

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

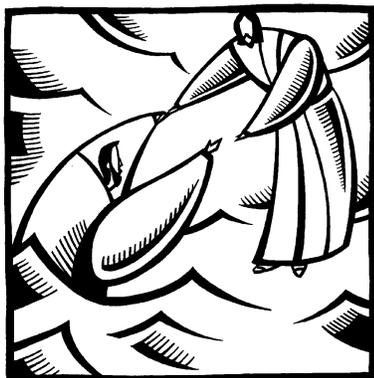
The Epistle

July/August, 2016

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

From Your Rector



“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” This quote by Helen Keller says a great deal about humans. It certainly speaks volumes of what we as church have always held so near and dear to us. As we talked last month change and transition is difficult for all of us. Many of you know that I rearrange my office occasionally. As my wife once said, “Don’t go into a room without first turning on the light; you never know where the furniture will be.” Change always gives me a fresh perspective and new way to look at life and my surroundings. I think one of the difficulties of prayer is that God is invisible and let’s face it, it is much

easier to talk to someone sitting next to you that you can see than a God who you cannot see. But as Jesus pointed out those who have not seen yet still believe are blessed. But if we are always looking at the closed door we will never see what lies ahead of us or in this new environment. Even changing the words within the service causes us to rethink what we are saying and praying. Prayer should really be our ability to chat with an old friend. In order to grow we have to let go. In order to let go we need to trust in God and be totally honest in our relationship with him. We can and should express our honest and true feelings to Him. How many of us have sat up at night, having trouble sleeping and just poured our heart and soul out to God. The power of prayer is a magnificent gift that we have at our disposal. We accept the past and celebrate the present and use both to predict and navigate our future. Many doors open for us. St. Paul’s opened your doors and hearts to me over five years ago and I am glad I was given the opportunity and call to walk with and among you. It has changed my life. It was a risk with God’s help is one of peace and tranquility. Together let us walk through the open door. Let us walk out of the tomb and live. Let us look through the windshield and not the rearview mirror. Let us trust that God is part of our plan and He is with us when we see the door that He has opened for us.

Rev. John Martinichio +



Thank you to Sandy and Dick Schwab, Will and Mary VanOsten and Sue Jones for June's Movin' On lunch. Who knew a nice hot casserole would be needed to warm the soul in June! But what a chilly day it was!

More thanks to David Krzyzewski, Richard Parker and Jack Westermann for mowing the lawn last month. You are keeping it looking sharp!

Thank you to Lynda Helmer for her photography of some of our recent church events.

Thank you to the Men's Group for hosting the May Trinity Canteen with its "world famous, signature" chili: Luther Chergosky, Bill Dieffenbacher, Jack Westermann, Dick Schwab, Tim Petras, Kurt Jones, Carl Kinne and Chip Kinne.

Thank you to Bill Freeman and Bruce Dailey for their work on the sump pump and pipe repair in the boiler room. Bruce is learning some valuable plumbing skills!

Thank you to all those who assisted in the preparation and clean-up of the recent memorial lunches for Bob Britton, Frank Hendry and Phil Watkins. All were very much appreciated by the families as they celebrated the lives of their loved ones.

Thank you to the Rev. Lisa Busby for celebrating the Wednesday morning Eucharist and Healing service while Fr. John was away.

Thank you to Jackie and Ron Reece and Dick and Sandy Schwab for making the annual picnic a reality. Pop quiz: How many Episcopalians does it take to tape table cloths to tables during gale-force winds???

Thank you to Chip Kinne for keeping our Book of Remembrances up to date with his fine calligraphy.

Thank You, Carl!

For over 30 years Carl Dollmetsch has been our Acolyte Master with the help of his wife, Marie. Carl has transitioned from this ministry and we are grateful for his many years of leadership. Carl has been a faithful parishioner and a dedicated Acolyte Master. He has done a great job and we celebrate his many years of faithful service. Thank you, Carl, and Marie, too! May the Lord continue to bless you on your journey and grant you His choicest blessings.

In the meantime, Fr. John will oversee the Acolytes. Any youth who has completed his or her third year of school and any adults wishing to assist in our services as an Acolyte are invited to see Fr. John.



Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, July 11, Noon



Halupki casserole this month so mark your calendar for Monday, July 11. We invite all widows and widowers to join us at the Movin' On Luncheon. Please let Fr. John know if you will *not* be able to attend.

WOMEN of the CHURCH

Summer is here and we continue to gather. Our Sleeping Bag Project meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 20th at noon in the undercroft. We will have a light lunch and then move on to the making of a sleeping bag for a local homeless person. Carol Marker, who was a guest at our Sleeping Bag Project introduction meeting, will join us. She started a chapter at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose and will help us with a streamlined version of how to make the sleeping bags. It will be much easier than our first endeavor. Remember, no sewing skills are necessary. For lunch, we need a few people to bring in a salad or dessert. All others are asked to bring a sandwich for our sandwich tray.



We hope to reschedule our reflective mirror workshop for some time in August. In the meantime, enjoy the summer.

If you are not receiving WoC emails, please send your email address to sanjRussel@epix.net.

Sandy Schwab, Chair

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 10, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



St. Paul's Annual Community Ice Cream Social is being held this year on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 PM. Come out and enjoy some delicious Hershey's Ice Cream, animals from the Zoo Mobile and try your luck at our Raffle Table. This free event is open to all so be sure to invite your friends, neighbors and family.

Help is needed to make this event happen and there are jobs for everyone! Tables, chairs and tents need to be set up, ice cream scoopers are needed, help with clean-up afterwards and even someone to make sure all of our guests fill out a raffle ticket for the baskets. Your pay? All the ice cream you can eat! Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church later in July or talk to Eunice Barton. She is ready to take names!

So what's happening in the Office?

We have been blessed to have the assistance of Jennifer Westermann, Ruthie Koerts, Eunice Barton and Jane Parker as we make the transition to a new Parish Secretary. I am pleased to announce that beginning on August 29th Diane Sica will join our staff as our new Parish Secretary. Diane comes to us as a retired U-E employee with many years of experience in the office at Jennie F. Snapp Middle School. Diane is known by some of you and I trust that you will help me in welcoming her to our staff. I know that she will be a great addition and I look forward to her arrival. Welcome, Diane! Diane will work our normal hours of Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM.



Fr. John+

Gould Scholarship Awards



The Gould Scholarship Award was established in 1974 as a parish memorial to Miss Bernice A.I. Gould, a longtime member of the parish who died in 1968. Miss Gould made the parish the residual beneficiary of her estate. Her generosity and trust has enabled this parish to undertake numerous ministries which support religious, educational and non-profit work around the world through the Bernice A.I. Gould Fund. The Gould Scholarship Awards are given each year to young members of our parish who will be attending college in the fall. They are given as a way to recognize and encourage service to church, school and community. The scholarships take into account the applicant's academic, religious and extra-curricular activities undertaken during the high school years.

Presently, the scholarship award is \$2,000 per year, renewable for three years.

This year's winners are **Michael Kakusian, Amy Manchester, and Molly Martinichio**. Michael will be entering the U.S. Marines on August 8th and thus the award is deferred until which time he enters college. Michael is the son of Jennifer and John Kakusian and brother of Tori Jo. Amy will be attending Ithaca College and will be studying sound recording in the hopes of becoming a music recorder/producer. Amy is the daughter of Janet and Scott Manchester, sister of Cassie and Zach and granddaughter of George and Janet Kroculik. Molly will be attending Onondaga Community College and will be pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Molly is the daughter of Barb and John Martinichio and sister of Samuel.

We remember all those who have benefited from the generosity of one parishioner. Don't ever let it be said that one person can't make a BIG difference!

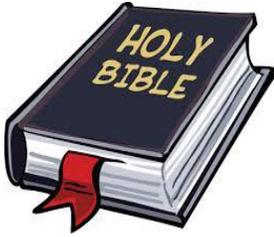
Aisle Torches

Thank you to all those who signed up to donate an aisle torch! The response was terrific; they are sure to enhance the magnificence of the space we are privileged to have in which to worship. An envelope with your name on it is in the back of the church with a form to indicate your memorial.





Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina continues to meet every first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in the Bernice Gould Chapel. Whether you have been coming for a while or you have just been thinking about a way to delve deeper into the Word, you are invited to attend. Please call the office for more information or just come! You do not need to have studied the Bible in order to participate in this practice.



Memorial Scattering Garden Update

The Vestry has approved the development of a Memorial Scattering Garden on the church property. This type of garden is a place where one's cremated remains are scattered or buried. Our garden will be created in the courtyard. A consultant from Hillside Gardens will be meeting with Fr. John in June to discuss the plans of the garden.

As noted last month, once someone's remains are placed in the garden a plaque will be placed in the Gould Chapel to indicate whose remains are in the garden. It is important to remember that with scattering there is no possibility of retrieval.



Stewardship Thought

When it is hot and humid outside, I give thanks for all who come to worship here today in the name of Jesus, in spite of the heat. I give thanks for our air-conditioning that enables me to preach and you to listen to the Word of God in comfort. Your faithful offerings, week by week, enable us to pay NYSEG in order that all who suffer from the heat can join us, regardless of the outside temperature, to share in our St. Paul's community. Thank you!

Fr. John+



Life Line Screening Monday, August 15, 9:00 AM



On Monday, August 15 St. Paul's will be hosting a Life Line Screening event open to all. This health management group screens individuals in order to identify those at risk of potential life threatening issues such as stroke and vascular diseases. The majority of strokes can be through affordable preventive screening programs such as Life Line. (A nominal fee will be charged.) The screenings will be by appointment only and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Details will be forthcoming.





Vestry Discussion

At the June Vestry meeting we began discussing the development of some changes with committee structures. We have many people who have been involved in parish activities for many years. Realizing that life can change in less than a second it is always good to have a plan B, as we would say. So in order for us to be intentional about our plan B the vestry is developing three committees to help with life around St. Paul's. They are: Finance, Property and Fellowship. It is no secret that for many years the same individuals have been and are responsible for events and activities that we all enjoy. It is also no secret that the pastoral needs of the parish are increasing and as we age we find ourselves in different life circumstances. It is also important that we begin to look at our changing demographics and adapt our own situation to the changes around us. It is always good to have backup and more people involved in the day-to-day operation of St. Paul's.

The Finance Committee will be responsible for developing the budget, overseeing our financial statements and making sure that we adhere to the most current practices of risk assessment.

The Property Committee will oversee our physical plant, make arrangements for needed repairs and help improvements as well as plan for future needs.

The Fellowship Committee will be responsible for planning and executing our social events for the year. I have tried with the help of others to plan one social event a month. I think the bond that we forge in the events is just as important as the bond we forge with one another and our Lord in our Worship.

The make-up of these committees is still a work in progress and I would ask you to consider serving on one when approached or by expressing an interest to me. Thank you.

Fr. John+



Farewell Celebration for Bishop Adams Saturday, October 22, OnCenter, Syracuse, NY

All are invited to share this special day with Bishop Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams as we say farewell to him as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York. The event will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the OnCenter in Syracuse. The day will begin with Morning Eucharist and will be followed by a luncheon program and presentations. The choir for the Eucharist will be a diocesan-wide one so all choristers are invited to participate.



Details on joining this choir as well as purchasing tickets for the lunch will be forthcoming.





CHOW News for the Summer



Childhood hunger in Broome County is a very real problem. One in four school children qualifies for free or reduced schools meals (breakfast and lunch). Some school districts have a much higher percentage with 60 – 75% of the students registered qualifying for free or reduced meals. Many school districts have a weekend food program for these children (backpack meals) provided by coordinated programs within Broome County. As the school year comes to a close these children will be missing two meals a day plus the food sent home on Fridays. While there are many programs in place to help meet the needs of these children not all children will be able to participate. Locations of these programs and transportation to them are two major problems for many of the families. To help lessen the burden of food insecurity for these families CHOW has asked all of the food pantries to be generous, keeping in mind that as each pantry is unique CHOW did not define “generous”. St. Paul’s CHOW pantry can assist by providing extra canned meats/stews, soups, canned pasta meals, cereals, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, instant oatmeal and bread.

St. Paul’s CHOW pantry has long had a reputation in the community for generosity and compassion. The clients often make these comments as well as members of the Broome County Council of Churches. Hopefully we can continue to meet the challenges facing the families this summer by providing extra food during the summer months.

I would like to once again thank all the members of St. Paul’s for their generous support in terms of time, talent and treasure to the CHOW pantry. It is this continued, faithful support which has made this program work so well.

Mary Cermak, Pantry Coordinator



Prayers for Our Ministries



Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul’s is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of July and August we pray for the following ministries:

July

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| 7/03 | Endicott Fire and Police Departments | 7/10 | Families Anonymous |
| 7/17 | Family Education Center | 7/24 | Girl Scouts |
| 7/31 | Narcotics Anonymous | | |

August

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| 8/07 | TASC (GED Program) | 8/14 | Yoga Class |
| 8/21 | Broome County Council of Churches | 8/28 | Cornell Cooperative Extension |





Flower Memorials

7/03 The altar flowers are given this week in loving memory of Lloyd Fulk from Sylvia Fulk.

