St. Peter's Church
2019 Annual Meeting & Reports

January 26, 2020

St. Peter’s Church
An Episcopal community sharing Christ’s love since 1702.
Agenda

In Church Following the Eucharist

1. Opening Prayer with Necrology
2. Nominating Committee Report
3. Polls Open – Ballots Cast
   
   *All active parishioners 16 or over, whose membership is recorded at St. Peter’s Church, are eligible to vote. Polls remain open for 30 minutes (during breakfast).*
4. Breakfast
   
   *After casting ballots, recess to Parish Hall for breakfast.*

In Parish Hall as Breakfast Concludes

5. Treasurer’s Report (*10 minutes*)
6. Table Conversations (*20 minutes*)
7. Table Reports (*20 minutes*)
8. Acknowledgements (*10 minutes*)
9. Reports submitted by title:
   
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10. Adjournment, Closing Hymn & Blessing
Nominations

Yahaira Mendez (Vestry)

My name is Yahaira Mendez and I lived in Freehold Borough for 10 years before moving to Howell 8 years ago. I have been attending St. Peter's Church for over two years now and I truly enjoy the fellowship with the parishioners at the 8am service. I believe being part of the vestry will afford me the opportunity to not only better understand all of the various ministries at St. Peters but will also allow me to leverage my personal and professional experience in helping to shape St. Peters in 2020 and beyond. I am the mother of two beautiful boys ages 15 and 10 and I currently work as a CPA at a mid-size accounting firm. Throughout my career, I have been highly active in various professional women's programs, mentoring staff, along with participating in the Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Judith Reilly Royer (Vestry)

I am relatively new to St. Peter's but have been a member of the Episcopal church since birth. Regular attendance even in diapers was mandatory because my Father was a church organist and choirmaster until his death. Along with my Mother, I was a choir member and my brother was an acolyte.

My three children were born in Maine where we lived for enough years to become fairly adept skiers. My son Charles is a Holmdel Police Officer. My daughter Jill is a member of St. Peter's along with her husband David and son Charlie. My daughter Karen is a nurse and practicing in Maine. My husband Jim, is a member of St. Thomas More church but joins us at St. Peter's on occasion.

I am a graduate of the Buffalo General Hospital School of Nursing and the University of Buffalo. My first job was as a nurse aboard passenger ships where despite a few bouts of seasickness, my love of travel began. It was aboard one of the ships that I met my first husband and we moved to Maine. There, I spent several years teaching psychiatry in schools of nursing and also functioning as the town health officer. After moving to New Jersey, I continued teaching psychiatry at Brookdale College and singing in the church choir. My business career started when I began a home health care agency in Middletown which I and my kids owned for over 20 years until the Meridian Group purchased it.

Jim and I have enjoyed many years of travel and as our responsibilities decrease, we find more time available to pursue new experiences.

St. Peter's Church has welcomed my family with warmth and friendliness. I would be honored to serve as a vestry member.
Karen Smith (Vestry)

I have been a member of St. Peter’s for two years. Raised Roman Catholic, I was very active in parish life as much as was possible as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and substitute CCD teacher, but I drifted away from that in recent years as a result of life events. When I felt the call to a more spiritual life, I looked at my options and knew that St. Peter’s was my new home. The truth behind “All are Welcome” and the sharing of God’s love brings a smile and peace. I have been blessed to already serve in the Renewal Works program and as an ad-hoc consultant to the Crossroads Construction and Finance. An almost 7-year resident of Freehold Borough, I am honored to be considered for Vestry and to grow my relationship with God and this community.

Candy Cooper (People’s Warden)

Hi everyone, I’m Candy Cooper and I’ve been a member of St Peter’s for 50+ years. As a child I went to Sunday School and was Confirmed here. As I got older, I taught the Kindergarten Sunday School class and volunteered in the Nursery. More recently I’ve served on Vestry as the Outreach Liaison becoming involved with the Community Supper ministry, Open Door, and the Thrift Shop. I also work with the Emergency Housing Program (EHAP) – coordinating the Tuesday night dinners at St. Peter’s and on the EHAP fundraising committee at St Roberts. I am a dedicated member of our Altar Guild and Ushering ministries, serving as co-lead on both. Most recently I’ve become involved with the Confirmation ministry as a Shepard and now a Mentor. St Peter’s has always held a special place in my heart and by reconnecting a few years back, I found what I was missing – I found my home. I enjoy working with each of the ministries I serve, the fellowship found here at St. Peter’s and the treasured friends I have made along the way. I thank you all, for being so special and I would be very honored to serve as your People’s Warden.
Minutes of the Annual Meeting

January 27, 2019

The Reverend Dirk C. Reinken called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:55 am following opening prayer. The written Annual Meeting Report of 2018 was distributed to all parishioners in attendance. The congregation reviewed the minutes of the previous year’s meetings. There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

*Motion to accept the minutes of the January 2018 Annual Meeting moved and seconded. Motion approved.*

Father Dirk thank the nominating committee for their diligent work. Mark Willis, Chairperson, presented the report of the Nomination Committee. The following names were presented:

- **People’s Warden—1 (1-year) term:** Susan Jane Story
- **Vestry—3 (3-year) terms:**
  - Joe Falisi
  - Erin MacKenzie
  - Marilee Nicholson
- **Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3**
  - Mayra Caceres
  - Mark Willis
- **Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention—3**
  - Jennifer Leighton
  - Kathy Whall
- **Delegate to Monmouth Convocation—3**
  - Kathleen LaSpisa
  - Deb Turi-Smith
  - Adriana Crump

*Motion to accept the candidates for nomination moved and seconded. Motion approved.*

Tellers were appointed to count the ballots. Polls were opened at 11:03 am and remained open until 11:33 am. Members of St. Peter’s congregation proceeded to cast their votes.

The congregation moved to the Parish Hall for brunch and the continuation of the meeting. During the ballot count, the congregation reviewed the written 2018 Annual Report. Father Dirk thanked our outgoing vestry members. Jim Price gave the treasurer’s report for 2018 and presented the 2019 budget.

The results of the election were announced:

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*Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Motion approved.*
Closing Hymn

We all are one in mission

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for service to wit-ness in God’s name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be un-ited and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts un-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f’rent, our pur-pose is the same;
the stew-ar-d of sal-vation was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God’s re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God’s sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rec-ted Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
to plan and work to-gather that all may know Christ’s love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God’s warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Worship

Worship frames all that we do as God’s people. We are sent in worship to be Christ’s hands and heart in the world, and we return to the Altar touched by the world’s needs.

We are experiencing the paradox of a decline in average Sunday attendance paired with a slight increase in active members and active non-members (people who worship with us but prefer not to become formal members). This means active base is worshiping less frequently, a trend all churches are facing due to calendar pressures and the scarcity of family time. Also, we have had a significant number of teen graduate High School over the last few years, which correlates with a decrease in regular attendance by their parents. Anecdotally, this year’s decline may also be due to loss of access to municipal parking during construction. We expect that to be resolved by Easter, perhaps earlier.

While Christmas attendance was down more than 30%, our 10 PM Christmas Eve service was the most viewed of all of our services on You Tube – 190 views. The issues here may be both publicity and parking access, two factors that are easily addresses for next Christmas.

