



THE Cornerstone

May 2025

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

Collect for use on Rogation Sunday, 1928 Book of Common Prayer:

O Gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness; We beseech thee of thine infinite goodness to hear us, who now make our prayers and supplications unto thee. Remember not our sins, but thy promises of mercy. Vouchsafe to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of the world. Let thy breath go forth that it may renew the face of the earth. Show thy lovingkindness, that our land may give her increase; and so fill us with good things that the poor and needy may give thanks unto thy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Beloved of God,

Did you know that the Church was celebrating Earth Day before Earth Day was cool?

At the end of May, we'll be observing the Rogation days, beginning with "Rogation Sunday" on May 25. Traditionally, Rogation days are observed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day.

So, what are the Rogation days, anyway? "Rogation" is related to a Latin word meaning "to ask or to beg." So Rogation days are "Asking Days," when we especially call out to God for certain things. The timing is related to Jesus' Ascension – it's almost like the church is saying, "Lord Jesus, could you take my prayer requests with you when you ascend into heaven and give us some help down here?"

The traditional thing the church asks for during Rogation Days is for a blessing on the land of the parish. In rural parishes, Rogation Day processions were a major feature of the days, with clergy and parishioners walking the geographical boundaries of each parish church's territory to pray (and in old England, sometimes things got a little boozy and rowdy). The other feature of the day was asking for a blessing of seeds, crops, and farmland.

These two traditions – prayers for the well-being of our lands/neighborhoods and prayers for a good harvest to fill the hungry – certainly have their place in our day. Perhaps some day we'll celebrate with a rogation prayer walk of our own around downtown Albany, asking God's blessing on our neighbors who live and work around us (but maybe without the booze).

To mark the day this year, on Sunday the 25th, we'll have special prayers of blessing at church for anyone who grows crops (and seedlings, seeds, and houseplants will receive blessings, if anyone would like to bring them to church!).

A final note: as I said at the beginning, Rogation days can also be thought of as the Earth Day of the church. God has called every one of us to be stewards of this good earth. Every human being, beginning with the first humans, is tasked with serving and guarding the earth (see further Genesis 2).

Another way of celebrating these days and living out our faith is working as servants of the soil from which we are taken, especially in efforts to combat the devastating effects of climate change that are wounding this beautiful world, killing her creatures and plants, and poisoning her air and waters. It is the calling of each Christian to tenderly care for our world. May God show each of us the way to be faithful.

And so to that end, a revised Rogation Day prayer from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer: "O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, on God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Happy Rogation Day! Bring those plants to church!

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+

Nine Days of Prayer for St. Peter's Church, 2025

Once again, the people of St. Peter's are invited to join in special prayer intentions during the great Nine Days of Prayer, lasting from the day after Ascension (Friday, May 30) to the Eve of Pentecost (Saturday, June 7).

As you'll remember, it's traditional to have special prayers during these nine days in imitation of the first disciples, who prayed together for nine days in Jerusalem as they awaited the coming of the promised Holy Spirit after Jesus ascended into heaven.

Below are prayer prompts for each day. You can offer these prayers to God privately, with your family/friends, or in community on Zoom each of the nine days at 6:30 am during Morning Prayer. To join the Zoom group, use Meeting ID 837 6018 1434 and Passcode 027098.

Day 1 (Fri., May 30): 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 31): 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.

Day 3 (Sun., June 1): 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., June 2): 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., June 3): 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 Vestry. 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.

Day 6 (Wed., June 4): 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., June 5): 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 for the election of the next the Archbishop of Canterbury. For the Episcopal Church and Sean Rowe, 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.

Day 8 (Fri., June 6): 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., June 7): 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).

Teen Breakfast Club

The Teen Breakfast Club will meet on Sunday, May 4th. This club meets the first Sunday of each month from 9:30am to 10:10am in Mtr. Christina's office for food, a spiritual discussion, and prayer. All teens are welcome to attend.

