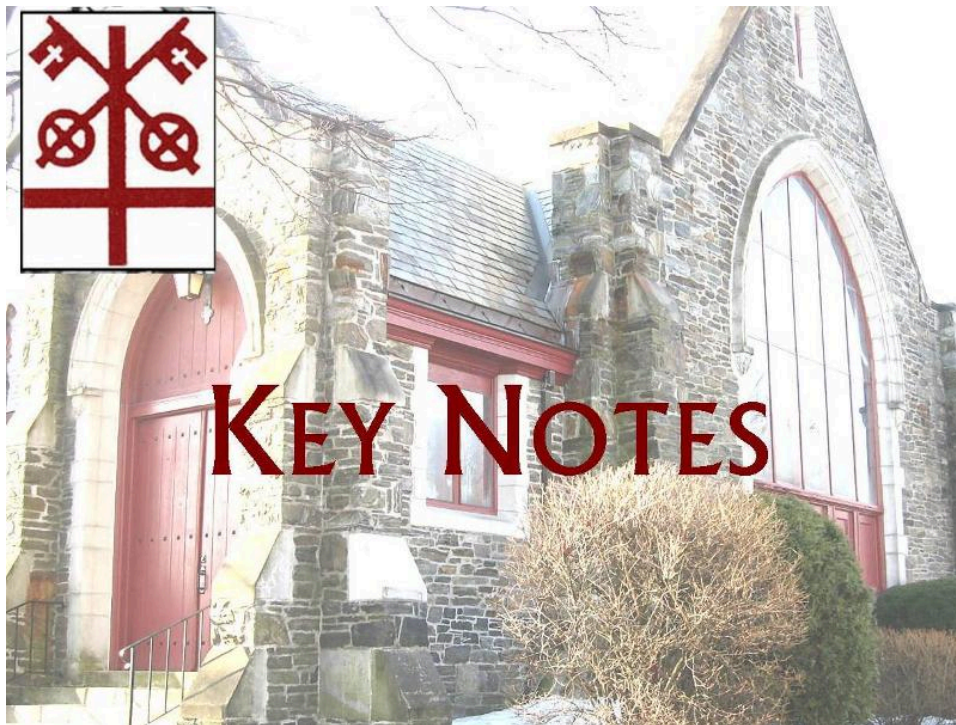




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

**The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
in the Season of Creation
Sunday, September 27, 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 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*

From Our Transitional Deacon

Friends,

I bid you greetings from Minneapolis, where I am working this week with diocesan youth and formation directors from around the church. We are gathered to share what's true in our contexts now, both about realities in the church but also wider cultural experiences, and to pray for and with one another as we seek God's direction in our ongoing ministries with people of all ages.

So much is changing now. This is true even for us in our sweet, stone church on Washington Avenue in Portland. Though it can feel like a lot at times, the purpose of ministry never has been to keep things from changing (though sometimes we might like to imagine it so). God's call to us is, and has been, to love one another as God loves us no matter what happens in the world.

Here in Minnesota, there are tall prairie grasses that grow all over, and even in the city, planners have been intentional about seeding them alongside native pollinators to both beautify and care for the world. These grasses, bending gently in the breeze, shimmering as they move, remind me that allowing ourselves to move with the wind, to bend with the changes and chances of this life (as we pray in Compline), is beautiful and necessary. Grasses use the wind to release pollen, even- the very thing that changes them also grows them.

As I hear from colleagues around the church this week about how they are working to respond to change and love each other well- stories ranging from prison ministries and diaper drives, to creation care advocacy in the public square to sharing youth group formation resources with partner churches in Kenya, and so many more- I'm thinking about those grasses, and am reminded that change can shake us up in helpful ways; it can move us out of our comfort zones and help us consider the world with fresh eyes. It can even help us to pollinate.

In peace,
Emily+

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 host a pasta supper at 5:30 which will be free for all marathon runners and parishioners---we hope to help some of them carb load for this strenuous race. Please spread the word!



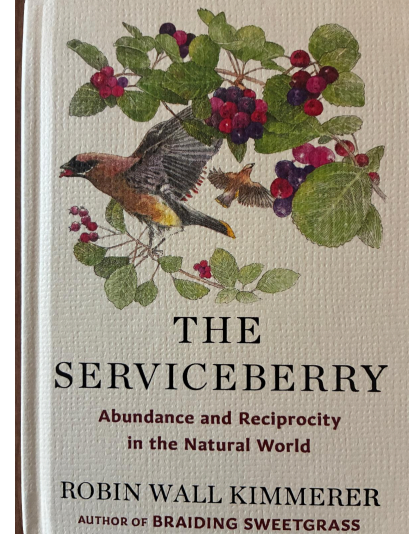
Pastoral Care in Rev. Myrna's Absence

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.

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.**



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.



