



St. Peter's Church 2018 Annual Meeting & Reports



January 27,
2019



St. Peter's Church
An Episcopal community sharing Christ's love since 1702.

Agenda

In Church Following the Eucharist

1. Opening Prayer with Necrology
2. Nominating Committee Report
3. Polls Open – Ballots Cast

All active parishioners 16 or over, whose membership is recorded at St. Peter's Church, are eligible to vote. Polls remain open for 30 minutes (during breakfast).

4. Breakfast

After casting ballots, recess to Parish Hall for breakfast.

In Parish Hall as Breakfast Concludes

5. Treasurer's Report
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Nominations

Joe Falisi (Vestry)



I've been at St. Peter's for almost 30 years. My three children were baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's, and attended church school here. I have just completed a partial Vestry term, and I am the liaison between the Vestry and Finance Committee. I am also looking into charitable giving options for Building Crossroads and St. Peter's.

Erin MacKenzie (Vestry)



My name is Erin MacKenzie, and I've been a member of St. Peter's for 22 years, since I was three years old. I've been active in many of the music ministries of St. Peter's since elementary school and have also been involved in the community supper program, acolyting, lecturing, and ushering throughout the years. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to further grow and get involved in the church.

Marilee Nicholson (Vestry)



My name is Marilee Nicholson and I have been a member of St. Peter's Church for 10 years. I have been involved in many ministries at St. Peter's including Emergency Housing Intake, Community Suppers, Blessings and Blooms, and Greeter. I am currently a team leader for Altar Guild and co-chair person for Ushers. I hope as a member of the Vestry I can make some helpful contributions to support the many ministries that make St. Peter's very special to me and to serve the Lord.

Susan Jane Story (People's Warden)



I am a lifelong Episcopalian being baptized prior to moving to Freehold with my family as a youngster in 1967. At St. Peter's I was an active participant in Church school, choir, and youth group and was confirmed. During my 4 years of college in Kentucky I was an active participant at the St. Alban's mission of Morehead. Returning back to Freehold I continued my involvement with the choir, served as youth group advisor, ushered alongside my father Gordon, was a lay reader and also became active with the Diocese Youth programs.

The joyous occasion of a wedding and celebrating my marriage vows at St. Peter's remains a highlight of my life journey in our beautiful church. Celebrating 30 years in September is a tribute to the love shown to me at St. Peter's by the inspiring couples I continue to look up to, especially my own parents.

I am number 4 of 5 Prochnow children, all of whom attended St. Peter's, and I am married to Larry Story and reside in Freehold Township. Larry's son (my step son) Dwayne lives in North Carolina. Professionally, for 20 years, I work for Scholastic Inc., the children's publishing company, as the Director of Corporate Travel Services. Although my commuting woes to NY have subsided with my new office in Secaucus, the stories of traveling continue as I do like a good trip, dining out and sharing time with Larry seeking new adventures in life wherever the road leads us.

I am currently singing with Peter's Rock, co-leading the Blessings and Blooms ministry, ushering when needed and continue to serve as a reader. Other activities include, preparing meals for the Emergency housing program, donating time to the community outreach suppers, Building Crossroads Campaign, and attending Diocesan events and convention.

I completed an unexpired term on the Vestry prior to being elected Peoples Warden 2 years ago.

It's been an honor to serve the members of St. Peter's Church as your Peoples Warden and actively being a member in faithful communion with such an amazing parish. Thank you for your enthusiasm that inspires me to serve and be your voice to the Vestry.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

January 28, 2018

The Reverend Dirk C. Reinken called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:55 am following opening prayer. The written Annual Meeting Report of 2017 was distributed to all parishioners in attendance. Anne Delgado was appointed secretary. The congregation reviewed the minutes of the previous year's meetings. There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

Motion by Susan Jane Story, second by Kathleen LaSpisa, to accept the minutes of the January 2017 Annual Meeting.

Motion approved.

Father Dirk thank the nominating committee for their diligent work. Jim McCreight, Chairperson, presented the report of the Nomination Committee. The following names were presented:

People's Warden--1 (1-year) term:

Susan Jane Story

Vestry—3 (3-year) terms:

Kim Carroll

Hannah Cuffari

Jim Hurley

Vestry—1 (2-yr) term:

Dot Davis

Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3

Mayra Caceres

Connor Crafton-Tempel

Mark Willis

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3

Susan Jane Story

Donna Devlin

Carla Navallo

Delegate to Monmouth Convocation—3

Joe Falisi

Kathleen LaSpisa

Deb Turi-Smith

Motion by Janet Birkhead, second by Connor Crafton-Tempel, to accept the candidates for nomination.

Motion approved.

Tellers were appointed to count the ballots. Polls were opened at 11:03 am and remained open until 11:33 am. Members of St. Peter's congregation proceeded to cast their votes.

The congregation moved to the Parish Hall for brunch and the continuation of the meeting. During the ballot count, the congregation reviewed the written 2017 Annual Report. Father Dirk thanked our outgoing vestry members. He thanked Jim McCreight for his vestry service, and Jim and his wife Lynne McCreight for their help with the church's interior painting project. Father Dirk thanked Lucinda Salinas for her vestry service and work on the finance committee and Building Crossroads committees, and he thanked Doug Hackett for his time on vestry as well as his multiple contributions to the 8:00 am worship ministries. Finally, Father Dirk thanked Angela Wyrick for her vestry service and her term as clerk of the vestry.

Jim Price gave the treasurer's report for 2017 and presented the 2018 budget. The current budget is a deficit budget, which St. Peter's can support for one year but no longer. Neill Dougherty suggested looking into a day care or other business model to generate income and increase value as a congregation. Father Dirk replied that we will look at a variety of options, including utilizing the 2nd floor of the Rectory as potential rental space. We will also participate in a church-wide program called Renewal Works to increase parish vitality in 2018.

Due to a plumbing issue limiting water and sanitation services to the Parish Hall, several oral reports were omitted from the presentation to save time. Parishioners are encouraged to read the written reports as presented in the Annual Report. The People's Warden, Susan Jane Story, and the Rector's Warden, Mark Willis, gave brief reports and Father Dirk thanked them for their service. Father Dirk also discussed the success of the Social Justice Bible Challenge, and Joann Price and Lynne Stokes talked about how meaningful participating in the challenge had been for them. Father Dirk distributed commemorative bookmarks to those who participated in the Social Justice Bible Challenge, and announced that the next challenge, reading the Book of Luke for the Good Book Club, will begin February 11. Books are available after the meeting and from the church office for \$10. Anne Delgado gave a brief report on the Communications Ministry, reminding parishioners of the availability of print and online resources offered by St. Peter's, and encouraging parishioners to become active in St. Peter's ministries on social media. Donna Devlin presented information about Education for Ministry (EfM) and encouraged members of St. Peter's to consider enrolling in the program to facilitate their identification and awareness of their own personal ministries. Mera Archambeau read a "thank you" note written by one of the participants of our After School Program.

The results of the election were announced:

People's Warden--1 (1-year) term:

Vestry—3 (3-year) terms:

Vestry—1 (2-yr) term:

Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3

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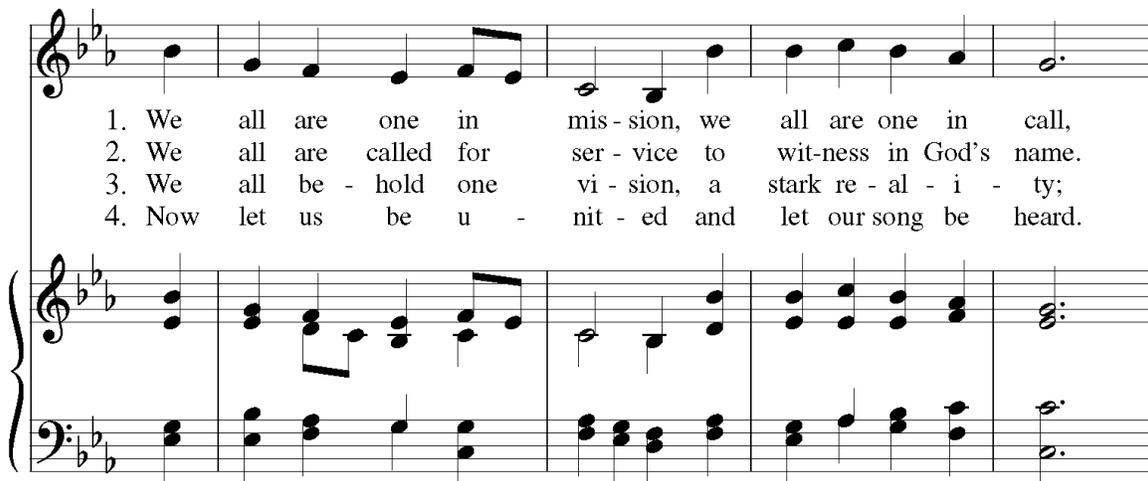
Motion by Fran Hurley, seconded by John Winfrey, to adjourn.