Rock and Root Hikers

Our hiking club, the Rock and Root Hikers, will explore Peebles Island on Sunday, May 18 at 1:30 pm. We'll meet at the parking lot at 1 Delaware Ave North, Cohoes, and decide as a group whether we'd like to hike the full perimeter trail (2-mile loop) or take a slightly shorter hike. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Mtr. Christina Hunter at (518) 423-4891.

Lord's Prayer Children's Talk on Sundays

Mtr. Christina is offering children's talks on different parts of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of the 10:30am service. Also, every child who can say the Lord's Prayer from memory between now and June 8th will receive a Stewart's ice cream treat card.

Adult Bible Study – Walking with Peter

Our study of the Apostle Peter will continue May 11. We will be looking at events from Chapters 10 and 11 in the Acts of the Apostles which recount Peter's vision of clean and unclean animals descending from heaven; a voice telling him to "get up, kill, and eat"; the subsequent conversion and baptism of the Centurion Cornelius and his household; and the recognition by the Christian leaders in Jerusalem that God has given repentance and life to the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

The class will begin at 12:00 in the Vestry Room on the second floor of the Guild House and will last approximately 45 minutes. For more information about the topic of the class, see John Davis.

Walking with Peter will conclude on June 8. Stay tuned for information in next month's newsletter.



*Saint Peter Baptizing the
Centurion Cornelius
Francesco Trevisani*

Vestry Meeting

The May Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:15pm.

Daughters of the King

The DOK will meet on Sunday, May 4th at 11:45am in St. Mark's Chapel.

Choir Rehearsals Schedule

Tuesdays: 4:00pm- 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal

Thursdays: 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal
5:30pm - 7:00pm Adult choristers

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

Ascension Eucharist

At 12:05pm on Thursday, May 29, a service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. Mark's Chapel in observance of the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. All are welcome to attend.

Ascension Evensong

At 5:45pm on Thursday, May 29, the choir will sing a special Choral Evensong service in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ's Ascension into heaven. This beautiful evening service features scripture readings, prayers, canticles and anthems, along with a brief reflection on the significance of the day.

Nine Days of Morning Prayer on Zoom

At 6:30 am, all are welcome to join in saying Morning Prayer on Zoom for the Nine Days of Prayer between the day after Ascension (Friday, May 30) to the Eve of Pentecost (Saturday, June 7). To join the Zoom group, use Meeting ID 837 6018 1434 and Passcode 027098. The service lasts for about 20 minutes, and no on-screen presence is required. It's a wonderful way to start the day!

Child A I T s (Acolytes in Training)

Any child aged 7 or older is eligible to become an AIT (Acolyte in Training) at St. Peter's. Acolytes assist in age-appropriate tasks during Holy Communion services that include assisting Lay Eucharistic Ministers and the priest at the altar, helping with the offering, and carrying processional candles. Interested?

Contact Mtr. Christina:

Priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org



St. Peter's Summer Music Adventure for Kids July 7-11, 2025

Do you know a child who loves music?

St. Peter's Summer Music Adventure is back!

This great event for kids ages 8 and higher will take place Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event will include singing in a choir, playing handbells and chimes, playing games, learning about music and instruments, and lots of fun. Lunch and snacks are included. Please mark your calendars and invite kids you know to participate. Registration is \$75 per child, scholarships are available. Registration forms are now available. Please contact Daniel Romero for more information.

Outreach

Loaves and Fishes, Saturday, May 10th & 17th ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm

Every month on Saturday (dates for this month are listed above), Laura Saffares, along with other volunteers are committed to preparing and serving lunch to the people at Loaves and Fishes (formally known as St. Francis Mission), located at 498 Clinton Avenue in Albany. The number of adults and children we serve keeps growing. This is such a well received outreach for the children! You are welcome to come and witness this amazing outreach program anytime you can, we are there from 11am-1pm. For information or to let Laura know you are coming please call her at (518) 368-4284.

South End Children's Café

We are collecting canned or dried goods to put in cabinets to supplement the food supplies of many families with children in the South End. The list is at the front of the church, and on the box for your donation.