The Saturday 5 pm service has also seen a significant decline since construction has started. This needs to be watched closely for signs of recovery or an adjustment of service schedule. The current attendance level is not sustainable for the long-term, but the service does fill significant void for those who attend. Some experimentation with advertising and the focus the service can be tried.

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<th>Saturday Evening &amp; Sunday Eucharist</th>
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**Average Sunday Attendance**

**2019:** 106  **2018:** 112  **2017:** 125  **2016:** 134

**Baptisms:** Charlotte Pamela Juliana Smith, Bryce Stuart Benner, Adrian Lopes, Christina Elyse Sosnoski, Joshua Robert Goreczny (for another parish), Cambria Bava, Jade Bigelow.

**Marriage:** Camille Kriska & Carmen Spezzi; Brianne LeMoine & Nicholas Kapelewski, Kara Flanagan & Charles Vega
Transfer In: Jessica & Joseph Bava; Lynne & Garrick Hoadley; Rosemary & Everett Lopes; Yahaira Mendez & Chris Morello; Angela, Percy, & Lorenzo Muñoz; Patti, Pete, Parker, & Patience Nordell; Susan Webb; Gail Wilczewski,

Transfer Out: Kristen Goreczney and Joshua Goreczney to Redeemer, Midlothian, VA; Carla Navallo to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Manhatten.


Membership

The canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey identify an active member of the congregation as any baptized Christian whose baptism is recorded in the register, who attends worship and receives the Eucharist at least 3 times a year, and who is known to the Rector and Treasurer as a financial contributor to the life and ministry of the congregation. Based on those requirements, the active membership of St. Peter's Church is as follows:

Active Members at start of the year: 344

Restored from Inactive Status: 7
Lost by Death: (8)
Gained by Baptism: 7
Moved to Inactive Status: (12)

Gained by Transfer In: 17
Lost by Transfer Out: (3)
Database Correction: (9)

Active Members, end of Year: 343 (2018: 344)  Total Member Households: 175 (2018: 174)

Non-Member, Active (have not officially transferred in): 33 (2018: 30)
Rector’s Warden

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, give thanks, because it is God’s will in Christ Jesus that you do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Recently, Oprah Winfrey was being interviewed on a new show that was on the TV in the background as I was getting ready for work. She spoke of this being 2020 and time for us to use that perfect vision to set our sights on the future. Well, I think St. Peter’s is well set for a perfect future!

In September, we made St. Peter’s history when the big dig began and Crossroads Center started becoming a reality! Yes, we are making history with this new building. St. Peter’s has had many years, but a limited number of buildings. So starting this one new building is a significant event in our rich, rich, history.

Starting Crossroads Center was surely the height the year. I really cannot think of any major problems we had to deal with in 2019. What a blessing that is! In a complex of such old buildings, there is always something breaking and something that needs repair. Soon, the Parish House will no longer be a drain on our finances. Our historic Church building will always need maintenance and repair. We are blessed by some fantastic people who give so much of themselves for our buildings and grounds.

This is my last message to you as Rector’s Warden. I guess you can say I believe in term limits. I have absolutely enjoyed being your Rector’s Warden. I cannot begin to tell you how rewarding this had been, how much I have learned, and how much I have grown spiritually over these 4 years as Rector’s Warden, and one year before that as People’s Warden.

I assure you that this was my decision. I feel it is time for Fr. Dirk to have new eyes and a different vision to support him. We are truly blessed to have Fr. Dirk as our Rector. He really made the job of Rector’s Warden so easy and peaceful. I am truly blessed to have shared this time and developed a true friendship with him. But then again, we have so much in common – St. Peter’s. God. And Disney!

I also would like to thank the Vestry members from this time we shared. Everyone has brought immeasurable gifts with them to the Vestry table, and share their vision for St. Peter’s. You all made a difference and contributed to St. Peter’s present and future.

I may not be a Warden after today, but I am not going anywhere – yet! Jackie and I will still be here more weeks than we are not, and who knows, I am sure the Lord is not done with me yet! Now if only that vision was 2020 as well!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Willis
People’s Warden

In corporate America you often hear that “A company’s greatest assets are its People”. Here at St. Peter’s we prove this concept week in and week out. The PEOPLE of St. Peter’s are truly the “Greatest”. Together, the people of St. Peter’s accomplish wonderful things, serve a wide variety of ministries and support one another in the faithful journey we are privileged to walk, side by side.

In the circle of life loss is something we all must endure. We mourn for our St Peter’s family members lost this past year, one being Ed VanDerveer who was my most precious mentor, role model and confidant. A true gentleman who inspired my faith through the years.

As we closed out another decade, adding to St. Peter’s rich history, it was incredibly exciting to see the People of our parish rally around the continued support of Building Crossroads. The enthusiasm and crowds attending the groundbreaking was electric and now to see the project rising in the church yard in its full glory, is awe-inspiring. The people of the parish were also there when asked to serve meals for the needy; gather food and supplies for the After School program and Open Door; provide funds for the youth to purchase holiday gifts for adopted families; attend special services throughout the calendar year to welcome the newly baptized; comfort the mourners and uplift our confirmands all while showing compassionate faithfulness to one another at each and every service. Yes, the People of St. Peter’s are an amazing group of People.

All our People are an integral part of the success of St. Peter’s. Thank you for being there for one another. Continue to encourage and support every person that walks through our doors so that they can see the light of Christ and achieve great things within our midst.

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to serve as your elected Peoples Warden once again this past year. Mark, thanks for being a great counterpart. I’m sure we will be working together again soon as you continue to be an active “People” of St. Peter’s. To the clergy, vestry and all parishioner friends, thank you for the confidence and trust to fulfill the obligations to the best of my abilities. I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and look forward to serving again in a new role for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted-

Susan Jane Story, Peoples Warden

Stewardship Report

2020: 68 pledges totaling $210,118

2019: 70 pledges totaling $202,624

The Stewardship Team and Treasurer are encouraged by the strong start to this year’s pledge campaign. We still have pledges outstanding for 2020 from people who pledged in 2019 as well as opportunities for new members to pledge, so we look forward to reporting increased participation. Our 2020 budget does have an anticipated $7,000 deficit, which, though small, is significant for a congregation that does not have deep reserves and has an historic (i.e., always needs repairs!) and well-used (i.e., needs upkeep!) campus to maintain for our many ministries.
Pledged giving accounts for about 40% of our $500,000 annual budget. The rest of the budget is funded by Thrift Shop proceeds, building rentals, and open plate giving, so each contribution makes a huge difference. Pledges are still being received. Members of Vestry will be reaching out to households who have not pledged to see if they can answer any questions. Thank you so much for your support—you are a vital part of making sure St. Peter’s can fully participate in God’s work of healing the world!

Building Crossroads

Our Crossroads Building is moving along at a rapid pace! We all see the outside, soon to have siding applied, the architectural steeple has been completed, and the Cross is ordered for the peak. Partial backfill has been completed, more to come within the very near future. Exit doors are being completed for exits from rear into Parking Lot. What we don’t see is the interior work, also moving rapidly. Staircases, heating and cooling duct work and airflow tubes are being installed, temporary lighting for contractor work has been installed, and electricians have provided underground sleeves between buildings for future interconnections to provide for security and communication. Sprinkler system will be completed soon and insulation contract has been agreed upon. Our Vestry Liaison, Jim Hurley, has been invaluable in dealing with on-site decision making and numerous challenges, including site security.

Our next task is planning for interior finishes. Our kitchen group has done a fantastic job of layout, appliance selection and design, including many meetings to plan and recommend purchases. Now we need to move on to advance planning for bathroom fixtures (toilets are not a really fun selection but need to be purchased), as do vanities. Our electrical contractor has a passion for lighting and has designed an almost totally LED interior, with dimming everywhere, and a great security design for inside and out. We are bound by Building Codes, but have options, and our utility costs will be much lower by using efficient equipment.

If anyone feels called to help with interior decoration, color selections, all that goes into creating a warm, inviting space, we can use your help and opinions. You can always contact the Church Office to volunteer and your information will be passed along. We try not to have too many meetings, small group decision recommendations work well. I have never worked with as fine a group of people as our Building Committee.

Respectfully,

Jim McCreight
Convener of Building Committee
Finance Report

The Finance Committee has 2 primary duties:

Oversee proper accounting policies and procedures are in place and followed regarding the handling of income and expense items in order to produce reports to Vestry that have integrity and are accurate.

From Budget development through submission of this Annual Report, we meet monthly to review results versus expectations, and discuss, and follow up on items that come before us over the course of the year. Resulting from the review, we report to Vestry on current results and make recommendations on potential actions to resolve non-Budgeted issues which arise.

In 2019, the Finance Committee was comprised of Jim Price - Treasurer, Kurt Tweten, Joe Falisi-Vestry, Bruce Edmonds and Fr. Dirk, with our Office Administrator Robin Stewart handling the day to day accounting.

Saint Peter’s had a Net Operating Loss in 2019 in the amounts of $5,426, which was $6,212 short of the $786 Income which was Budgeted for. With a few exceptions, 2019 unfolded as Budgeted. The notes below are derived from the table on the following sheet, but in general, the year went along Budgeted lines.

Total Income for 2019 was $482,437 versus a Budget of $485,410, $2,973, or less than 1% below Budget. Our 2 most important sources of income: Pledges were below Budget by $10,004, or 5% below Budget, and the Thrift Shop, which was $6,297, or 4% below Budget. Unpledged payments made up for about half of the shortfall above by exceeding Budget by $7,947, or 52%. Other income categories were close to Budget.

Total Operating and ministry expenses finished 2019 at $487,863, $3,299, less than 1%, above Budget for the year. Most expense categories were close to or under Budget for the year, but there were some exceptions: the following being the larger variances: Staff Expenses were $11,529 above Budget or 4%, mostly due to the changes in staffing in Music and Custodial, and Insurance was $2,822 over Budget due to added coverage needed during Crossroads construction. On the positive side, Maintenance/Keith Building/Building and Grounds expenses were collectively $10,602 under Budget, offsetting the over Budget items noted above to a large extent.

Below is a table comparing December 31, 2019 bank balances to December 31, 2018.

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<td>7,069.65</td>
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<td>Crossroads Capital Fund**</td>
<td>370,539.83</td>
<td>461,046.36</td>
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<td>Thrift Shop</td>
<td>1,281.73</td>
<td>1,003.76</td>
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<td>Memorial Fund</td>
<td>19,273.25</td>
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<td>Downtown Concert Series</td>
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<td>DIT - Endowments</td>
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<td>$ 697,013.20</td>
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The Finance Committee also had the task of soliciting, comparing and selecting a bank to assist in the short and long term financing for Crossroads, and managing the relationship with the
bank throughout the construction phase. The decision was made to work with Two River Community bank, and we have a $1 million available loan. At December 31st, due to the pace of construction our cash needs for the project exceeded funds we had available. We have borrowed $529,393 of the available line. As you'll note in the table on page 1, there is $370,540 in the account to continue to fund construction until additional sources of funds develop.

The Finance Committee, together with the Vestry, reviewed the 2019 results and formulated a Budget for 2020 in December.

Net Operating income in the 2019 Budget is a loss of $6,212. As seen in 2019, just a few categories of Income or Expense can shift results more favorably or unfavorably, Vestry felt our Ministry budgets were important enough to maintain and will seek to manage 2020 to breakeven during the course of the year.

Total Budgeted Income for 2020 is $497,123, $14,686 or 3% above actual income for 2019. The noteworthy increases from 2019 are: an increase in income from the Thrift Shop of $10,000 (7%) based upon strong results, and Pledge Income, net of allowance, shows a $5,246 increase over this year based upon strong Pledge Campaign results. Most other Income variances were fairly small.

Total Budgeted Expense for 2020 is $503,960, $16,097, or 3%, above actual expenses in 2018 and $19,803 less than the Budget for 2018. The significant changes year over year occurred in several categories. Staff Expense which increased $12,610, or 4%, over 2019. Insurance reflects a $8,606 increase due to carrying the Crossroads Builders Risk coverage for the entire year. Additionally, our Diocesan Assessment reflects a $2,921 increase, or 8% above 2019 and we continue to move toward Diocesan expectations. Community Outreach, which contains our support for the Open Door and EHAP ministries is showing a decrease from 2019 of $6,322 as the EHAP support is anticipated to cease in June as their plans for sustained funding are falling into place. There were other variances in expenses, but generally were close to 2019 levels.

As always, thanks to Robin Stewart for her hard work maintaining the books and records, and for looking out for the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Peter’s Finance Committee

Jim Price
Kurt Tweten
Joe Falisi
Bruce Edmonds
Fr. Dirk Reinken
### Income

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<tr>
<th>Accounts</th>
<th>2019 Budget</th>
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<td><strong>Rent</strong></td>
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<td>62,722</td>
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<td>65,256</td>
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<td><strong>Thrift Shop</strong></td>
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<td>(296)</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>(39)</td>
<td>182</td>
<td>(19)</td>
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<td>194,563</td>
<td>(20,437)</td>
<td>210,000</td>
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<td><strong>Unpledge Payment</strong></td>
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<td>19,288</td>
<td>3,988</td>
<td>18,000</td>
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<td><strong>Seasonal Offerings</strong></td>
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### Expenses

