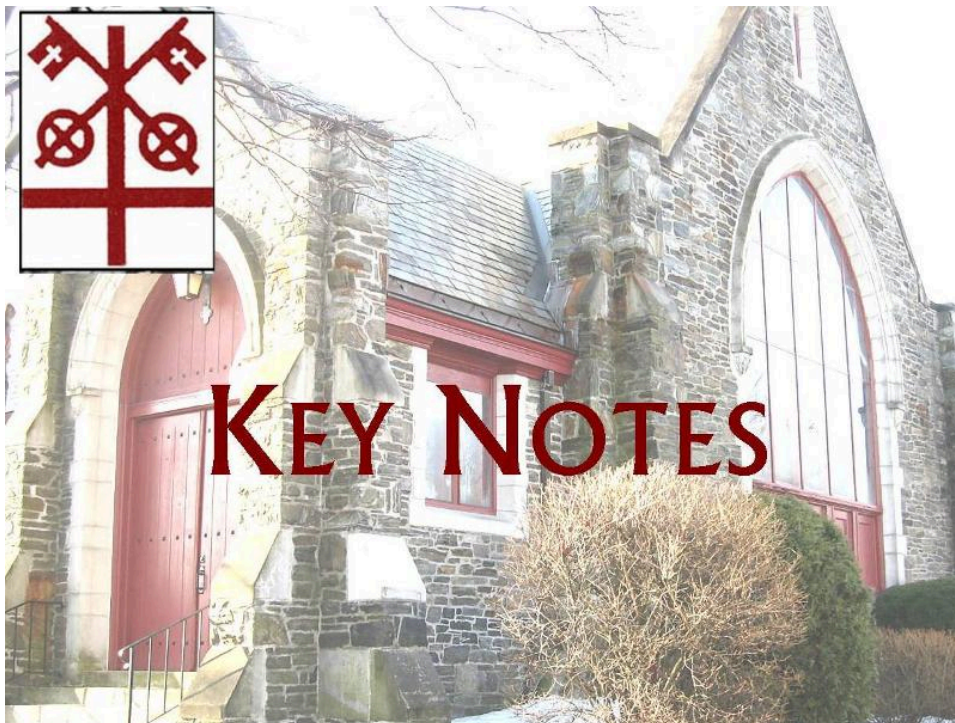




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

**The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
in the Season of Creation
Sunday, September 20, 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 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 Sumner, *Counters*

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you the good news that the Vestry voted at their meeting on September 8 to approve the recommendation from the organist search committee that we offer Terry Foster the position of organist. He will start Sunday, November 15. You can read a bit about him below. Terry had been attending some St. Peter's services prior to applying for the position, and he will be worshipping with us when he is able in the coming weeks, getting to know our community even better before beginning his official duties. Please give him a warm St. Peter's welcome!

I want to express my deep thanks to those who served on the organist search committee for their work and discernment: Anita Chandler, Rodney Richard, Allison Schroth, Toby Goodyear, Will Estrella and Jonathan McCormick. I am grateful for the talents and the spirit they brought to this effort!

On another note, I will be away starting this Sunday after church. Paul and I are traveling to Spain where we will go on a road trip with our daughter Hannah and her partner to celebrate Paul's retirement. Among other adventures, we hope to do some hiking in the French Pyrenees. I will be experiencing a new landscape in God's good Creation while you are engaging with the shift from summer to fall in one of Maine's most beautiful months. I am sure we will be blessed by what nature reveals to us, moment by moment, day by day.

I will miss you all very much and you will be in my prayers. You will be in good hands with the Wardens, the Vestry, Rev. Dan Warren and Rev. Emily Keniston looking after you.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Meet Terry Foster, St. Peter's New Organist

Terry is a native of Kentucky and started lessons in piano and organ playing at a young age. He received an MDiv from Lexington

Theological Seminary and his Ed. D in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University. While pursuing a career in higher education, Terry served numerous churches in four states as organist, pianist and choir/music director, including St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Scarborough, and most recently, First Parish UCC in South Portland. He currently teaches music courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Center, which he co-founded. Terry plays piano twice a week at Maine Medical Center, occasionally plays with the State Street Traditional Jazz Band, and accompanies a local jazz singer. He lives in Portland with his spouse and a pet rabbit.



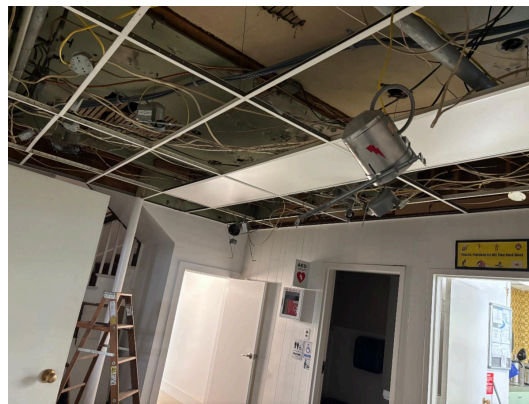
Pastoral Care in Rev. Myrna's Absence

Rev. Myrna will be away September 20-30. The Wardens will be in charge of operational matters, and Rev. Dan Warren will be on call for pastoral needs, with the assistance of our deacon Rev. Emily Keniston. Please call the church office or contact one of the wardens (Senior Warden Anita Chandler or Junior Warden Wayne Franklin) with any pastoral emergencies or needs.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

This week, our Junior Warden Wayne Franklin and Fred Fowler tackled the ceiling in the "pie room," the area just outside the kitchen. Thank you to Fred and Pat for clearing out this room. We are creating a brighter and more usable space through the efforts of our amazing volunteers!





