



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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Bishop Lee will be at St. Peter's on Sunday, July 24! We will receive two members into the Episcopal Church and rededicate the undercroft. Please make every effort to being in church on July 24.

Undercroft Update

The undercroft has been a cherished gathering space not only for our church family but the wider community as well. It has been a place we have met for our first Sunday breakfasts, pancake suppers, Cookie Cupboard, coffee hour, fundraisers, and funeral luncheons. It is used many days of the week by AA.

Phase One - Completed or Underway:

- Gaps in the foundation that caused leaks were fixed before the remodeling began.
- Asbestos tile was professionally removed.
- Broken closet doors were removed – required for asbestos removal.
- Drywall installation replaced upper closet doors which were decorative, not functional thus eliminating the need for custom closet doors or mismatched doors.
- New carpet and tile installation is underway.
- Plaster work repaired cracks in walls.
- Ceiling trim was replaced with molding
- Walls, ceilings, molding, baseboard, and doors were painted.
- Exit signs were replaced to meet code requirements
- LED, energy efficient, lighting fixtures were installed in the undercroft, kitchen, and hallway.

Phase Two

- Undercroft:
 - o New closet doors – if they swing out, instead of slide, extra chairs can be easily stored.
 - o Decorative lighting for the 3 existing locations that were capped.
 - o Carpet hallway (and entry?).
 - o Paint hallway and entry.
 - o Plaster repair throughout the building/ in Church – while we have a tradesman for this lost art (and before they worsen and become a greater expense). Improved lighting in the church?

In the past donations have been made toward the building fund for such things as these if you feel so inclined to contribute.

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The state of the cupboards before the project started. A lot of sorting, tossing and rearranging has taken place, as well as the removal of the upper sliding doors. Now, the finishing touch of new closet doors is needed.



The closet with upper doors replaced with drywall and wall painted with accent paint. Replacement doors being researched for this closet and its twin on the left side of the doors that lead to the stairs.

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Volunteers:

- Empty all kitchen cupboards, wipe down shelves, wash all dishes, and organize.
- Identify needs for undercroft closet storage and Furnace room storage
- Community meeting groups – coffee pots and supplies
- Floral supplies
- Special luncheon vases, salt & pepper shakers, etc.
- Chairs & Tables

A special thanks to Breck and Laurie McHenry for removing the old crown molding, Joleen Cannon for removing and sorting through items in the closets and kitchen, and Cole Jones for his recommendations and introductions to local tradesmen.

We will soon have a wonderful space in which to gather once again!

By Angie Hoffman



Another “before” Picture. Showing the soffit where the old crown molding was removed. It has been replaced with a higher quality product, giving a much needed uplift to the overall look of the room.

PARISH UPDATES

Mother Mindy—I am thrilled to see new and returning faces in church! I have heard from several new congregants that they watched online or checked out our website before they decided to worship in person. This underlines the importance of our digital ministry. I just finished auditing an intensive class on the parables taught by Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. I am excited to approach and preach the parables with fresh eyes. The Stewardship Team has been imagining a different way of approaching how we use our time, talents, and treasures and I’m excited about the new life and direction into which the team will lead us.

Senior Warden Scott—Now that we are seeing new faces, it is important that we not just fully welcome, but invite people to fully integrate into the St. Peter’s community. The new cameras that were just installed will help provide a more authentic online worship experience.

Junior Warden Breck—Now that the flooring is complete in the undercroft, the main effort will be to clean the space in the choir room... in order to allow access for new air conditioning lines to be run, if necessary, as the air conditioner for the gathering room is kaput. We are finishing Phase 1 of the Undercroft project. There is some work that needs done to the rectory garage, replacing some flashing and shingles. I am also working to remove some excess topsoil from when bad patches of sidewalk were replaced.

Treasurer Laurie—The many buildings and grounds projects and repairs are depleting our cash reserves. If possible, we’d appreciate anyone who is able to get pledges up to date so that we do not have to dip into investments.

STEWARDSHIP STARTS AT HOME

St. Peter's has come a long way since we had to close our doors due to the pandemic over two years ago. Many of our fellowship gatherings and outreach programs had to stop or were drastically changed. But we have also grown in some ways. We added outdoor services, we now stream services online.... and our congregation is growing!

As we recoup from the pandemic, the stewardship committee was challenged with the need to identify our top needs and to figure out how to fulfill them. We all agreed that communication and fellowship were at the head of the list.

To meet this need, the stewardship committee is helping Barb with the newsletter by searching out information and writing articles. To help us all to get to know each other more there will be member profiles. Is there an interesting story about yourself that you would like to share? Get ready for your interview.



To address the fellowship need, the stewardship committee is starting a women's fellowship meeting. We are starting with the women of the church because they often are the bonders. Some meetings will be during the day and others in the evenings so that there will be opportunity for all to gather. Our first was a morning gathering at Terrie Knox's house. Watch for the next announcement.

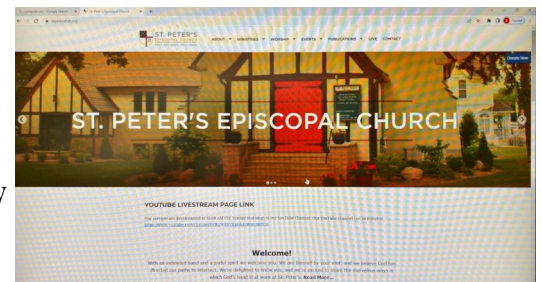
Another idea that was discussed was casual potluck dinners. At this point you may be asking, what does stewardship have to do with all this? As we bring fellowship back into our church, we will be more aware of our needs and the needs of those of our extended community. We will build our church into a strong unit where we can put to good use the gifts that God has given us to serve each other. And when we know our purpose, we are more apt to support it.

By Terrie Knox

HELP NEEDED: WEBSITE SERVICES

As we put the worst of the long Covid crisis behind us, it is time to get back to the fullness of ministry and growing God's church in the 21st century. To do this, we need to be reaching out and accessible to the community, both new and established members. One of the best ways to achieve this goal in today's world is through a vibrant, active, up-to-date website.

Mother Mindy took on this task and continued the groundwork to get our current website started and set a solid framework for the content. As Covid recedes and Mother Mindy turns her full attention to the growing community we are again becoming, we need a person or a team to pick up the project and run with it.



If you have any interest in social media, websites, and St. Peters – and want a fun, creative outlet – please call Barb at the church office for more information.

In her poem, "Backyard Faith," Angela Hoffman reflects on the ordinary yet sacred pauses available during our day. This poem was first published in *Agape Review*.



Backyard Faith

The outward, visible sign of an inward, invisible grace
can never be limited to three, four, or seven
Every encounter, holy

Be reverent of the owl keeping vigil on night's watch
listening with a still heart

the wren signing lauds at the break dawn
praising the coming of light

the bees working in the prime of the day
serving deliberately with courage

the blessed wind offering a terce breath
giving rise to possibility

the sun at its high hour of illumination
committing to truth

the shadows lengthening in wisdom
surrendering to impermanence

the fireflies at twilight lighting lamps for vespers
celebrating the meeting of earth and heaven

the crickets offering prayer under the full circle of the moon
giving thanks for the day

-Angela Hoffman_

FROM RECENT SERMONS

A new look on repentance

Repentance is more than being contrite and sorry for our sins.

Repentance is turning to or turning back to God.

Repentance absolutely looks like confession and forgiveness, but it also can look like reading the Bible, daily prayer, faithfulness in attending worship, or service to others. What is one simply way you can turn to God? If it takes 10,000 hours to master something, what would it look like for us to invest our time into practicing repentance?

Where is the Spirit leading you?

God's call to service is usually an urging to do something or indicated by a passion for something. God rarely calls us into comfortable places, but God will always be with us in our discomfort. God is counting on us to listen and obey.

