other words 6 servings. Please use disposable plates as no plates will be returned. The cost for the event is \$20. For tickets or more information, call (518)439-8574 or contact the HAWS office at 68 S. Swan St., Albany, NY 12210.

Healing Prayers are offered during Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Please receive Holy Communion first and then proceed directly to the Tower Chapel in the rear of the sanctuary for prayers and anointing with the clergy.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

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 2019 calendar year. 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 envelopes by the first of the year, your changes must be received by **Sunday, October 21st.**

Daughters of the King - Julia Chapter

The next DOK meeting will be held October 14th in the vestry room, immediately following the 10:30 service (we meet on the second Sunday of each month). As a Daughter of The King, we pledge to pray daily for others, to be of service to our clergy and community, and to share the word of God. Our events center around these rules and we invite you to join us for upcoming events include hosting coffee hours, putting together blessing bags for the Women's Overflow Shelter, and collecting food and clothing for St. Francis Mission. Please join us in our endeavor to bring God's blessings to those in need.



Daughters of the King Fall Assembly

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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes

Instruction will begin on Sundays (following services) to prepare youth to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Youth in grades 1-2 are often ready for Holy Communion instruction while Confirmation is reserved for those over 13 years (adults included). For both classes, the individual must be baptized first. Please speak to Mother Sue or Father Hartt if you desire baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation instruction this Fall.

Class Dates: October 14th, 21st, 28th following services



Adult Education



Book and Bible Study

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

Referencing Matthew 6:9-13 and *Abba: Meditations on the Lord's Prayer*, by Evelyn Underhill, Mother Sue invites you to join our Book and Bible Study on Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Vestry Room of the Guild House (next door to the church). This study will prove to enhance your understanding of the Lord's Prayer as well as deepen its spiritual significance in your life. Men and women of the parish are invited to join us. This semester's study will include:

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

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



ALPHA SERIES: Alpha is a series of talks exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk is presented in DVD form. The program comes out of the Church of England. The DVD talks are followed by open conversation in small groups. The Alpha program is now run around the globe. Everyone is welcome, but the program aims at those with fundamental questions about the Christian faith. Alpha is especially suitable for seekers. St. Peter's will run Alpha formally in the spring. However, the program needs lay leaders to help facilitate the discussions. Fr. Hartt is looking for volunteers to experience the Alpha program in a somewhat accelerated form prior to our running it in the spring. You need not commit to being a discussion leader in order to attend these introductory sessions. Please join us for the first session on October 3rd to learn more about Alpha. The sessions will run on the following dates:

ALPHA DATES: October 3rd, 11th, 17th, 24th - November 7th, 14th, 28th - December 5th, 12th.

Youth Formation & Sunday School

Calling all Families to our next **Youth Sunday:** **October 28th!**

(held on the last Sunday of each month)

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

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



St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen

Saturday, October 20th ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm

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

Beaver Cross: FALL EDITION

Against the tide!

With waves of ocean themed activities this retreat will focus on making decisions according to God's will - even if it goes against the 'tide' of popular culture! The focused scripture will be James 1: 2-18. This retreat will help encourage young people to stand firm in their faith! A chance for campers to catch up with their friends and counselors from summer camp whilst enjoying fall themed activities.

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

DROP-OFF: Friday at 7PM

PICK-UP: Monday at 10AM

WHO: Jr. Fall Edition: 3rd-7th Grade

Sr. Fall Edition: 8th-12th Grade

PRICE: \$180/camper

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration is via the Beaver Cross <https://www.beavercrossministries.org/jr--sr-fall-edition.html>

For more information contact Danny at dhyde@ctkcenter.org or (518) 692 9550 ext. 114.

Thank you!

Thanks to the whole St. Peter's congregation for the outpouring support for the children of Grace and Holy Innocence! We were able to serve over 30 children and young adults in the Albany school system! The blessing of this generosity also left some extra school supplies for future use! Thank you all. Keep a look out for the green barrel...We are going to collect coats for kids and gloves and hats for the elderly.