Join us on Mother's Day upstairs in Sunday school to make special gifts for all the moms.



Easter Egg Hunt

Special Request:: If anyone has some extra time to help with clothing at Loaves and fishes on Saturday May 10th from 9 until 1pm please contact me. We will be giving out personal hygiene bags for all the moms and need help hanging clothes for moms to shop. Thank you and God bless!
Laura Saffares 518-368-4284.



Archives

Visiting the Archives

The Church Archives consists of three rooms: The book room, the series room and the collections room.

THE BOOK ROOM

The book room contains all of the books of the archives and pictures of former clergy. In the side room (formerly called the locked room) are special books such as hymn books, bibles, books of common prayer, altar books and also a very large, old, and a highly decorated version of the King James Holy Bible.

THE SERIES ROOM

The series room contains the archives computer and numerous shelves of material on church and personal history, as well as all the church leaflets, newsletters, annual meeting reports, financial records, ordinations and vital statistics. Pictures of the first, second and third edifices of the church, as well as pictures of the bells hung in the third edifice, are displayed in this room.

THE COLLECTIONS ROOM

The collections room contains historical information on former members and activities, as well as former clergy. Pictures of the old market square and Washington Park are hung in this room.



Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2025 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. You may also pledge online at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org or you may call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card.

Want Albany Diocese news?

The Episcopal Diocese of Albany has a weekly email blast that keeps area Episcopalians up on happenings around our region.

If you'd like to sign up for the email news, visit: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/publications/>

Albany CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, May 4, 2025



St. Peter's is participating yet again in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, to be held Sunday May 4, 2025. Albany's 2025 Walk will take place in person, departing from **St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 12208**. Registration begins at 1:30 pm with the walk at 2:30 pm.

We're also pleased to announce that our team has united with other Episcopal parishes from our Diocese in a show of support to the Loaves & Fishes program, which receives some of the money from the CROP Walk. Our new team page can be found at: [2025 CROP Hunger Walk - Loaves & Fishes/Episcopal Parishes of Albany](#)

Please contact Maria Holden at msholden1@aol.com if you would like to join our team of walkers. You can also donate at the team page linked above. If you prefer, you may walk in your own neighborhood any time during the month of May.



St. Peter's services now being livestreamed on YouTube

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We are pleased to announce that our parish began livestreaming worship services on Easter Sunday. Our current platform is on YouTube, which can be accessed at: [St. Peter's Church, Albany - YouTube](#)
Our services are also archived at this location.

You can also access our YouTube page from the front page of our website.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated toward making this project a reality. We received enough funds toward the project to put in the equipment to begin streaming. If you'd like to give toward ongoing upgrades to equipment that we'd like to make in the future, you can donate at: www.stpeterschurchalbany.org/give-online.

We are especially pleased to be able to offer this ministry to connect with parishioners and others who may not be able to get to church because of illness, poor weather, or distance. We know that St. Peter's church services were broadcast on the radio for many years, and we look at this as a 2025 development of this tradition.



New Website Launched!



Check out our new church website!

You'll find expanded sections on our church's history, mission, ministries, and upcoming events.

Visit www.stpeterschurchalbany.org to check it out. Feedback is welcomed.

ATTENTION 2024-2025 GRADUATES



We would like to acknowledge all graduates for the 2024-2025 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 18th so that it can be included in the June Newsletter. You may also email your information to: 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: _____

NAME OF GRADUATE: _____

GRADUATE'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____

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HE/SHE WILL BE ATTENDING: _____