Motion approved.

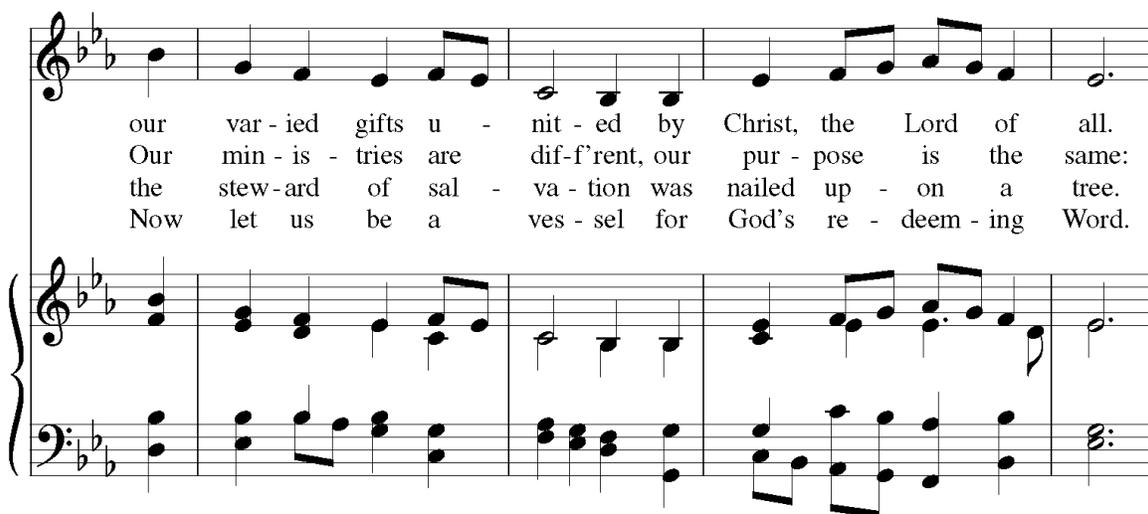
Respectfully submitted,
Anne Delgado

Closing Hymn

We all are one in mission



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line in G major (one flat) with lyrics underneath. The second system is a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the same key signature. The lyrics are: 'to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love. so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace. free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair. our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.'

Section: The Church's Mission

Title: We all are one in mission

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874–1948)

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Meter: 76.76.D

The Life of the Parish

Worship

Worship frames all that we do as God's people. We are sent in worship to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, and we return to the Altar touched by the world's needs.

Parish membership remained steady while Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) declined about 10%. This is due to three factors – Christmas services did not fall on Saturday evening or Sunday (which would count in ASA), four active households moved out of the area, and calendar pressures continue to challenge young families.

Our livestream of the main Sunday service attracts 10-30 viewers per week from around the country. While we cannot count those numbers in attendance, two of those households have made pledges to St. Peter's. Our understanding of the St. Peter's community is broader than those who gather on Sunday.

The Saturday 5 pm service continues to be an important part of our schedule, with some regulars and others who use it as for "make-up" worship when they can't come on Sunday.

Saturday Evening & Sunday Eucharists 150	Weekday Eucharists 14	Private Communion 48	The Daily Office 3
Baptisms 11	Confirmation 0	Marriage 2	Burial 14
Average Sunday Attendance 2018: 112 2017: 125 2016: 134			

Baptisms: Zoey Rose Gaeta, Alexander Michael Tesalona, Hunter Christopher Gerrity, Lincoln JR Mopsick, Elizabeth Rose Blackwell, Brigid Anne Lane, Hunter Joseph Goldberg, Gabrielle Grace Oliano, Nicholas Steven Prusakowski, Zachary Paterson, Reese Dallas Cameron.

Marriage: Alexandra Guido & Bruce Smith; Allison Cloonan & Vincent diCaro

Transfer In: Cheryl & Richard Adamonis, Susan George, Charlie Lettice, David Lettice, Jill Lettice, Stephanie Mancino, Candice Prusakowski, Nicholas Prusakowski, Judith Royer, Dominique Won, Karen Smith

Transfer Out: John Sturges, Elizabeth Channon, Steve Channon, Cliff Greene, Debbie Greene

Burials from St. Peter's (* indicates parishioner): *Gloria Costa, *Mary Grippe, Carl Schwarzler, *Lois Pezold, *Janet Morriss, Dorothy Harr, Rose Richardson, *Dorothy Barrett, David Lomauro, *Phyllis Ryer, *Mark Vedder, *Lynne Dahlquist, *Stanley Davis, *Eileen Hill

Membership

The canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey identify an active member of the congregation as any baptized Christian whose baptism is recorded in the register, who attends worship and receives the Eucharist at least 3 times a year, and who is known to the Rector and Treasurer as a financial contributor to the life and ministry of the congregation. Based on those requirements, the active membership of St. Peter's Church is as follows:

Active Members at start of the year: 284

Restored from Inactive Status: 1

Gained by Transfer In: 12

Lost by Death: (10)

Lost by Transfer Out: (5)

Gained by Baptism: 11

Moved to Inactive Status: 0

Database Correction: 51

Active Members, end of Year: 344 Total Member Households: 176

Non-Member, Active (have not officially transferred in): 30

In addition to active members, there are a growing number of active non-members. While they are not officially on the member rolls, they participate regularly in the life of the congregation. Our revitalized New Member Ministry plays a key role in better connecting with newcomers, regardless of membership status, to help them become more connected with the congregation.

Rector's Warden

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, give thanks, because it is God's will in Christ Jesus that you do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Unbelievable we are here together again for our Annual Meeting. What a year it has been! I am blessed to be called to this position and serve with such an amazing Rector. I am truly thankful for this opportunity.

In 2018 I experienced my first ever Diocesan Convention! It was extremely interesting and very interactive. I understand it was a real change from previous conventions. The coming convention sounds like it will be way different again. There are tough times facing the Diocese and a certain shrinking will occur.

However, at St. Peter's we have so much to celebrate! Look how far our Building Crossroads Capital Campaign has come! With Borough approvals expected soon, true earnest outside fundraising and grant writing can begin. We truly must give thanks for the amazing people and talents that are at work on our behalf.

In the summer, Father Dirk asked me about being a leader in our RenewalWorks project. I had no idea what it was, but it sounded like an opportunity for my own spiritual growth. It was! It was just amazing to have 15 people from all different backgrounds come together to interpret our place in our combined spiritual journey. I am so thankful for the people who dedicated themselves to this project.

Another new experience for me was the Panera Chats. Other than Vestry or Brotherhood meetings, I have not done much "outside" Bible study. Imagine going out in public and doing something like this in the middle of a high traffic restaurant! It was so interesting hearing so many different perspectives on the readings. I am so thankful for these opportunities, and I so look forward to more of them!

So, as we begin another exciting year for St. Peter's, let's pledge to hear Paul's words and be thankful for all we have with our St. Peter's family, and let's pray together about our future to see where we are called! I cannot wait to continue this journey with you!

God Bless St. Peter's!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Willis

People's Warden

"People, people who need people..." the lyrics of this song comes to mind as I sit quietly in thankful measure of my time served as People's Warden. St. Peter's is filled with a community of loving parishioners who know best how to be "people who need people."

We are people who do God's work willingly, with a great passion for those we serve.

We are people who serve one another.

We are people that serve our community and crossroads of life with a loving embrace to fulfill their needs.

We are people that embrace the Holy Spirit daily in faith.

We are people striving to be better in every good work we set out to do.

We are people that forgive and are forgiven.

We are people who shout to the Lord a joyful noise in praise.

We are people who pray for one another in times of joy, sorrow, and daily needs.

I thank each of you for making this church a church of good people and for the confidence you share in each other to make St. Peter's a truly special place for our families and friends to worship and grow in the faith of our Lord and Savior.

And so the song lyrics continue with a most true statement: "We are the luckiest people in the world."

In thanks and blessings to all,
Susan Jane Story

Stewardship Report

Our Stewardship theme for 2019 is “With Hearts, and Hands, and Voices,” which recognizes the many different ways we give of ourselves to participate in God’s redeeming work in this world. At St. Peter’s, we truly experience the joy of people coming together to do God’s work.

Our fall pledge campaign included witnesses from during the Sunday services from Mark Willis, Nancy Ollwerther, and Joe Cuffari. Each person shared moving and humorous stories of faith, growth, and generosity. We are especially blessed that Nancy was able to share her final witness before moving to North Carolina.

From a numbers standpoint, 2018 presented some challenges as several active parishioners moved to other states. We are excited to share that we have received a number of pledges from new households as new members join us and strengthen us in our ministry.

Total Pledged for 2019: \$199, 924

Number of Pledges: 69

Number of First Time Pledges: 10

While we have not yet reached our goal for numbers of pledging units, those who have not yet pledged are active and contributing members and we look forward to adding them to the list as the new year unfolds.

