



# THE Cornerstone

## May 2024

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

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — Hebrews 4:16*

Beloved of God,

Would you pray with me?

We're about to enter into a special time of prayer — just nine days — when the church through the ages have found prayer extra fruitful and meaningful.

The reason for the timing is significant — we are uniting in prayer the same way the disciples did for nine days in Jerusalem as they awaited the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. Jesus had just ascended into heaven (a feast we'll celebrate on Thursday, May 9), and he instructed them “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ‘you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’” (Acts 1:4-5).

As promised, the Holy Spirit came with power and promise upon the whole church on Pentecost (a feast we'll celebrate on Sun., May 19), and the Spirit has guided, cleansed and empowered the Church ever since then.

As a way of preparing to welcome the Holy Spirit anew in our lives this May, I'd invite you all to join me in nine days of special prayer like those first disciples did. Below is a list of special prayer intentions for each of the Nine Days of Prayer. You can pray for each item as much or as little as you feel led. The united prayers of God's people are a holy and powerful force for good in our world.

We're also offering Morning Prayer on Zoom during our Nine Days of Prayer (except for Sunday, May 12, when we'll be joining in person for Morning Prayer at 10:30 am at the church). The information for joining the Zoom prayer sessions is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I look forward to entering these holy days with you all!

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+

### Nine Days of Prayer for St. Peter's Church, 2024

**Day 1 (Fri., May 10): Pray for our World.** For world leaders to seek justice, freedom, and the dignity of every person. For nations at war to seek a way to cease fighting. For relief of famine, natural, and environmental disaster. For an end to persecution of Christians and all vulnerable people in every society. For corruption, violence and wickedness to be overcome by justice, peace, and righteousness. For farmers and an abundance of food for all. For artists, athletes, musicians and storytellers to thrive.

**Day 2 (Sat., May 11): Pray for Married people.** For Christian marriages “to be a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair” (BCP 429). For those engaged to be married. For marriages strained or failing, that God would bring healing. For Christianna and Jordan, our parishioners who will be married today.

**Day 3 (Sun., May 12): Pray for the Departed and for Resurrection Hope.** For those who have died in the hope of Christ, that their joy may be fulfilled in God's presence. For those who mourn, the "strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love" (BCP 481). For the joy of Easter never to leave us. For God to grant us a holy death and to know his presence always.

**Day 4 (Mon., May 13): Pray for those who Suffer and Those in any Trouble.** For the sick. For those suffering from depression, mental illness and addiction. For prisoners and their families. For the poor and neglected. For refugees and immigrants. For physically disabled people. For the homeless. For the unemployed. For those facing discrimination and hatred. For the Capital City Rescue Mission, the Damian Center, Loaves and Fishes, and the Children's Cafe.

**Day 5 (Tues., May 14): Pray for St. Peter's Church.** For our parish to live out its mission to "Worship in Beauty. Practice Mercy. Hope in Jesus Christ." For our parishioners, from the youngest to the oldest. For our priest. For our staff. For our Guilds and lay leaders. For our choir. For the Daughters of the King, Julia Chapter. For God to raise up from our parish new leaders, to give us fresh vision and to give us a heart to reach our city. For our Vestry, which meets tonight.

**Day 6 (Wed. May 15): Pray for Single people and Children.** For singles to taste the love and presence of God in their lives in a powerful way. For them to enjoy deep and nurturing friendships and extended family circles. For those who feel called to marriage to find godly partners. For those who are single because of divorce or death to find healing and hope for the life ahead. For a particular blessing on youth and children — for protection and nurturing as lights of Christ in their generation.

**Day 7 (Thurs., May 16): Pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.** For Christ's one, holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the world and throughout time. For Christian unity. For our part of the church: the Anglican Communion and Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury. For the Episcopal Church and Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop. For the Diocese of Albany and Jeremiah Williamson, our bishop. For the ministry of all the baptized and of all bishops, priests and deacons. For the gospel to be rightly preached and the sacraments to be rightly administered. For an increase in baptisms and confirmations. For Christopher, Nathan and Cole, who will be confirmed tonight.

**Day 8 (Fri., May 17): Pray for the Nation and all in authority and service.** For the Congress, President, and Supreme Court of these United States. For the state Assembly and Senate, our Governor, and New York courts. For our city of Albany: our Common Council, our Mayor, and the courts. For the military, police officers, firefighters, emergency workers, health care workers, and all government employees. For utility and sanitation workers. For schools and teachers. For the news media. For business people and all workers.