#### Staff Expense:

- **Clergy Stipend**: 82,161 82,161 0 85,522 (3,361)
- **Clergy Benefits**: 27,274 27,274 0 28,695 (1,421)
- **Clergy Expenses**: 5,500 2,515 2,985 5,574 (3,059)
- **Staff Salaries**: 151,448 158,569 (7,121) 163,086 (1,897)
- **Staff Benefits**: 30,337 37,154 (6,817) 37,821 (667)
- **Staff Expenses**: 2,000 1,816 184 2,161 (345)
- **Diocesan Assessment**: 36,518 36,518 0 39,439 (2,921)
- **Total Insurance**: 31,060 34,072 (3,012) 42,488 (8,416)
- **Total Offset Expense**: 600 739 (139) 720 19
- **Utilities -Gas / Electric / Water / Sewer**: 19,100 19,730 (630) 20,164 (434)
- **Total Telephone**: 5,100 4,995 105 5,055 (60)
- **Total Office Expense**: 13,235 14,732 (1,497) 12,837 1,895
- **Maintenance / Keith Bldg. / Building & Grounds**: 36,320 26,491 9,829 25,226 1,265
- **Total Other Expense**: 4,071 3,409 662 3,459 (50)
- **Total Altar Expense**: 5,890 5,751 139 5,513 238
- **Total Christian Formation**: 1,560 1,293 267 1,320 (27)
- **Total Community Outreach**: 14,920 13,687 1,233 7,432 6,255
- **Total Parish Life Orgs.**: 120 98 22 120 (22)
- **Total Hospitality**: 1,200 1,349 (149) 1,284 65
- **Total Music**: 16,210 17,920 (1,710) 16,044 1,878
- **Total Expenses**: 484,624 490,272 (5,648) 503,960 (13,688)

### Net Operating Cash Flow

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Parish Ministry

The Christian life begins at the font and is nourished at the Altar, but it is completed through ministry and service to one another in the faith community, and to the larger world.

The following reports represent our response to the dismissal at each service to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” as Christ’s hands and heart in the world.

Acolytes

St. Peter’s Acolyte Ministry is a group of faithful people from fourth grade into adulthood who assist at the Altar during Sunday and special liturgies. Their ministry makes possible a smooth-running service, which includes helping the priest set up the Altar for Communion and taking care of logistical details during the service.

The 8:00 am service includes one acolyte each week, usually an adult and occasionally a fill-in from a teen or former acolyte home from college. At the 10:00 am service, we run three acolytes (Cross and two Torches) who also help with setting up the Altar, ringing bells, and other logistical details. Anyone fourth grade and above can serve. You are never too old, and adult acolytes are a huge help as well!

If you are interested in this ministry, training is provided before or after the service. We start new acolytes out with simpler positions and give them more responsibility as they become more experienced. Our older acolytes do a great job mentoring new acolytes as well.

Father Jim Hargrove, our Priest Associate, coordinates the training, and Anne Delgado, Director of Formation & Communications, handles the scheduling. If you are interested, please see any of the clergy who will get you involved right away!

Our current roster of acolytes includes:

8:00 am: Doug Hackett, Jack Kriska, Jim Price

10:00 am: Will Alsager, Riley Crismali, James Delgado, Matthew Delgado, Spencer Hurley, Charlie Lettice, Colin McAulay, Julia McAulay, Gay Mary Simons

After School Tutoring Program

“I want to help the children with their homework because I want them to learn that school work may be hard, but there is always someone to help them. It makes me happy when I see their smiles.”

“I volunteer because I love children. Theirs are the faces of the future. If I can encourage them to always do their best, help them with difficult assignments, and instill a stronger belief in their abilities, then the future will be brighter for all.”

The volunteers in the After School Program assist 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders successfully complete their homework assignments. The children attend the Freehold Borough Schools, and
they are recommended by their teachers as needing help with their homework. The program is
in session from October to middle of May on Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 4:30. The
program is not held if the schools are closed, have half days, or have early dismissal. After their
homework is finished, the children have the opportunity to play educational games, play
enriching games on the laptops, participate in creative writing, read books and write book
reports, work puzzles or complete worksheets. They are given a snack and drink at 4:15. We
also have two parties: a Christmas party and an end of the year party hosted by the Court Jester.

Low attendance numbers continued during the second half of the 2018-2019. However,
attendance at the beginning of the school year 2019-2020 was a return to full capacity
necessitating a waiting list. The volunteers continue to be exceptional people. Many of the adult
volunteers are retired teachers with specialties in remedial reading, remedial math, special ed, and
hearing disabilities. The teenagers are a blessing, but we need more teenagers.

The Christmas party was a huge success again. All but three of the children and 17 volunteers
were in attendance. Dr Tomazic, the superintendent of Freehold Borough schools, paid us a
visit and spent some time with the children and volunteers.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can call Pat McCarthy at 609 208 3801 or speak to
one of the parishioners who are volunteers. They are Mera Archambeau, Dot Davis, Melanie
Minch-Klass, or Laurie Christ. If you wish to make a donation of supplies, snacks, or prizes,
please contact Mera, Dot or Deacon Catherine.

Respectfully submitted

Mera Archambeau

Altar Guild

“Altar Guild gives me a sense of contributing to the worship life of the church.”

The Altar Guild is a vital ministry but one that serves quietly “in the
background”. Each week we prepare the church for worship
services. We clean the church chancel area, chapel, sacristies and
narthex, polish silver and brass, care for candles and do setup and
cleanup for regularly scheduled services, baptisms, weddings and
funerals. Officially, the major functions of the Altar Guild are to
prepare for the worship of the church, to provide for the suitable
furnishing and decoration of the altar and to take due and reverent
care of its appointments, and to have a general oversight of the
proper cleaning of the church.

Our group includes parishioners from both services. We are organized into 3 teams working on
a rotating basis on Saturday mornings. This year, the Altar Guild was forced to reduce to three
teams. We welcome Nancy Bilicki to our group! We would love to add more members and
encourage you to consider joining this ministry. We have lots of fun and fellowship.
Candy Cooper continues to help lead the Altar Guild with Meg Tweten. She brings her organizational skills and eye for detail to help ensure schedules are made and supplies ordered.

Please remember: New members are always welcome! In 2020, we would love to include you as a member of this wonderful ministry. We especially welcome younger parishioners. Those working toward confirmation may enjoy learning more about what happens on the altar and why we do certain things at certain times of the church year. If you would like to participate in the Altar Guild ministry, contact one of our co-directors: Meg Tweten (mtteach@optonline.net) or Candy Cooper (coopspan@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted by Meg Tweten and Candy Cooper

“I love seeing the changing of the seasons in the church year. It helps me get more deeply involved in worship.”

Blessings and Blooms

“Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will themselves be watered.” --Proverbs 11:25

Thank you to the many parishioners and volunteers who have shared their time, talents and treasures to make the Blessings and Blooms Ministry possible for another year.

Deb Turi-Smith  Nancy Bilecki
Marilee Nicholson  Lynne Stokes
Larry Story  Mehmet Balasaygun
Jackie Willis  Connor Crafton-Tempel
Tina Crafton  Michael Carroll
Meg Tweten  Candy Cooper
John Carroll  Scott Reilly
Mary Simons  Kathy Whall
Lynne McCreight  Jim McCreight

AND the many donors who supported weekly floral donations and holiday appeals.

The Blessings and Blooms Ministry once again was busy assuring that the church was prepared in full glory for the highest of holy days and the liturgical seasons for 2019. We truly appreciate the Altar Guild members who assist and move things around to assure each Sunday the flowers are in their proper place.

Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany all have their own meaning and needs.
GOAL of this Ministry: to provide additional beauty and splendor in living color to the church during the liturgical seasons

NEEDS: Volunteers to help support the work and set up for each season. Do you have a few hours to spare? We could use volunteers to:

- help pick up flowers at the wholesale market
- water the live plants when they are set up during the week
- move materials up and down the basement stairs
- help with creative vision and new ideas
- donate funding for the purchase of floral memorials

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Jane Story/Blessings and Blooms Ministry Leader

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer + Study + Service

I went to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew’s website to see how they described the three disciplines of the Brotherhood – Prayer, Study, and Service. I found this Bible verse on the first “click” I made on the first of the disciplines. Prayer was the only one to have a Bible passage as part of its page. Prayer is only part of each meeting of the Brothers. We eat, we talk, we laugh, we study… Service? We no longer hold up our bargain on that end.

First about Study. This year we started using the Dwelling in the Word monthly reflections that Bishop Stokes has asked congregational groups to use. Sometimes it gives us a lot to talk about. Sometimes we are totally stumped. We talk about what we think it means to us.

Service. We are a small group. Our Brothers range in age from 20-something to 80-something. Some are retired, some are still in their careers. We just do not have the right numbers to take on projects or activities for St. Peter’s. But that is why we need YOU! Men, join us for one of our meetings. Be one of our Brothers too.

Meetings: Third Saturday of the Month (unless we have to change)

Time: Meetings start at 8:30am. We are usually there earlier to cook and prepare. The meeting is over by 10 and we are usually cleaned up and out by 10:30am. Some leave earlier, that’s ok. Whenever you can be with us, we surely welcome you!

Contacts:  Jim Cook, Chapter Director email: jamescookjr@optonline.net
Mark Willis, Chapter Vice Director email: mrwillis@optonline.net

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Willis
Buildings and Grounds

**Purpose of Ministry:** Maintenance, repairs and improvements to all buildings on the church campus.

**Accomplishments in 2019:**

- New gas main to Keith Building #43
- Bathrooms and kitchen floors deep cleaned
- New intake duct fabricated and installed on boiler for Parish Hall
- Stephanie Hill hired as custodian—10 hours per week
- Drains and catch basin in Keith Building parking lot repaired
- New water heater in Clubhouse (Keith Building)
- Bollards installed at Keith Building; also, columns rebuilt and missing roof shingles replaced
- Hole fixed in church roof
- New toilet in Thrift Shop
- Keith Building parking lot paved
- Tulip trees in front of church trimmed
- Routine preventative and responsive
- Routine preventative and responsive maintenance for all buildings on church property.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin A. Stewart

Christian Formation

**Purpose of Ministry:** Faith formation, or the forming of people as disciples of Jesus Christ, is a lifelong journey. We offer a variety of programs to help equip people of all ages for this journey, including programs at church and resources for the development of faith in the home.

**Accomplishments in 2019:**

- Fulfilling several RenewalWorks initiatives, particularly to embed the Book of Common Prayer in our parish life.
- Growing the Wiggle and Worship program on Sundays, which is consistent, Bible-based lessons and activities for children through 6th grade.
- Launching a new cohort of confirmands in the fall for a two-year program, including two new, complimentary curriculums, mentoring and service hour requirements. We also established a new Confirmation Shepherds program, in which a group of adults helps support this group of confirmands through prayer and presence.
- Participation in Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement at Pentecost.
Goals for Upcoming Year:

- Establish a liturgical drama group to run the Christmas pageant as well as select events throughout the year.
- To continue to develop and sustain our adult formation offerings.
- To continue to identify and curate relevant formation resources for the website.
- To develop resources specifically for teenagers and parents of teenagers focused on resiliency and coping with the challenges of modern American culture.
- To continue to equip people to be disciples of Jesus!

Contact Anne Delgado (formation@stpetersfreehold.org) to participate in activities, volunteer to help at one event or many, or to identify ministry needs or concerns. We welcome participants of all ages!

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Delgado
Director of Formation

Community Supper Report

“God is love.” 1 John 4:8

“What better way to serve the Word of God, the love of God, then through a plate of food. It’s like breaking bread. The meal starts with a blessing. Everyone knows from this blessing that God is the provider of the meal that they are about to receive. There is silent reverence during the blessing. The volunteers are the conduits, the hands and feet of Jesus, serving up God’s meal. Even though Scripture may not be proclaimed at the meal, everyone leaves satiated in the Word and love of God through the meal itself.”

Purpose: To minister to those in need in the Freehold community by providing hot, nutritious meals in a clean, comfortable setting and in an atmosphere of dignity and fellowship.

Accomplishments

Twenty-four dinners were held, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The number served decreased from last year—we served 1063 people a total of 1,750 meals, averaging 45 guests each dinner. We’d like to believe the reduction is because the need is not as great as in years past. We do, however, have our core group of guests attend on a regular basis.

Sponsoring organizations included our returning partners: Colts Neck Reformed Church (3), Hope Lutheran Church (3), Millstone Boy Scouts (1), and St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Millstone (1). The ‘Millstone families’ provided volunteers, desserts, & staples for two dates. The extended families of Linda Detwiler, Patty Meyer, and Ana Maria Caputo each sponsored one dinner. Three new groups joined us in 2019—Cost Recovery Solutions, Manalapan Girl Scout Troop 340, and the extended family of Pauline Schmidt each hosted one dinner.

St. Peter’s Church sponsored nine dinners as well as provided the main course for two additional meals. The Thanksgiving dinner was hosted by our youth and their families. It’s been encouraging to see new faces sign up to donate food, time, and/or money. Our pool of kitchen volunteers has grown slightly as we welcomed several volunteers from other hosting
organizations who wanted to be more involved. A huge thank you goes out to all the dedicated kitchen volunteers.

We squeezed in our tenth annual community supper picnic on September 13 just before groundbreaking for Crossroads. Volunteers from the Millstone Boy Scouts joined St. Peter’s parishioners in hosting this labor-intensive event. Set up and clean up goes so much more quickly with the Boy Scouts’ help. Once again, we were blessed with great weather. 75 clients & volunteers enjoyed good food and fellowship.

We have several business partners whose support is much appreciated. Jeff Lane arranged for food donations through his employer and ShopRite of Freehold. Black Bear Lake Camp in Millstone donated a large amount of food, condiments, paper goods, and cleaning supplies twice during the year. La Dolce Bakery of Freehold made generous donations of desserts at several dinners. ShopRite provides the plastics bags in which our guests take home meals. Monetary donations were received from Colts Neck Reformed Church, St. Peter’s parishioners, and a Community Supper guest.

Community Suppers are more than just food. Fellowship has taken on a more prominent role. Our guests stay well after finishing their meal to relax and chat with other guests and volunteers. And, volunteering has been an opportunity for parishioners and family members to reconnect. We’ve had a former high school volunteer return to help with her own daughter, and one empty nest couple consider Friday night volunteering as ‘date night’. Thank you all for your help and support of this ministry!