NO Service on Sunday, October 4 **Special Service: 4 PM Mass Saturday, October 3 with** **Blessing of the Gardens and the Animals**

Followed by Spaghetti Supper for Marathon Runners and **Parishioners at 5:30 PM**

Due to the Maine Marathon (whose route goes by the church) being held on October 4, we cannot access the church to hold our usual Sunday service. We will instead have a **Feast of St. Francis Mass on Saturday, October 3, at 4 pm**. At the conclusion of the service, we will go out on our grounds to bless the meditation garden and the animals who are dear to parishioners---you may bring your live pet or a photo for this blessing!

The Hickey Family has generously offered to spearhead a spaghetti supper at 5:30 which we will open up to all marathon runners---we hope to help some of them carb load for this strenuous race. More details will follow as they are available.

St. Luke's Cathedral Offers Author Talk

Author Talk — Thursday, September 17 @ 6:30PM: The Rev. David Beckmann will discuss his new book, **Poverty Abolitionists: Faith, Activism, and Hope for Difficult Times**. Decades of progress against poverty are being reversed. Beckmann will explore what it will take to restore that progress — and how people of faith can help. A World Food Prize laureate, former World Bank economist and longtime president of Bread for the World, Beckmann has spent his life working to end poverty. He now leads the Circle of Protection, a coalition of Christian leaders advocating for people experiencing

poverty. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. You can register [here](#).

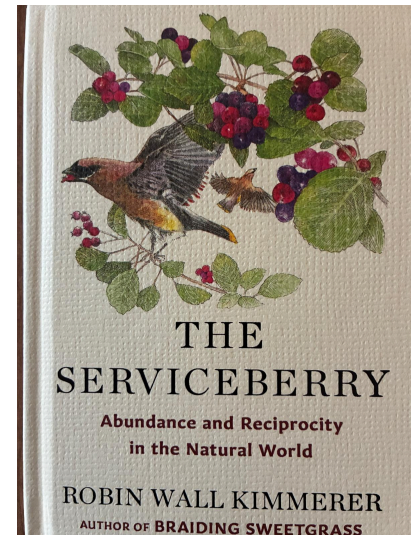
Creation Care Book Group October 11-November 15, 11 am

Bethany House

As part of the Season of Creation, we will be offering a book group focused on *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Each section of the book will be paired with Scripture passages for contemplation and discussion. The group will meet for six Sundays at 11 am at Bethany House, and will 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 will order a number of copies of *The Serviceberry*, or you may bring your own. **Please let Rev. Myrna know if you would like to participate.**



Compline---Special Zoom Link!

Compline will meet on Wednesday, September 23rd, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom. Fred Fowler will be the officiant, and the Zoom link has been generated by Fred; please use this one and not one from past weeks!

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

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.

Youth Service Corps Resumes This Month!

If you would like to donate to the Animal Refuge League but cannot make the Youth Service Corps September event, their wish list is [here](#).

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS EVENT

SUNDAY SEP 27
1:15 - 3:30 PM



1:15 LUNCH - WESTBROOK HOUSE OF PIZZA
2:00 VISIT ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE OF GP
AT 217 LANDING RD. IN WESTBROOK
PROJECTS, TOUR AND MEET & GREET
3:30 PICK UP AT ARLGP

RSVP BY THU SEP 24 TO AMBER BURKS,
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS COORDINATOR
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OPTIONAL DONATION
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE
ANY NEW OR GENTLY USED
ITEMS TO THE SHELTER?
CHECK OUT THEIR WISHLIST
HERE AND BRING THEM
WITH YOU ON SEP 27TH!

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
Compline, Wed. Sept. 23, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Youth Service Corps, Sun. Sept. 27th, 1:15-3:30 p.m., Animal Refuge League, Westbrook

Evening Mass with Spaghetti Dinner, Sat. Oct. 3rd 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 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

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
Paul Loven, former parishioner
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

“Chorale Prelude on Kommst Du Nun” is one of Bach’s six Schubler Chorales, all written in the style of a trio sonata. This particular one has one voice on each of two organ manuals, and the solo melody on the pedal on a 4-foot pitch (an octave higher).

“Concerto in G Major” is one of several Bach transcriptions of Vivaldi concertos for strings. It isn't Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons Spring,” but the uplifting nature of the piece may remind some of us of that piece.~SG

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