**Day 9 (Sat., May 18): Pray for the Coming of the Holy Spirit.** For a fresh encounter of the Holy Spirit to direct, fill and rule our lives this Pentecost, individually and as a parish. "Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen" (BCP 832).

## To The Congregation & Wonderful Church Family of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

We would like to extend our Thanks & Appreciation for all your hard work and effort in the planning and success of the wonderful reception given to Mother Christina Hunter. Thanks to the Bishop, Clergy and all workers of the church, and every person present for the ceremony who witnessed the Installation of the 24th Rector of St. Peter's Church. The love and support and kind thoughts and prayer have been overwhelming. We know that Mother Christina will be a great shepherd for the flock.

May God shower all of you with Blessings in abundance.

In Christian Love,  
Lowell & Margaret Vance  
(parents of Mother Christina)

# St. Peter's News

## National Day of Prayer

The Annual National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2nd.

## Ascension Day

Please join us as we celebrate Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9th at 12:00pm, with Holy Communion.

## Vestry Meeting

The May Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 5:15pm.

## Regional Confirmation Service

Regional Confirmation Service will take place at St. Peter's Church, on May 16, at 7pm.

## Nine Days of Prayer on Zoom

As part of the St. Peter's Nine Days of Prayer, we'll be offering daily Morning Prayer on Zoom at 6:30am, beginning on Friday, May 10 (the day after the Feast of the Ascension) and ending on Saturday, May 18 (the Eve of Pentecost). The only day Morning Prayer will not be offered on Zoom is Sunday, May 12, since Morning Prayer will be sung in-person that day at church at 10:30am. The Zoom Meeting ID is 837 6018 1434, and the passcode is 027098.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed:** Enjoy St. Peter's coffee hour? Then why not volunteer for hosting one or several this fall. Volunteers are still needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen as well as basic instructions and there is always a helping hand available. Please reach out to Michele Vennard: [mlvennard@gmail.com](mailto:mlvennard@gmail.com), or (518)274-4989 (home), (518)858-0525 (cell). Thank you.

## *Session 2 of our Spring Disciple program*

**SERVE: Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 pm**

For the Serve Gathering, we'll "Walk with God" by participating in the Albany CROP Hunger Walk a yearly event that raises money to fight hunger in our community. The walk begins at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 21 Hackett Blvd.

**Wednesday Lectionary Lunches:** Bring a bag lunch and join Mtr. Christina at 12:30 in the Pumpelly Room after Noonday Prayer. During this informal gathering, we'll chat about any questions or observations you have regarding the day's Bible readings (but no Biblical/spiritual topic is off limits!) Need the readings? Visit: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org> and click "Daily Readings." Drinks will be provided.

**Learn to Pray – St. Peter's Prayer School:** This adult education course will meet this month on the second Wednesday, May 8 at 12:30 in the Pumpelly Room. A second session of the class will meet on Sunday, May 26, after the 10:30am service. Please join us for this month's class, "Prayer Walking".

**Choir** - Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:  
Thursdays: 5:30pm - 7:00pm full choir rehearsal  
Sundays: 9:30am - rehearsal for the 10:30am service

We are eager to welcome boys and girls age 8 to grade 8 to join the Treble section of the choir.



## Albany CROP Hunger Walk Is Sunday, May 5, 2024!

St. Peter's is participating yet again in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, to be held Sunday May 5, 2024. Albany's 2024 Walk will take place in person, departing at 1:30 PM from St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 21 Hackett Blvd. in Albany, with registration beginning at 12:30PM. Please contact Maria Holden at [msholden1@aol.com](mailto:msholden1@aol.com) if you would like to join the St. Peter's team of walkers. If you prefer, you may walk in your own neighborhood any time during the month of May. To contribute to Albany's CROP Walk and support our team, please visit our new team web page at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/st-peters-episcopal-church-albany>

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised go to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the St. Peter's Team and CROP Walk 2024!

# Music

## Summer Music Adventure for Kids From July 8-12 & 14

St. Peter's will be having a Summer Music Adventure for Kids. This new program is, in part, a way to begin rebuilding our treble choristers program. It is also just a nice way to interact musically with some kids and their families.

