

**August 2022**



“There is no phenomenon in the universe that does not intimately concern us, from a pebble resting at the bottom of the ocean, to a movement in a galaxy millions of light years away.” Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Sun My Heart*

**St. Peter's News**

**PRAYER**

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden

In the Parish Profile, written by the hard-working and greatly appreciated Search Committee, is the following prayer:

In this interim time, we pray for St. Peter's Church, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future and daring in our faith. As we seek to welcome, instill in us your grace; as we seek to challenge, commit us to your mission; as we seek to inspire, fill us with your spirit. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

As the vestry interviews candidates and does the work we have been given to do, we commence and end with this prayer. We also have prayed for clarity. Our prayers are answered and not always as we hope or expect. We might want clarity to be one thing and we get clarity but maybe in a way or direction we were not expecting. And that brings me to the lessons of the day from Sunday, July 24, 2022 when we read about Jesus teaching us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven [a heavenly Father and not just my heavenly Father],  
Hallowed be thy Name [may God be truly loved and honored],  
thy kingdom come [a kingdom of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—Galatians 5:22-23],  
thy will be done [not the will of your willful children],  
on earth as it is in heaven [may we do your will on earth].  
Give us [because we depend on you, God] our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts [we need that on a daily basis too]  
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us [even when people do not  
intend to hurt us, we are hurt, and please teach us to forgive that hurt],  
And lead us not into temptation [including the temptations of anger, reaction,  
impatience, giving up],  
but deliver us from evil [it can eat us up].  
for thine is the kingdom [yep—it is yours, God], the power [yep—yours too] and the

glory [yep—yours too],  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Trip with Father Bob, Mother Liza, and  
Members of St. Peter’s**





My reasons for joining in on the pilgrim trip to the Holy Land were varied, but mainly focused on going somewhere that I had never been, and having the shared experience with friends. What I experienced was so much more than what I expected that it is a bit difficult to focus on one or two things that stood out. Certainly, visiting Shepherd's Field, the Church of the Nativity, the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre were not to be missed experiences that I will remember for a very long time. Swimming in the Sea of Galilee was also a real treat. I think, however, what touched me the most was our celebrating Eucharist in the Desert (Wadi Qelt) at dawn and then two days later going to church at St. Paul's in Shefa-Amer, where we participated in a bi-lingual English-Arabic Service. The joy of singing a well known hymn in English while the people next to me were singing the same hymn in Arabic was life changing. The final aspect I did not expect was learning about the politics in Israel and the two-class society, which we have no idea of unless we go there. This is one trip everyone should try and take once in their life.

Text and photos by Diane



*Members of our Congregation*



## This Is Us!

We have known Grace as that wonderful, smart, independent, tennis and golf playing, young Lector in our congregation for the past several years. We have gotten to know Tim more recently, as we turned our heads listening as he sang hymns with us on Sundays, as we had an upbeat conversation with him, and as we found out that he makes a great cake. Grace and Tim have something in common. They were both baptized into the Episcopal Church in a service at St. Peter's last May. They both will tell us how meaningful the laying on of hands that took place was to them—that it provided a sense of holy welcome and a sense of seriousness to their already faithful attendance.

## Music Ministry

### Concert Series: 2022-2023 Season

**“Trailblazing Women at the Piano”**

Pianists Ida Tili-Trebicka & Tina Toglia will be featured at St. Peter's first concert in the series, on **August 28th, at 3:00 pm.**

This program includes four centuries of Piano Duet music by female composers Sophia Maria Westenholz, Fanny Mendelssohn, Amy Beach, Juri Seo, Elena Kats-Chernin, Hilary Tann, Meredith Monk, Germaine Tailleferre, and a premiere by Syracuse area composer Diane Jones.

Be sure to put the next two concerts on your calendar:

**November 13th at 3:00** – guitarist Ken Meyer, and

**March 5th at 3:00** – organist Augustine Sobeng



## Other Ministries

**Tuesday Prayer Vigil**

For the past 2 and 1/2 years several parishioners have held a weekly payer service for the pandemic. In light of our emerging from our pandemic time, the prayers have been revised. The weekly prayer gathering will now be called a prayer vigil. It will continue on zoom every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

The zoom link is:  
ID 88619569500  
Password 532900



## Committee News

### **A New and Enthusiastic Finance Committee Is up and Running!**

The Finance Committee, which consists of Bev, Bernie, McEwan and Ken, meets every two months. When needed our church accountant joins to discuss the details of



specific concerns. Bev meets weekly with our Administrative Assistant, Gretchen, to review our income status, financial obligations and upcoming commitments. Bev also meets with the accountant once a month to keep current with the financial condition of the church. Bev and Bernie report monthly to the Vestry. We are glad to have these competent heads, hands and hearts overseeing our finances.





