

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

February 2022

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 the Desk of Father John

February being the shortest month of the calendar year we are still gaining daylight and then we move into March and the Season of Lent. We celebrate Valentine's Day and President's Day. We still find ourselves in the Season after the Epiphany and celebrating the manifestation of the Lord Jesus to the world. We hear Gospel stories that we are familiar with and contemplate their meaning for our lives. As Jesus deliberately defines the Kingdom of God to all who flock to him for transformation, education and the willingness to have their lives turned completely around. They accept his message willingly and know that He has something they can grasp onto and experience wholeness and connection to a community that they might have been ostracized from because of affliction of one kind or another.

We accepted this call in Baptism. We promised to participate in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the prayers and in the breaking of the Bread. In activating our gifts we build up the Body of Christ, the church, and the community. First and foremost we must discern what those gifts are that we have been given by God's Holy Spirit. What gifts have I activated and what still needs to be activated. In activating these gifts and sharing them with those around us we not only give to others but we ourselves receive. How many times has someone touched our life just when we need it? I have been on the receiving end of someone's kind words or actions when I least expected it. Our spirits are uplifted many times in the kindest and sometimes least expected ways. As the First Letter of Peter puts it so eloquently:

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.—1 Peter 4:10

The positive enrichment is mutual or might not even realized what is happened to us or the other person. This manifestation is not our goal, but it happens at times without us even knowing it took place until further reflection and discernment. We are blessed by the gifts given us and find joy in sharing those gifts with others. In doing so, our God is made manifest in and through us and thus in turn we receive the fruits of others' manifestations as well.

Fr. John+



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# Worship at St. Paul's!

Our Sunday services at 8 and 10 AM are both in-person and on Zoom. The 10 AM service will be on Facebook - using the St. Paul's Endicott page. Daily prayers, Bible studies, book groups and meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. The Wednesday morning Healing service is now being held in-person in the Gould Chapel, in addition to the Zoom option.

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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS LINK IS FOR ALL EVENTS UNTIL
May 29th.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the beginning of Lent. Our services will be

7:00 AM in the Gould Chapel

9:30 AM in the Church and on Zoom

5:30 PM in the Church and on Zoom

We will use the daily link for the Zoom service.

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Stewardship!

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

The Transfiguration is one of the great feasts of the Christian year. God proclaims to Jesus and to his disciples: "This is my Son, my chosen; Listen to him!" (Luke 9:35) Jesus is affirmed by God. Each Sunday we at St. Paul's are affirmed as beloved children of God. Your generous gifts of time, ability and money make this affirmation possible. Thank You.



Fr. John+



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 February we pray for the following ministries:

FEBRUARY

2/6	Boy Scout Sunday	2/20	Movin' On Group
2/13	Memorial Fund	2/27	Jim Apicella, our Music Director



Thank you to all who helped **Dick and Sandy Schwab** and to all who helped with Trinity Canteen Sunday in January and to all who donated. We were able to provide a wonderful bagged lunch for 60 people.



Thank you to **Father Richard** for being here on January 2 while Fr. John was away and to **Sue Mahon and Jennifer Westermann** for covering our weekday prayer services as well.



Thank you to **Elaine Yacovoni, Dick Schwab, Jennifer Westermann and Fr. John** for putting Christmas away for another year.



Thank you from Diane to **Jennifer Westermann** for covering the office for a week while she remained home with three of her grandchildren who were in quarantine.



All Things Spiritual on Zoom!

Meeting on TUESDAY



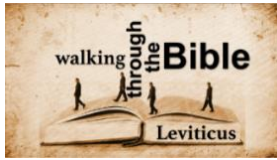
We gather for discussion about a chapter in the book during each meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 1st** after the **9:30 AM prayer service**. We continue **We Were the Least of These (Reading the Bible with Survivors of Sexual Abuse)** by **Elaine Heath**. We will read **Chapter 7, Are You My Mother?**





A Letter of the Bible – Thessalonians on Zoom!