7/10 The altar flowers are given this week in loving memory of Elaine Rozina on her birthday from Beth and Cliff VanDervort and family.

7/17 The altar flowers are given this week by the family of Elaine Rozina in loving memory on her birthday, loving wife, mother and grandmother.



Note: 7/24, 7/31 and the month of August are available.



Sanctuary Candle Memorials



7/03 Available

7/10 Available

7/17 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Ray Russell from Dick and Sandy Schwab.

7/24 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Elida Clouse from Marley Cohen.

7/31 Available

8/07 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Norman Orris from Connie Hess, Sue Hankey and families.

8/14 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Tillie Nolis from Marley Cohen.

8/21 Available

8/28 Available





JULY

7/01	Mary Gilfoyle	7/15	Sandra Saccoccio
7/02	Christine Keesler, Katie Besemer	7/19	Carolyn Doolittle, James Garceau
7/03	Betty Aten	7/22	Sarah Evans, Susan June
7/04	Rosalie Sommers	7/24	Joan Pinckert, Barb Martinichio
7/05	Jennifer Westermann	7/25	Annette Bakalar, Cassie Manchester, Jack Wolf
7/06	Zach Manchester	7/26	Bette Knight
7/07	Susanne Hankey, Toni VanOrder	7/28	Jackson Petras
7/09	Robert Maxim	7/29	Diana Krska
7/13	Martine Barnaby		

AUGUST

8/01	Richard Chadwick	8/20	Karen Cahill
8/02	Evan Baileys	8/22	Scott Manchester
8/04	Nanda Cook	8/24	Ronia Dahlberg, Beverly Costello
8/05	Carl Kinne	8/25	Shirley Cifonelli
8/07	Thomas Moon	8/27	Patricia Roberts, Casey Westermann Katie Cornell
8/11	Florence Andrade, Ted Wolf	8/28	Will VanOsten, Kurt Besemer, Tommy Vallone
8/12	Carl Dollmetsch, James Cornell	8/29	Bob O'Brien, Henry Barnaby
8/13	Tyler VanDervort	8/30	Ardra Smyk
8/15	Cody VanDervort	8/31	Molly Martinichio
8/16	John Kakusian		
8/19	Bob Pettit, Mat Garceau		

Are you a July or August birthday or anniversary but you don't see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We don't want to miss anyone!



JULY

7/04 Patricia and Charles Collison
7/05 Lew and Susan Jones
7/11 Thomas and Juanita Evaneck
7/12 Janet and Scott Manchester

7/13 Chauncey and Marie DePew
7/14 Raymond and Anneliese Besemer
7/20 Doug and Susette Walton
7/26 John Swavola and Nancy Ng

AUGUST

8/07 Ted and Judy Wolf, Marilyn and Bert Karlson
8/11 Suzanne and Bob Pettit
8/24 Barbara and Bernie Becker

8/27 Jack and Jennifer Westermann
8/31 Jane and Richard Parker



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July Liturgical Ministers Schedule

July 3	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak	Karen Cahill
1 st Reading		Georgia Wilber
2 nd Reading	Jack Westermann	Steve Koerts
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Ruthie Koerts
Readings	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:1-16

July 10	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Georgia Wilber
1 st Reading		Suzanne Pettit
2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Bob Pettit
Chalice	Jane Parker	Steve Koerts
Readings	Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14

July 17	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jane Parker	Jim Garceau
1 st Reading		Judy Shannon
2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece	Carl Kinne
Chalice	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Barb Dailey
Readings	Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28

July 24	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Ruthie Koerts
1 st Reading		Kelly Parker-Seeley
2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander	Zach Manchester
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Eunice Barton
Readings	Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-19

July 31	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann	Steve Koerts
1 st Reading		Karen Cahill
2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky	Jim Buffum
Chalice	Mary Cermak	Eunice Barton
Readings	Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11





August Liturgical Ministers Schedule

August 7	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak	Jim Buffum
1 st Reading		Judy Shannon
2 nd Reading	Jane Parker	Kelly Parker-Seeley
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Georgia Wilber
Readings	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 14	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Sue Jones
1 st Reading		Jim Garceau
2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Barb Dailey
Chalice	Mary Cermak	Eunice Barton
Readings	Isaiah 5:1-7	Hebrews 11:29—12:2

August 21	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jane Parker	Karen Cahill
1 st Reading		Judy Doherty
2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander	Steve Koerts
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Ruthie Koerts
Readings	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29

August 28	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Georgia Wilber
1 st Reading		Suzanne Pettit
2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece	Bob Pettit
Chalice	Jack Westermann	Steve Koerts
Readings	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Note: If you are unable to serve on a given week, please try to find a substitute. If you need a phone number, please call the office at 748-8118. Copies of our church directory are available as well for your convenience.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, May 10, 2016

Approved

To love God, Love others, Help Others to love God

Rector: Fr. John R. Martinichio

Wardens: Bruce Dailey, Jennifer S. Westermann

Vestry:

Eunice Barton (A)

Mary Gilfoyle (A)

Ruthie Koerts

Karen Cahill

Lynda Helmer

Robert Pettit

Duncan Finlayson

Lynne Jones

Richard Schwab

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Fr. John opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer for Pentecost from the book From Ashes to Glory by Dan Schutte.

April Minutes: **Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Richard Schwab to accept the April minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Jack Westermann presented the monthly statements from the following funds: CHOW, CHAP, and Memorials with the explanation that these monies are now a part of the church's financial record keeping but are not part of the church's operating expenses.

Financials:

- Bob Pettit went over his summary for the month of April noting that the Gould Fund balance of \$4,281,475 is up from March.
- He noted that pledges were ahead a bit but that can be deceiving as some people fulfill their annual pledges early in the year so that number will level off as the year progresses.
- Our income for the month slightly exceeded our expenses.
- Treasurer Jack Westermann noted that we are saving some money as we are not incurring the cost of a secretary's salary for the time being.

Motion made by Lynda Helmer with a second from Duncan Finlayson to accept the Financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Theological Education Grant: Fr. John suggested that the funds allocated for theological grants be divided equally between General Theological Seminary, NY, NY and the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, with each receiving \$1860.50. **Motion** made by Bob Pettit with second from Bruce Dailey to accept the recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Rector's Report:

- Office Secretarial Situation - Fr. John reported that because there had been no communication from Kelly Services and an applicant for the job submitted a résumé; he and Jennifer Westermann interviewed the prospective candidate. Both felt that this person would be perfect for the job so the position was offered to her with the understanding that she would look over the job

description and get back to us. The day after the interview Kelly Services called with a possible candidate. We will wait to hear from the person interviewed before making any further moves.

- Secretarial Compensation Package - **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with second from Ruthie Koerts that based on the above-mentioned person's qualifications and experience she would be offered a salary of \$13.42/hour for a 20-hour work week, 40 hours paid Personal Time Off annually which would be pro-rated for the remainder of 2016 and all federal holidays which fall on a work day be time off with pay. Motion carried unanimously.
- Nativity Set – The new nativity set arrived and will be stored in the closet behind the acolyte vesting room.
- Memorial Scattering Garden – Fr. John and Richard Schwab will be meeting on May 19 at 3:30 p.m. with a representative from Hillside Gardens about developing a plan for the Memorial Scattering Garden and landscaping in the front of the Christian Education building. The design cost will be \$40.00.
- Pew Cushions - Jewel and David Fenty have offered to underwrite the purchase of cushions for the pews in the church at the cost of \$7885.00. **Motion** made by Jennifer Westermann with second from Lynne Jones to accept this gift with gratitude.

Wardens' Report:

- Bruce Dailey shared a thank you note for a Gould grant from All Saints', Johnson City.
- Jennifer Westermann asked for volunteers to help Jackie Reece with the annual picnic, Sunday, June 12. Richard Schwab will help with the grill; he volunteered his wife, Sandy, to help with the set-up.

Committee Reports:

- Christian Education –
 - The last day of Sunday School will be on May 22.
 - At least one teacher will be needed in the fall as Molly Martinichio and Austin Keuter will be going off to college.
- Women of the Church – See attached report.

Transformation Discussion:

During the April vestry meeting Fr. John asked the vestry to respond in writing to five questions he posed. He collected the answers and distributed them for discussion at this meeting. The five questions were:

1. What have you been most excited about in our parish this past year?
2. What has concerned you most in our congregation this past year?
3. What are you most excited/anticipatory about with our congregation in the coming year?
4. What are you most concerned about in our parish in the coming year?
5. In what ways do you personally, the vestry, staff and/or congregation stop forward momentum on projects and ideas, either intentionally or unintentionally?

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with a prayer from the From Ashes to Glory book.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk

