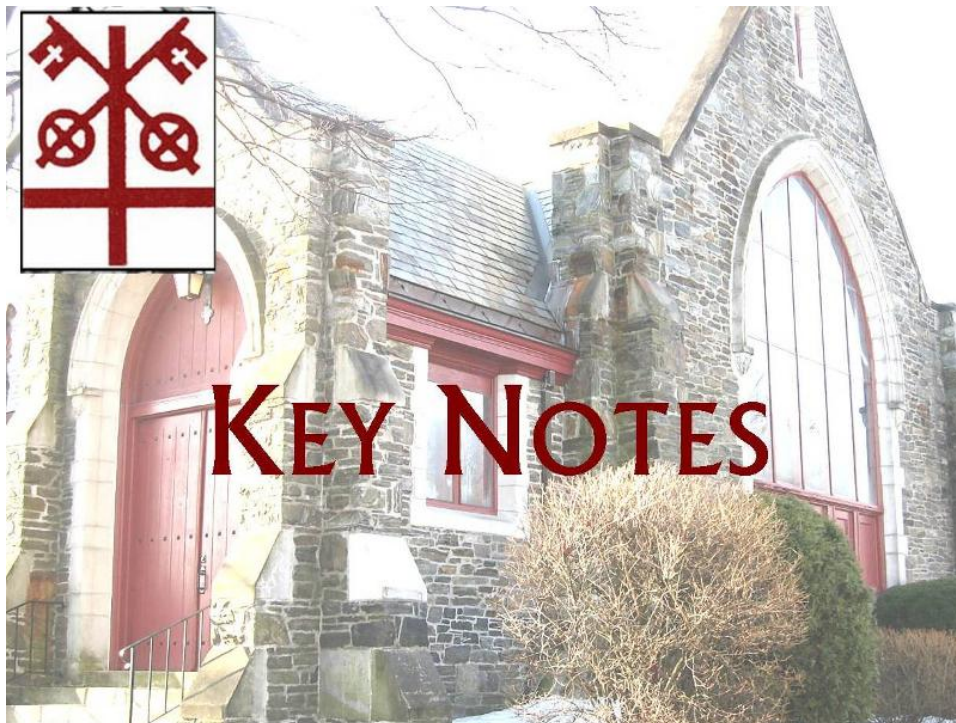




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

**The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
in the Season of Creation
Sunday, September 13, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

This Sunday's Ministers:

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I recently had lunch out with a friend, where we sat on the deck overlooking the Androscoggin River. We watched several cormorants clustered on a rock, while a man fished from a boat nearby. I thought about how blessed we are by the abundance of water we have here in this state, and about the ways in which humans and other creatures use that water, sometimes in harmony, sometimes at cross-purposes.

Lately the increase in great white shark sightings and encounters along the coast of Maine has been in the news. Marine scientists say this is due to a number of factors, including a successful rebounding of the seal population, which has been protected for the last few decades after being hunted nearly to extinction. One writer observed that we humans look at the increase of sharks as an invasion or an aberration, when in fact the time that they were *not* here, because we had eliminated them or their prey, was the real aberration. We have come to take for granted our “right” to boat, swim, surf and deep-sea dive without worrying about other denizens of the ocean. The answer to that “right” being curtailed is not necessarily to again hunt another creature to near extinction, but to adapt our behavior to co-exist with the sharks.

During that lunch I also reflected on the fact that, when I was a child, the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers were so polluted by the waste dumped by the paper companies that no one ate fish from or swam in the waters. Yet with the Clean Water Act, the rivers began to return to their natural state, to heal.

In Genesis 1:26, God gives humans “dominion” over the creatures of the earth. We have often taken this to mean that the animals, plants, minerals and waters of the earth are there for us to use without moderation, replenishment or reciprocity. Now we know better! During this Season of Creation, I hope we can all consider how to be stewards rather than “dominators” of nature, as we celebrate our interconnectedness with all of Creation.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna



Thank You!

As the bathroom renovation wraps up, we want to thank Fred and Pat Fowler for installing a pocketbook hook, Lenita Richard for sewing a curtain to go on the window, and Rodney Richard for installing it. We are so blessed by our volunteers!

St. Peter's Hosts Guest Preacher This Sunday as Part of Doctrine of Discovery Weekend

This Sunday we welcome as guest preacher The Rev. Joe Hubbard, who is in Portland as part of the Doctrine of Discovery Weekend. Rev. Hubbard is Executive Director of Ministry on the Margins in Bismarck, North Dakota, and convenor of the Episcopal Indigenous Justice Roundtable.

Weekend Events at St. Luke's Cathedral

On **Saturday, September 12 from 2-4 p.m.**, you are invited to St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland, Maine for an interactive map experience led by Wabanaki REACH: Restoration, Engagement, Advocacy, Change, and Healing. This two-hour program, **Interacting with Wabanaki Maine History**, was created by people who advocated for and supported the Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

This program is recommended for ages 14+. Please **register in advance** [here](#).

On **Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.**, the Cathedral will host a panel discussion on **Wabanaki Land and Child Removal and the Doctrine of Discovery** by Rev. Joe Hubbard and Sarah Augustine.

If you wish to attend in person please **register** [here](#).