Looking ahead, we are also developing a Planned Giving program, led by Bruce Edmonds, Joe Falisi, and Father Dirk. Planned giving will include making bequests to St. Peter’s in one’s will as well as other planned gifts that can be done in a variety of ways. Such gifts allow members to make sure their legacies support the things that are most important to them, and build a strong foundation for St. Peter’s in the decades and centuries ahead.

Everybody’s gift, no matter what size, builds community, shares grace, and strengthens St. Peter’s ability to do God’s work. Thank you to all of you for coming together “With Hearts, and Hands, and Voices!” It is a joy to serve God with you!

Respectfully Submitted,
2018 Stewardship Team

Doug Hackett
The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken

George Kudlacik
Susan Jane Story

Nancy Ollwerther
Joseph Whall

Building Crossroads

Finance

We have \$622,346.00 from 58 of pledges, with \$458,503 paid 15 months into the three-year campaign. This is an excellent show up support!

The Finance Planning Team has divided into two main responsibilities. One group is responsible for researching and recommending construction and mortgage financing. The other group is responsible for pursuing outside fundraising through grants, major donors, and special events.

Once the Borough approves Crossroads, will be able solicit outside fundraising through grants, program and ministry partners, and major donors.

Building

We formally submitted our plans to Freehold Borough in July, 2018, which initiated a multi-month, multi-agency approval process. We have testified twice before the Historical Preservation Committee, once before Borough Council, and once before the Freehold Planning Board. We have been ably represented by Steve Gouin, a land-use attorney with the firm Giordano, Halloran in Red Bank.

Next steps are for our attorney and Borough officials to finalize resolutions to be approved by the Freehold Borough Council, which will formally authorize our plans and begin a 45-day appeal period. At the end of that appeal period, we will be able to finalize building design and prepare for apply for permits.

Planning

We have worked to create the message and the materials that will be used for our appeal for funding to outside groups. We are working with a wonderful graphic designer, Jessi Franko, who is helping us to develop the right materials to take to our potential investors to request financial support. We are gathering data about all the various ministries and services we provide to the community to share our story and our vision with potential supporters. We are excited to be moving into this next phase of our project.

When is Ground Breaking?

Once we receive approvals, we will take steps to make sure we are in a healthy financial position to initiate construction loans, which will give us the cash flow needed to begin building. The strong response to the first phase of our campaign has helped this tremendously. Ground breaking could be this summer or fall.

We will also need Diocesan approval to enter into a loan or mortgage, and to tear down the parish hall.

Ongoing Needs

Bruce Edmonds has developed task chart listing the various areas of oversight for Building Crossroads, including financial management, fundraising, building design, and project management. We ask any parishioners with talents in any of these areas to join us in this effort.

We thank everyone for the positive and constructive participation. Together, through God's grace, we will continue to build Crossroads!

Finance Report

The Finance Committee has 2 primary duties:

- 1- Oversee proper accounting policies and procedures are in place and followed regarding the handling of income and expense items in order to produce reports to Vestry that have integrity and are accurate.
- 2- From Budget development through submission of this Annual Report, we meet monthly to review results versus expectations, and discuss, and follow up on items that come before us over the course of the year. Resulting from the review, we report to Vestry on current results and make recommendations on potential actions to resolve non-Budgeted issues which arise.

In 2018, the Finance Committee was comprised of Jim Price – Treasurer, Kurt Tweten, Joe Falisi (Vestry), and Fr. Dirk, with our Office Administrator Robin Stewart handling the day to day accounting.

Saint Peter’s Net Operating Income exceeded Budget in 2018 by \$8,029, resulting in an operating profit of \$334. With a few exceptions, 2018 unfolded as Budgeted. The notes below are derived from the table on the following sheet.

Total Income for 2018 was \$488,448 versus a Budget of \$496,732, \$8,274, or less than 2% below Budget. Our 2 most important sources of income: Pledges were below Budget by \$12,600, or 6% below Budget, and the Thrift Shop, which was \$6,500, or 5% below Budget. All other income categories together approximated Budget, although together were approximately \$10,000 above Budget.

Total Operating and ministry expenses finished 2018 at \$488,114, \$16,113, 3%, below Budget for the year. Most expense categories were close to or under Budget for the year, but there were some notable exceptions: with the following being the larger variances: Staff Expenses were \$15,468 below Budget, mostly due to the change in staffing in Music as well as lower expenses, Utilities - Gas/Electric & Water were \$3,855 below Budget, and Music was \$3,088 under Budget. Maintenance/Keith Building/ Building and Grounds expenses were \$2,682 over Budget, and Community Outreach was \$3,055 over Budget related to the support of EHAP.

Below is a table comparing December 31, 2017 bank balances to December 31, 2016.

Operating Fund	\$ 54,892.03	\$ 54,558.03
Capital Improvement Funds	4,270.13	10,711.67
Crossroads Capital Fund	461,046.36	237,135.31
Thrift Shop	1,003.76	1,232.44
Memorial Fund	8,439.18	6,471.29
Downtown Concert Series	8,157.33	7,602.54
Raffle Account	815.88	815.07
DIT - Endowments	217,770.91	244,898.60
	<u>\$ 756,395.58</u>	<u>\$ 563,424.95</u>

The Finance Committee, together with the Vestry, reviewed the 2018 results and formulated a Budget for 2019 in December.

Net Operating income in the 2019 Budget is a profit of \$778.

Total Budgeted Income for 2018 is \$485,410, \$3,039 below actual income for 2018. There were a few variances worth noting: an increase in income from the Thrift Shop of just over \$10,000 (8%) based upon consistently strong results after a slow start to the year, Pledge Income, net of allowance, shows a \$3,021 increase over this year, and a decrease in Income by \$10,000 due to not drawing any funds from DIT to funds operations as we did in 2018. Most other Income variances were fairly small but did total about \$6,000 lower than 2018.

Total Budgeted Expense for 2019 is \$484,624, \$3,490 below actual expenses in 2018, and \$19,803 less than the Budget for 2018. The major change year over year occurred in Staff Expense which was \$323,320 in 2018 but is Budgeted in 2019 to be \$298,720 – a reduction of \$24,600. In the table you will see the components in the STAFF expense and see the \$29,345 savings in Staff Benefits which is the result in the change in Music Staff from 2019 to 2019. Aside from that savings, most other Staff wages and expenses show typical increases in this category. Community Outreach, which contains our support for the Open Door and EHAP ministries is increased by \$9,485 in this Budget as our support for EHAP is for the full year as opposed to the last 3 months of 2018 when it began. Our Diocesan Assessment also reflects a larger increase than we have been able to provide – an increase of \$6,086 (20%) above 2018. Maintenance/Keith Building/Building & Grounds is up \$2,138 as our facilities and grounds continue to reflect a little more need each year. There were other variances in expenses, but generally were close to 2018 levels. As always, thanks to Robin Stewart for her hard work maintaining the books and records, and for looking out for the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Peter's Finance Committee

Jim Price
Kurt Tweten
Joe Falisi
Fr. Dirk Reinken

Accounts	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2018 Actual vs 2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2019 Budget vs 2018 Actual
Income					
Rent	61,032	61,305	273	62,863	1,558
Thrift Shop	137,000	130,500	(6,500)	140,797	10,297
Parish Org Contrib Income Offset (incl T.S. mgrs)	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	25,920	29,432	3,512	26,400	(3,032)
Special Income	120	599	479	120	(479)
Coffee Income	180	682	502	600	(82)
Plate Offerings	300	207	(93)	240	33
	5,400	4,619	(781)	4,800	181
Pledge Payments	225,000	201,229	(23,771)	215,000	13,771
Unpledge Payment	14,820	15,807	987	15,300	(507)
Seasonal Offerings	13,000	12,515	(485)	13,200	685
EYC Fund Raiser	-	-	-	-	-
Supper Fund	1,080	700	(380)	840	140
Music Special Contribution	4,000	8,225	4,225	8,000	(225)
Pre-Paid Pledge	-	2,220	2,220	-	(2,220)
Flower Income	3,180	3,105	(75)	3,100	(5)
Prior Year Pledge Payment	500	1,040	540	1,000	(40)
Other	-	1,481	1,481	-	(1,481)
Event/Rental Income	4,200	3,800	(400)	3,900	100
Fund Raiser	2,250	992	(1,258)	-	(992)
Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Income/C.O.H.	10,000	9,991	(9)	-	(9,991)
Allowance Pledge Shortfalls	(11,250)	-	11,250	(10,750)	(10,750)
Total Income	496,732	488,448	(8,284)	485,410	(3,039)