St. Peter's Music

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:

Mondays: 5:00pm - 6:15pm Trebles

Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:30pm Trebles

5:30pm - 7:00pm Adult choristers

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

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



FRIDAY NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

Free half-hour recitals each Friday at 12:30pm

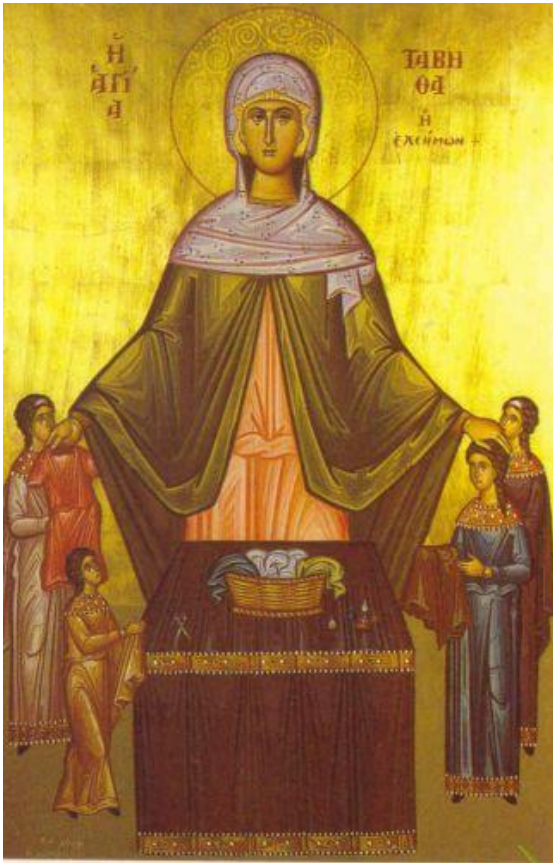


Continuo Organ

Using funds left to the music program in 1989 by John M. Seiling, St. Peter's has recently acquired a new instrument, a very compact pipe organ. Called a "continuo organ," it has a single rank of pipes and four stops. Its primary purpose is for use in instrumental ensembles, especially for the accompaniment of recitative, as happens in our performances of Messiah and of the Good Friday Passion music. Beyond that, however, it can be wheeled to other locations in the church, or beyond. Its sweet tone is beautifully suited to small services or other gatherings.

The organ was built by David Leach in England and acquired through the Harpsichord Clearing House in Massachusetts. We are excited to have this additional musical resource for our parish.

Saint of the Month Club



OCTOBER 25: TABITHA (DORCAS) OF JOPPA Tabitha, also known by her Greek name Dorcas, already had a reputation for being a woman of good works and charity before Peter arrived in Joppa to preach the Gospel. (Acts 9:36) The Scriptures mention that many widows had benefitted from her work making them clothes. Their desire to show Peter examples was both a testament to her charity and perhaps also the level of craftsmanship of which she made them. Perhaps due to the reputation that the apostles had as wonder workers, when Tabitha died her friends called for Peter to come see her. This story is likely intended to recall the story of Jesus healing the young girl in Luke 8:41–56 when Jesus performed a similar miracle. This miracle of life performed for Tabitha through Peter caused many in the town to believe in Jesus. It, like many miracles recorded in Acts, was a confirmation that the message was true and that the apostles did indeed speak for God. Beyond the Scriptures themselves she is also mentioned by Basil of Caesarea as an example of charity and good works. “A widow who enjoys sufficiently robust health should spend her life in works of zeal and solicitude, keeping in mind the words of the Apostle and the example of Dorcas.

Collect:

Most Holy God, whose servant Tabitha thou didst raise from the dead to display thy power and confirm thy message that thy Son is Lord; grant unto us thy grace, that aided by her prayers and example, we may be given a new life in thy Spirit to do works pleasing in thy sight; Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Thank you for coming to our Parish Picnic!

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	2 5:00pm - Book & Bible Study	3 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C 6:00pm - Alpha
7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Healing Prayers 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	8 Columbus Day Office Closed No Treble Rehearsal	9 No Book & Bible Study	10 8:45 am - Top of 12:05 pm - Holy C 4:30pm - Outre 5:15pm - Vestry
14 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer 11:45am - DOK Meeting	15 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	16 5:00pm - Book & Bible Study	17 8:45 am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C 6:00pm - Alpha
21 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	22 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	23 St. James of Jerusalem 5:00pm - Book & Bible Study	24 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C 6:00pm - Alpha
28 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/Children's Chapel	29 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	30 5:00pm - Book & Bible Study	31 HALLOWEEN 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C No Alpha Course

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>of the Hill Communion Course</p>	<p>4 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir</p>	<p>5 12:30pm - Organ Concert</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>of the Hill Communion each Meeting Meeting</p>	<p>11 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir 6:00pm - Alpha Course</p>	<p>12 12:30pm - Organ Concert</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>of the Hill Communion Course</p>	<p>18 St. Luke the Evangelist 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir</p>	<p>19 12:30pm - Organ Concert</p>	<p>20 11:00am - Angels in Training</p>
<p>of the Hill Communion Course</p>	<p>25 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir</p>	<p>26 12:30pm - Organ Concert</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Halloween of the Hill Communion</p>			

From the Archives

Little Known Stained Glass Windows

Julia Leake Window

The Julia Leake Window of 1884 located on the right side above the west door was donated by her father, James H. Leake, in memory of his daughter who died at the age of three. The window is composed of plated glass that displays a Roman cross. The name "Julia" appears underneath. The designer of the window was Theodore H. Leake of the Leake & Green Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It is interesting to note that the name of our chapter of the order of Daughters of the King is the St. Julia Chapter after Julia Leake and the Julia Leake Window.

