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

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"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 March 2024

From the desk of Rev. Peter Floyd

Thinking in Threes:

Our Mission:

Pray the Prayer of Christ
Learn the Mind of Christ
Do the Deeds of Christ

Our Books:

Prayer Book and Hymnal
The Old and NEw Testaments
The Book of Canon Law

The Three legs of the Episcopal Church:

Worship
Doctrine
Discipline

We Seek the Integration of:

Our Hearts
Our Heads
Our Hands

Symbols of Prayer, Mind and Deed:

Lord's Prayer
NIcene Creed
Ten Commandments

The Godhead:

Creator
Redeemer
Sanctifier

The Trinity at Work:

Vision
Plan
Realization

The Voice of the Vestry June 14, 2026

Members Present: Rev. Peter Floyd, Ron Stack, Mark Pruzin, Karen Spotts, Kris Zabrinski, Re Pruzin, Time Chicker, Bill Makucin, Paul Angelico

Members Absent: Richard Hudson, Tim Fleeland

Meeting Opens at 10:30 with prayer - Rev. Floyd

Minutes from May 17, 2026 reviewed - motion to approve R. Stack, 2nd from K. Spotts. Motion passed.

Priest in Charge Report:

- A meeting with J. Chicker and the new organist was held to discuss the contract. Contract is pending based on further information to be obtained.

Senior Warden Report:

- Leaky water heater has been repaired.

Junior Warden Report:

- The Church website is up to date.
- Breakfast held on June 7 was a success with a deposit of $205.00 made into the Discretionary Fund.

Treasurers Report:

- Year to date shows revenue $2000 over 2026 budget.
- Year to date shows expenses $2000 under 2026 budget.
- Copy of Analysis on budget has been initiated and presented to the vestry. Motion to accept TR Report by B. Makucin, 2nd by R. Stack. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Sabina and her mother met with Rev. Floyd. She will begin playing regularly in September.
- Rev. Floyd will ring the church bell 13 times on July 4 to commemorate the countries 250th anniversary.

New Business:

- The vestry will not meet during July or August. If a need arises, a Special Meeting will be scheduled.
- As recommended by the Allen Organ Co., the organ/recorder should have preventive maintenance every 2 years. The last date the organ was serviced was 3/11/23 at a cost of $445.00. A new recorder (used like a player piano) would cost $2,100.00. The service fee for the organ is now $995.00. Complete organ service and recorder together would cost $2,500.00. Our current organ cost $31,000.00. Joanne Chicker will set up a meeting with The Allen Organ Co. to discuss services.
- Sr. Warden will contact Tim Freeland regarding aging wood frames around the stained glass windows.
- Church School update: Joanne is looking into advertising, as well as looking into how to measure community interest. Jenny B. will be reviewing curriculums available.

Next Vestry Meeting scheduled for September 13, 2026.
Motion to adjourn at 11:14 am from B. Makucin, 2nd from R. Stack

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Pruzin for Richard Hudson, Clerk

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Saying "Good-bye" is so very hard to do!

Everyone wishes Thomas all the best as he moves on to bigger and brighter adventures. Along with his parents, and friends, his St. Gab.'s family gathered to let him know how much we appreciated his talents and musical gifts every Sunday.

Good luck and don't be a stranger!

April flowers brought May flowers! And another successful flower sale!

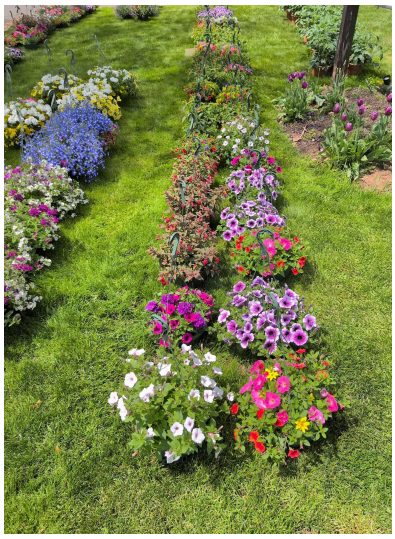
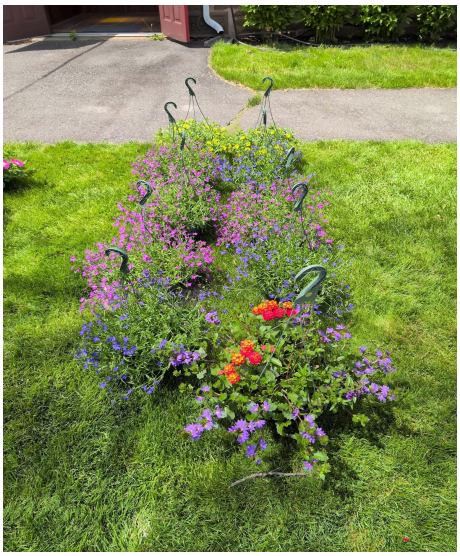




Mothers Day showers couldn't prevent St. Gabriel's happy volunteers from spending the weekend selling this year's assortment of beautiful baskets, annuals and perennials. The annual spring fundraiser had proceeds of $4025!

Thanks to all who helped make this event a success!





July / August Readers, Chalice, Counters Needed

Please be sure to check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall. There are still empty spaces that need to be filled for the summer months. The Altar Guild is also looking for new members. Summer is a great time to start if you've been thinking about sharing and serving St. Gabriel's in a meaningful way. To borrow the words of Rev. Floyd, *"It takes all our hearts, all our heads, and all our hands".* Get started by speaking with Rev. Floyd, Ron Stack, Jenny Berthiaume or Joanne Chicker.