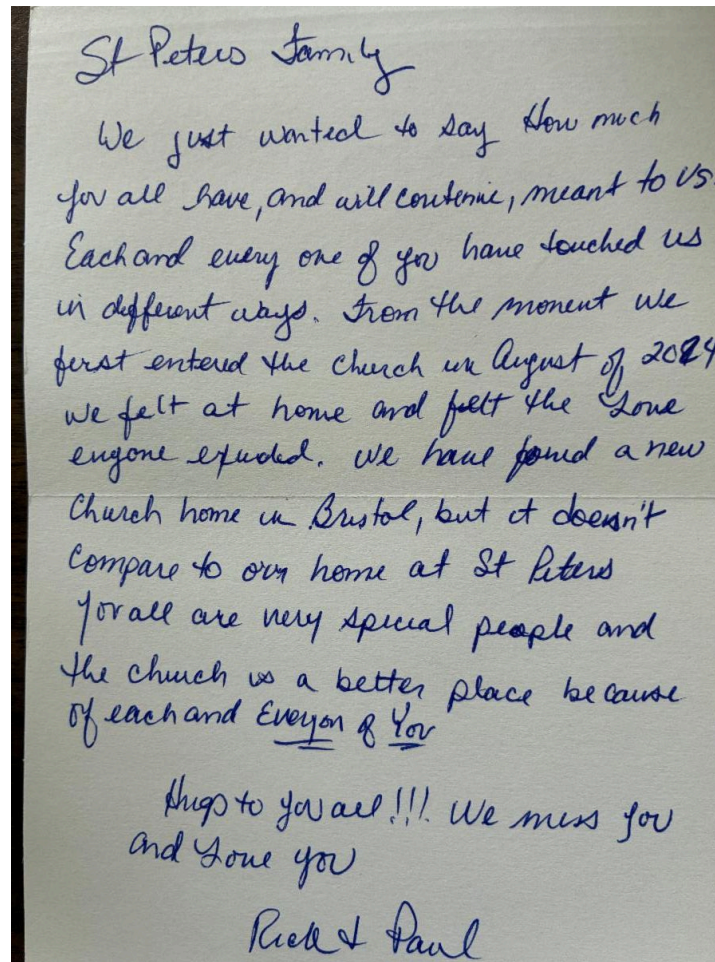
Christmas Fair Planning!!

There will be a Christmas Fair planning meeting on **Sept 29 at 4:00 pm** in the undercroft. This meeting is for anyone interested in helping with the fair on

Sat., Nov 14. For a successful fair, it takes a village of helpers who are willing to help set up the day before, greet shoppers, sell raffle tickets, bake, craft, help with luncheon, sales, cleanup--something for everyone! If you are unable to attend but want to help out at the fair

or know of someone who would be interested in having their own table, please call Colette at [207 939-1892](tel:2079391892).

A Thank You From Our Friends Rich Price and Paul Loven



A Service Alternative for Sunday, October 4th

If you are looking for a Sunday service, out of the path of the marathoners, St. Nicholas in Scarborough has a 9:30 a guitar accompanied music morning. Anyone interested may contact Fred Fowler mainebeachpf@myfairpoint.net.

Compline---Special Zoom Link!

Compline will meet on Wednesday, September 30th, 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 Sunday the 27th!

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
AMBER@STALBANSMAINE.ORG



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!

National Day of Remembrance: Engaging in the work of Repair

September 30 at 4:30pm PT / 5:30pm MT /
6:30pm CT / 7:30pm ET



A presentation and panel discussion about how churches and communities are working towards truth telling and repair, and how to join in this work.

Scan the QR code or go to:
tinyurl.com/NDR-Repair



This Week at St. Peter's

Christmas Fair Meeting, Tue. Sept. 29, 4pm, Undercroft
Compline, Wed. Sept. 30, 7 pm, Zoom
Evening Mass with Spaghetti Dinner, Sat. Oct. 3rd at 4 pm
No Sunday Service due to *Maine Marathon*, Sun. Oct 4th

Coming up at St. Peter's

Harvest Home Dinner, Sat. Oct. 17th, at 6 pm
Harvest Home Festive Eucharist, Sun. Oct. 18th, at 9 am

Sunday Minister Rota for October

Saturday, October 3

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*
Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*
The Hickey Family & others, *Spaghetti Dinner*

There will be a more complete schedule for October next week.

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

In "Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)," the first six notes of Marcello's tune fit the words of the title, *I cieli immensi*, meaning "immense skies." The first two lines of Psalm 19 (NRSV) are

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

“Prelude to a Te Deum” has been used for the opening theme for Eurovision network. Charpentier, who lived form 1634 – 1704, started his career by traveling to Italy and acquired his large influence through Italian composers of his time. He had several royal patrons and positions including "Master of Music"- a unique position of both composer and singer for the Duchess of Guise.

~SG

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