Expenses	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2018 Actual vs. 2019 Budget	2019 Budget	2019 Budget vs. 2018 Actual
Staff Expense:					
Clergy Stipend	80,978	80,978	(0)	82,161	(1,184)
Clergy Benefits	26,114	25,905	209	27,274	(1,369)
Clergy Expenses	7,404	4,955	2,449	7,000	(2,045)
Staff Salaries	157,619	151,800	5,819	151,698	102
Staff Benefits	66,420	59,682	6,739	30,337	29,345
Staff Expenses	252	-	252	250	(250)
Diocesan Assessment	30,432	30,432	-	36,518	(6,086)
Total Insurance	30,194	30,251	(57)	31,060	(809)
Total Offset Expense	660	830	(170)	600	230
Utilities -Gas / Electric / Water / Sewer	21,120	17,265	3,855	19,100	(1,835)
Total Telephone	5,124	5,301	(177)	5,100	201
Total Office Expense Maintenance / Keith Bldg. / Building & Grounds	13,440	13,362	78	13,235	127
	31,500	34,182	(2,682)	36,320	(2,138)
Total Other Expense	4,410	3,815	595	4,070	(255)
Total Altar Expense	5,130	5,342	(212)	5,890	(548)
Total Christian Formation	1,380	1,627	(247)	1,560	67
Total Community Outreach	2,380	5,435	(3,055)	14,920	(9,485)
Total Parish Life Orgs.	300	(17)	317	120	(137)
Total Hospitality	970	1,457	(487)	1,200	257
Total Music	18,600	15,512	3,088	16,210	(698)
Total Expenses	504,427	488,114	16,313	484,624	3,490
Net Operating Cash Flow	(7,695)	334	8,029	786	452

Parish Ministry

The Christian life begins at the font and is nourished at the Altar, but it is completed through ministry and service to one another in the faith community, and to the larger world.

The following reports represent our response to the dismissal at each service to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” as Christ’s hands and heart in the world.

Acolytes



St. Peter’s Acolyte Ministry is a group of faithful people from fourth grade into adulthood who assist at the Altar during Sunday and special liturgies. Their ministry makes possible a smooth-running service, which includes helping the priest set up the Altar for Communion and taking care of logistical details during the service.

The 8:00 am service includes one acolyte each week, usually an adult and occasionally a fill-in from a teen or former acolyte home from college. At the 10:00 am service, we run three acolytes (Cross and two Torches) who also help with setting up the Altar, ringing bells, and other logistical details. Anyone fourth grade and above can serve. You are never too old, and adult acolytes are a huge help as well!

If you are interested in this ministry, training is provided before or after the service. We start new acolytes out with simpler positions and give them more responsibility as they become more experienced. Our older acolytes do a great job mentoring new acolytes as well.

Father Jim Hargrove, our Priest Associate, coordinates the training, and Anne Delgado, Director of Formation & Communications, handles the scheduling. If you are interested, please see any of the clergy who will get you involved right away!

Our current roster of acolytes includes:

8:00 am: Doug Hackett, Jack Kriska, Jim Price

10:00 am: Will Alsager, Kaitlin Balasaygun, Gabriella Chin, Riley Crismali, James Delgado, Matthew Delgado, Olivia Edmonds, Spencer Hurley, Charlie Lettice, Colin McAulay, Gay Mary Simons

After School Tutoring Program

“Volunteering is the highlight of my week. There is no better feeling than seeing these kids working out problems they didn't think they could do, and succeeding. I'm excited to encourage them and see them approach and overcome challenges. Their positive attitudes brighten my day and I love to see their smiling faces every week.”

“I enjoy being a volunteer in the After School Program very much. I particularly love helping children practice reading, writing and math skills. I love seeing those special moments when children read easily what they struggled to read before and/or understand a new math concept they did not understand before.”

The volunteers in the After School Program assist 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to successfully complete their homework assignments. The children attend the Freehold Borough Schools and they are recommended by their teachers as needing help with their homework. The program is in session from October to the middle of May on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. The program is not held if the schools are closed, have half days, or have early dismissal. After their homework is finished, the children have the opportunity to play educational games, play enriching games on the laptops, participate in creative writing, read books and write book reports, work puzzles or complete worksheets. They are given a snack and drink at 4:15. We also have two parties: a Christmas party and an end-of-the-year party hosted by the Court Jester.

The program continued to have a successful year from January 2018 to May 2018. The reported figures indicated that there were an average monthly attendance of: 22 children for 146 hours; 22 adult volunteers for 71 hours; and 19 teenagers for 34 hours.

The fall sessions have been a disappointment in number of students. The same time frame last year we had 32 children enrolled; this year we have 14 [many Freehold Borough programs that reach out to the Hispanic community are experiencing huge drops in participants.] The smaller number of students are benefiting from a volunteer-to-student ratio of one-to-one and sometimes two-to-one. The volunteers are benefiting because they are able to become better acquainted with the students. We continue to have super volunteers.

The Christmas party was a huge success again. The children are writing thank you notes to those who made donations to the party. Those donors included: Pizza Hut for pizza; Susan Story, Hope Lutheran Church, Mary Alsager; and Jean Holtz for books; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown for boxed crayons; and St Rose Parishioners for wrapped gifts. In addition to writing to these donors, the children will be thanking those who donate candy, prizes, supplies and snacks. This list includes Mr. Jim for sandwiches twice a week; AAUW for trail mix snacks; Gloria Lombardi for juice drinks; The Kudlaciks for candy; Dr. Tomazic for prizes; the McCreights for supplies; and Vivian Tedrow for snacks.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can call Pat McCarthy at 609 208 3801 or speak to one of the parishioners who are volunteers. They are Mera Archambeau, Dot Davis, Adriana Crump, Melanie Minch-Klass, or Laurie Christ and June Duck. If you wish to make a donation, please contact Mera, Dot, or Deacon Catherine.

Respectfully submitted,
Mera Archambeau

Altar Guild

“It is enriching to participate in the set-up for services and learn about the seasons of the church and the reasons behind what we do in worship.”



The Altar Guild continues to serve at St Peter’s Church faithfully. We are a vital ministry but one that serves quietly “in the background.” Each week we prepare the church for worship services. We clean the church chancel area, chapel, sacristies and narthex, polish silver and brass, care for candles and do setup and cleanup for regularly scheduled services, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Officially, the major functions of the Altar Guild are to prepare for the worship of the church, to provide for the suitable furnishing and decoration of the altar and to take due and reverent care of its appointments, and to have a general oversight of the proper

cleaning of the church.

Our group includes women and men from both services. We are organized into 4 teams working on a rotating basis on Saturday mornings. This year, the Altar Guild expanded with the addition of Debbie LeBrun. We would love to add more members and encourage you to consider joining this ministry.



We would like to acknowledge the service of Nancy Ollwerther, who after many years of faithful service has moved south with her husband Don. She is a lifelong member of St. Peter’s whose work in this ministry, and parish-wide, will be missed by everyone. We thank her for her leadership, organization, and dedication to our parish. We are working on purchasing a special set of church decorations to honor her contributions over the years.

We are grateful that Candy Cooper has stepped up to help lead the Altar Guild with Meg Tweten. She brings her organizational skills and eye for details to help guide us going forward.

Please remember: ***New members are always welcome!*** In 2019, we would love to include **you** as a member of this wonderful ministry. If you would like to participate in the Altar Guild ministry, contact one of our co-directors: Meg Tweten (mtteach@optonline.net) or Candy Cooper (coopspan@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Tweten and Candy Cooper

“I love working quietly behind the scenes getting the altar ready. I like to feel that I am setting the table and getting the meal ready to share with Jesus and my brothers and sisters. It is a great privilege for me to serve God in this way.”

Blessings and Blooms

“Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will themselves be watered.

- *Proverbs 11:25*



1: Kids, don't try this at home!

Our beautiful church and sanctuary comes alive throughout the seasons with the help of the Blessings and Blooms ministry and the donations received from so many parishioners. It's a labor of love that brings joy to those who serve and those who witness the transformations.

Palm Sunday saw a new look this year, with tall palms arched over the aisles leading a pathway for our walk with the Lord. Easter, when we celebrate the risen Lord, saw a garden of bountiful colors and plants to create a joyous backdrop to share shouts of Alleluia. For Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was truly among us as vibrant colors of yellow, red, and orange hung floating with doves of all shapes and sizes, reminding us to be in the moment and let the fire of

our spirit glow. The floral calendar completes itself with Advent. Our Christmas “Greening of the Church” tradition continues with many hands needed to bring the bags, boxes, and tubs of nativity items from the basement. The Saturday before the last Sunday of Advent we spend fluffing and preparing just like the weeks of Advent are meant to prepare us for the birth of Baby Jesus. Sunday following the morning service...the miraculous transformation occurs with the hanging of wreaths and garland, placement of candles and poinsettias, and each nativity set placed in its crèche for all to see.

We thank the team members who have consistently given of their time and talent and those who are able to assist when available and called upon. To our parishioners who make generous donations for the special seasons and weekly contributions for the altar flowers, we say “thank you” also.

