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## ***News of the Life and Ministries of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church***

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**Autumn  
2022**

**Issue 3**

### **Highlights**

Voice of the Vestry

Mum Sale

Collage of Summer  
Memories

Outreach

Worship Schedule for  
Readers and  
Counters



*“Our mission is to share with our neighbors our love of God through worship, fellowship and service.*

*We will journey together both during our worship and outside our church walls, as a community of faith, in unity with God and each other in Christ.”*

*The Vestry - St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church    October 2022*

The Voice of the Vestry  
A Summary of Vestry Minutes  
Sunday, September 11, 2022

**Present:** Ron Stack (Sr. Warden), Mark Pruzin (Jr. Warden), Robert Pearston (Clerk), Debra Karamby (Treasurer) Vestry Members: Curt Richards, Kris Zabrensky, Aurelia Pruzin

**Absent:** Muriel Olson, Karen Spotts, Tim Chicker

0950 – Call to order, with prayer

Minutes for meetings 6/5, 6/19, 6/20, and 9/4 were distributed.

MOTION to accept (Kris, Mark 2nd)  
PASSED

**Treasurers Report:**

- Siding project numbers were presented.

It was noted that the figures do not include the windows, which are essentially done except for trim.

- MOTION to accept (Bob, Aurelia 2nd)  
PASSED

**Sr. Warden:**

- Siding project essentially complete, windows are in.
- Arrangements are underway for service contract with CNG (inspection completed.)
- It was proposed that the church investigate VOIP service, which would eliminate the external telephone wires.
- The pumping out of the basement areas was discussed.
- There is a possibility of a grant for installing fire alarm/protection.
- The Methodists will be using the church kitchen for their preparation for the Berlin Fair.

## **Mums For Sale!**

The Mum Sale was held over a beautiful fall weekend this year. 480 plants were sold out of the 500 that covered the front lawn with gold, yellow, white, burgundy and purple. \$1890 was raised in this annual event! Thanks to Richard and Jane Hudson for all their efforts and to the many volunteers and customers who made this event a success!



### **Jr. Warden:**

- Work on the website has been paused, it was noted that the existing website is down. Estimated cost for a website was put at \$200-\$300 per year.

### **New Business:**

- It was noted that 10/26 will be the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. A possible event to recognize it was discussed. 10/23 or 10/30 were suggested as dates.

**MOTION:** (Mark, Curt 2nd) Proceed with website development, not to exceed \$250.  
**PASSED**

**Next Meeting scheduled for 10/9.**  
Adjourned (Time not noted)

Robert Pearston, Clerk



*With Fond Memories*

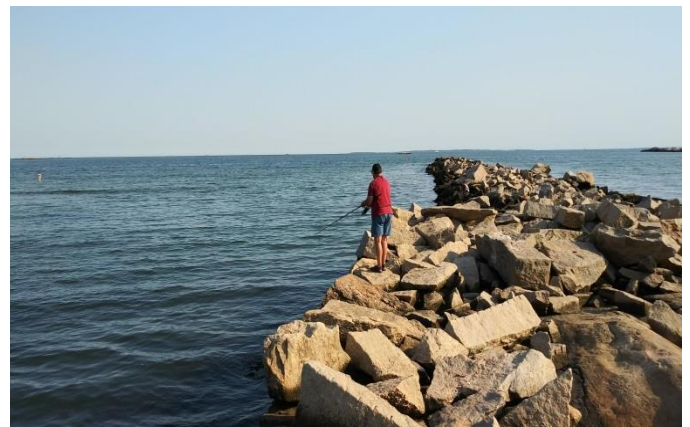
*Allan Spotts*

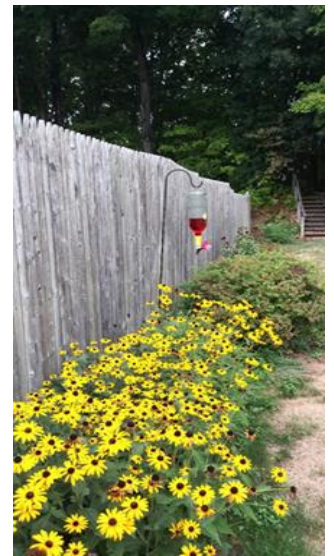
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Enjoy these summer memories from your friends at St. Gabriel's! – from the joyous celebration of Jack's baptism and farewell brunch for Rev. Dorr back in June, through the siding project of our beautiful church during the dog days of summer. From Nova Scotia to our own backyards, we celebrated family and friends – even the furry ones! Happy Summer, 2022!









Thank you to everyone for  
sharing their photos with  
this edition of our newsletter!



### **St. Gabriel's Outreach Events**

This year all gift card donations to benefit our friends at Berlin Social Services toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners will be collected on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Some local store suggestions would be Stop & Shop, Target, and Walmart. Christmas wish donations of gift cards, are due on Sunday, December 11th, from local stores selling clothing, toys, and games.