



The Morning Star

October 2018

A NEW RECTOR FOR ST. PETER'S

On October 1st we will welcome our new rector, Fr. Georges Jallouf. Fr. Georges and his wife, Maha, are coming to us from Oklahoma City, home of their 3 adult sons and 2 year old grandson.

Fr. Georges was born in Damascus, Syria, attended the College of Yousef el Hazma in Damascus and received his Master of Philosophy from the Oriental Franciscan Seminary in Cairo, Egypt. He then received his Master of Divinity from the Franciscan Seminary in Jerusalem, Israel, and License of Pastoral Theology at Lateran University in Rome, Italy.

In 2004 he came to the U.S. and in 2006 attended the University of the South, School of Theology in Sewanee, TN where he completed his Anglican Study .

His ordinations include 1984- Franciscan monk, 1992 – Diaconal Ordination, 1994 – Priesthood Ordination, Aleppo, Syria, and in 2007 was

received into the Episcopal Church as a Priest, in the Diocese of Florida.

Fr. Georges' professional experience includes serving in Curate ministry in Rome, Vicar General in Aleppo, Syria, Chaplain in a Children's Hospital in Naples, Italy, and Commissariat General of the Holy Land in Naples, Italy.

In 2004 he transitioned between the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Church. He served as a Curate in Cedar Key, FL and Jacksonville, FL before becoming Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, OK. After leaving St. Luke's he became a Hospice Chaplain in Oklahoma City.

Pastoral care is a priority of Fr. Georges' ministry. His wife, Maha, often accompanies him on his pastoral visits. Maha has been very involved in Fr. Georges' ministry and they both enjoy cooking and working with their parishioners and community.

On October 7th Fr. Georges will preside over his first service at St. Peter's. The vestry will be hosting coffee hour as we welcome Fr. Georges and Maha to St. Peter's. Please join us to welcome

our new Rector and his wife and show them the hospitality and dedication of this parish.

Pumpkin Fest 2018

September is the season of not much happening. Vacations are over, school is solidly back in session. The year is beginning to wind down. It

Is a peaceful time after the energy of the summer and before the urgency of the Holidays. However, for the city of Sycamore, this season always brings the excitement of the Pumpkin Festival which will be held this year on the weekend of October 27 and 28. St. Peter's Church also looks forward to Pumpkin Fest since it allows us an opportunity to raise some money to help fund projects within the church.

We trust that every parishioner will find some way in which they can be of assistance in this project. Volunteers are needed to set-up and to take-down, to bake our pumpkin squares, to serve, to run food back and forth from the kitchen to the front patio, and to serve as cashiers. There are numerous jobs that must be done in order to make this effort a success for St. Peter's.

Primarily, the jobs to be done are on Sunday, but there are also a number that must be done on Saturday or even earlier. Is there a place for you at the Pumpkin Fest event? Indeed, there is. This is also a fun time as we work together for the benefit of St. Peter's. Obviously, the more people who find a task they can perform, the lighter the load for everyone.

Those who are unable to accept a task at Pumpkin Fest may choose to make a monetary donation to purchase our supplies. Also, bakers are needed to prepare pans of pumpkin squares.

Ten percent of the profits from Pumpkin Fest are returned to the Sycamore organizing committee and ten percent is given to our Outreach Committee for distribution in the community.

Please see the sign-up sheets in Waterman Hall and find a place where you can help! Questions may be directed to Cindy Vain or Larry Dirst, who serve as the chairpersons of this event.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Red Bowl Offering

There was no Red Bowl Offering during the month of August.

The October Red Bowl Offering is designated to the 2018 local Crop Hunger Walk. Turn your calendars to October 14 and plan to join the team from St. Peter's, named stpetersrocks.

Registration and opportunities to donate to the team members can be found on-line, www.crophungerwalk.org/dekalb.il Please read the Crop Walk article written by Jean Evans in this newsletter for details.

Hope Haven Dinners

St. Peter's continues to provide a meal for the community homeless at Hope Haven on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Needed volunteers include a chair for each month remaining in 2018 and persons to prepare or purchase food items. Sign-up sheets for 2018 are located in Waterman Hall. Please help the Outreach Committee provide one meal each month to our area homeless at Hope Haven.

The Outreach Committee is looking for easy, inexpensive recipes for our Hope Haven Dinners. If anyone has any recipes to share, please put them in the Outreach mailbox. Thank you!

Sycamore Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who made special donations to the "Feed Our Sheep" campaign to help fill the Sycamore Food Pantry shelves this summer. The Outreach Committee made two large deliveries of food donations to the pantry, which helped to feed our community members in need. Please keep the Food Pantry in mind as you complete your weekly shopping. Copies of the Top Ten List for the pantry needs can still be found at the back of the church and in Waterman Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

The Outreach Committee will host the Operation Christmas Child project, sponsored by Samaritan's

Purse, again this year. In mid-October plastic boxes will be available, along with gift suggestions lists, to help you pack a box for a child in a third world country. Watch Waterman Hall for the display and further details!