Meeting on TUESDAY



We continue our Bible discussion with the Letters in the New Testament. This is different from the Thursday morning Lectionary Study which uses the Sunday Lectionary as its basis. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 8th**, after the 9:30 AM prayer service. *We will be discussing the Letter to the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.*



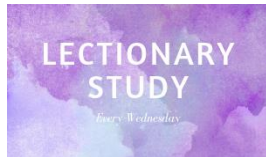
All Things Theological on Zoom!

Meeting on TUESDAY

We will continue the book by Joan Chittister The Gift of Years - Growing Older Gracefully. We will be reading two chapters a month Chapter 9 on Accomplishment and Chapter 10 on Possibility. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 15th**, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.



Lectionary Study on Zoom!



Lectionary Study is held on Thursday mornings following the 9:30 AM Prayer Service on Zoom. This is an informal way of studying the Scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday. Brew a second cup of coffee and lend your thoughts as to what you feel God is saying to you. A short prayer service will precede the study.

Ruthie Koerts



Rector's Forum on Hold!



There will be no COFFEE HOUR/Rector's Forum in the month of February due to COVID numbers. We will re-evaluate this as time goes on.



In honor of **Presidents' Day**, the church office will be closed on Monday, February 21st.



Sunday School Schedule for February



There will be Sunday School classes on February 6th and 27th. Classes will NOT be held on February 13th and 20th.





FEBRUARY

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|------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 2/1 | Nancy Ng | 2/12 | Mary Cermak |
| 2/2 | Bonnie Pewteraugh | 2/12 | Tori Jo Kakusian |
| 2/4 | Vince Fabiano | 2/14 | Georgia Wilber |
| 2/6 | Bob Minor | 2/15 | Jordan Jones |
| 2/8 | Dick Schwab | 2/18 | Aiden Browning |
| 2/10 | Amelia Swavola | 2/20 | Ingrid Elliott |
| 2/10 | Madilyn Swavola | 2/21 | Adele Minor |
| 2/12 | Sylvia Fulk | 2/26 | Don Williams |
| 2/12 | Sue Mahon | 2/27 | Bill Freeman |



FEBRUARY

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| 2/7 | Tony and Jean Farrand | (63) |
| 2/10 | Ken and Verona Kidder | (60) |
| 2/14 | Will and Mary VanOsten | (63) |



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





Flower Memorials

Available 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27.



Sanctuary Candle Memorials

Available 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27.



Note: Please call the office (748-8118) any time during the month if you would like to designate the altar flowers or candles in memory of a loved one, to recognize a special event or simply in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. There are Flower/Candle forms for 2022 on the back table in Church. Dates may be shared.



Movin' On Luncheon

No Luncheon in January and February



There will be no luncheon in January or February. Our next luncheon will be on Monday, March 21st at noon, "Covid permitting". The Movin' On Lunch group is normally held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month. All widows and widowers are invited for a time of food and fellowship.



Altar Guild



We are in need of people to help with Altar Guild. This involves setting up and cleaning up from our services. Some would like to iron the linens (not the altar cloths). Others prefer just to sub or work with someone else. We are in need of people for both services and Saturday set up. Training is available. If interested contact Fr. John.





Getting To Know You!

Jim and Tammie Apicella



In September we welcomed Jim and Tammie Apicella to St. Paul's. We are thrilled to have Jim as our new Music Director, and an added bonus is having Tammie's smiling face in the front pew on Sundays. Jim was born in Brooklyn and grew up on Long Island where much of his family still resides. Tammie was born in Bangor, Maine, where she and her family lived until her dad finished his service in the Air Force. After living in a few other places, they moved to Conklin when Tammie was 5 and she has lived in this area ever since.