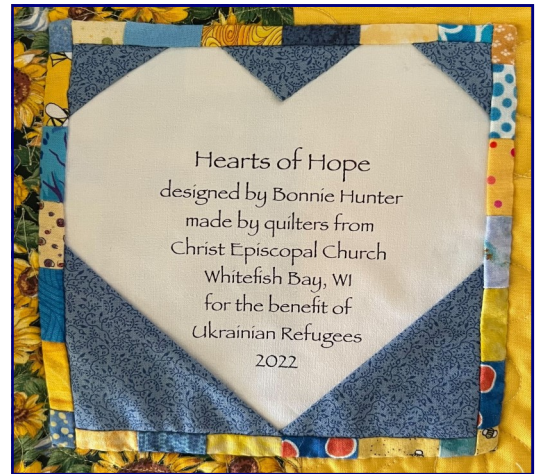
Without listening to God's bidding, I would not be a priest and St. Peter's would not have a Peace Garden. (Thank you to Ellen for saying yes, and for everyone who worked hard to make that calling come to fruition. Discern the ministry to which God is calling you. If you want to talk it out, contact Mother Mindy.

Quilt Raffle to Raise Money to Aid Ukrainians



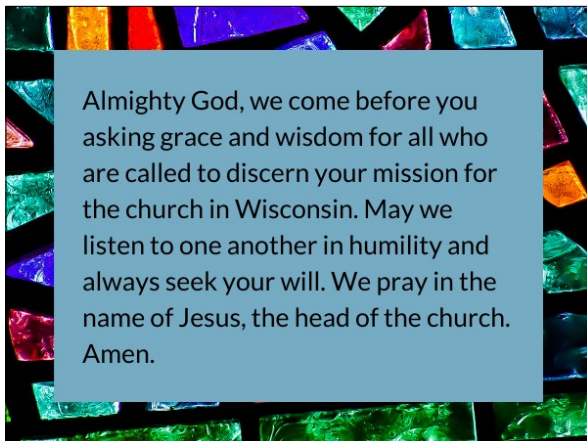
The quilt, which features the yellow and blue colors of the Ukrainian flag, was created by Cheryl Dunn, Sonja Pavlik, Mary Trainor and Mary Kay Anderson.

Some quilters from Christ Church, Whitefish Bay have been busy designing, piecing together, and quilting a beautiful quilt to auction off to raise money to aid Ukrainian people in need. The auction is available to anyone, and you can purchase tickets for it online. See the latest email newsletter from the Diocese for the link to buy raffle tickets.



Prayer for the Episcopal Wisconsin Trialogue

The "Trialogue" is composed of the three Episcopal dioceses of Wisconsin that are exploring how reunification to one diocese may better equip us to be the church God is calling us to be. Please pray with us.



FORWARD
DAY *by* DAY

Latest Edition (August -October)
available to be picked up at the back
of the church on Sunday—or
Monday—Friday during
office hours.

PEACE GARDEN WATERING

The Peace Garden is a constant reminder of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of our church. With the Spirit's nudging of one person, the garden began to grow in the hearts of many. And with those many hands, the garden took shape.

Our tradition of bringing red geraniums into the garden at Pentecost (the color of Pentecost in the church calendar is red) is yet another reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. That presence is an integral part of a life in Christ. The Holy Spirit is our advocate and teacher (John 14:26), God's love pours out to us through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5), and we receive power by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is an important one. But as with any relationship, it needs tending...like the watering of the garden and the deadheading of the geraniums. Though this sounds like work, the rewards that come from it are immeasurable. God will use the time you spend in the garden to calm you, to clear your thoughts, and even to introduce you to the community.

So what does this take? The church grounds have been divided into three zones. There are three hoses that will reach everything that needs water. The hoses are at each water spigot and ready to use. The map shows where things are. The spigots are shown on the map by the star, the heart, and the arrow. When turning on the water, turn the faucet continually until you hear the water. It takes a lot of turning.

On a normal week, the garden would be fine with two or three waterings. When it rains, it might be less. Though the rains are often spotty and at times do not get through the leaf cover to give the pots a good watering. So we cannot assume that the geranium got their share.