This ministry is a blessing to all those who work and enjoy the beauty created. To make our donations go as far as possible, we use local farms such as Gasko's to buy our flowers, and we do the pickup ourselves. Especially for You is a wonderful local business that supports our efforts and does our Sunday altar flowers weekly and at a low cost. Do you have a creative floral eye or want to see something new appear? Or are you available during the week to come water the plants when we have flowers set up for a special purpose? All are welcome to join us and be part of this important team. Please join us when you are able and our call for volunteers is made.

We would be remiss to not say a special “thank you” to Nancy and Don Ollwerther for their years of service and for leaving behind the wonderful new Pentecost decorations, especially the wonderful mobiles that Nancy designed and made. They will be missed as their new journey begins away from St. Peter's and New Jersey!

Team members: Susan Jane Story, Deb Turi-Smith, Nancy Ollwerther, Don Ollwerther, Nancy Bilicki, Marilee Nicholson, Candy Cooper

Supported by: Larry Story, Lynne Stokes, Maddison Stokes, Jim Hurley, Larry Bilicki, Sheila Kudlacik, Connor Crafton-Tempel

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Jane Story

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

“Christian fellowship and an external family says it for me. I enjoy and appreciate the free-flowing exchange of ideas and opinions. We have different experiences, backgrounds and opinions. This mix seems to produce a rich mixture of views on most subjects that I find stimulating, interesting and open.”

Discipline of Prayer: to pray daily for the spread of Christ’s kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God’s blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

Discipline of Study: to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ, and to bring others into his kingdom.

Discipline of Service: to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church.

These are the three disciplines of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. When we gather, these lines are part of our opening prayers. Can we accomplish all of these? Well, when we only meet as a group once a month, much of this is left to our own personal journeys. The last one, the Discipline of Service, is one we would love to be able to do more of, but our size and the advancing average age of our group makes this more and more difficult to accomplish.

The Brothers meet on the third Sunday of each month. Generally, there are 5-8 of us who attend, but no one is pressured to attend every meeting. We have a potluck breakfast and share fellowship of news from our own worlds. We cover some official business when there is something to discuss. Lastly, we have a Bible discussion, which is always interesting to gather all these me together and hear the way the Word is heard and interpreted by each. None of our discussions are theologically heavy. Anyone can be an active participant in our discussions. This group covers a wide age range and varying backgrounds, and we have all truly become brothers, not just Brothers.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Cook, Chapter Director
Mark Willis, Chapter Vice-Director

Buildings and Grounds

Purpose of Ministry: Maintenance, repairs and improvements to all buildings on the church campus.

Accomplishments in 2018:

- Altar and choir flood lights have been relamped with LED bulbs.
- Church chandeliers have been relamped with LED bulbs.

- New ballasts and LED lights were installed in church office and Keith Building
- New soap, paper towel, and toilet paper dispensers have been installed in Parish House bathrooms.
- Tree on corner of Main and Throckmorton St. has been removed. It was infested with carpenter ants.
- New HVAC unit installed in Thrift Shop's second building.
- Concrete apron behind units 39-43 at Keith Building has been repaired.
- Lock installed on sound system door.
- CO detectors added throughout Church and Parish Hall.
- Dishwasher in Parish Hall repaired.
- Sacristy sink unclogged.
- Outside lights and exit lights: chapel fixed, and exit lights repaired or added.
- Thrift Shop Holiday Shop: plumber replaced toilet and hot water heater, and electrician connected or replaced exit signs and emergency lights.
- Routine preventative and responsive maintenance for all buildings on church property.

Goals for 2019:

- Continue regular maintenance plan.
 - Fire inspections (NOTE: not given a summons but strongly encouraged by inspector to address fire escapes or at least paint them)
 - Kitchen Suppression System Inspection
 - Fire extinguishers tagged or replaced
 - Boiler inspections
 - Gutters cleaned quarterly
 - Rug cleaned in Classroom A quarterly
 - Filters in AC/Heating units replaced quarterly
 - DCS quarterly fire inspection for concerts
 - Maintain keys, security and facility rentals for all groups
 - Annual permit for kitchen (food establishment handling)
 - Prepare all lease agreements for year
 - Monitor monthly pest control
 - Monitor property garbage and recycling issues
- Ongoing research of security system and cameras
- Technical work on microphone issues
- Heat issues in Rectory: fuse box monitored.
- Update all gas meters.
- Replace Hein room drop ceiling and repair original ceiling.
- Fix walkway and parking lot areas of the Keith Building.
- Have the kitchen, stairs and hallways scrubbed, mopped and maintained on a daily/weekly basis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin A. Stewart

Buildings Usage Summary

St. Peter's Internal Use/Attendance:

- 3 Weekly Worship Services /130 per week
- 4 Weekly Music Ministry Rehearsals / 55 per week
- 2 Weekly Fellowship Hours / 80 per week
- 2 Weekly Christian Formation / 20 people per week
- ***Total St. Peter's Internal Usage attendance per week / 285 people / 11 events***

St. Peter's Regular External Use / Attendance:

- 3 feeding program lunches / 260 per week
- 2 Al-Anon Meetings / 40 per week
- 1 AA Meeting / 15 per week
- 1 ESL Class / 10 per week
- 4 After School Tutoring Sessions / 40 per week (10 per day)
- 1 Life Skills Class / 20 per week
- 7 Emergency Housing Intakes / 96 per week (12 per day)
- 1 Emergency Housing Overnight / 12 per week
- 4 Open Door Food Bank days / 82 per week
- 35 weekly AA meetings at Clubhouse / 750 per week
- ***Total St. Peter's External Usage attendance per week / 1300 people / 61 events***

St. Peter's Periodic External Use / Attendance:

- 4 Downtown Concert Series Concerts / 400 annually
- 12 County Council for Young Children monthly meetings / 12 monthly / 144 annually
- 13 music studio recitals per year / 800 annually
- ***Weekly Average attendance (total / 52 weeks) / 38 people***

Summary—A Typical Program Year Week at St. Peter's:

- **Internal Usage / 285 people per week / 11 events**
- **External Usage / 1338 people per week / 90 events (regular + periodic)**
External numbers do not include volunteers who run the program
- **Thrift Shop / 200 customers plus 35 weekly volunteers, temporary and regular**

Christian Formation



“I like going [to LIFE 2.1 events] because I get to do different things with my friends and learn about God.”

- *Matthew Delgado*

Purpose of Ministry: Faith formation, or the forming of people as disciples of Jesus Christ, is a lifelong journey. We offer a variety of programs to help equip people of all ages for this journey, including programs at church and resources for the development of faith in the home.

Accomplishments in 2018:

- Updated faith formation web pages on St. Peter’s website (www.stpetersfreehold.org/formation/). The resources page is of particular use.
- Redesign of Wiggle and Worship curriculum to follow the Spark: Activate Faith All Ages program. This allows us to establish a routine of: opening prayer, Bible story reading (kids can follow along in Bibles that are distributed), group discussion, activity, and closing prayer.
- Update of LIFE 2.1 (Living in Faith Everyday) as our interactive and multi-generational faith formation program. Weekly (instead of monthly) activities during Fellowship Hour. Offering one or two targeted activities more regularly allows us to cover more topics and reach more people who attend on different Sundays.
- Participation in Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement at Pentecost. We were able to offer prayer-rich resources and a multi-station prayer day on Pentecost.
- Re-establishing Adult Formation, beginning with several Bible Challenges and including a Being Christian book study in Advent. We also established Panera Chats as a format for successful adult study and discussion, which we hope to build on in coming years.

Goals for Upcoming Year:

- To increase the population served by LIFE 2.1 programs, specifically by encouraging active participation by youth and adults, to enhance the multi-generational faith formation benefits.
- To continue to develop and sustain our adult formation offerings.
- To fulfill the initiatives identified in the RenewalWorks process, particularly embedding the Book of Common Prayer in our parish life and the creation and empowerment of lay-led small groups.
- To continue to identify and curate relevant formation resources for the website.
- To develop resources specifically for teenagers and parents of teenagers focused on resiliency and coping with the challenges of modern American culture.
- To continue to equip people to be disciples of Jesus!

How to Become Involved/Frequency of Meetings:



- Fill out registration form (online) to be included on mailing list.
- Show up at any of our events (weekly, monthly, or seasonally), which are announced via newsletters, bulletins, and website.
- Contact Anne Delgado (formation@stpetersfreehold.org) to participate in activities, volunteer to help at one event or many, or to identify ministry needs or concerns.
- We welcome participants of all ages!

“At its core, Christianity is about relationships. Teaching has given me many opportunities to build faith-centered relationships with kids, parents, and other teachers. I am thankful for all of them and know they would not have happened without this ministry.”

- Ed DeFuria

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Delgado
Assistant for Christian Formation

Communications Ministry

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.” (Matthew 5:14-15)

Purpose of Ministry:

To aid and enable more effective church communication about our faith and ministries to a broad audience, and to prompt a call to discipleship.