Van Vechten Window

The window located on the left side above the west door depicts St. John the Baptist above whom are the faces of two cherubs. Underneath are the words "*The Dayspring from on high hath visited us to give light to them that sit in darkness*". It was designed by Mary Tillinghast of New York and was a gift from Mrs. Tunis Van Vechten as a memorial to Margaret Kendrick.

The Stained Glass Windows above the Doors leading into the Nave

The Stained Glass Windows above the Doors leading into the Nave depict the Scroll of St. John, the Upside Down Cross and Crossed Keys of St. Peter, the Crossed Spear and Sword of St. James the Greater, and the Diagonal Cross on a Blue Shield of St. Andrew. All are dedicated to Raymond E. Sheldrick, 1920-1984, beloved father, by his family.

Stained Glass David and St. Michael lancets

The stained glass lancet depicting David the slayer of the giant Goliath is located on the east side of the Narthex above the War Chapel. The stained glass lancet depicting St. Michael the Patron Saint of Warriors is located on the south side of the Narthex above the War Chapel. These lancets along with the wood carved War Chapel and Memorial Oak Paneling were given by Dr. Arthur H. Stein in loving memory of his son Arthur H. Stein Jr. 1921-1943. Arthur H. Stein Jr. died in the Second World War.

The Oak Paneling at the back of the church includes the names of those who fought and died in the World Wars. Cupboards within the paneling hold replicas of the Onondaga Communion Silver given to St. Peter's Church by Governor Hunter. (The actual communion silver is housed in a safe).

On the Oak Paneling Arthur H. Stein has placed poems mourning acts of war. One especially touching poem is as follows:

This child whose little arms are warm
Could always know the ways to peace
God save him from the darkening storms!
God make these futile wars to cease!

Flower Memorials

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

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

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

Looking Ahead - November Happenings

Women's Cursillo, Nov 17-19

Cursillo is a weekend retreat that is designed to show us how to have a closer relationship with our Lord and how to share His love with others. "I strongly recommend Cursillo as a way to strengthen your faith" stated one of the women after her weekend. Jeri Vincent will be leading the next Women's Weekend on November 17-19 at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich NY. If you are interested in attending speak to your clergy or anyone in your church has attended.

ADVENT RETREAT

For God alone
my soul in silence waits

Psalm 62:1

An Advent Retreat



Nov. 31—Dec. 1, 2018
Friday — Saturday

“Advent is the season of the secret, the secret of the growth of Christ, of Divine Love growing in silence.

It is the season of humility, silence and growth.

For nine months Christ grew in His Mother's body. By His own will she formed Him from herself, from the simplicity of her daily life.

She had nothing to give Him but herself.

He asked for nothing else.

She gave Him herself.”

The Reed of God by Caryll Houselander

In this season of humility, silence and growth come away to give of your self in prayer and contemplation in order to invite Christ to grow more fully in you.

November 31--December 1, 2018

Facilitators: Dcn. Lynne Crimi and Dcn. Lynne Curtis

Information or Registration can be found at: http://www.ctkcenter.org/retreat_registration_details

REGISTER NOW FOR THESE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

Transformed: An Inner Healing Conference w/Judith MacNutt

October 19th-20th, 2018



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

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

For more information, including the full schedule, and to register for the conference and to make a dinner reservation, please visit: http://ctkcenter.org/page/transformed_inner_healing_conference_wjudith_macnutt.

Beth Moore: Living Proof LIVE!