This event will include singing in a choir, playing handbells and chimes, playing games, learning about music and instruments, and lots of fun. Please mark your calendars and invite kids you know to participate. Registration is \$75 per child; scholarships are available. Please contact Daniel Romero for registration forms and more information.

In order for this event to happen, we need volunteers to help. We especially need volunteers for the following tasks: food preparation and providing lunch, facilitating indoor and outdoor games, and a couple adults to be present with Malcolm and Daniel during the music portions of the camp.

It is our hope that this may be a first step towards reintroducing our children's treble chorister program, and giving St. Peter's music program a greater, more visible presence in our community.

## Organ Concerts at St. Peter's

For the first two Sundays in June, we will have two organ concerts at 3:00pm.

### June 2

Michael DiLeo will preform works by Bach, Buxtehude, Barber, and Widor. Michael is a recent graduate of Manhattanville University in Purchase, where he studied organ with Daniel Romero. He is also Director of Music at Grace Episcopal Church in White Plains.

### June 9

Dr. Adam Cobb will play a diverse program of music. Dr. Cobb is currently the Assistant University Organist at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN (one of the universities affiliated with the Episcopal Church,) and this summer will begin as Assistant Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church, in Raleigh, NC.

**Please join us for some wonderful music**

**Daniel**



## St. Francis Mission

### **St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen Saturday, May 11th and 18th ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm**

On the 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of every month, Laura Saffares, the Director of Christian Education and 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 information or to let Laura know you are coming please call Laura at: (518) 368-4284.

## Mother's Day

It was during the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the United States that women's groups tried to establish holidays in favor of peace and against war. For example, in 1868 Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day" for the purpose of reuniting families that had been divided by the Civil War. In 1887 in New York City, Julia Ward Howe led a Mother's Day for Peace.

Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis, the daughter of Ann Jarvis, with the help of Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker. The first official service of worship was held in the Saint Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10<sup>th</sup> 1908. This was followed later by resolutions passed by Congress, Presidential Proclamations and even special stamps commemorating Mother's Day. The Saint Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church is now a National Historic Landmark and the international Mother's Day Shrine.

Mother's Day today is an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. Popular observances include holiday cards, gift giving, church services, distribution of carnations, and special dinners.

Here in Albany we celebrate Mother's Day with a Tulip Festival. On the weekend preceding Mother's Day there is a State Street scrubbing by girls wearing authentic Dutch costumes. There is also an introduction of the Tulip Queen and her consorts. On Mother's Day the tulips are on display, along with food vendors and music groups. The tulips are located between such monuments as the King Memorial Fountain, erected in 1893 showing a statue of Moses on Mount Horab smiting the rock for water; the Robert Burns Statue of bronze erected in 1888; the Dr James H. Armsby Memorial erected in 1879, which is a bust of the co-founder of Albany Medical college; a large bolder, the Marinus Willet Memorial in honor of Colonel Willet of the French and Indian Wars; the Soldiers and Sailors Monument erected in 1912 and dedicated to Civil War Veterans, and finally the Henry Johnson Memorial in honor of a World War One hero.

Happy Mother's Day!



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Saint Phil Saint Jam  12:05pm - Holy
5 <b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion 12:30pm - Crop Walk / Spring Family Disciple (serve)	6 <b>Rogation Day</b>	7 <b>Rogation Day</b>	8 <b>Rogation</b>  12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - St. P School "Prayer
12 <b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer  	13  6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer	14  6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer 5:15 pm - Vestry Meeting	15  6:30am - Zoom 12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - Lecti
19 <b>The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</b>  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	20	21	22  12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - Lecti
26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer 10:30am - Children's Chapel 12:00pm - St. Peter's Prayer School "Prayer Walking"	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>  Office Closed    Thank You to all the Men and Women who have served our country	28	29  12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - Lecti

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Tip and nes, Apostles</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer</p> <p>5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Day</p> <p>Monday Prayer eter's Prayer Walking"</p>	<p>9 Ascension Day</p> <p>12:00pm - Holy Communion 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer 5:00pm - Chenot/Geracitano Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer 11:00am - Angels in Training 3:00pm - Wedding Chenot / Geracitano</p>
<p>Morning Prayer Monday Prayer onary Lunch</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Regional Confirmation</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer 11:00 am - Angels in Training</p>
<p>Monday Prayer onary Lunch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Monday Prayer onary Lunch</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>156th Diocesan Convention</p>	



Main Altar



Pascal Candle

*Christ is Risen!*



St. Mark's Altar



2024 Women's Retreat: A Life of Trust

May 3-4, 2024

A Life of Trust: Learning to trust Jesus with our lives and our churches.

To register, or get more information:

[2024 Women's Retreat - A Life of Trust - Christ the King Center \(ctkcenter.org\)](http://ctkcenter.org)



*A Mother's love can not be measured.  
It's a brilliant gem to be treasured.*



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





**ATTENTION 2023-2024 GRADUATES**

We would like to acknowledge all graduates for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, your child, or even your grandchild will be graduating from high school or college or **has already graduated anytime during this past year**, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, May 19th so that it can be included in the June Newsletter. You may also email your information to: [office@stpeterschurchalbany.org](mailto:office@stpeterschurchalbany.org)

**NAME OF GRADUATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATE'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:** \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter)

**GRADUATING FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of High School or College)

**WHAT KIND OF**

**DIPLOMA OR DEGREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**NAME OF COLLEGE**

**HE/SHE WILL BE ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURSUING WHAT COLLEGE MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GRADUATE'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PURSUING WHAT COLLEGE MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING**  
**ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**March 12th, 2024**

**Present:** Mtr. Christina, J. Chenot, D. Spath, P. Benson, C. Gordon, S. Hartt, M. Holden, M. Lundberg, W. Pettit, J. Russom, G. Scala

**Absent:** S. Debonis, F. Hershey

Opening Prayer Led by Mtr. Christina.

**Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, February 12th, 2024**

The vestry minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by J. Russom, seconded by D. Spath, then unanimously approved by the vestry.

**Rector's Report – Mtr. Christina**

**Pastoral updates:**

Introduced Burning of the Palms service during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 13. It went well, and I think a flamethrower is a yearly tradition now.

Led Ash Wednesday worship at noon and 5:30 on Feb. 14. We had twice as many worshippers this year as last year.

Began leading Morning Prayer on Zoom on Lenten Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 6:30 am.

Led the second February session of St. Peter's Prayer School (Confession and Examen) on Ash Wednesday afternoon.

Began co-teaching the weekly Lenten Saints study on Sundays after the 10:30 service with John Davis.

Officiated Evensong on Feb. 23 and March 8.

Participated in the "Play" session of Winter Family Disciple on March 9 by taking a hike at Five Rivers and going out for ice cream or hot cocoa afterward. Already getting signups for Spring Family Disciple (it's going to be really fun).

Did one home visit and one hospital visit (last rites).

Attended the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Jeremiah Williamson on Feb. 24, along with a good showing of our parishioners.

Working with the Diocese and with our parish committee on preparations for the liturgy and reception at the Institution service on April 7.

Led Children's Chapel on Sunday, March 3.

Went on a family trip to Ohio over my kids' school break week.

Will be traveling to Ohio on Monday, March 25 (returning mid-day March 27) to pick up my parents and bring them here for Holy Week and the Institution service.

**Big Picture and Mission/Vision work:**

Lent Related: Will be doing some work to promote Holy Week/Easter worship through social media, including putting our Good Friday choral offering out on any websites and community calendars that we can.

Hoping to promote signups for Spring Family Disciple to possibly rope in some more families.

Working on some outreach ideas with Daniel – will report on that during Task Force updates.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

Good Friday – March 29, 2024

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

Rector Installation – April 7, 2024

**Sr. Warden's Report – J. Chenot**

Jim started off his report thanking all those who helped in making our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner a huge success again this year, starting us off into our Lenten season. Thank you to Janice Chenot, Jeff Russon, Robin LaPlante and so many others who volunteered to cook, serve and clean after the dinner. It was a great evening with great food and fellowship.

The following day, Ash Wednesday, there were two services, the first at noon including Ashes and at 5:30pm, Ashes, Holy Communion with choral music. We also have continued Evensong services during Lent on designated Friday evenings at 5:45. Thank you to Daniel, our choir director, as well our choir for their participation at this service.

Jim also wanted to thank everyone involved with our homeless overflow shelter which will be winding down for the winter season at the end of this month. This important outreach mission, with the help from the Capital City Mission Shelter staff, has been so meaningful and a blessing to so many that have fallen on hard times. Thank you to those who have supported this mission with donations of food, time, as well as monetary donations that have been given throughout the year.

The past few weeks, we have been in the mist of preparing the services leading up to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services. Our thanks to Daniel and the choir for all their preparation of music for this year's Good Friday service. This year the choir will be

performing “The Crucifixion” by John Stainer, with chamber orchestra. We also would like to thank the choir for all their time and dedication at rehearsals, preparing the music for our two Glorious Easter Sunday services. We also want to mention our appreciation for all the additional work taken on by the Altar and Flower guild, Ushers, including our Lay Ministers.

Our staff in the office gradually takes on more tasks during the Lenten season leading up to Easter. The task of putting together our newsletter, leaflets and inserts for all our services, gathering information for the Easter Lily Memorial insert, as well as all that is needed for Holy week services. Our gratitude and thanks go out to Ruth and Janice in our church office for all their work and dedication to St. Peter’s and our parishioners.

Mother Christina has been working attentively to the details on the upcoming Holy Week services and Easter Sunday services. Our soon-to-be Rector, Mother Christina, unfortunately has also been busy recently, performing a few funeral services as well as hospital visitations. She has been so instrumental implementing many new programs, study groups and gatherings, which has brought many parishioners interested and attending regularly. Please take the time each month and glance at our newsletter online off our website, or printed copy sent to your home. Each month the newsletter is packed with valuable information regarding all the activities, services and gatherings. Thank you, Ruth, for all you do compiling the information and putting the newsletter together for all of us to enjoy, we appreciate all your work into this important outreach.

We look forward to the Easter egg hunt, Saturday, March 30th at the Church Rectory. Easter is very early this year and pray we will have some nice spring weather to look forward to for the egg hunt as well as two Easter Sunday Services.

During this active season, we also have had our eyes on next month, Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Mother Christina will be instituted as the 24<sup>th</sup> Rector of St. Peter’s Church by our Bishop Jeremiah Williamson. There has been an awful lot of excitement leading up to this celebration. Many parishioners have come forward and have been very helpful with the preparation of the installation service as well as putting a reception together that will follow the service at the church.

Thank you everyone. Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

**Sunday Attendance** - The Average Sunday Attendance is 105.4 (as of 4/8/24).

**Finance** – Treasurer’s Report Highlights/Summary – February 2024

	February	YEAR-TO-DATE
OFFERINGS	\$15,875	\$25,325
EXPENSES	(\$54,481)	(\$99,796)
GAIN/(LOSS)	(\$38,606)	(\$74,471)
WITHDRAWALS FROM ENDOWMENT TO FUND SHORTFALL	\$38,724	\$50,802

Endowment Return (Merrill Lynch)

Feb: +3.94%

Index Calculated Return: +3.68%

Updated 2024 Pledges:

32 for a total of \$123,937

YTD Offerings through Feb ‘24 were \$3,042 higher than ‘23

**Property** – None

**Outreach** – None

**Old Business** –

Organ music has been brought back to the 8:30am Sunday Service. Thank you to the parishioners for this suggestion.

The vestry continues to discuss plans for a safety team to ensure safe and uninterrupted worship on Sunday mornings.

**New Business** –

The Vestry has begun discussing delegates for the Annual Convention coming up in June. This is to include 2 delegates and 1 alternate.

**Adjournment** -

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

Compline was led by Mtr. Christina.

Respectfully Submitted, Christie J. Gordon

## *Clergy & Staff*

The Rev. Christina Hunter.....Rector  
Daniel Romero.....Organist & Choirmaster  
Malcolm Moran.....Assistant Music Director  
Laura Saffares.....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

Pete Benson, Sharon DeBonis, Christie Gordon, Samuel Hartt, Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg, William Pettit, Jeff Russom

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## *Services*

### **Sunday**

**Holy Communion** 8:30 am  
**Holy Communion** 10:30 am  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)  
Morning Prayer 10:30 am  
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)  
Sunday School 10:30 am

### **Wednesday**

**Holy Communion** - 12:05pm  
( 1st Wednesday of the month )  
**Noonday Prayer** - 12:05pm  
( All other Wednesdays )

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