Accomplishments in 2018:

Our big communications project in 2018 was the update of our website, stpetersfreehold.org. We streamlined the home page, and simplified navigation. We continue to offer a variety of resources for parishioners and others in our community.

We continued to expand our social media presence in 2018. We are on Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram. Our Instagram account reached almost 150

followers this year, and our most popular posts are the Collect of the Day and Saint Collect graphics, an example of which is shown above. Beginning in Advent, we began a Sunday

Scripture theme, which has also gotten some following. If you haven't liked or followed us on various social media platforms, make it a goal for 2019! With social media, we can expand our outreach to communities well beyond Freehold—join us on social media and become part of the Communications Ministry!

In print resources, we produced a series of brochures featuring the ministries of St. Peter's. These are available in the back of the narthex in the brochure rack, and are available for members as well as visitors to our space. We have also begun producing our own seasonal program brochures in addition to monthly events posters displayed in the narthex of the church.

Goals for Upcoming Year:

Our goals for 2019 include growing engagement on St. Peter's social media sites by both members and non-members. We will also be undergoing an update of the bulletin format, in response to the RenewalWorks initiatives, that will eliminate Seasonal Booklets and simplify the bulletins to increase engagement with the Book of Common Prayer. Finally, we will continue to communicate as clearly as possible the mission and ministries of St. Peter's to members of the church and our wider Freehold community!

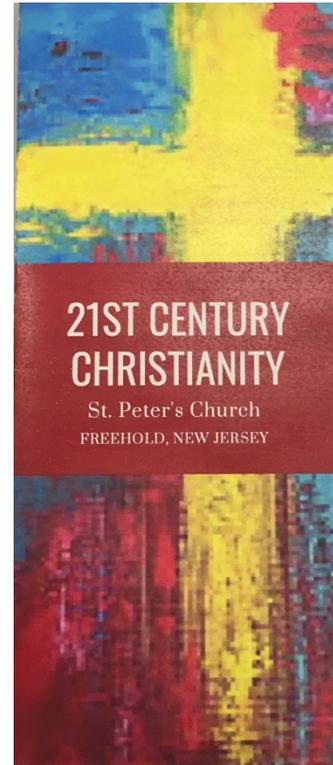
How to Become Involved/Frequency of Meetings:

First of all, pick up and read any of our brochures, posters, or other resources! Sign up for and ready the weekly e-newsletter, *The Peppercorn*, and our weekly Sunday bulletin. Follow, like, comment, or otherwise engage with us on social media. This is a great way for us to build community among ourselves, but also to engage in digital ministry among people we may never meet but to whom we can show Christ's love!

Contact Anne Delgado (formation@stpetersfreehold.org) with any questions, concerns or ideas about effectively communicating our life at St. Peter's. To include announcements or other information in the bulletin and/or e-newsletter, please submit it to formation@stpetersfreehold.org by the end of the day each Wednesday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Delgado
Assistant for Communications



Community Supper Report

“God is love.” 1 John 4:8

“What better way to serve the Word of God, the love of God, then through a plate of food. It’s like breaking bread. The meal starts with a blessing. Everyone knows from this blessing that God is the provider of the meal that they are about to receive. There is silent reverence during the blessing. The volunteers are the conduits, the hands and feet of Jesus, serving up God’s meal. Even though Scripture may not be proclaimed at the meal, everyone leaves satiated in the Word and love of God through the meal itself.”

Purpose: To minister to those in need in the Freehold community by providing hot, nutritious meals in a clean, comfortable setting and in an atmosphere of dignity and fellowship.

Accomplishments

Twenty-four dinners were held, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Our numbers were higher than last year as we served 1275 people a total of 2,100 meals.

Sponsoring organizations included our loyal partners: Colts Neck Reformed Church (3), Hope Lutheran Church (4), Millstone Boy Scouts (1), St. Monica’s Catholic Church in Jackson (1), and St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Millstone (1). A group known as “the Millstone families” provided volunteers, desserts, & staples for one date. The extended families of Linda Detwiler and Patty Meyer each sponsored one dinner (with Patty’s neighbors assisting a St. Peter’s sponsored dinner). Two new groups joined us in 2018: Freehold American Legion Ladies’ Auxiliary hosted one dinner and the extended family of Ana Maria Caputo sponsored two dinners.

St. Peter’s Church sponsored eight dinners as well as provided the main course for one additional dinner. The longevity/success of this ministry is a testament to the commitment of **all** St. Peter’s parishioners, families, and friends who donate food, time, and/or money. Our kitchen staff suffered a second blow within a year as Cathy Weick moved out of the area. My heartfelt thanks go out to the dedicated kitchen volunteers who didn’t miss a beat and kept things humming along.

Our ninth annual community supper picnic was held on September 14. Volunteers from the Millstone Boy Scouts joined St. Peter’s parishioners in hosting this labor-intensive event. We were blessed with great weather. The 100+ clients and volunteers enjoyed good food and fellowship. Our picnic is the highlight of our program year.

We are grateful for our business partners. Jeff Lane arranged for food donations through his employer and ShopRite of Freehold. As with last year, we were the recipient of a large food and supply donation from Black Bear Lake Camp in Millstone when they cleared out their camp at the end of the season. And, at several dinners our guests (and volunteers) enjoyed a smorgasbord of wonderful desserts donated by La Dolce Bakery of Freehold. Monetary donations were received from Colts Neck Reformed Church, St. Peter’s parishioners, and a Community Supper guest.

2018 was a year of increased interest from individuals in the community looking for volunteer opportunities. And, several of our guests have joined us regularly at the end of the dinner, helping to clean up. In addition, the lines between the various sponsoring organizations were

blurred as there were more instances of cross-site participation within individual dinners during the year. All these changes make the community suppers a true community affair.

“My tithing goes beyond money...I don’t have! So I give my time...gladly...my talent...and go where and when I’m needed.”

2019 Goals

- Recruit additional kitchen and dining room volunteers
- Seek out new sponsors to host a dinner, especially during the summer months
- Design and purchase a new banner

Ways to get involved

- Volunteer on dinner days: Set-Up (4:30 – 5:30 pm) (8 & older) / Serve (5:30 – 6:30 pm) / Clean Up (6:30 – 7:30 pm) *NOTE: Ages 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult*
- Donate food: May be homemade or store-bought
- Translator: If you speak Spanish well, we can use your help to converse with our Hispanic guests (15 & older)
- Sponsor a dinner: Consider hosting a dinner with family, friends, and/or co-workers who are interested. Don’t worry about providing all the food and volunteers. We can partner with your group to supplement any shortfall
- For more info or to volunteer, contact Marybeth MacKenzie at mmackenzie3@optonline.net or 732-713-0984.

“For when I was hungry you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

“At each Outreach Supper, I get to work side-by-side with so many caring folks! Together we share food and fellowship with our friends in the greater Freehold community. What a great opportunity to put the teachings of the Bible into action!”

Respectfully Submitted,
Marybeth MacKenzie

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is a prayer Order. The mission of the Order is to foster the spread of the knowledge of God to others within our immediate community through prayer, service and evangelism. We pray for the parish clergy and are available to pray for others. Requests for prayer can be made by completing the prayer request form found in the Sunday bulletin and placing it in the prayer box in the Narthex. All requests are confidential.

Highlights of 2018:

During Lent, the Daughters of the King held weekly soup and sandwich suppers at the home of Kathy Whall to do Stations of the Cross. In June, we met for an enjoyable lunch at Chili’s to say farewell to our sister, Esther Camm, who relocated to North Carolina.

To join us, contact Linda Brusotti at lcbrusotti@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Brusotti

Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program



“The guys in the EHAP program are so very appreciative for everything that is done for them and they touch your heart in so many ways. They become a family, looking after and taking care of each other. Working with them you become a member of their very special family. It’s truly an amazing experience.”

Candy Cooper, Volunteer

“Volunteering at EHAP intake program is a wonderful, rewarding experience. As I get to know the clients, I realize they’re not at all different from myself. Many of them have wives and children. Watching them better themselves, find work, and get their lives back in order is a priceless experience.”

- Jim Hurley, Volunteer

Mission Statement

To assist, empower, and educate individuals who are homeless to secure housing and other benefits that will ultimately ensure their ability to live independently with self-determination. We simultaneously advocate for these individuals when confronted by various institutions, agencies, and other facets of society which may jeopardize their survival and success. We are dedicated to fulfilling this mission without judgement or intolerance while showing genuine respect and empathy for each individual.

Currently, we have seven congregations hosting up to 12 men per night from December 1 to March 31. Volunteers from each hosting congregation provide a hot dinner and a nourishing breakfast and a warm place to sleep. A licensed social worker, Joan Mandel, provides free advocacy services to the men. These advocacy services include job assistance, housing, transportation, referrals for medical, dental, and mental health resources. The EHAP office is located at 41 Throckmorton Street next to Open Door. The office receives about 230 visits a month from people in search of help with many different circumstances.