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, 12 Noon in Waterman Hall. Please feel free to join us!

St. Peter's Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. October's meeting will be on October 2nd at 9:30 am and discussion will be on the book *Lovecraft Country*, by Matt Ruff.

Vestry Openings

Two Vestry positions and the Junior Warden's terms will be up in January 2019. A vote will be taken at our annual meeting in January to fill those positions.

The Vestry is the governing board of St. Peter's and the Wardens are the officers of the parish. Wardens work closely with the Rector to organize and facilitate the work of the Vestry. The Vestry normally meets at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month in Waterman Hall. Please contact Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, or a Vestry member if you have an interest in being a candidate for one of these important positions.

Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk Coming Soon!

The DeKalb County North (Sondra King Memorial) CROP Hunger Walk will be here before you know it! Sunday, October 14th is the date and the walk will step off from the First Congregational United Church of Christ in DeKalb at 3:00. Our team (stpetersrocks) needs walkers and donors to help us help others!

Church World Service is the organization which originated the CROP Hunger Walks almost 35 years ago. DeKalb County has been involved ever since that time. Nationally, in 2017, there were 900 walks with 107,000 participants raising

\$9,000,000. Before the walks, though, grain was harvested and gleaned and shipped overseas to areas of the world which were war-torn or where need for food was dire. We continue that honorable tradition every year through our participation in the CROP Hunger Walk.

Brief facts about hunger:

- 795 million people around the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life
- 1 out of 6 children – roughly 100 million – in developing countries is underweight
- Around the world, hunger kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined
- Hunger is on the rise

Locally, the agencies which serve people in need and which provide food (such as Hope Haven, Safe Passage, and VAC-Meals on Wheels) are always in great need (25% of the funds we raise are used to support these agencies as well as Barb Food Mart, Bethlehem Food Pantry, and the Sycamore Food Pantry).

To make a donation or to register to walk, go to <http://www.crophungerwalk/dekalbil>. The team name is stpetersrocks.

Last year, St. Peters raised \$2,945 of our walk's \$24,000 total and, for the second year in a row, we raised the most money out of all the church-affiliated groups! With your help, we can do it again 😊

To get involved, contact Jean Evans at jeanned431@gmail.com or Lynne Roberts at lkr415@aol.com.

Sunday Service time

Our Sunday services will continue to be at **9:00** am through Oct. 7th. We will begin having two services (7:30 and 10:00 am) on October 14th. On Pumpkin Fest Sunday, Oct. 28th, we will have one service at 9:00 am.

THE ESSENCE OF GIVING

The St. Peter's family is generous. We give our time, our love, our talents, and our financial resources to enable our church home to spread God's love and peace to each other and to others.

We give generously and graciously to the people who need help, to the people who do the helping, and to the people who are our leaders.

The ESSENCE OF GIVING Stewardship letter will be mailed in early October. We ask that you prayerfully keep this generous spirit of giving in mind as you pledge your gift of financial support to our church home.

With peace,

Anita Biletzky
John Engstrom
Judy Dettloff
2018 Stewardship Committee

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST HEALING SERVICE

Beginning Wednesday, Oct 17th, Fr. Georges will offer Morning Prayer at 8:30am followed by a Holy Eucharist Healing Service .

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Georges is offering a 5 week Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, from October 17th through November 14th. We will be learning about St. Peter during this course which will take place in Waterman Hall from 7:00pm-8:00 pm .



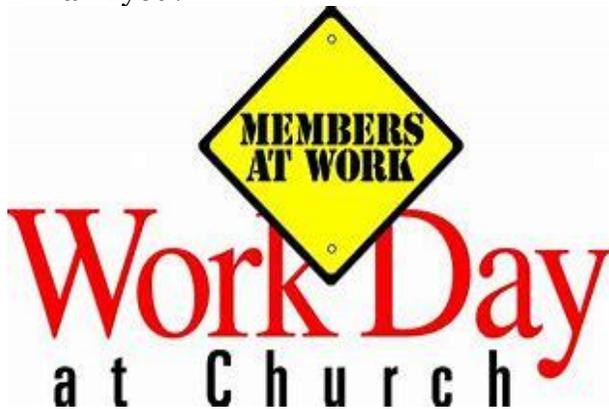
COME JOIN US AT THE ALTAR!

Serving at the altar during Sunday service is a privilege. Our dedicated team of Crucifers, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes and Scripture leaders all add a special element of assisting the priest.

Training is available for anyone interested in joining our team. Acolytes can be anyone from age 9-99.

Young adults are always needed to serve. If you have one or two Sundays a month that you can dedicate to this ministry, please do contact Anita. (abiletzky@gmail.com).