PURSUING WHAT COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

May 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles National Day of Prayer 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 The Third Sunday of Easter 8:30am - Holy Com. 9:30am - Teen Breakfast club 10:30am - Holy Com. 12:00 - DOK meeting 2:30pm - Crop Walk	5	6 4:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	7 12:05pm - Noonday Prayer	8 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	9	10 11:00am - Angels in Training
11 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30am - Holy Com. 10:30am - Morning Prayer 12:00pm - Walking with Peter	12	13 4:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	14 12:05pm - Noonday Prayer	15 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	16	17 11:00am - Angels in Training
18 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Both Services 8:30am 10:30am 1:30pm - Hike	19	20 4:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	21 12:05pm - Noonday Prayer	22 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday 8:30am - Holy Com. 10:30am - Morning Prayer	26 Rogation Mon. Memorial Day Office Closed 	27 Rogation Tues. 4:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	28 Rogation Wed. 12:05pm - Noonday Prayer	29 Ascension Day 12:05pm - H.C. 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:45pm - Evensong	30 6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:30am - Zoom Morning Prayer

Thank You to all the Men and Women who have served our country

**We Wish To Thank All our Volunteers
For Their Service!**

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

March 11th, 2025

Present: Mtr. Christina, D. Spath, P. Benson, A. Closson, K. Creagan, C. Gordon, M. Holden, R. LaPlante, A. Panzironi

Absent: J. Chenot, S. Hartt, W. Pettit, G. Scala

Opening Prayer Led by Mtr. Christina.

1. Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, February 11th, 2025

The vestry minutes from the February 11th, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by K. Creagan, seconded by D. Spath, then unanimously approved by the vestry.

2. Rector Report – Mtr. Christina

Pastoral updates:

1. Participated in Teen Breakfast Club on Sunday, March 2. Teaching was on “Pancakes, Palms, and Ashes: What’s behind our Lent Traditions?” I’ve invited the teens to join me at Loaves and Fishes on March 15, and we’re planning a laser tag outing later this spring.
2. Did last rites on February 12 for a former parishioner, Delores Mitchell.
3. Completed the ABCs Bible Memory Challenge verses on Sunday, March 2 with “Zion hears and rejoices” and began Lent for Kids talks on March 9 during the 10:30 am service.
4. Began Lent Friday Zoom Morning Prayer on March 7.
5. Began Lent Small Groups on Tuesdays on Zoom on March 11.
6. Participated in the Walk with Peter class on Feb. 9 on Peter’s rescue from prison by the angel.
7. Participated in our first Lenten Evensong on March 7.
8. Participated in Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and Burning of the Palms on March 4.
9. Officiated at both Ash Wednesday services on March 5.
10. Did two home visits with parishioners.
11. Attended the Bowling for PAWS fundraiser on March 9.
12. Daniel and I have received numerous choir surveys and will have a meeting in late March with the choir to go over the results with everyone. We’re also hoping to visit the Children’s Café in the next couple of weeks, and we’re working on a promotional plan for Summer Choir Camp in July.
13. Attended training for Diocesan Disciplinary Board on March 10, upon which I’m serving a three year term.
14. Took a family trip on school winter break week to Washington DC.
15. Took a few hours of prayer retreat on Friday, Feb. 28.

Big Picture and Mission/Vision work:

1. The “Masses with the Masters” Schubert Mass on Feb. 16 went very well considering it fell on a snow and ice storm weekend when nearly every church closed in our Diocese but us and the Cathedral. We had multiple visitors that day despite the terrible weather, our guest organist did great, and our choir knocked it out of the park. I think this is a great outreach that gives glory our Lord, and we’re looking at scheduling another one in the series this fall.

SAVE THE DATE:

Rock and Root Hikers at Five Rivers – March 16

Soup Sampler Sunday – March 23

Children’s Chapel – March 30

3. Sr. Warden’s Report –J. Chenot

This past month in February gave us a bit of time to catch our breaths completing the Epiphany season as we began looking ahead to our Lenten season. During February as mentioned last month, our new website was launched, and we have received an incredible amount of positive feedback on how wonderful and user friendly the new website is. We hope that everyone will begin visiting it on a regular basis where you will find the most updated information on upcoming services and events.

We began the Lenten season this month on Tuesday, March 3rd, hosting our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. This event was a wonderful way for all to enjoy great food and fellowship. There are always many hands involved in making our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner a success each year. Many thanks to Jeff Russom, Robin LaPlante, Janice Chenot, Laura Safaris and others who volunteered serving and cleaning up after the dinner. It was a great evening and a great way to start off our Lenten season!

The following day, Ash Wednesday, March 4th, we observed the day with two services, the first service at noon with ashes and a 5:30 service with ashes and Holy communion. This past Friday, our first Friday in Lent, we had a wonderful Evensong service which was well attended. Mother Christina and our choir sounded incredible. We have two additional Evensong services scheduled, one on March 21st and the second on April 4th. Many thanks to the choir and Danial Romaro, our choir director, for their participation at these Friday evening services.

The warmer weather is around the corner, and we have been informed that our overflow homeless shelter will conclude this coming Friday, March 14th. We want to thank everyone involved in this important ministry helping the homeless in the immediate area. We also would like to thank the congregation and others for all their support with food and monetary donations during this past season.

During this busy time in Lent, Mother Christina, including our lay ministers, begin preparing for Holy Week, with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services, all leading us to Easter Sunday. Many thanks to all in advance for your work and planning for all these services, making this Holy season meaningful for all of us. In addition, we would like to recognize and thank both Pat and Wayne for keeping up with all the upkeep needed to keep the church clean and in order each day, your work is much appreciated. Also, many thanks to our ushers, altar and flower guild for all your work each week either helping others who are visiting, setting up communion services, or beautifying our altars each week, including the lilies for our Easter Sunday Service.

Our next Vesty meeting will be on April 8th, just a week before we move into Holy week. During this time our office begins to get extremely busy preparing for all the extra services, making sure we have everything needed for these services, including compiling all the Easter Lily requests, additional inserts to our leaflets as well as handling those looking for assistance during the week, whether a parishioner or someone from our local community. Our gratitude and thanks to both Ruth and Janice, who both work tirelessly each week in our office. Thank you both so much for your help.

Finally, to our Organist and choir director Danial Romaro. Thank you for your leadership and musical skills working with our extremely talented choir. Your preparation ahead of time preparing the choir for Palm Sunday, Holy week, Good Friday and two Easter Services is quite an undertaking, and we appreciate all the work you have put forth preparing us for all these services. This year the choir will be performing “The Seven last Words” on Good Friday with orchestra. Also, we want to thank the choir for all their time and dedication to rehearsals preparing the music for Easter Sunday services.

We look forward to the Easter egg hunt the Saturday before Easter, April 20th, at the rectory. As always, we are all looking forward to Easter Sunday and is hoping for a great turn out as we did at Christmas time.

4. Sunday Attendance – The Average Sunday Attendance is 79.1 (as of April 4th).

5. Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer’s Report Highlights/Summary – Feb 2025

	FEB	YEAR-TO-DATE
OFFERINGS	\$12,081	\$24,948
MISC. INCOME	\$1,101	\$1,156
EXPENSES	(\$46,070)	(\$110,867)
GAIN/(LOSS)	(\$32,888)	(\$84,763)
WITHDRAWALS FROM ENDOW- MENT TO FUND SHORTFALL	\$8,687	\$46,564

Endowment Return (Merrill Lynch)

February: -1.65%

Index Calculated Return: -0.83%

2025 Pledges:

34 for a total of \$119,136

YTD Offerings (through Jan) for 2025 are \$377 *less* than YTD Feb ‘24

6. Property – None

7. Outreach –

The Soup Sampler Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday March 23rd. Proceeds will go toward the Outreach Committee operations.

8. Old Business –

Some months ago, the vestry began researching installing AED devices as one of our Safety Task Force initiatives. K. Creagan volunteered to take the lead on moving this project forward.

9. New Business –

The November vestry meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, November 18th, 2025. The meeting was originally scheduled for Election Day. This change was made on a motion by A. Closson, seconded by C. Gordon, then unanimously Approved by the vestry.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by A. Panzironi and seconded by P. Benson, 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, Ashley Closson, Kevin Creagan, Christie Gordon,
Samuel Hartt, Maria Holden, Robin LaPlante,
Annette Panzironi, William Pettit

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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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