Jim and Tammie both worked at Susquehanna Valley Central School District in Conklin, which is where Jim says he met the love of his life, Tammie, 14+ years ago. Jim, who spent his entire teaching career at SV, taught Music Theory, Chorus, Piano Lab and Digital Audio Recording and was Music Department Chair for over 33 years prior to his retirement. Tammie, who still works at SV, has worked in various offices, including the High School Guidance and the Elementary Main Office. She currently is Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of the District. Jim and Tammie have a blended family of 5 children. Tammie has 2 children, Nikki and Ryan, from her first marriage and Jim has 3 step-children from his first marriage – Brandi, Josh and Chase. They have 4 (soon to be 5) grandchildren – Lincoln, Nori, Lucas and Luthias. They also have two furry children – a black lab named Zsa-Zsa and a Goldendoodle named Ava. In her spare time Tammie enjoys baking, knitting, traveling with Jim and spending time with family, friends and, of course, Zsa-Zsa and Ava. Jim's schedule appears pretty full but it is apparent he enjoys his time with family, friends and especially Tammie. We are all witness to Jim's musical talents each Sunday and his energy and teaching skills are greatly impacting our music programs and services. Jim, who has been a church musician for about 42 years, still shares his musical ability with other area churches, in addition to St. Paul's. He has played in rock and dance bands for about 30 years, 20 of which have been spent with his most recent band, Brotherhood and he is still performing.

If you have spent any time with Jim and Tammie you know they love to laugh and truly enjoy interacting with others, and we certainly enjoy having them with us as part of our parish family.





A Note from Our Parish Nurse



February is Heart month. With all the emphasis on Covid we must continue to remember our heart. Eating healthy, exercising, and recognizing the signs of heart attack and stroke. Chest pain/pressure that may spread to your arms, back or jaw. Possible sweating, dizziness, fatigue or nausea. Women many times may have discomfort in one or both arms. Shortness of breath with or without chest pain. Cold sweat nausea or lightheadedness. Call 911 if you or someone you believe may be having a heart attack. February 4th is Go Red For Women Day. Please be careful when shoveling snow. Take breaks frequently.

Stroke has a new acronym. BEFAST. This stands for:

B-Balance. Watch for sudden loss of balance.

E-Eyes. Check for vision loss.

F-Face. Look for an uneven smile.

A-Arm. Look for arm weakness.

C- Speech. Listen for slurred speech.

T- Time. Call 911 right away.

Early recognition of a stroke can save a life and hospitals may be able to reverse symptoms if caught early.

Continue to wear your masks for Covid. Even though numbers are decreasing in some areas the level is still high locally and hospitals are still seeing high volumes. Covid deaths are still occurring even in the 30-50 age group. Vaccination with booster and masks are making a difference. There is hope that a peak will occur in mid February. Stay safe. Be kind!

Jackie Fabiano RN, BSN, Lead Parish Nurse



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 6th

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on February 6th. If you are involved in Boy Scouts, be sure to wear your uniform that day.



Vestry Meeting

The next meeting will be on **February 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

This meeting will be held on ZOOM.



Racial Justice and Reconciliation Group

The next meeting will be on February 28th, 2022, after the 9:30 AM Prayer Service.

Nancy Elwood





Sleeping Bag for the Homeless Project



Our sleeping bag projects are on the **second Thursday of every month at 1:00-3:00PM**. If you are interested in fellowship, conversation, and fun all the while we make sleeping bags for those less fortunate, please consider joining us. You do not have to know how to sew. Diocese guidelines require that you have been Covid vaccinated. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th**.

Deb Wirag



CHOW Pantry

The CHOW Pantry at St. Paul's is up and running! We are accepting referrals on the 3rd and 4th week of each month on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated!

(February Schedule: February 14, 16, 23. Closed February 21.)



Mary Cermak



Women of the Church News

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson



Women of the Church

Due to current COVID restrictions the WoC will not meet in February. We will assess this situation on a month-by-month basis, so please watch the Sunday Bulletin, Epistle and email for future updates. Hopefully, with numbers coming down we will be able to meet soon.

In the meantime, please continue to remember our homebound with your cards and phone calls. Valentine's Day is coming up which is always a wonderful time for cards. If you do not have a current listing of our homebound, which includes birthdays and anniversaries, please let me know.