St. Peter’s role in the program is that of a “hub” station. Volunteers are needed Monday through Sunday from 5:45 to 6:30 pm where “intake” takes place. The clients come to St. Peter’s every night where volunteers gather information on new clients and check in men who are already signed in to the program. When they arrive, a security guard goes through bags and breathalyzes the men for security purposes. The men have access to a bin in the basement with their name on it to store some personal belongings. At 6:30 pm the men are picked up by volunteers from hosting congregations. The men also stay over on Tuesday nights at St. Peter’s where our volunteers host dinner.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program or wish to volunteer, please contact Audrey Lotti at odie1066@aol.com. The program runs from December 1 to March 31. Intake is each night from 5:45 to 6:30pm.

“I have been volunteering for the program for about 10 years. I started out as an intake volunteer, then went on to coordinate the meals on Tuesday nights. The last two years I have taken on the position of Program Coordinator, acting as a liaison between Joan Mandel and all the participating houses of worship to make sure the program runs smoothly and effectively. My hope is that, as St. Peter’s continues to grow, so can this program, by expanding the advocacy part to reach more men, women, and families in need.

Audrey Lotti, St. Peter’s EHAP Coordinator

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Lotti

Feed All God’s Children, Inc.

As the Director of Feed All God’s Children (FAGC), I would like to thank you for your continued support this past year, which was our Fifteenth Anniversary. Your donations are truly a blessing. Your gift enables FAGC to continue to feed and minister to those less fortunate and make such a difference in their lives. Each purchase with your donations is done in a way to benefit the most people and done with careful thought and planning. If you come to the soup kitchen, you will see nutritious meals served to grateful people.

Feed All God’s Children is committed to run its soup kitchen in Freehold, offering a free lunch program, 3-4 times a week. We distribute food, but also hats, gloves, socks, coats, and other items at the soup kitchen and also to day workers waiting for work in various muster zones, Lakewood Square and the tent cities in Brick, Toms River, and two in Howell. We have expanded our ministry to include the women’s abuse home in Toms River. We deliver food, clothing, and housekeeping supplies to small local churches, and local families in need.

For the year 2018, we served 112,402 people a total of 144,601 meals. We served over 1720 gallons of soup alone. We distributed 7,583 Bibles, 2,986 of which were in English and 3,902 of which were in Spanish. We also distributed 327 children’s Bibles in English, and another 368 in Spanish. In addition, we gave away 4,298 hats; 4,420 pairs of gloves; 946 scarves; 2,168 coats; 6,778 t-shirts; and 16,240 pairs of socks.

With your help, we are accomplishing our mission to spread the Love of God and provide those in need.

For further information, contact Jim Benedict at FeedGodsChildren@aol.com or 732 299 8603.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Benedict

Hospitality

8:00 am Hospitality Team:

Part of being in a Christian community is to follow the example Jesus sets us when he breaks bread with his apostles throughout the Gospels. We gather in community in fellowship the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and on other occasions throughout the year, such as potlucks on Stewardship Sunday (November) and the Annual Meeting (January), and special events such as the Agape Reception before the Maundy Thursday service (Holy Week).

The schedule changed this past year for the 8:00 am service and we now have Diner Sunday (1st Sunday of the month) and an informal Hospitality gather in the Parish Hall on 3rd Sundays of the month. Our team consists of Doug Hackett, who handles the Diner as well as one of the Fellowship gatherings in the Parish Hall, Jack and Patti Kriska, and George and Sheila Kudlacik. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact George Kudlacik at gmk41@aol.com.

A big thank you to Jack Kriska, Doug Hackett, and John Winfrey who open the Church up each Sunday morning.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Kudlacik

10:00 am Hospitality Team:

The purpose of the 10:00 am fellowship team is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the St. Peter's community to gather together and share with each other in a casual and comfortable environment. Each team provides coffee, tea, and light refreshments such as fruit, bagels, and/or coffee cake after the 10:00 am service that helps to create that warm feeling that you get when you come to fellowship hour.

Our five Fellowship Teams served refreshments for 36 Sundays from September to June. By working in teams, it provides a little room for flexibility with everyone's busy schedules and I am happy to report that every coffee hour has been successfully staffed.

This summer's Lemonade in the Shade was extremely successful!! Lemonade in the Shade is our summer version of coffee hour which simply provides lemonade, iced tea and coffee cake or cookies on the lawn of the church. It only takes one person to host a Sunday in the summer because hosts are provided with a bag containing lemonade, iced tea, and all paper products necessary. We were staffed every Sunday through the summer—thank you to all who volunteered!

Our goal for 2019 is to increase our Fellowship Hour membership which will decrease the number of Sundays that each team serves. By working in teams, the responsibility is shared, which makes this ministry one of the easiest and most social. Come join our team! Contact Kim Carroll at eggandi@optonline.net or 732-861-8649.

Thank you to all of the wonderful members of our Fellowship Team!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Carroll

Lectors

8:00 am Lector Team

Reading the Scriptures are the heart of the first part of the service, the Liturgy of the Word. Lectors are trained to read the Old and New Testament readings during worship services. The gift of a good voice and brief training on which lessons to read and how to find the pronunciation guide for some of those Biblical names is all that's required. Lectors are assigned to a Sunday based on a rotating schedule.

We were fortunate at the 8:00 am service to have had 6 members on our 2018 team: Karen Crompton, Lester Archambeau, Jim McCreight, Jo Ann Price, Missy Hazell, and George Kudlacik.

We welcomed a new member to the team for 2019, Chris Morello, so members are scheduled every 7 weeks. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact George Kudlacik at gmk41@aol.com. We are very flexible and can change schedules if need be.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Kudlacik

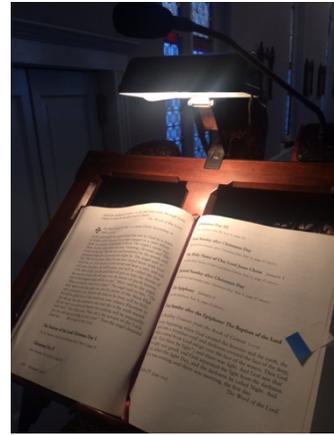
10:00 am Lector Team

The role of our lectors is to read the lessons from Scripture and to offer the Prayers of the People during worship. Adults and youth comfortable with reading in public are enthusiastically welcomed to serve. It is truly a joyful responsibility to bring the Word of God to his people and to invite us all to pray in his name.

Among the numerous good things that Nancy Ollwerther did for St. Peter's was to coordinate lector schedules for the 10:00 am service. Joe Whall has taken on that role moving forward. Please speak with Father Dirk, Deacon Catherine, or Joe if you are interested in joining our dedicated corps of readers. Joe can also be reached by email at josephwhall1@gmail.com.

Lectors at the 10:00 am service serve approximately every sixteen weeks depending on personal schedules. Reminders are sent out each week, and the readings are received via email ahead of time so that readers can become familiar with the verses. Thank you to all our lectors serving at the 10:00 am service: Janet Birkhead, Gabriella Chin, Candy Cooper, Inez Crismali, Michael Crismali, Adriana Crump, Theresa DeFuria, Bruce Edmonds, Ursula Hurley, Kathleen LaSpisa, Brianne LeMoine, Marilee Nicholson, Susan Jane Story, Joe Whall, Kathy Whall, and Mark Willis, and Scott and Gail Reilly who serve as substitutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Whall



Music Ministries



“The one who sings prays twice.”

- *Martin Luther*

This last year could have been a difficult year for our music ministries as Mark Hyczko, our Director of Music for 18 years, answered a call to move to St. Paul’s, Westfield. Instead, by God’s grace, it has been a time of creative growth, hope, and enthusiasm for all of us.

Mark’s place at St. Peter’s as musician and friend will be a permanent part of our story. During his tenure, we started Peter’s Rock, forged strong relationships with local arts and music groups, and created a top-quality classical concert series that has raised St. Peter’s profile in surprising ways. We miss Mark’s friendship, but we also know this is the right next step for him as a musician and for St. Paul’s in their needs. This has also been the right next step for us as it has helped us identify what we need to grow musically as a people of faith.

I have worked closely with Jackie Jones, our Director of Handbells, and members of the choir and band to learn what we need for our continued music development and to make sure their perspectives and wisdom were heard in the search process. I give thanks that what could have been a time of anxiety was instead a time of pulling together, hope, and enthusiasm for what could come next. I also give thanks for our section leaders, who showed great care for us and helped us negotiate these few months. Indeed, two of them – Shane Tapley and Danyel Shiflet - have taken on leadership roles going forward.



Our new music leadership is a team of four people: Brittany Montoro as Director of Music with responsibility for the choir and overall coordination of the program. Shane Tapley is Director of Contemporary Music, and Jackie Jones continues as Director of Handbells. Danyel Shiflet is Executive Director of the Downtown Concert Series and works closely with the DCS and Dorothy Schraeder, a consultant for fundraising and artistic development.



I cannot underscore the level of professionalism and talent we have with these four individuals. All have top-notch professional experience and graduate level training. They each have a passion for making good music and for finding ways for the congregation to participate more fully in our music ministry, whether as a listener, singer, or creator! They also have exciting and creative ideas for how we can use our music resources to connect more fully with the community and to do new and fun things, both during worship and outside of worship.

I thank all of our music ministries for their input and participation in the interim period, and the congregation for their patience and welcome of our new leaders. God is prepping us indeed to sing unto the Lord a new song!

The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken
Rector

Peter's Rock

Peter's Rock is a contemporary worship band at St. Peter's that was formed in an effort to encompass a wider breadth of music in the congregation of St. Peter's. Through contemporary worship, the congregation can experience various styles of music in Christ that are current with today's society. As the group evolves, we are excited to introduce new music to the congregation and create new opportunities for a high-energy and interactive service.

Peter's Rock currently consists of a rotation of five vocalists and three instrumentalists that rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in preparation for one contemporary worship service each month. We are always looking to incorporate new talent into Peter's Rock. For more information about getting involved, contact Shane Tapley (band@stpetersfreehold.org).



Respectfully Submitted,
Shane Tapley
Director of Contemporary Worship

St. Peter's Handbells



works very well for non-readers.

OUR PURPOSE: To foster team work, responsibility, education, spiritual enrichment and fellowship while providing music for worship, concerts, and other related musical activities

KINGS PEAL

King's Peal was organized in 1981 and has been active for many years. They are a group of older teens and adults who love to share their love of music through the art of handbell ringing. Musical knowledge is not necessary, but is always an added bonus. Ringing is accomplished through the use of color coding and

We provide service music once or twice a month at the 10:00 am service. We are also available for weddings and other celebrations as well as funerals. We rehearse each Monday evening in the balcony of the church from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

BELLISSIMA RINGERS

Bellissima Ringers was first created in 1982 as a children's handbell choir. Through the years it became a group for all ages, but mainly youth and teenagers. This group has participated in festivals, concerts, and Magic Music Days in Disney in 1991 and 1999. Parental involvement is crucial and provides a great experience for the entire family.



Our good news is that Bellissima is coming back! We provided service music for the 10:00 am service in October, and are continuing to look for more ringers to join our group. We currently have four youth and four adult parent ringers. We play once a month for services and also plan other events such as caroling with bells and pizza polishing parties.

GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We are hoping to acquire new members for Bellissima Ringers and the King's Peal as well. High school graduations come along quickly and finding new ringers is always paramount to our continued success. For those interested in improving their musical skills, bells are a perfect way to challenge in a very different way.

To join us or find out more, consider dropping by a rehearsal. We meet each Monday evening at 7:00 pm for Bellissima Ringers and 7:30 pm for King's Peal. Check the church calendar in case of a holiday. You can also email me at kc2hp@aol.com for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Jones
Director of Handbells

Senior Ministry

Senior Ministry is a misnomer: it should be Senior Ministries because it embraces several ministries. This new ministry addresses any area of interest and/or need for members of our church who are over 65 or unable to participate in activities at St. Peter's for whatever challenge they may have. To that end, Jackie and Ed Jones are planning the quarterly luncheons for seniors. Meg Tweten will arrange transportation for events and services at St. Peter's. Marylin Chlup will arrange for visitation to anyone who desires to be visited. Lynne McCreight is collecting and delivering note cards to the Monmouth Court Housing on Throckmorton Street. Jack Kriska will deliver to Monmouth Court any books donated by parishioners. Linda Brusotti and Karen Crompton are going to arrange an afternoon at the movies. Candy Cooper is going to arrange a card party in the Parish Hall. Roberta Schanck is the coordinator between St. Peter's and Monmouth Court.

This ministry needs you to be successful. If you are willing to participate in any of the aforementioned endeavors, or if you know someone who would benefit by the ministries, please contact the person leading the group or planning the ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mera Archambeau

Ushers



Ushers set the tone by offering a warm and friendly welcome while making sure worshippers have a copy of the service bulletin and any other materials needed for the service. Ushers are often the first to meet and greet those who are new to our church family, and to let them know what to expect during the service, making them feel welcome and at home. Ushers are also a resource: assisting parishioners and guests in finding or getting to a seat, aiding parishioners to and from communion, answering questions, and giving directions to those with inquiries.

The clergy count on the Ushers to ensure that the service runs smoothly and we do that by facilitating an efficient service of both the collection of offering and of the service of communion. Ushers are also responsible for the counting of all congregants present at a service so it can be documented and recorded. After the service, we make certain the church is ready for the next service by picking up used bulletins and media, straightening the books, stacking the cushions, turning off the recording system, and locking the church doors. Our Junior Ushers are making fantastic progress in learning and understanding our ministry and what is expected. It is important that our youth understand and take part in the different areas of our service and to know the significance of why things are done. Each time a youth serves as a Junior Usher you can almost see the moment when what they are doing suddenly ‘clicks’ and they get the what and why. We welcome and encourage all members to this ministry, be it youth, adults, or as a family. It is an extremely important ministry that is available to everyone and is not overly difficult. A person is usually scheduled once a month, and joining the Usher Ministry Team is a great way to get to know other members of St. Peter’s. Anyone interested in sharing in this ministry should contact Doug Hackett (dhackett2000@gmail.com) for the 8:00 am service, and Marilee Nicholson (merlsperls@aol.com) or Jen De Lellis (gcu2010@optonline.net).

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilee Nicholson & Jen De Lellis

Youth Group



Purpose of Ministry:

To create a safe and nurturing space for our youth to explore and continue their journey in a community of faith, and to see how God is working in their lives. We offer multiple opportunities for our youth to gather in prayer, fellowship, and service. The Youth Group targets students from 9th to 12th grade.

Accomplishment in the Past Year (2018)

The group is co-lead by Tina Crafton and Mayra Caceres. The Youth Group activities are planned based on the school calendar year. This report reflects activities for the calendar year, therefore we split the accomplishments by Spring (previous youth group with 4-8 students attending) and Fall/Winter (current youth group with 3-6 students). Since 2016 we started participating in an interfaith program called MOSAIC and it has become a key component of the Youth Group experience.

Spring 2018:

We continued with good participation of the students and started 2018 hosting the Super Shrove Sunday, a pancake breakfast for the parish, prepared by the youth group.

In February, St. Peter's youth group hosted a Faith Presentation as part of the MOSAIC program; this Sunday afternoon session was open to all MOSAIC participants (students and parents) and it was a great success. It opened with a scavenger hunt and attendees truly enjoyed the opportunity to explore our sanctuary. A scavenger hunt quickly became a staple of other churches MOSAIC faith presentations.

The MOSAIC outreach event was a Rise Against Hunger (food packing) and it was open to friends which allowed other St. Peter's students (non-MOSAIC participants) to participate. Other events in Spring included Movie Night, hosted at the Salinas home. We watched an episode of Black Mirror (Netflix series) on Social Media which was very thought provoking and surprisingly engaging for the students.

The closing session in June was a farewell for graduating Seniors and for the Wisniewski girls who moved out of town.

Fall / Winter 2018:

After so many seniors graduated, the new youth group is very small. There is a core group of 4 students in 10th grade plus couple of seniors with very busy schedules. This year the challenge is

to find fun and engaging activities on dates that work on those busy schedules. Mayra is the primary lead this year due to Tina having a high school senior with very busy schedule.



Knowing that it is critical to have parent engagement, we started a new tradition, YG Parents Happy Hour at the end of August (see left picture). This allows us to establish common goals for youth group success.

The kickoff event was cookie baking for alumni of the youth group (see right picture). It was a lot of fun, cookies were shipped to the 2017 class and were received with much appreciation.

St. Peter's continues participating in MOSAIC with 3 students attending, including one serving as Ambassador for the 2nd year. We hosted another Movie night, this time at St. Peter's Parish Hall in November. Although a small group, it was good fellowship with dinner and movie.



There were couple of Diocesan events put for consideration, but due to multiple conflicts only one of our YG members was able to attend. In September, there was an overnight with Saturday morning food pantry volunteering event at Asbury Park Trinity church, and also the December Cathedral Lock-In and Rise Against Hunger event.

Goals for the Upcoming Year (2019):

Continue participating in MOSAIC, looking to partner with another ministry in St. Peter's to host the Super Shrove Sunday pancake breakfast (given our small size) and planning other fellowship and outreach events for the Spring.

How to become involved in the ministry, including frequency of service or meetings:

All Youth in 9-12 grade are encouraged to participate. We use GroupMe for communication and scheduling of events, and also publish updates on the St. Peter's website. You can talk to any of the youth or to Tina / Mayra to be added to the emails and GroupMe. We aim to have a gathering once a month and the dates are planned in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayra Caceres and Tina Crafton