### **Search Committee Appreciation**

... And a big "Thank you!" to the Search Committee for their continuing discernment and care during so many late nights, long meetings and with other home-chores still being put on hold! The Search Committee members have interviewed many candidates who are interested in becoming our new rector. New candidates have come forth and will be interviewed. Both the candidates themselves and the members of the St. Peter's Search Committee and the Vestry want to ensure the right choice.

Eager as we are, we know that in time, the Search Committee will be confident and the Vestry will be eager to call our next pastor, priest, and leader in God's name.

## News of St. Peter's and the Greater Community



## The Key Consignment Shop

### The Key

The Key is our main outreach program at St. Peter's Church. It has been for many years. But, what does this mean? Outreach programs are part of a church's mission. The Episcopal dictionary describes "mission" as "the sending forth to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. The authority for Christian mission is based in Christ and known through the power of the Holy Spirit. Christian mission is understood to be a response to Jesus' command for his disciples to "go and make disciples."

The Key explains its mission as "being humbled to be able to support local organizations whose missions align with our own. As a store which exists to help alleviate suffering in the community, we will prioritize those requests which also focus on basic human needs. This includes but is not limited to safety, shelter, food, and clothing.

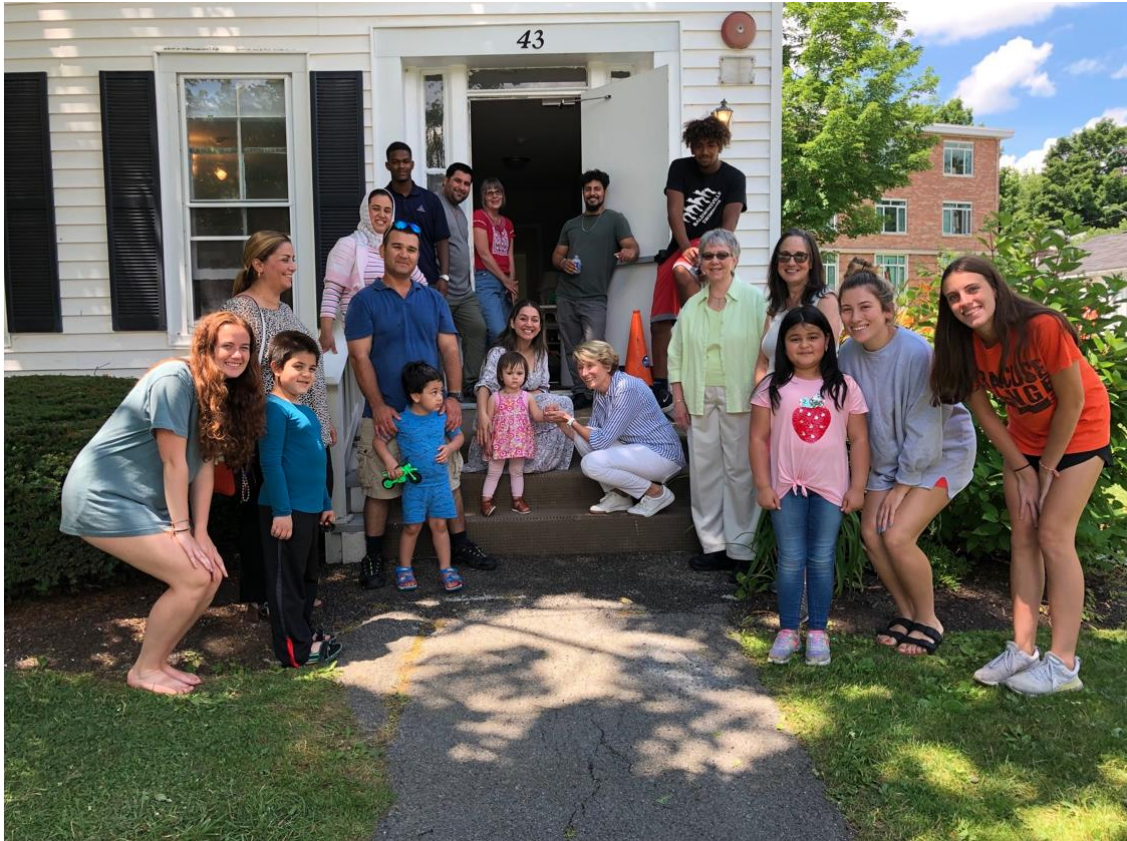
Our grants usually range from \$250-\$5000 and are made at the sole discretion of the grants committee, the Key Board, and St. Peter's Vestry. We very much appreciate your generosity and willingness in supporting The Key and our ability to provide grants

to organizations such as Vera House and Caz Cares with revenues, especially from donations.



# **Cazenovia Welcomes Refugees**

a community-based initiative



## Summer Update

### **Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 43 Lincklaen Project!**

Cazenovia Welcomes Refugees is happy to announce that the move-in for our New American family from Afghanistan took place on July 7, 2022. This marks the successful completion of our 43 Lincklaen Project. This could not have happened without the tremendous support CWR received from InterFaith Works, Cazenovia College, and most importantly, members of the greater Cazenovia community. We gratefully acknowledge and thank every individual who made a contribution to this effort, including those who designed the interior, monetary donors, donors of furniture, volunteer carpenters and painters, Cazenovia College Campus Services Team, students assisting with the children during walk-throughs and on move-in day, and all

who made in-kind gifts. A special thank you to Nick Irvine and the Irvine Construction crew who worked so diligently to make the renovation a success.

A side note:

The New American family is now getting used to their new house and learning about their new community. They will love being welcomed by their new neighbors, but CWR is recommending that we don't inundate them with visits. Please ask Chris about this before you stop by. In September, St. Peter's Church will host CWR's third community dinner to raise funds and welcome our New American family. You will be hearing more about this soon!



Thank you everyone who brought in peanut butter or jelly for our monthly Caz Cares collection! August is our **SOUP** collection month. Thank you for donating generously!



The Anti-Racism Coalition of Cazenovia is sponsoring a community book read of ***The Sum of Us***, by Heather McGhee. This wonderfully written book discusses the benefits of equity for us all. The Cazenovia Library has reserved extra copies for our community. Louise will offer a discussion of this book for members of our church. If you are interested, please let Louise know.







# RE- OPEN HOUSE

FREE LUNCH



Wednesday August 10th

11:00am - 1:00pm

12 Mill Street, Cazenovia

RSVP appreciated but not necessary

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Diocesan News



## The General Convention

The General Convention is the national legislative body of the Episcopal Church. It consists of a House of Bishops, which includes all active and retired bishops, and a House of Deputies, which includes four lay persons and four clergy from each diocese, each area mission, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe. The Convention meets every three years. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur to adopt legislation. The General Convention alone has authority to amend the Prayer Book and the church's Constitution, to amend the canons (laws) of the church, and to determine the program and budget of the General Convention, including the missionary, educational, and social programs it authorizes. A majority of bishops may request the Presiding Bishop to call a Special General Convention. Special General Conventions met in 1821 and in 1969. The General Convention elects twenty of the forty members of the Executive Council, which administers policy and program between the triennial meetings of the General Convention.

From "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians"



The 2022 General Convention was held last month in Baltimore. Bishop Dedee and eight members from our diocese attended the four day long event. One of our delegates, Kate Bell, a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Syracuse, wrote this final report.

“In these four days we dealt with over 400 resolutions, plus memorials, amendments, and a ton of Points of Order. We voted to put our efforts and resources into anti-racism, including to do an audit of our various historic moneys and where they came from. How much of what we now have was gained from slave labor? We committed to facing truth about Indigenous Boarding Schools, and begin healing our relationships with Indigenous communities. We voted to invest in bringing people from the margins (or between the bricks) better opportunities for growth and leadership. We Deputies elected as our new President a Latina, and as our new Vice President an Indigenous (female) Priest. By this I mean to say we elected the finest among a rich pool of candidates, and they happened to not be of northern European descent. I am proud of both clauses of that sentence. Now we all have work to do, to work actively for the Kingdom of God—the Jesus Movement. I hope that we have strengthened the structure that supports us. That is holy work. No holier than the work we all do every day, whether we are Bishops, Clergy, or Laity. We are all called to the work of the church.”



## Calendar

### Events in August

- 1 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
  
- 4 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
  
- 7 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. John Crosswaite (In-Person/Zoom)
  
- 8 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)  
5:15 pm Volunteer Day at the Friendship Inn

7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

11 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

14 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. John Crosswaite (In-Person/Zoom)

15 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

18 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

21 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. Alan Smith (In-Person/Zoom)

22 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

25 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)

28 10:00 am Morning Prayer with Joe Hannah (In-Person/Zoom)

**3:00 pm Concert Series: Trailblazing Women at the Piano** (Sanctuary)

29 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)