Thank you!



Grab your grubby clothes and join us on Saturday October 20 for the much needed cleanup of our church, Waterman hall and the Rectory grounds. Dusting, sweeping, raking, window washing, and minor repairs will all be on the signup sheet. 8:30 to noon.

Be there!! (please and thank you)

DELEGATES NEEDED

The Annual Convention for the diocese will be on Friday and Saturday, November 16-17. Two delegates are needed to attend. Please contact Fr. Georges or Phil Montgomery if you are interested in attending.

Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Approved September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Anita Biletzky, Junior Warden. Present were Anita Biletzky, Henry Vincent, Barbara Weaver, Judy Dettloff, Donna Hill, John Vain, Treasurer, and Judy LaPorta, Vestry Clerk. Absent were: Phil Montgomery, John Boies, and Bronwyn Burgweger. Guests present were Nancy Franke and Jane Ovitz.

Anita Biletzky presented the Revised Agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Barbara Weaver and seconded by Judy Dettloff, motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 19th meeting was made by Barbara Weaver and seconded by Henry Vincent. Motion carried.

John Vain reported that July expenses were in good order. He reviewed the differences in the budget for the past several years and the increases in income we will see going forward due to the restructure of the trust accounts.

Until all 4 signatures are received, we are not able to write checks on the new account at First Midwest bank.

John Vain also reported that due to the difficulty in covering the colored paint in the rectory, the upstairs will be a different color. Benjamin Moore advised us that a different color palette would cover better.

Pat Klein had advised John Vain that a new, commercial brand vacuum cleaner was needed. Swanson's has one for approximately \$700.00.

As the result of a discussion regarding the outside of the rectory, painting, and shutters, Anita Biletzky asked for a volunteer to create and head up a committee to work on repairs needed to the rectory. Donna Hill volunteered to create this committee, which will review necessary repairs and obtain bids.

Caregivers committee: Barbara Weaver reported that 4 parishioners are homebound and need attention.

Outreach report : Attached

Stewardship – Anita Biletzky reported a Stewardship letter will be going out to parishioners. The letter will be presented at the September meeting for approval.

New Business: Judy Dettloff reported that the architect's model of Waterman Hall which had been on display is falling apart and we don't have a place for it. She asked if it could be disposed of. Barbara Weaver stated that it had served its purpose but should be offered to parishioners before it was disposed of. An article should be put in the Morning Star offering it to anyone who would like it. If there is no response, it will be disposed of.

Convention delegates will be discussed at the September Vestry meeting for approval.

After a closed session, Donna Hill made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Barbara Weaver. Anita Biletzky offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy LaPorta
Vestry Clerk



Prayer Corner

For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen*

Altar Flowers



Dedications for altar flowers are needed! The Altar Guild has been providing the flowers when we have no dedications, but the funds are running low! We want to continue to have our altar decorated with flowers,

so please consider a dedication. Please remember that more than one dedication may be made each Sunday and cost can be split.

Birthdays in October

- 1 Jacquelynn Drake
- 2 Joseph Brown
- 3 Kristen Borre
- 4 Nancy Castle
- 4 Ann Wilt
- 5 Barbara Husleberg
- 14 Larry Dirst
- 18 Danielle Blakeslee
- 21 Henry Burgweger III
- 21 Philip Montgomery
- 23 Heather Laub
- 23 Cindy Vain
- 23 Hannah Hill
- 26 Michael Blakeslee
- 26 John Hulseberg
- 27 Gerald Dettloff
- 27 John Vain II
- 28 Bob Drake
- 29 Tamara Newquist
- 30 Bill Nicklas

Wedding Anniversaries in October

- 3 Nicholas & Amanda Klein
- 6 David & Anne Ovitz Ayres
- 6 Howard & Tamara Newquist
- 9 Al & Anneliese Masco
- 11 Dan & Jenny Sidmore
- 11 Shannon & Mitch Egler
- 11 Tom & Miriam Gleeson
- 16 Chris & Denielle Noe
- 23 Robert & Shirley Hamill

Parish staff

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5:00 PM on the 20th of each month. Email your articles to office@sycamorestpeters.org or place them in the Parish Office mailbox in Waterman Hall by the 15th of the month. All articles are subject to editing for length and clarity.

You may receive the Morning Star by email by sending a message to office@sycamorestpeters.org.

The Vestry of the Parish

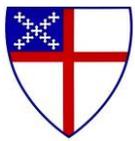
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The Parish Vision Statement

Red doors open for growth and renewal, where we find ourselves and others transformed.

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The Parish Vision Statement:

*To be an inclusive fellowship growing in the Holy Spirit, Nurturing the burdened and the joyous,
Reaching out to our communities and God's world*

"...until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" 2 Peter 1:19