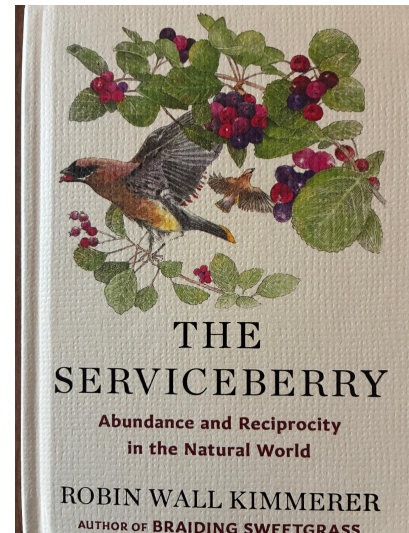
Reverend Joe Hubbard and Sarah Augustine are members of The Episcopal Church's Truth, Justice, & Healing Commission of Native Boarding Schools.

Eucharistic Visitor Training

Plans are underway for a training for those who wish to serve as Eucharistic Visitors: lay people who have been trained to bring the consecrated Sacrament in a timely fashion to those who are unable to attend church services due to infirmity, illness or other circumstances. In the Diocese of Maine, Eucharistic Visitors are trained in local congregations and licensed by the diocese. Safe Church certification is required. We hope to have this training later in the fall. Please speak with Rev. Myrna if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor.

Creation Care Book Group Starting in October

As part of the Season of Creation, we are organizing a book group focused on *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Each section of the book will be paired with a passage from Scripture for contemplation and discussion. The group would meet for five or six Sundays after church at Bethany House, and be led in rotation by various parishioners, including some members of Earthkeepers. If mobility is an issue for some participants, we will move the group to the sanctuary. We hope to begin the group on Sunday, October 11. We will order a number of copies of *The Serviceberry*, or you may bring your own. Please let Rev. Koonce know if you would like to participate.



Youth Service Corps Resumes This Month!

First Meeting: Sunday, September 27th. 1:15-4 p.m. Serving the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland

Amber Burks, Coordinator of Youth Service Corps has released the schedule for Youth Service Corps, which you may find [here](#).

The Youth Service Corps is a group of middle and high school students from 16 local churches. They gather together once a month to make a difference in our shared community of the Greater Portland area by taking part in service projects, with the support of clergy, youth ministers and parents. There are 45 active youth members, with an average of 15 in attendance each month.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, September 9th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

Connect with our gathering by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

St. Albans Hosts Godly Play Training

St. Albans is hosting Godly Play training and welcomes participants from across the Diocese and beyond. Below is the information. If you are interested and concerned about cost, please see Rev. Myrna. This is a great opportunity to learn more about a Christian formation program that is developmentally appropriate for children and transformative for adults!

St. Alban's is excited to be hosting a **Godly Play Core Training** this program year. Our trainer, Dr. Sally Thomas, is a nationally recognized trainer who now calls Maine her year round home. Our diocese has graciously underwritten a portion of the costs to make this opportunity an easy "yes" for parishes to participate. This training is designed for 12 participants.

Here is a link to the registration **which includes special pricing of \$200 for members of Episcopal churches of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont** (usual cost is \$350).

Our training dates are Saturdays, October 24, January 9 and April 10, 9AM-5PM at St. Alban's.

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection

plates. We welcome your participation! **At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters,** but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

This Week at St. Peter's

Monthly Parish Breakfast, Sun. Sept. 13, after the 9 am service

Compline, Wed. Sept. 16, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Evening Mass with Pot Luck Dinner, Sat. Oct. 3 at 4 pm

No Sunday Service due to Maine Marathon, Sun. Oct 4th

Harvest Home Dinner, Sat. Oct. 17th, at 6 pm

Harvest Home Festive Eucharist, Sun. Oct. 18th, at 9 am

Sunday Minister Rota for September

September 20, 2026

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Tom Somnuer, *Counters*

Ms. Gerri Rose & Ms. Judy Howes, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

September 27, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Mac McCabe, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

The Hickeys, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Pat and Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family
Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
Herb Taylor
Cindy Sherwood

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Anita Talbot, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Amanda and Chris Conant, *friends of Jane Noone*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Michael and Sue King, *friends of Anita Chandler*
Joe Kennedy, *friend of Jane Noone*
Mary Jo Floyd, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*
Frank Beal, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*
Mary Lou Toye, *aunt of the McCormicks*
Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*

John Richard, brother of Rodney Richard

Jim Halstead, friend of Craig Mousin

Janice Grant, friend of Jane Noone

Dory, friend of Judy Howes

John Lazarczyk, father of friend of Fred and Priscilla Madore

Patrick Monahan, brother of Kathryn Ainsworth

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

NOTES ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Excerpt from Chorale in E Major

This is part of the largest of 3 best known chorales by this French romantic composer. The spread of the notes shows how Franck's extremely large hands affected his writing of music. He could easily reach well over an octave. So the reaches are challenging for most organists. Dupuytren's contractures are no help!

Toccata in D minor BWV 565

Centuries after it was written this is still the most recognized of organ compositions. Its origin has been questioned because of a manuscript by Johannes Ringk now in the Berlin library. But most agree it is authentic Bach, even though its date is vague. Toccata means "touch piece"-or is rather a catch-all term that describes introductions to larger fugues. I would dare to speculate that maybe Bach decided to have some fun with this piece playing with the reverberations of an impressive space!

~SG

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