The geraniums (there are 30 pots this year) also need deadheading...removing the old spent blooms so new ones can take their place. If a bloom is 50% gone, it should be removed. Doing this on Friday or Saturday ensures they look nice for Sunday service. It helps to bring a small plastic grocery bag to put the old blooms in while you work. They can then be put in the garbage dumpster as you leave.

The whole process takes about an hour. If you don't have that much time in one stop you can do zone one and two and come back for the last one later in the day. Please think of signing up for a week this summer to help keep our Peace Garden blooming.

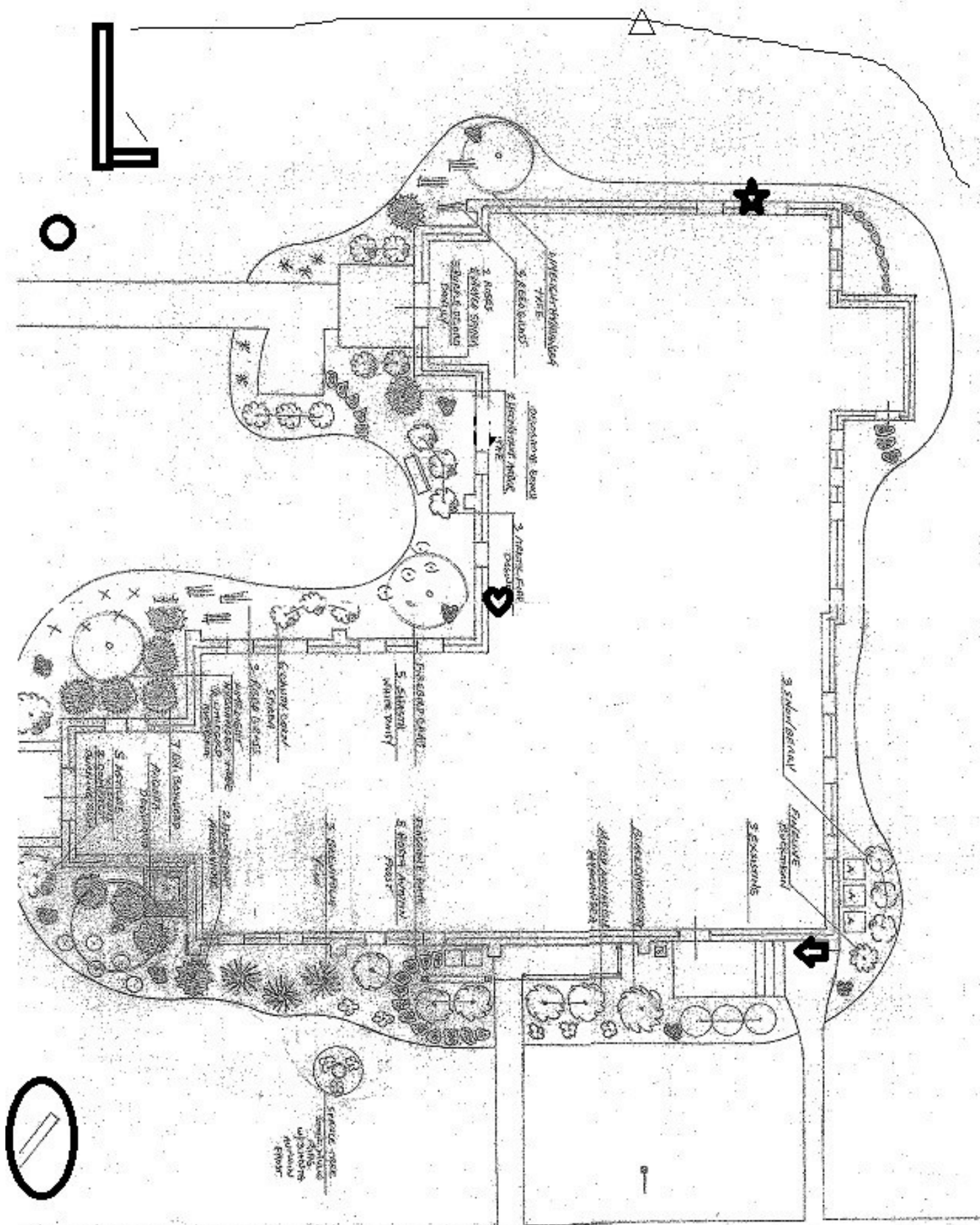
Map Legend:

Star - Zone 1 faucet

Heart - Zone 2 faucet

Arrow - Zone 3 faucet

Triangle - St. Francis



St. Peter's Vestry Meeting (On Zoom)

May 18, 2022



Present: Mother Mindy, Scott, Breck, Bev, Bill, Ginny, Matt, Terrie

Mother Mindy opened in prayer.

Minutes from the April meeting were voted on and approved.

Financial Report: Contributions are very low compared to this time last year.

Pledges: Barb will send out giving statements will be sent out up to May 31, Also, suggested an article in the Newsletter.

Undercroft Expenditures and Budget: This is the first big capital project that Mother Mindy has undertaken here at St. Peter's. She would get emails for extra things that were coming up. The only expenditure that we really had the Vestry approve of a budget for were the remediation and the flooring.

Expenses so far:

Crown Molding: \$5,510

RG Environmental \$7,800

Plaster: \$600:

Painting: \$1200

JM Carpets; \$10,000

Lighting: could be up to \$4,000?

Doors for closets: \$2,000-\$4,000

Mother Mindy said that the old Crown molding was looking really bad. It was decided by several parishioners that it really should be removed and be replaced with better. It used to be much easier to get people in to give quotes and give comparatives. Matt said that this is one of those things that perhaps shouldn't have happened in this way, but, it did, so maybe we should just move on. We haven't yet purchased the more decorative lights that we were considering. Lighting in the kitchen was replaced, they gave us a good deal to redo the lights in the hallway. Plastering that was done was only in the undercroft and kitchen, does not include the Sanctuary. He looked at it and would need more workers and special scaffolding. Ginny noted that it will only keep getting worse. Best done after the Undercroft first.

Mother Mindy asked if we are ok to retroactively approve.

Matt moved to authorize painting, crown molding, RG Environmental and plaster. And before we approved decorative lighting, and closet doors we need to have quotes.

Scott seconded. Discussion followed. Bev asked if we know what the cost is for what is has been done so far?

RG environmental was already voted on; the \$1,200. for the painting was not voted on, the crown molding was not pre-approved.

Vote for the motion on the floor was passed unanimously.

Matt said he would like to make a motion that we table the lighting decision. Before anything else is decided, we will get Vestry Approval.

Mother Mindy showed pictures of the decorative lighting: Bob Martin's daughters were interested in how memorial funds could be used. She suggested to them that perhaps memorial funds given for Bob could be used to purchase one of the decorative lights. Breck also reminded us of the exit lights.

Bill suggested the next Vestry Meeting be in person. We will get numbers for the two pending items (doors and lighting that is optional) and send them out to the Vestry.

(Matt had to leave the meeting because he had to get to another meeting.)

Breck listed the costs of what he knows. As of this meeting, we have not gotten an invoice for what has already been done by Ready Electric.

12 x \$120. Each or \$140.	Each total:	\$1,680 (if assuming the 140. Each)
Hall lights 6 x 100 each		\$ 600.
Kitchen		?
Exit light 5 x 400		<u>\$2,250</u>
Total		\$4,530.

2. **PTZ Cameras:** Breck sent information about cameras he has been researching. Scott said what he had researched was professional equipment. The cameras that Breck is talking about are quite different. Definitely more cost efficient, but, Scott's proposal would be a long term solution (6-10 years). Ginny asked how long will be streaming services? Scott said: "forever". It is the way it will be from now on. Bev said: Whatever the AV budget is, it ought to be revisited – increase that budget to keep up with the times. We should hire professionals to have it done. Terrie said she hasn't been around to know what Scott had in mind. She wonders if we even have a line item in the budget for this kind of equipment. Scott's plan: \$8,000. Breck's: \$700 each and remote control. There is some jerkiness in the movement, but there are techniques to apply in the use of them. Scott said we need. Bill said he would be in favor of investing in the best quality.

Bill noted that some people have come back to the church because they have been able to watch the livestream made motion to purchase the PTZ cameras, Ginny seconded. Scott, Bill, Bev? Ginny? Several thanked Scott and Breck for the work they did on their research for this project. They made special comments to commend Breck for his fiscal conservatism and looking out for the future of St. Peter's church.

Vote: Two "nays". The "ayes" have it.

3. **Covid Protocols Review:** Outside fellowship for the first Sunday of the month.

Has anyone heard any pushback due to our Masking requirements? She thinks there may be some who wouldn't come if we did not. So, we should keep on with what we're doing. Bill mentioned a meeting he was at, where he was the only one in the room wearing a mask. The topic was about loving my neighbor. The mask does us very little good, but it does protect others near me.

Should we revisit in August? Bill Said we should review in July.

4. **Concrete Work:** We did an impromptu Vestry vote (Terrie was not there). To approve 28 new sidewalk squares and have them replaced. Total comes to \$4,200. **Codified that on Sunday May 18, 2022 voted to approve concrete work.** Bill mentioned that he asked his daughter, who is in law school, to look into the state statute regarding who's responsibility the sidewalk repair is.

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Reports:

Rector: Mother Mindy said she was either sick or gone since the last meeting.

Scott: Ellen is struggling with the Peace Garden maintenance. Suggests discussing it with Mother Mindy how we can do it. Bill said he can help.

Breck: JM needs to know what the transitional piece between the tile and carpet will be. There are several plastic or metal to choose from.

Bev: Our advertisement (In The Jefferson Daily Union) is incorrect. (BARB needs to contact the paper to correct this.)

Also, it would be good to have another handicap /wheelchair access to the second handicap parking space. Mother Mindy talked about this. We have had some people take substantial falls. One was on the wheelchair ramp. It gets very icy. She is hesitant to have a second one that could potentially be just as icy. Bev clarified that she was really advocating for just a sidewalk, not a ramp or apron. Breck said it would be an additional \$500 to have that ramp. Bill offered to bring a walker each week. It was noted that we do have a walker and a wheelchair. Mother Mindy suggested we need to investigate this further about what it is like to bring someone who has accessibility issues to St. Peter's.

Mother Mindy asked Terrie to pray us out. She Asked if Bev will close in prayer next month.

Bill moved to adjourn. Ginny seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Werner

FIRST SUNDAY OUTDOOR NOON WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Please mark your calendars for July 3, August 7, and September 4! We will have fellowship between services consisting of coffee, a snack, and juice. If you're interested in hosting and cleaning up after coffee hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the double doors heading out of the nave. In case of inclement weather, we will have fellowship and the noon worship indoors. We are hoping to reinstate regular fellowship in the fall, depending on the risk of transmitting Covid.



LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

JULY 3

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:00 AM OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP/ COFFEE HOUR

12:00 OUTDOOR SERVICE

Lector: Ginny Laurent

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

JULY 10

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Michael Bills

Acolyte:

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

JULY 17

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Randy Ridout

AV Technician: Breck

Acolyte:

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

JULY 24

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

JULY 31

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Michael

Acolyte:

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Monday–Friday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Sunday, July 3

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube

(Masks Required inside the church)

Outdoor Fellowship/Coffee Hour Following
10AM Service

12:00 PM Outdoor Worship Service

Monday July 4

No Morning Prayer

Office Closed

Sunday, July 10

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube

Sunday, July 17

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube

(Masks Required inside the church)

Sunday, July 24

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube

(Masks Required inside the church)

Sunday, July 31

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube

(Masks Required inside the church)

July 2022 Newsletter

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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

To Lead Each Person into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ,
Train Them as Disciples, and Make Jesus Known to Others.