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Issue 9 Highlights:

*From the desk of
Rev. Peter Floyd*

*Fall Photo
Highlights*

Voice of the Vestry

*Notes from our
Jr. Warden*

*"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

Words and Reflections from Reverend Peter Floyd

October 7th was the second anniversary of the invasion of southern Israel by Hamas. Rape and pillage do not begin to express the evil perpetrated that day.

That evil has been extolled by western intellectuals, and their "catch phrase" minions in many of our nation's leading colleges and universities. Antisemitism and anti-Zionism have become joined at the hip; becoming one and the same.

The very same folks have little or no use for Christianity.

Therefore, it is time for a flabby Christianity to go through the boot camp of basic training, and stand, linked arm in arm with our spiritual brothers and sisters in Judaism.

Shortly after October 7, 2023 I was appalled that Wesleyan students took over Main St in Middletown demonstrating loudly in support of Hamas.

I call on us to say and live out a resounding "NO" to the world's oldest living racism; namely 3000 years of Jew hatred.

- Peter

Fall Photo Gallery Fall Photo Gallery Fall Photo Gallery



We can always count on the Memebbers of the Altar Guild to ready our beautiful sanctuary for the season. The parish hall shines and just in time to welcome the students from the Back Stage Academy of Dance. Classes meet for instruction on Wednesday afternoons and evenings.



Parishioners welcomed back organist Thomas and fellow musician Mindy after a relatively quiet summer of church services. We can now look forward to listening to the organ, piano, (and the occasional duet), fill the church with beautiful and much missed music. We are so thankful for their talents and for sharing them with us on Sunday mornings!

THE MUMS HAVE IT - IT'S PLANT SALE TIME



The fall mum sale was a triumph! The beautiful fall flowers perked up with plenty of water during the hot dry weekend. Net sales were well over expectations for the 3 day sale!

Thanks again to Jane and Richard Hudson for once again organizing the event and the handful of volunteers that helped this fundraiser continue to be a success!



The Voice of the Vestry – October 5, 2025

Present - Ron Stack, Mark Pruzin, Karen Spotts, Kris Zabinski, Re Pruzin, Tim Chicker, Bill Makucin

Absent - Rev. Peter Floyd, Richard Hudson, Paul Angelico

Mark Pruzin, Jr. Warden opened meeting with a prayer at 10:15

Motion to approve minutes from September 7, 2025 by Tim Chicker, 2nd by Bill Makucin.
Motion passed.

Priest In Charge - No Report

Senior Warden

- Still working on the cleanup from the nuts dropping from the trees. This is an ongoing process. Need help with this.

Junior Warden

- All updates for the website have been implemented as requested. If anything needs to be put on the website or there needs to be an update done, contact Mark Pruzin, Junior Warden.
- Church Service Start Time to be discussed under New Business.
- There will be a breakfast currently slated for 9 November 2025.

Treasurers Report

- Currently \$4,000.00 down from pledges.
- Expenses are up to date and are on budget for the year.
- Cash flow is solid and healthy.
- Treasurer will meet with our Insurance Company about audit.
- Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Re Pruzin, 2nd by Bill Makucin. Motion passed.

Assistant Treasurer - No Report

Old Business

- Wheels for the table and chair racks will be completed during October 2025.
- Solar Panels – This will be put on hold.
- Contract for the Organist has been completed and now currently waiting on signatures.

New Business

- Saint Gabriel's Audit and Financial Review was mailed to the Diocese on 1 October 2025.
- The Annual Parish Update and Creation Care Survey is still being worked by Karen Spotts and it will be submitted when completed during the next week.

The celebration of Holy Eucharist will begin at 9:30 am

Effective 1 November 1, 2025.

Motion by Tim Chicker, 2nd by Bill Makucin. Motion passed.

- Ron Stack to check on pricing for a new sign outside of the church.
Information will be obtained and presented at the next vestry meeting.

Next Vestry Meeting - 9 November 2025.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:58 AM – Motion by Tim Chicker, 2nd by Kris Zabriski.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark M. Pruzin

Junior Warden

Church Service Time will change Effective 1 November 2025

*The following schedule indicates those who have signed up to assist in Sunday worship: **Readers, Chalice Bearers, Counters and Altar Guild.** Anyone who is interested in participating in any of these indispensable roles should see Rev. Floyd or Joanne Chicker. Any blank spaces need to be filled. **Reminder – Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve on your signed date and let Joanne know of the change.***

DATE	Reader	Chalice	Counter 1	Counter 2	Altar Guild
10/26	Kris Z.	Mark P.	Jim G.		JC/KP
11/2	Barb F.	Mark P.	Jim G.	Barb F.	JB/DD
11/9	Joanne C.	Jenny B.	Jim G.	Debbie D.	“
11/16	Kris Z.		Jim G.	Tim C.	“
11/23	Jenny B.	Joanne C.	Jim G		“
11/30	Jenny B.	Mark P.	Juliet		“
12/7	Jenny B.	Mark P.	Re P.		JC/KS
12/14		Joanne C.	Debbie D.		
12/21	Kris Z.	Jenny B.			Greening- All welcome!
Xmas eve 12/24 Time TBA		Mark P.	Offertory to be Counted on 12/28	N/A	
12/28					