DONATIONS OF WARM OUTERWEAR AND FACE MASKS NEEDED

Cold weather is here and the warm hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks being placed on our Giving Tree are going rapidly. The rise of COVID cases over the past month has greatly increased the visits to our face mask line also. Please help us out with donations of any of these items. Items need not be expensive – Dollar Tree and other discount stores offer many options, and many stores are having sales. Handmade items are also welcome. There is a box for donations at the back of the church, or you can drop them off at the church office during normal office hours. If shopping isn't your thing or is difficult for you to do, monetary contributions are welcome and we will do the shopping for you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we have the perfect project for you. We are seeking individuals to knit or crochet prayer shawls, which Father John will bless before they are given to individuals who are ill or in need of comfort, as a warming reminder they are loved and are in our thoughts and prayers. Easy patterns for knitting and crocheting are available at the back of the church. You can easily find patterns online also. If you have any questions or wish to have patterns emailed to you, please contact Sandy Schwab. Prayer shawls can be made in your home as your schedule permits. They are easy to make, whether you knit or crochet, so please consider creating a prayer shawl that will provide someone both physical and spiritual warmth.

February Participants' Schedule



February 6 – Boy Scout Sunday		8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant		Jennifer S. Westermann	Steve Koerts
1 st Reading			Suzanne Pettit
2 nd Reading		Dolly Chergosky	Jackie Fabiano
Chalice		Chip Kinne	Barb Dailey
Readings	Isaiah 6:1-13	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

February 13		9:00 AM – One Service Only - Annual Meeting to Follow	
Lay Assistant		Sue Mahon	
1 st Reading		Sandy Schwab	
2 nd Reading		Jim Garceau	
Chalice		Ruthie Koerts	
Readings	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 585	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

February 20		8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant		Mary Cermak	Jim Garceau
1 st Reading			Bob Pettit
2 nd Reading		Marilyn Karlson	Michelle Wolf
Chalice		Chip Kinne	Steve Koerts
Readings	Genesis 45:3-11,15	Psalm 37 vs.1-18	1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

February 27		8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant		Jack Westermann	Ruthie Koerts
1 st Reading			Zach Manchester
2 nd Reading		Garvin Alexander	Lauren Saleeby
Chalice		Sue Mahon	Sue Jones
Readings	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

National Wear RED Day Friday, February 4th

Why Go Red?

Heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Fortunately, we can change that because 80 percent of cardiac and stroke events may be prevented with education and action. That's why this year we are asking that you wear red on **National Wear Red Day**, Friday, February 4, 2022, and encourage others to do the same. Also, make time to Know Your Numbers. Five numbers that all women should know to take control of their heart health are: Total Cholesterol, HDL (good) Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI). Knowing these numbers can help women and their healthcare providers determine their risk for developing cardiovascular diseases.





Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 13th



The Annual Meeting is quickly upon us. The meeting will take place in person and on ZOOM on **Sunday, February 13 following the 9:00 AM Service**. We will use the February link. Vestry elections will also take place at this time. Please plan on attending. **(Note: There is Sunday school classes.)**

The slate of candidates is as follows:

Warden (two-year term) – Sue Mahon

Vestry (three-year term) – Garvin Alexander

Jim Garceau – Second Term

Melissa Moon

Vestry member candidates 2022 – All for a three-year term.

Garvin Alexander

Garvin Alexander moved from Trinidad & Tobago to Binghamton in 2012 to take up employment with New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) now known as Avangrid, where he currently works as a Principal Engineer.

Garvin has served in several capacities in his church community. Before he moved to the USA, he was very active in the Anglican Church in Trinidad & Tobago as a Sunday School teacher and a leader of the church Youth Group. In 1988, he represented the Youths of the Diocese at the annual Synod at which he was elected as a member of the Diocesan Council of the Anglican Church. From 2009 to 2011 he served as a member of the Vestry of the All Saints’ Parish Church in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

He first came to St. Paul’s with his wife Stephanie within a week of arriving in the USA. After the service they were engaged in such sincere, warm and friendly conversation that they immediately knew that St. Paul’s would be their new spiritual home and the congregation, their new family. Even though over the years Garvin has moved to several more distant communities and is now domiciled in Vestal, he has continued to attend St. Paul’s on every Sunday possible. Garvin is a regular at the 8:00 am worship. In addition, between 2014 and 2017, he taught the 7-9 and 9-11 age groups of the Sunday School. He has assisted in the semi-annual Rummage Sale post clean-up activities and has worked at the Ice Cream Socials which usually take place during the summer. For several years he has worked with the teams which organize and execute the Trinity Canteen on the fifth Sundays throughout the year. He has also assisted with preparation for and clean-up after several of the church dinners over the years.