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



Welcome Home Initiative

a program for combat veterans

Monday - Wednesday, November 12th - 14th

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

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

Christ the King Spiritual Life Center



Other Happenings

Volunteer Schedules

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

	<u>October 7th</u>	<u>October 14th</u>	<u>October 21st</u>	<u>October 28th</u>
<u>8:30am</u> <u>Lectors</u>	John Sterrett Robert Hull	John Sterrett Connie Powell	John Sterrett John Davis	Gordon Lattey Michele Vennard
<u>10:30am</u> <u>Lectors</u>	Ashley Spath Sally Jennings	John Cerniglia Cathy Connors	Moses Kamyra Julie Hotmer Drao	YOUTH SUNDAY
<u>Flower</u> <u>Guild</u>	Sharon DeBonis	Sally Jennings	Ann Collins	Edith Allen
<u>8:30am</u> <u>Ushers</u>	Clark Daggett Fred Lincoln	Bernie Burnell John Davis	Robin LaPlante John Sterrett	
<u>10:30am</u> <u>Ushers</u>	Sharon DeBonis Julie Hotmer Drao Catherine Schunk	William Collins Kevin Creagan Jeff Russom	Sherry Bishko Moses Kamyra Frank Spath	Chris Grill Mark Lundberg Michele Lundberg
<u>Altar</u> <u>Guild</u>				

Healing Prayer Session

Saturday, October 13th ~ 9am - 12 Noon

Cathedral of All Saints, Albany

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



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

May 8, 2018

Present: Fr. Hartt, Mtr. Sue Waldron, D. Spath, J. Chenot, N. Creagan, C. Gordon, F. Hershey, S. Lencewicz, G. Scala, A. Spath

Absent: K. Cehowski, T. Murphy

Opening Prayer Led by Father Paul Hartt

Approval of the Minutes of Vestry Meeting, April 10, 2018.

The April 10, 2018, minutes were approved on a motion by M. Holden and seconded by F. Hershey. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

Warden Report –D. Spath and J. Chenot

As we move into May, we finish celebrating the sixth and seventh Sunday in the Easter season on the church calendar. We also will be celebrating Ascension Day this coming Thursday with an evensong service at 7:30 PM. This coming Sunday, the last Sunday in Easter is Mother's Day. The Sunday school children will be arranging small potted flowers to hand out after the 10:30 service. Thanks to all the Sunday school staff, as well as those in the nursery who work with our younger congregation throughout the church calendar year.

It has been very encouraging to see many new faces and families attending recently on a regular basis the past few months. As in past years, service attendance seems to fall off a bit after the Easter season and as we must try to commit ourselves to attend Sunday Service more often to support these new members.

Though we have not officially rolled out the entire fundraising campaign for the interior restoration project, it has been very encouraging to see donations and commitments sent in to the office after the letter of intention went out. As mentioned, we have a \$100,000.00 matching donation that needs to be reached so we can move forward with the first phase of the project repairing the walls in the church, painting and cleaning the stone work around the stained glass windows. A sample of the wall will be done in the next few weeks to give everyone an idea what the church will look like when we proceed with the entire restoration. Please stay tuned for more information regarding this exciting new project in the next few weeks.

Looking ahead, the Albany Diocese Convention is coming up in the beginning of June. We would like to thank Tim Murphy, Caitlin Cehowski, Alice Singular and Carly Crewell for representing St. Peter's as our delegates this year. Also, the 17th of June, Father's Day, the Choir and Sunday school will be ending their regular schedule for the year and will be marking their successes and milestones with awards. Following the service, the Sunday school will be hosting their annual ice cream social at coffee hour.

Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

George reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April. Offerings for April were \$23,919. Year-to-date offerings are \$75,887. This compares to a budgeted number of \$92,433. YTD Offerings through the same period in 2017 were \$89,352.

The investment/endowment accounts both showed losses for April. Merrill Lynch showed a positive return of +0.25%. YTD return of Merrill Lynch is +0.07%. The Key accounts showed a positive return of -+0.20% for the month and is at -27% YTD. This leaves us with a negative variance in this area YTD of (\$62,748). Both accounts performed favorably versus market indexes. Expenses YTD through April were \$2,370 over budget.

Pledges for 2018 remain at 42 pledging units for a total amount of \$119,720.

Property – None

Outreach – Mother Sue

The annual Spring Tea was Sunday, April 15th. Proceeds raised were \$390. Outreach added to that and donated a total of \$500.00 to the Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Van, which provides support to the homeless in the City of Albany.

Sunday May 6, 2018 was the Albany CROP walk. Thank you to our recruiters, Maria Holden and Tim Murphy, and all those who pledged and walked. We will provide a future update with total monies raised through our efforts. To date, we have raised \$600.00.

We received a \$600.00 donation from a parishioner to reimburse Outreach for one of the West Buganda Orphan scholarships made this year – thank you for your care and concern!

Outreach voted to donate \$1470 to cover (3) scholarships to this year's Beaver Cross summer camp. This will be donated under a matching grant program, thus providing six weeks' camp to youth in our Diocese. Thank you, St. Peter's, for your generosity!

Old Business

Church Restoration – The demo area for the restoration will begin next week. F. Hershey and M. Holden presented a restoration update, discussing that the announcement letter had been sent to the congregation and a brochure is in progress detailing the project. They also presented a draft of a Restoration Fund Pledge Card. A. Spath and C. Gordon presented a Fundraising Event Plan outlining 3 potential events to benefit the restoration fund.

New Business

A concern was brought up about the information cards for newcomers not being clear enough. They will be worked on and revised so that the information can be easily received in the office.

Associate Rector's Report – Mother Sue

Two parishioners have contacted me pledging towards the Church Restoration fund for the cleaning and painting of the church walls (and windows). One pledge was \$20,000 (payable upon a signed contract) and the other pledge was \$500.00. I am humbled by the devotion and commitment of our St. Peter's parishioners in the care of our church.

The Daughters of the King continue a study together: *Continuing the Journey: Spiritual Formation Guide*. We invite women of the parish to inquire if they are interested in learning more about joining the Daughters and their commitment to Prayer, Service and Evangelism. A new discernment class will take place next year.

The clergy joined our colleagues at the annual EDOA Clergy Conference at the Spiritual Life Center April 16-18. This was a time of great learning, connecting with fellow clergy and refreshment.

Registration for Diocesan Convention (June 8-10) is now open. The pre-convention meeting is tonight, May 8th, at the Cathedral of All Saints. Convention is open to anyone for all or part of the weekend. So far, over 700 people have registered, and this year's attendance is expected to be the highest in recent years. Our special guest is the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

Pastoral care in the parish has been in high demand and yet shouldered beautifully by clergy and lay members alike. I am thankful to all of you who are caring for one another, calling and sending cards, providing rides or other helps and praying for the sick and homebound. We are a true spiritual family.

I have one week's vacation scheduled beginning May 21st – thank you!

Sunday Attendance – Fr. Hartt – ASA: 127

Rectors Report - Father Hartt

Father Hartt began by expressing appreciation for the fine letter sent to the parish concerning the interior restoration and painting. The letter was penned by Maria Holden. Jim Chenot and Fred Hersey contributed to the letter as well. The painting of the interior is a project long in incubation. Jack Waite's Historic Structures Report was the catalysis. We learned through his report the change from the original paint color as well as the intended color of the stone. The stone has darkened considerably through the years. The samples of paint taken by an expert confirmed the original color under the white paint. Molding around the windows had been removed and will need to be restored in the restoration project. The parish's financial support for the project at this very early stage is encouraging.

Father Hartt spoke of the upcoming Evensong for Ascension. The choir has been hard at work. Father Hartt commended the choir for its fine offerings during Easter. On Pentecost, one child will be Baptized.

Professor Jocelyn Goodwin will be coming to St. Peter's on May 17th to see the Queen Anne Silver on which he has written a scholarly article. The article will be of great value to the records of the Archives.

Following this evening's vestry meeting, Fr. Hartt will be attending the Pre-Convention meeting at the Cathedral. The meeting will also be attended by any delegates who can attend.

Father Hartt thanked Mtr. Waldron for the care of the parish during his retreat. Father Hartt will be on vacation during July.

Father Hartt shared with the Vestry a church financial health checklist that imparts the recommended guidelines of the Diocesan and National Canons.

Father Hartt thanked Judy and Christy Burn's for putting on the Spring Tea Fundraiser. Proceeds of \$390 went to the Homeless Action Committee's van service which operates during "cold blue." Father Hartt, Maria Holden, and Dr. Terry Flannery attended the CROP Walk on Sunday.

As Fr. Hartt has shared previously, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry will be our honored guest at Convention. Father Hartt also submitted the brief history of the parish requested for a booklet honoring our 150th Anniversary as a Diocese. We need to make a St. Peter's banner for the procession at the Diocesan Eucharist on Saturday.

Father Hartt thanked Chrisie Gordon, Ashley Spath, and Vicky Paulter for their continued work on social media for the parish.

Father Hartt noted the number of visitors of late. It is important that we be mindful to greet them warmly at coffee hour.

Father Hartt plans to run the ALPHA program in September. ALPHA is an evangelism program from the Church of England. The program has both adult and youth component. The increasing number of "unchurched" seekers need to be engaged and should find this program helpful.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Gordon and seconded by G. Scala, then was passed unanimously by the vestry.

Compline

Father Hartt led Compline.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon

Clergy & Staff

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The Rev. Susan Waldron.....Associate Rector
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Laura Rulison.....Director of Christian Education
Ian Mike.....Sexton
James P. Shortall.....Assistant Sexton
Ruth Manss.....Administrative Assistant
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

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Services

Sunday

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Holy Communion 12:05 p.m.

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