2020 Goals

• Recruit additional kitchen and dining room volunteers
• Seek out new sponsors to host a dinner, especially during the summer months
• Design and purchase a new banner

Ways to get involved

• Volunteer on dinner days: Set-Up (4:30 – 5:30 pm) (8 & older) / Serve (5:30 – 6:30 pm) / Clean Up (6:30 – 7:30 pm) NOTE: Ages 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult
• Donate food: May be homemade or store-bought
• Translator: If you speak Spanish well, we can use your help to converse with our Hispanic guests (15 & older)
• Sponsor a dinner: Consider hosting a dinner with family, friends, and/or co-workers who are interested. Don’t worry about providing all the food and volunteers. We can partner with your group to supplement any shortfall.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Marybeth MacKenzie at mmackenzie3@optonline.net or 732-713-0984.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marybeth MacKenzie
Daughters of the King

In 2019 the St. Francis Chapter of the DoK was involved with a variety of activities. In the spring we met monthly in the chapel for evening prayer and welcomed Deacon Karen as our chaplain. Our annual luncheon at Chili’s in Freehold was attended by all members, and we decided to organize our next few meetings around a book club open to all members of the parish. Our first book, Holy Envy, one priest’s reflection and observations on encounters with religions other than Christianity, was the subject of two discussions during the summer. In the fall, we met twice to discuss Galileo’s Daughter, a work of nonfiction concerning the life of Galileo and his relationship with his daughter.

Our plan for early in 2020 is to switch to fiction. On January 15 and March 4, we are discussing the first two books in the Sister Fidelma series, Absolution by Murder and Shroud of the Archbishop. Meetings include soup and salad provided by the DoK and are open to anyone who would like to come. Attendees have included Deacon Catherine, Susan Nelson, Sue Gunther, Alex Brusotti and Joe Whall. Suggestions of books for future reading are most welcome.

On Saturday, March 21, the DoK will offer a liturgy of morning prayer during the season of Lent. All are welcome to attend.

A word concerning our ongoing ministry of prayer: names submitted to the DoK prayer list are not forwarded to the parish prayer list. Names submitted to DoK remain confidential as do details concerning those requests. One may submit as much or as little information as he or she chooses. While DoK always appreciates hearing updates on those for whom we offer prayers, such updates are not necessary, and those requesting prayers need only supply as much information as they are comfortable giving.

Submitted by:

Linda Brusotti, Donna Devlin, Carla Navallo, Kathy Whall

Downtown Concert Series

The Downtown Concert Series is celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season and continues to provide a valuable outreach to our community by hosting extraordinary musicians in the historic and intimate space of St. Peters’ Church.

These concerts regularly bring an outside audience to our church and downtown. Due to generous support from individual sponsors and business, the series continues to operate without any cost to the church, and even continues to contribute rental income on a yearly basis to the general operating budget. However, we are always in need of additional support to help run the series, including donor development, promotional work, and grant-writing. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining us, please contact us by emailing director@downtownconcertseries.org
For the tenth year running, the series also continued its successful partnership with WWFM - The Classical Network, which broadcasts all of our concerts throughout a wide listening range, bringing exposure for the series and the church far beyond Freehold.

To join us, contact Danyel Shiflet: Director@downtownconcertseries.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Danyel Shiflet, Executive Director
Dorothy Shrader, Artistic Director

Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program

Engaging in community service provides me with the opportunity to become an active member of my community and has a lasting, positive impact on my family. I believe that you lead by example. Community service or volunteerism enables me to acquire life skills and knowledge as well as provide a service to those who needs it most. The more we give the happier we feel. My role as volunteer is such a humbling experience I am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity to help others.

- Raul Cabrera - volunteer

Without St. Peter’s support, the Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP) could not fulfill its mission to serve the homeless and most vulnerable in our community. St. Peter’s Episcopal church is indeed at the crossroad of the Freehold community. EHAP is comprised of two distinct programs: the men’s housing program, now in its sixteenth year, which is skillfully coordinated by Audrey Lotti, and the advocacy office located for 3 years at 41 Throckmorton Street in the Keith building. The housing program operates from December 1 through April 1 each year. Initially, I evaluate the appropriateness of potential guests to determine if they are a good fit for the housing program and whether they are willing to take measures to become self-sufficient. Audrey, and an amazing team of volunteers do intake at St. Peter’s each night, with the support of our two security guards. Audrey coordinates with the houses of worship, transportation, supplies and food for each night.

Each client is assessed by me at the EHAP office and assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers to achieve their goals. EHAP provides assistance with housing, jobs, referrals and case coordination with medical and mental health care, legal issues, social services, social security and a variety of other services on a case by case basis. As a result of the generosity of many members of the community, EHAP offers many supplies including, but not limited to, toiletries, backpacks, clothing, bus tickets and gift cards as needed and available. St. Peter’s thrift store is very generous and supportive of our clients. Computers and phones are available for client use at our office, which also serves as a respite from the weather.

Last year 279 individuals, including 196 new clients, were served in the EHAP office. Our 10-year total of clients served is 545. The first 7 years only encompassed the overnight program statistics. The overnight program housed 19 men during the 2018-2019 season with a total of 1192 bed nights. Of those 19 men, 13 gained permanent
housing, 3 went to a shelter and continued working with EHAP; 2 entered long-term treatment and 1 was discharged.

EHAP’s goal for the upcoming year is to increase the number of clients served by increasing the number of volunteers. This would also allow us to provide out of office services. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Joan Mandel at jmandel@ehapinc.org or call 848-459-6215. Thank you to Reverend Dirk and St. Peter’s church for making EHAP a reality and for consistently supporting our efforts.

Joan Mandel LSW
Executive Director

**EHAP Men’s Emergency Housing Program**

*I have been working with this program for the past 9 years. I enjoy meeting and working to help out the guys. I find most of the guys that are down on their luck are grateful for the help the program offers them and they in turn offer to help out where they can. They form a nice friendship and look out for each other.*

-Audrey Lotti

The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program runs from December 1st - March 31st, the coldest months of the year. Each night a different house of worship opens its doors to provide a warm, safe place for these men to stay, as well as a hot dinner and breakfast for up to 12 men in need.

St. Peter acts as the hub of this program as well as hosting the men on Tuesday nights. The men meet every night Monday-Sunday at St. Peters between 5:45-6:30. Our volunteers fill out paperwork i.e. name, age, emergency contacts, skills they may have. They also have access to our basement in order to store a small amount of items so they don’t need to carry all of their belongings. After intake the clients are transported to whichever house of worship they are staying at on that particular night.

While in the program the guys also have the ability to work with Joan Mandel, a licensed social worker at the (EHAP) office. There Joan is able to sit one on one with the guys, giving them guidance, education and resources to get back on their feet.

**Volunteers needed:** Monday - Sunday for intake 5:45 - 6:30 pm. We also needed drivers for Wednesday nights to help transport guys from St. Peters to Faith Evangelical. We also have a sign up for volunteers to provide dinner on Tuesday nights.

*I enjoy helping in a small way--getting the guys adjusted to the program which should benefit them in their future. I also enjoy talking with them getting to know them and hearing their interests.*

-Doug Hackett - volunteer

**Feed All God’s Children**

As the Director of Feed All God’s Children (FAGC), I would like to thank you for your continued support this past year. Your donations are truly a blessing. Your gift enables FAGC to continue to feed and minister to those less fortunate and make such a difference in their lives. Each purchase with your donations is done in a way to benefit the most people and done with
careful thought and planning. If you come to the soup kitchen, you will see nutritious meals served to grateful people.

Feed All God's Children is committed to run its soup kitchen in Freehold, offering a free lunch program, 3-4 times a week. We distribute food, but also hats, gloves, socks, coats, and other items at the soup kitchen and also to day workers waiting for work in various muster zones, Lakewood Square and the tent cities in Brick, Toms River, and two in Howell. We have expanded our ministry to include the women's abuse home in Toms River. We deliver food, clothing, and housekeeping supplies to small local churches, and local families in need.

For the year 2019, we served 114,562 people a total of 149,724 meals. We served over 1842 gallons of soup alone. We distributed 6,894 Bibles, 3,212 of which were in English and 3,112 of which were in Spanish. We also distributed 291 children’s Bibles in English, and another 279 in Spanish. In addition, we gave away 5,422 hats; 4,610 pairs of gloves; 825 scarves; 3,472 coats; 6,980 t-shirts; and 18,415 pairs of socks.

With your help, we are accomplishing our mission to spread the Love of God and provide those in need.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Benedict

Hospitality

8:00 am Hospitality Team:

Many thanks to the volunteer teams as we have completed another successful year. We welcome anyone interested in joining a team to contact George Kudlacik (gmk41@aol.com). We currently have three teams and are very flexible to change the schedule if you have a conflict. The first Sunday of each month is breakfast at a local diner hosted by Doug Hackett. We alternate the third Sunday with coffee in the Parish Hall.

Current teams:  
Jack & Patti Kriska  
Doug Hackett  
George and Sheila Kudlacik

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Kudlacik
Lectors

8:00 am Lector Team

We would like to recognize and thank the team for their participation this year. New volunteers are always welcome—contact George Kudlacik (gmk41@aol.com) to be added to the list. You are scheduled once every 7 weeks and you will receive the lessons via email ahead of time to review.

Our lectors this year are: Karen Crompton, Lester Archambeau, Chris Morello, Jim McCreight, Jo Ann Price, Missy Hazell, and George Kudlacik.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Kudlacik

10:00 am Lector Team

The role of our lectors is to read the lessons from Scripture and to offer the Prayers of the People during worship. Adults and youth comfortable with reading in public are enthusiastically welcomed to serve. It is truly a joyful responsibility to bring the Word of God to his people and to invite us all to pray in his name.

Joe Whall coordinates the lector schedule for the 10:00 am service. Please speak with Father Dirk, Deacon Catherine, or Joe if you are interested in joining our dedicated corps of readers. Joe can also be reached by email at josephwhall1@gmail.com.

Lectors at the 10:00 am service serve approximately every sixteen weeks depending on personal schedules. Reminders are sent out each week, and the readings are received via email ahead of time so that readers can become familiar with the verses. Thank you to all our lectors serving at the 10:00 am service: Will Alsager, Janet Birekhead, Michael Crismali, Adriana Crump, Theresa DeFuria, Bruce Edmonds, Ursula Hurley, Marilee Nicholson, Susan Jane Story, Sue Webb, Joe Whall, Kathy Whall, and Mark Willis, as well as Gabriella Chin, Inez Crismali, Scott Reilly, and Gail Reilly who serve as substitutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Whall
Music Ministries

“As I believe so shall I receive. Lord, help my unbelief.”

- Rosephayne Powell
Mark 9:24

After the departure of my predecessor Mark Hyzcko, I was delighted when you asked me to shepherd your music ministry in January 2019 and this year was an unbelievable and awe-inspiring year for the music ministry with my first year here. As I have gotten to know the musicians in our congregation, I am always amazed at the faith and work these individuals put in to make music that is truly set apart for our Lord and Savior and I want to focus on the accomplishments, joys, and sorrows we have shared over the past year.

While our contemporary music minister Shane Tapley will be stepping down from shepherding Peter’s Rock in 2020, I am thrilled to be able to take on this amazing ensemble and continue to sharpen their current repertoire as well as diversify our styles. I am grateful to all the help and work Shane has done this year with Peter’s Rock and I know he will be missed but we are glad he will remain as our tenor section leader in the choir. Shane was instrumental in his ministry especially with coordinating music for Paul Ignatius Cuffari’s funeral service this past October. The music at that service was so faith filled, meaningful, and beautifully done. Peter’s Rock did an exemplary job on Christmas Eve and also participated in their first Evensong at St. Peter’s on All Saints weekend 2019 with the choir. I am grateful to Shane and I look forward to taking on Peter’s Rock this year and years to come.

We also saw the departure of our choral scholar Scott Hobson this past September. Always on time and ready for rehearsals, services, and Evensongs, his professionalism at a young age was impressive to me. As he took a position at Trinity Asbury Park, we were graced to have Ian Highcock join us as Bass Section Leader at St. Peter’s and we are also fortunate that this spring 2020 we will have a new choral scholar in the soprano section Ms. Brinala Wall who is applying to the graduate program at Mason Gross at Rutgers.

The choir has grown in membership with the lovely voices of Sue Gunther and Susan Webb and I intend to keep recruiting prospective members from the congregation for both the choir and the band. I believe in the ability of anyone being able to sing and play and I invite people should they be interested to meet me a half hour before rehearsals so I can assess your singing and playing. Peter’s Rock rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 and leads worship one Sunday a month. The Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9. I am always looking for new members and the door is open to you to come and listen too to see if either ministry calls to you. Please contact me at music@stpetersfreehold.org.
We had a nicely attended Evensong in March featuring the choral music of Ralph Vaughan Williams. In April we had combined worship for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday which was thrilling and uplifting. September Crossroads Groundbreaking Service featured all of our ensembles participating in the celebration. In October we raised money for Building Crossroads with the Silent Film Spooktacular with live organ accompaniment and I would like to repeat that event for next year. We also had a combined All Saints Evensong this November with Peter’s Rock and the Choir with diverse repertoire. In December 2019 four of our choir members and myself as organist participated in the Bethel A.M.E. Freehold Holiday Concert featuring Messiah Christmas Portion conducted and coordinated by my friend and colleague Cherisse Bonefont, who sang with us at our Evensong in March. I want to continue collaborating with local churches and ministries for musical endeavors in the future. We had an Advent Lessons and Carols service in December that corresponded with the Freehold Candlelight Walk and seeing the church so full of people singing hymns inspired me to want to do this again next year as well. I firmly believe in the power of doing successful music ministry events annually so we can grow the amount of people who attend and want to participate. I am also looking into the possibility of seeing sometime in 2020 for Peter’s Rock to do a Coffeehouse Concert/fundraiser at the church. Please pray for our schedules so we can accommodate this together as it would be a great event to plan.

I am still in the process of getting an estimate done for repair work for the pipe organ through Crosson and Savage, a small organ company in Pennsylvania. Crosson and Savage came to take a look at the instrument this past year and I have also opted to use them for tuning and repairs instead of the Emery Brothers. The repairs needed are not as substantial as once thought in previous estimates I had taken a look at in our files, provided that the gallery organ is not moved to the back wall. I can assure you that the gallery organ does work and I have been using the solo reed from it during service settings. You might hear a hiss from the blower in the back of the church during service and I do not mean to distract you but I hope the gallery organ is starting to add some life to the organ.

I am eternally grateful to Danyel Shiflet, the Executive Director of Downtown Concert Series. She is an incredible arts administrator and section leader and I have been so humbled to work with her. Seeing the diverse concerts promoted in Freehold under her leadership I am confident DCS will continue to do wonderful things. Jackie Jones has also been an incredible bell choir director and supportive friend to me guiding me through my first year. I am humbled to work with my section leaders Halley Pearlstein, Shane Tapley, Danyel Shiflet, and Ian Highcock, choir members, band members, and fellow staff and congregants each day and I am grateful to all of their help and support this past year through this time of transition for you as a congregation and me as a liturgical musician and person. I thank you for your belief in me and I will work to continue the excellence that St. Peter’s music ministry is known for and that drew me to wanting to work here based on that legacy.

Respectfully submitted,
Brit Montoro (they/them/their)
St. Peter’s Handbells

OUR PURPOSE: To foster team work, responsibility, education, spiritual enrichment and fellowship while providing music for worship, concerts, and other related musical activities

KINGS PEAL
King’s Peal was organized in 1981 and has been active for many years. They are a group of early teens to adults who love to share their love of music through the art of handbell ringing. Musical knowledge is not necessary, however a keen sense of rhythm is definitely a must! Ringing is accomplished through the use of color coding and works very well for readers and non-readers alike.

We provide service music once or twice a month at the 10:00 am service. We are also available for weddings and other celebrations. We rehearse each Monday evening in the balcony of the church from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Jones
Director of Handbells

Thrift Shop

Good news! The Thrift Shop is thriving. Revenue increased from last year. This is because we have a large inventory and our prices remain the same. This helps to make it a great place to shop. Many of our customers have remarked how great the shop looks.

However, on the down side, senior manager Bob Ruppert is leaving on February 29. He is moving to Florida. He will be sorely missed as he has enhanced the operation of the Thrift Shop and ultimately the success of the shop. Therefore, we are in desperate need of HELP from the parishioners. We can only make the Thrift Shop continue to be successful if we get more help. We need people to sort and stock the shelves and racks. We can always use donations, too. The drop off times are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please consider giving the shop a few hours a week. Remember, many hands make light work.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot Davis
**Ushers**

First impressions are the strongest and Ushers set the tone by offering a warm and friendly welcome while making sure you have a copy of the service bulletin and any other materials needed for the service. We are often the first to meet and greet those who are new to our church family and we let them know what to expect during the service make them feel welcome and at home.

The Ushering Ministry didn’t have any major changes in 2019, but we had a very good year with a few new Junior Ushers added. In 2017 we reestablished having Jr Ushers during the service and each year we have had a couple of youth express interest and join the ministry. It’s important our youth understand and take part in the different areas of the service and know the significance of why things are done. Our Jr Ushers have made fantastic progress in learning and understanding the ministry and what is expected. Each time a youth services as a Jr Usher you can almost see the ‘ah ha’ moment when what they are doing suddenly ‘clicks’ and they get the what and why.

The Usher Ministry also a resource to the church. We assist in parishioners in finding or getting to a seat, aid parishioners to and from communion, answering questions, and give direction to those with inquiries. The clergy count on our Ushers to ensure that the service runs well, and we do that by facilitating an efficient service of both the collection of offering and of the service of communion. It is our responsibility to take a count of all congregants present at a service so it can be documented and recorded. After the service we make certain the church is ready for the next service by picking up used bulletins and media, straightening the books, stacking the cushions, turning off the recording system, and locking the church doors.

We welcome and encourage all members to this ministry be it youth, adults, or as a family. While not overly difficult, it is an extremely important ministry that is available to everyone. A person usually is scheduled once every month and joining the Usher Ministry Team is a wonderful way to get to know other members of St Peter’s. Persons interested in sharing in this ministry for the 8:00 am service should contact Doug Hackett (dhackett2000@gmail.com), and for the 10:00 am service either Candy Cooper (coops@span@yahoo.com) or Marilee Nicholson (merlsperls@aol.com).

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilee Nicholson & Jen De Lellis

**Youth Group**

**Purpose of Ministry:**
To create a safe and nurturing space for our youth to explore and continue their journey in a community of faith, and to see how God is working in their lives. We offer multiple opportunities for our youth (students from 9 to 12 grades) to gather in prayer, fellowship, and service.

**Accomplishment in the Past Year (2019)**
The program year runs September to June, but this report reflects activities for the calendar year. The group is co-lead by Mayra Caceres and Tina Crafton. Currently we have only 5 students in this age group that participate in youth group; planning for activities takes into account their busy schedules in an attempt to get 100% attendance when we meet, about once a month. Since
2016 we started participating in an interfaith program called MOSAIC with a subset of our members participating every year, which continues to provide good enrichment for the Youth Group experience.

Spring 2019. In January we participated in Rise Against Hunger (food packing event) organized by MOSAIC. This event packages meals, which are sent to thousands of people around the glove who are in need of food. In March the Youth enjoyed flipping flapjacks and mixing batter at the Super Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast; given our small YG, we enlisted the help of other adults and it was very successful. In April we volunteered together a one of St. Peter’s Community Supper. We closed the program year in June with a farewell for graduating Seniors. We gathered at Rita’s Ice and shared our plans for the upcoming summer.

Preparations for the new program year start in August with our new tradition – YG Parents Happy Hour. This is a time to create parent engagement and establish common goals for youth group success.

Fall 2019:
Our kickoff event in September was cooking taco dinner. Over dinner, youth discussed their plans for the year. This is always a great bonding experience. Students get to share what happened over the summer and their hopes for the new school year.

October--We met for cookie baking for alumni of the youth group (see left picture). It was a lot of fun! We shipped cookies to the seven alumni from the 2018 class with personalized notes from the Youth Group. These care packages were received with much appreciation. This activity is meant to remind alumni that St. Peter’s is still here for them. We shared what we didn’t ship with the Confirmation Class who was having class in the Hein Room that night.

November: Youth Group participated in the Thanksgiving Community Supper at St. Peter’s. This was another opportunity for Youth Group to work with members of the Confirmation Class.

November/ December: For Christmas we supported Pick an Angel, a program that provides Christmas gifts for under privilege children. Thanks to the generosity of the St. Peter’s family near and far, we collected over $630. YG gathered for lunch and fellowship at The Olive Garden restaurant and then went shopping with help from the Confirmation Class and filled shopping carts with presents for children from infant to teen for 22 children from Monmouth County (see photo).
Goals for the Upcoming Year (2020)

- Continue participating in MOSAIC

- Looking to partner with another ministry in St. Peter’s to host the Super Shrove Sunday pancake breakfast (given our small size) and planning other fellowship and outreach events for the Spring.

- We hope to continue to forge a connection between the Youth Group and the Confirmation Class so that when confirmands move to Youth Group, they feel welcome and comfortable.

How to become involved in the ministry, including frequency of service or meetings

All Youth in 9-12 grade are encouraged to participate. We use GroupMe for communication and scheduling of events, and also publish updates on the St. Peter’s website. You can talk to any of the youth or to Tina / Mayra to be added to the emails and GroupMe. We target having a gathering once a month and the dates are planned in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayra Caceres and Tina Crafton