He hopes to be able to continue his stewardship at St. Paul’s through service as a member of the vestry.

Melissa Moon

As a member of St. Paul’s church since 1984, I have provided support in many aspects of church life. I came to St. Paul’s as a young professional, new to the area, and seeking an Episcopal oriented church home. Soon, I was to be married at St. Paul’s, raise two sons at St. Paul’s and retire from my 40 year professional career while still maintaining my connection with the church I have grown to love.

Throughout my association with St. Paul’s, the areas I have assisted with have ranged from chapel leader, to Christian education teacher, to chime player, to Hand Bell choir, to serving on

the music worship committee. I have helped with the Trinity Canteen on occasion and the Ice Cream social as well as the clothing closet and the Advent Workshop.

I like to help people and hope that my contributions make a difference to the people I am trying to help. I guess this is the main reason why I decided to run for vestry at this particular stage in my life.

Thank you for your support.

Jim Garceau

I am a mechanical engineer by degree and am currently the VP/Deputy GM at BAE Systems.

I started coming to St Paul's back in the late 1980's. At that time, I was single, new to the area, and Methodist. My older brother had recently been ordained as an Episcopal deacon, so I thought I would include Episcopal churches in my search for a church. When I visited St. Paul's for the first time, it happened to be the Sunday of the youth service. I felt God so present in this place on that day that I knew my search had ended. Back then, I was a "Sunday service" member. Over the next few years, I got married and had my sons Jimmy and Mathew. Kids and work filled my life and church was still something you did on Sunday morning. We left Endicott in 1994 due to a job transfer and then returned in 1998. When we came back, we returned to St. Paul's and then things began to change!

A few months after we came back, Eunice Barton asked me if I would be willing to fill a vacant spot on the vestry until the next election. I said I would, thinking that a few months later I would be done and could go back to my Sunday pew. Well, during those months, Jim Corl asked me if I would consider running for warden. My son Christopher had been born and this was a big commitment, so I told him I had to think it over. During the next few weeks, I prayed about it. And as I talked to God, I heard His calling. For some reason that I couldn't figure out, He wanted me to say yes...so I did. During the next six years as warden, I had some great times and some really tough times, but as I served, this church gave me much more. It gave me a second family, the joy of helping others, and a much closer relationship with God, things I will cherish the rest of my life.

My three boys grew up at St. Paul's and were active in Sunday School, youth group, acolytes, New Beginnings and Happenings. Today I am a Lay Assistant and a substitute usher. I am currently on the vestry and would be honored to serve again for another term.

Warden:

Susan Mahon – for a two-year term

After attending St. Paul's for a number of months, I transferred my membership in 2017. I was looking for deeper spiritual nourishment and I found that at St. Paul's. Fr. John's sermons relate the Scripture passages to my everyday life.

Another reason for moving to St. Paul's was the people. I felt accepted and valued. The people of St. Paul's love and support one another.

Fr. John finds ways to nudge us into sharing our spiritual gifts with not only our own congregation but also with our community.

My life outside of St. Paul's consists of being a hospice volunteer and a caregiver to elderly neighbors. My adult son and my two dogs are a huge part of my life and I am happy to share my home with them. In my spare time, I like to read, work crossword puzzles and spend Zoom and telephone time with friends.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes – January 11, 2022 – **on Zoom**

To love God, Love others, Help others love God.

Rector: Fr. John Martinichio

Wardens: Dick Schwab, Sue Mahon (A)

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Vestry:

Nancy Elwood

Linda Littell

Jennifer S. Westermann

Jim Garceau

Lauren Saleeby

Michelle Wolf

Ruthie Koerts

Eileen Slofkosky

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Non-vestry present: Melissa Moon, Matt Moon, Sandy Schwab, Grace Kiley

Fr. John opened the meeting at 6:33 PM with prayer.

December 14 Minutes: *Motion* made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Nancy Elwood to ratify the emailed December minutes as sent. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jack Westermann

- Gould fund:

<u>January 1, 2021</u>	<u>November 30, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>Monthly Change</u>
\$5,101,706	\$5,224,439	\$5,286,411	+ \$61,972

- Income/Expenses: Income above expenses but mostly due to Kimble estate. That aside, income and expenses were about equal, a good thing.
- Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were submitted for the following accounts: Checking Account - \$99,739 of which the following have earmarked funds: Flowers and Candles - \$5,248; CHOW - \$16,317; CHAP \$1,517; Memorial Fund (including Kimble estate) - \$52,202; Women of the Church - \$2,443; Youth - \$813, UTO/Rector's Discretionary Fund - \$0.00; Capital Campaign - \$20,962. \$28,003 is available for operational expenses.
- Capital Campaign - report submitted
- Discretionary Report – report submitted for fourth quarter of 2021

Motion made by Jim Garceau with second from Lauren Kiley to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Discussion and Action

- Gould grant – *Motion* made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Eileen Slofkosky to approve a grant from Endwell Methodist for \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Rector's Report:

- Upgrades in church sound/video system are completed.
- Covid 19 Update – As St. Paul's is fortunate to have Jackie Fabiano, a Parish Nurse, as a parishioner, Fr. John is conferring with her about Covid 19 "best practices" in regards to events taking place at the church. Per Jackie's recommendations, any event which would necessitate the removal of masks, i.e., eating or drinking, will be suspended for now. (Note: for current church practices please click on the Covid 19 "hot link" on the Home page of the St. Paul's website, updates as of 1/13/2022.)
- Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting will occur after one combined **9:00 AM** service on Sunday, February 13, 2022. We will not have the traditional brunch before the meeting. The

most likely scenario due to the Omicron variant currently raging is that the meeting will be a hybrid one. Persons may either attend in person or on Zoom.

- Gould Allocation Committee Revision – Since we have not received enough grant requests to award the \$35,000 budgeted for grants the committee met to discuss ideas as to how best disburse these funds. Some thoughts that will be followed up on include contacting the United Way and the Endicott Police and Fire Departments, raising the grant request ceiling from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00, and revisiting the 2021 grant recipients to see if additional funding for their programs would be merited. Fr. John will also encourage the congregation to alert the committee of organizations in need of funding.
- Church Cancellation Alert System – In light of the recent need to cancel Sunday worship due to icy roads, the vestry discussed ways to alert all parishioners of any future closings. For the January 9 cancellation, Fr. John sent out emails and texts as he was able and a notice was posted on both the church's website and Face Book page. Fr. John will see if he can change the message on the church's answering machine from his house.

Wardens' Report – Dick Schwab read thank you notes from Diane Sica and notes from the owners of the Silo restaurant, the employees of the Silo and the Greene Emergency Squad for a Gould grant after the recent fire at the Silo.

Committee Reports:

- Capital Campaign – Dick Schwab reported that progress is definitely being made behind the scenes on the new elevator as the committee has been meeting with the architects, Chianis and Anderson. (Note: A probable timeline of the project is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.)
- Christian Education – Jennifer Westermann reported that the piñata for the kids in celebration of Epiphany was postponed due to the icy roads cancellation of the church. It will be rescheduled to occur after the 10:00 AM service on the next Chime 4 Jesus playing date.
- Property Committee – Dick Schwab reported that the committee is continuing with disinfecting the building, doing general repairs as needed; and is beginning to look at other projects of Capital Campaign now that elevator project is well underway. There will also be a "200" street number affixed to the Christian Education building for easy identification of the building's address.

Canteen Dates for 2022

January 30 – Dick and Sandy Schwab have volunteered to provide the bagged lunch

May 29 – Coordinator needed

July 31 – Coordinator needed

October 30 – Coordinator needed

Next Meeting: February 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Fr. John adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM with a Native American prayer.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk

