




# St. Peter's Church 2022 Annual Meeting & Reports



St. Peter's Church  
*An Episcopal community sharing Christ's love since 1702.*





*So in Christ we, though many, form one body,  
and each member belongs to all the others.*  
Romans 12:5

**YOU are welcome at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!**

**All that you are, and wherever you are on your faith journey,  
let us share God's love together.**

St. Peter's is a community of people from all walks of life, sharing a broad variety of experiences. Our welcome knows no bounds! We celebrate and affirm you as you are - your age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, or economic condition. We worship and serve with individuals and families of all sorts, and we offer the Good News of the Gospel to seekers from every spiritual tradition.

As a parish of the Diocese of New Jersey, the Episcopal Church, and the global Anglican Communion, we are fully sacramental and ever-reforming. For over 325 years, we have been committed to serving the Freehold area by offering inspiring worship, engaging Christian formation for every age, and meaningful outreach to our neighbors.

We are called to honor our baptismal vows, to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being". As a community that lives our faith, we are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in thought, word, and deed.

We strive to include Diversity, Equity & Inclusion practices at the center of our daily work.

Wherever people gather, in person or through online communities, we seek to offer welcome, grace, and God's Good News for a wounded world.

# Agenda

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Necrology
3. Nominating Committee Report
4. Polls Open – Ballots Cast

*All active parishioners 16 or over, whose membership is recorded at St. Peter's Church, are eligible to vote. Polls remain open for 30 minutes.*

5. Introducing St. Peter's Welcome Statement
6. Treasurer's Report
7. The Thrift Shop
8. Origin Stories – Planning a Sabbatical
9. Acknowledgements
10. Questions and Answers
11. Reports submitted by title:

- a. Rector's Report (Parish Statistics) – page 7
- b. Rector's Warden Report – page 9
- c. People's Warden Report – page 10
- d. Finance & Property – page 12  
*Buildings and Grounds/Crossroads, Finance Committee, 2022 Financial Report & 2023 Budget*
- e. Liturgy & Music – 18  
*Acolytes, Altar Guild, Blessings & Blooms, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors, Lectors, Music Ministries: St. Peters Choir & Peters Rock, Music Ministries: Kings Peal Bell Choir, Ushers*
- f. Parish Ministry - 26  
*Brotherhood of St. Andrews & Daughters of the King, Inclusion Ministry (DEI) Formation, Stewardship, Youth Group*
- g. Community Outreach and Ministry Partner – 31  
*After School Program, Blessing Bag Brigade, Community Suppers, Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program, EHAP Overnight Program, Freehold Area Open Door, St. Peter's Thrift Shop & Annex*

12. Adjournment and Blessing

## Concluding Hymn

1. In Christ there is no East or West, In  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In

1. Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -  
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 4. Him meet South and North; All Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.  
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord in *Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing II*

Title: In Christ There Is No East or West

Words: Galatians 3:28; adapt. John Oxenham (1852–1941)

Music: *McKee*, Negro Spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

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## Nominations

*"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."  
Mother Theresa*

### **People's Warden (Elect 1)**

Candy Cooper

### **Vestry – 3 Year Term (Elect 3)**

David Lettice

Tara Melchior

Susan Nelson

### **Vestry – 1 Year Term (Elect 1)**

TBD

### **Diocesan Convention (Elect 3)**

Deb Turi-Smith

Susan Jane Story

Mark Willis

### **Convention Alternate (Elect 3)**

TBD

### **Monmouth Convocation (Elect 3)**

Deb Turi-Smith

Kathy Whall

Mark Willis

### **Convocation Alternate (Elect 3)**

Kim Shaloo

Angela Wyrick

TBD

# Minutes from 2022

St. Peter's Church Annual Meeting Minutes  
via Zoom teleconference  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
  - a. The Zoom meeting was made active at 9:15am for a 9:30am service of Morning Prayer. The Rector's Address was delivered with the homily.
  - b. Following Morning Prayer, The Reverend Dirk Reinken, Rector, called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:30am with the Prayer of Self Dedication from BCP, p. 832.
  - c. Adoption of the Agenda – Moved by Meg Tweten, Seconded by Marilee Nicholson. The Agenda was adopted.
2. Necrology – The Necrology was read by Father Dirk Reinken.
3. Nominating Committee Report – the following names were presented:
  - a. People's Warden (1 one-year term): Candy Cooper
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Meg Tweten, Seconded by Karen Smith. The motion was adopted.
  - b. Vestry (3 three-year terms and 1 two-year unfinished term): Karen Crompton, Lynn Stokes, Anna Tweten, Joe Whall
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Susan Jane Story, Seconded by Joe Falisi. The motion was adopted.
  - c. Delegates to Diocesan Convention (3): Deb Turi-Smith, Kathy Whall, Mark Willis
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Marilee Nicholson, Seconded by Laura Wittmann. The motion was adopted.
  - d. Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention (up to 3): Adriana Crump, Susan Jane Story, Laura Wittman (nominated from the floor)
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Joe Falisi, Seconded by Candy Cooper. The motion was adopted.
  - e. Delegates to Monmouth Convocation (3): Kathleen LaSpisa, Deb Turi-Smith, Kathy Whall
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Susan Jane Story, Seconded by Laura Wittman. The motion was adopted.
  - f. Alternate Delegate to Monmouth Convocation (3): Susan Jane Story, Mark Willis, Laura Wittman (nominated from the floor)
    - i. Motion to close nominations – Moved by Marilee Nicholson, Seconded by Susan Jane Story. The motion was adopted.

4. Polls Open – Ballots Cast
  - a. All positions on the ballot were non-contested, so per updated diocesan canon the Clerk of Vestry, Erin MacKenzie, was authorized to cast one vote in favor of the ballot.
  - b. Moved by Candy Cooper, Seconded by Karen Smith. The motion was adopted. The nominees were elected.
5. Acknowledgments – The results of the election were announced:
6. Treasurer’s Report – Submitted in writing and reviewed by Jim Price and Tom Entrup during the meeting.
7. Crossroads Update
  - a. Bruce Edmonds reviewed the current financials of Building Crossroads as we prepare to transition into the next phase of fundraising.
  - b. Father Dirk recognized all contributors of time and materials to date for Crossroads.
  - c. Tina Crafton-Tempel provided an update on Thrift Shop eBay storefront.
8. Congregational Breakout Room Discussions (2 ten-minute sessions)
  - a. Crossroads
  - b. Formation
  - c. Fundraising
  - d. Membership Development – Nurturing
  - e. Membership Growth – Attracting
9. Wardens’ Reports – Submitted in writing by Rector’s Warden Susan Jane Story and People’s Warden Candy Cooper.
10. Questions and Answers – Father Dirk Reinken answered any additional questions asked by the congregation.
11. Reports submitted by title – Submitted in writing by ministry leaders and included in the Annual Meeting & Reports Booklet.
12. Adjournment & Blessing
  - a. Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Marilee Nicholson and Seconded by Judy Royer. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.
  - b. Father Dirk dismissed the meeting with a blessing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin MacKenzie



# The Life of the Parish

## Worship

“Wherefore we present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies . . .” Faithful Christian life is a life of offering – the offering of worship and the offering of service as God’s hands and heart in the world. We bring ourselves and our world to the Altar and we take the grace of Heaven into the World.

2022 marked the return to a full and robust schedule for St. Peter’s, with the return of the 8 am service and the usual observances of special feast days. Our online ministry continues as well, with our commitment to be “Onsite, Online, One Community.”

There is some concern that online ministry encourages people to stay home. That is always a risk. I am the first to say that the most fundamental thing Christians do is to gather together. I also think the pandemic has taught us that we gather in different ways. As a pastor, I note that regular participation has increased, with some homebound always online, some periodic attendees joining us when they are not in person, and perhaps one or two who may indeed prefer the comfort of home!

Our onsite numbers are down, and the Episcopal Church has not yet figured out how to count online participation. Yet, our online presence is robust. We regularly offer more services than before the pandemic and have a committed community of regular attendees online. Some use us as an extension of their local faith community, others as their sole faith community. Some have shared how our ministry got them through very dark times in their lives. Jesus is Emmanuel – God-with-Us. I cannot help but think that our online ministry is another way Christ is with us.

As an Evangelist, I’m also excited that more people discover us through internet searches and find their way to us, often have seen a service online first.

Above all, I rejoice that our community *wants* to be together in whatever way it can. People find a warm welcome online. People find a warm welcome onsite. It is this witness that the Holy Spirit used to form us and heal us as God’s beloved people.

Thank you to the St. Peter’s community for being a community of prayer and worship and for stepping forward to make sure our fundamental privilege as God’s people is undertaken in the beauty of holiness!

### Average Sunday Attendance

**2022:** 66.3 (onsite only)   **2021:** 45 (onsite only)   **2020:** 96 (prior to shutdown)

**2021 YouTube Unique Views for Sunday Services:** 56 – 204

**2022 YouTube Unique Views for Sunday Services:** 60 - 288

### Baptisms (7):

Olivia Abbate, Emerie Barbella, Charlotte Bava, Gemma Gagliardi, Alanna McCaffrey,  
Raymond James Wechter, Isabelle Grace Winowski

**Marriage (2):** Amanda Smith & Robert Reda, Phyllis Berger & Paul Carbone

**Transfer In (0):** While there were no formal transfers into the congregation, 12 individuals joined as “non-member active” whose membership process will be completed in 2023. 7 Joined through baptism. 11 Joined through completing their membership process in 2022.

**Transfer Out (0):**

**Parish Deaths (8):** \*Norman William Drayton, Lynne McNamara Hoadley, John Gardner, Sarah Barbara Viggiano, Robert Tolman Mayer, Robert T. Quackenbush, \*Bruce A. Patrick, Geraldine (Missy) Sutphen-Hazell, Garrick Hoadley

*\*Buried from St. Peter's but not a formal member*

## Membership

The canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey identify an active member of the congregation as any baptized Christian whose baptism is recorded in the register, who attends worship and receives the Eucharist at least 3 times a year, and who is known to the Rector and Treasurer as a financial contributor to the life and ministry of the congregation. Based on those requirements, the active membership of St. Peter's Church is as follows:

Active Members at start of the year: 363

Restored from Inactive Status: 0                      Gained by Transfer In: 0

Moved from Non-Member/Active to Member/Active: 11

Lost by Death: (8)                                      Lost by Transfer Out: (0)

Gained by Baptism: 7                                      Moved to Inactive Status: (0)

Database Correction: (9)

Active Members, end of Year: 364

Non-Member, Active (have not officially transferred in): 48 (2021: 37)

## Rector's Warden

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



The lyrics of this familiar hymn, borrowed from our Stewardship campaign, came to mind as I reflected on the past year serving as Rector's Warden.

2022 was a year of renewed inspiration as we more fully came to worship in person while continuing to grow our online community of saints. We all labored on and did the work our ministries and parish require to thrive. Throughout the year we greeted new members, celebrated baptisms, and weddings, shared good wishes to dedicated members who moved away, prayed for healing, and mourned the loss of dear family members. I am forever grateful to our St Peter's family for being so supportive and faithful in your duties and spiritual journey's we share with one another.

The business of the Parish was met with enthusiasm and our fiscal responsibilities were handled head on. I thank the dedicated staff, finance committee, audit team and vestry for their diligence to work through new best practices and business plans to drive success. We rejoiced and are putting to good use the Grant monies received. This strengthens our hope for other such opportunities.

I commend the vestry and members of the parish who are working closely with the Rev Canon Dr Rob Droste for their time and commitment to Congregational Growth and Development. Our experience together during the vestry retreat was enlightening and fulfilling. Our goal is to continue this work into the new year providing inspiration while cultivating leaders in our parish.

It has been a rewarding year working with Father Dirk as he prepares for his sabbatical. His dedication, passion and devotion to our parish continues to ignite my enthusiasm to be an active participant and fulfill my obligation as Rectors Warden to the best of my ability. Thank you for the confidence to serve in this position.

*God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
1 Corinthian 1:9

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jane Story  
Rectors Warden- 2022

## People's Warden



I had a boss who would say ‘good things only happen in odd numbered years’, and he would then work to prove his point by asking about different events in your life and what year they happened. Because of this idea, for a while I looked forward to the odd numbered years with anticipation, after all they had to be good years. But the reality is good things happen no matter what number the year and good things happen every day at St Peter’s.

I take part in many different ministries that bring me to our St Peter’s campus frequently. And I am very fortunate in that my time here allows me to see the many good happening all day, all around.

Good happens when leaving a service, a parishioner’s face shows they found the peace and resolve they sought. Good happens when a member of our community comes to a lunch or supper program knowing when they leave, they will not be hungry. Good happens when a hymn or a song played during a service brightens your day; makes you smile and feel good. And good happens when a man from EHAP’s Overnight program tells you how appreciative he is for a meal and just a warm dry place to sleep.

The fact is so many, many things happen on our campus every day that are good and have a positive impact on both us and those around us. For this we should all be very proud. With our ministries and alongside our ministry partners, St. Peter’s is always finding new ways to make the lives of our community better and fuller. Thank you to each of you for being so incredible. You never turn away, hesitate, turn down, or cease to amaze. I am often left speechless and in awe of what gets accomplished here and am deeply honored to be part of this wonderful church family.

So, to Norman (my former boss), please know good things don’t just happen in odd numbered years, they every day and in every way in Freehold. Just come and spend a day at St Peter’s and you’ll see.

Candy Cooper  
People’s Warden

# Finances & Property

## Buildings & Grounds / Crossroads

With the Certificate of Occupancy in place for Crossroads the building is a busy hub. St. Peter's now has a beautiful facility for so many of our own needs, and we continue to provide a place for the food programs and community outreach programs for which we have been recognized. Typically, construction transitions to maintenance, which means the Building Committee can take a well-deserved rest, job well done, and the Parish Administrator, Samantha Daesener, now works with Building and Grounds Team and many other St. Peter's teams who regularly provide Outreach services. Contracts have to be negotiated for maintenance, recommendations made to Vestry for financial approval, etc. This year our rental income from all tenants totaled \$75,445.98. Due to Crossroads opening softly with introductory rates, Covid ebbing, and the updated Keith Building, we anticipate this number to be much higher for 2023.

The new challenge: Samantha and Theresa De Furia, Parish Bookkeeper, worked together to submit a grant application for available Federal flow-through Covid funds and were successful to the tune of approx. \$440,000. WOW! There are certain restrictions re: usage, but much of the money will go toward refurbishment of our Keith Building, primarily exterior repairs. B&G has worked with Sam and Theresa to assess needs and forward recommendations to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry for approval. To date, new energy efficient windows and doors have been installed, replacement siding and roofing contracts have been awarded and work has begun. Security upgrades and electrical upgrades, including new LED lighting and much needed electrical work for our Thrift Shop are underway.



We had the cracks in our concrete block end walls evaluated by a licensed structural engineer. It was determined these cracks signified a serious structural issue that needed to be addressed. Vestry has approved contracts with the engineer and a structural repair company, experienced in this type of work, to begin repairs and handle the permit applications.

The continuing challenge- Jim Hurley, B&G member and also our Groundskeeper, also the person who cleans up debris, bottles, cans and trash (Thank You, Jim) will work with our landscaper to see that needed replacement of plant stock is done. Last summer's lack of rain and high heat may have caused some loss, he'll wait to see how things look this Spring, and make his recommendations after consulting with our landscaper.

Faithfully,  
Crossroads Building Committee  
Building and Grounds Team  
(Who you gonna call? Ghostbusters!)



## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has 2 primary duties:

1. Oversee proper accounting policies and procedures are in place and followed regarding the recording of income and expense transactions in order to produce reports to Vestry that have integrity and are accurate.
2. From Budget development through submission of this Annual Report, we meet monthly, either in person or remotely, to review monthly and year- to- date results versus expectations, and research new issues that come before us over the course of the year. Resulting from the review, we report to Vestry on current results and make recommendations on the impact of those items which may not have been in the approved Budget.

Several important factors influenced 2022, a few were Budgeted, and a few were not. Receiving the Certificate of Occupancy for Crossroads led to our ability to utilize and rent this space. This was Budgeted as well as the conversion of the Construction Financing to a Commercial Loan which now requires St. Peters to pay both interest and principal. The Monmouth County Grant (MCG) and some changes resulting from the 2021 Audit were not Budgeted.

The Financial Report for 2022 Results and the 2023 Budget follow this report.

Total Income for 2022 was \$1,079,700 which was \$497,452 above Budget. Note the MCG was \$453,522 of this variance. Giving was \$100,269 above Budget. Other income items above Budget include Crossroads Pledges \$+46,661, Net Pledges \$+6,888, Pre-Paid Pledges \$+19,935, Prior Year Pledges \$+11,650, Seasonal Offerings \$+7,837 and Flower Income/Memorials \$+3,051. These were the significant variances in Giving. Thrift Shop sales (including EBAY) was lower than Budget by \$(17,602), largely due to a lack of donated goods to sell on EBAY, as well as a slower ramp up on the Thrift Shop early in the year. Rental income was \$(38,637) below Budget, with Crossroads \$(35,440) below. The MCG was \$453,522, which was not Budgeted.

Total Expenses (excluding Capital Projects) finished 2022 at \$619,770, \$+13,771 above Budget. Staff Expenses were \$+11,257 over Budget, with Thrift Shop salaries/benefits accounting for \$+6,639 of the variance. Facilities/Utilities were \$+4,055 over Budget with Utilities over \$+5,019. This was offset by Insurance, Maintenance, Keith Building and Buildings and Grounds. Church Programs and Outreach expenses were essentially on Budget.

Operational Cash Flow for 2022 was \$459,930 versus a Budgeted deficit of \$(23,751) and is due to the variances described above.

The Capital Projects Budget for 2022 covered the completion of the Crossroads Building construction of \$(15,000), and 2 months principal repayment on the new Commercial Loan which was \$5,013. Actual costs were \$3,588 higher than Budget to complete the construction. Also, from the MCG, we incurred \$114,075 in Keith Building enhancements which were not Budgeted.

After Capital Projects, New Cash Flow for 2022 was \$322,254, \$483,681 above Budget. Included in this net result is the MCG of \$453,522 less costs related to the Keith Building noted above of \$114,075. There is \$339,447 remaining from the MCG.

Below is a table comparing December 31, 2022, bank balances to December 31, 2021.

	<b>31-Dec-22</b>	<b>31-Dec-21</b>
Cash Balance- Operating Fund	63,233	79,491
Capital Improvement Fund	339,991	377
Capital Campaign Fund	9,408	2,452
Crossroads Capital & Interest Funds	35,496	45,331
Rector's Discretionary Fund	2,418	-
Thrift Shop	508	1,348
Memorial Fund	11,261	6,093
Downtown Concert Series	2,256	2,254
Raffle Account	819	818
DIT - Endowments	203,542	237,358
Total Cash	<u>\$ 668,933</u>	<u>\$ 375,522</u>
Crossroads Commercial Loan Balance	\$ 988,634	\$ 993,647

The Finance Committee, together with the Vestry, reviewed the 2022 results and formulated a Budget for 2023. We are shifting to focus on the Sources and Uses of Funds.

Total Budgeted Income / Sources for 2023 is \$582,306, a reduction from 2022 of \$497,394. The change is due to 2 factors: MCG \$453,522, and the end of the Crossroads Pledges phase 2 which is carried at a reduction from 2022 of \$49,461.

Giving is showing a reduction of \$62,868. The Crossroads Pledges are \$49,461 lower than 2022, Net Pledges are \$16,496 higher, Prior Year/Pre-Paid Pledges are below 2022 by \$31,585, Seasonal Offerings / Flower Memorials are Budgeted to be \$4,088 lower than 2022, due to the higher than expected giving in December. There is no fundraiser carried in the 2023 Budget.

The Thrift Shop sales show an increase over 2022 of \$14,489. This is due to higher open hours throughout the year. There is no Budget in 2023 for EBAY sales.

Rent is showing a slight increase of \$+2,007 in 2023. Keith Building is carried slightly lower pending finalization of leases which is currently underway. Crossroads shows an increase from 2022 of \$4,840 as expectations are not as high as the 2022 Budget. Hopefully, this is an area which may see improvement in 2023.

Grants is showing a \$2,500 Budget for 2023 as a placeholder to see if additional efforts will lead to future grants. In 2022, the MCG was \$453,522 and is not Budgeted for 2023.

Total Budgeted Expense / Uses for 2023 is \$683,550, an increase of \$63,780 over 2022.

Staff Salaries/Taxes/Benefits increased \$40,725. Certain salary/benefit adjustments occurred during 2022 and are carried for all of 2023. Staff expenses shows an increase of \$6,851 and is the result of Father Dirk's sabbatical costs, including Supply Priest and Continuing Education.

Outreach/Diocesan Pledge decreased from 2022, resulting from the elimination of the EHAP rent subsidy of (\$7,836) partially offset by an increase of 5% on the Diocesan Pledge of \$2,113.

Church Programs increased by \$2,907 to \$21,705. Music Ministry has Budgeted an increase for Section Leaders which is long overdue.

Facilities / Utilities increased by \$19,020. The significant changes are: Utilities/Telephone \$8,626, Insurance \$1,773 increase, and grant writing support \$5,000 increase. Other expenses, including Loan Interest are near 2022 amounts.

Based upon the above, Cash Flow from Operations shows a negative (\$101,244), a decline of (\$561,174) from 2022. MCG (\$453,522), Crossroads Pledges (\$49,461) and total Staff expenses (\$47,576) are the primary cause of this variance.

Capital Projects for 2023 reflects a full year reduction of principal (\$31,072) on the Loan, and the Keith Building enhancements (estimated) of \$148,505.

Net Cash Flow for 2023 is Budgeted at a negative (\$280,821). Note the ending 2022 cash balance (excluding DIT) as \$465,390. Cash at the end of 2023 is Budgeted to be \$184,569. This is significant as payments on the Loan will be \$78,000 in 2024 and a 2 month buffer on expenses of approximately \$105,000 indicates St Peters should have available funds well into 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
St. Peter's Finance Committee

Jim Price, Theresa De Furia, Kurt Tweten, Bruce Edmonds, Tom Entrup, Doug Hackett,  
Fr. Dirk Reinken



**Comparison Of 2023 Budget  
To 2022 Actual Results**

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Budget vs 2022 Actual Higher/(Lower)
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>GIVING</b>				
Pledge Payments	205,000	201,638	229,615	27,977
Allowance Pledge Shortfalls	(10,250)	-	(11,481)	(11,481)
Crossroads Pledge/Non Pledge	25,000	71,661	22,200	(49,461)
Unpledge Payment	18,000	17,278	10,392	(6,886)
Plate Offerings	450	2,325	2,400	75
Prior Year Pledge Payment	750	12,400	750	(11,650)
Pre-paid Pledge	-	19,935	-	(19,935)
Seasonal Offerings	2,850	10,687	7,150	(3,537)
EYC Fund Raiser	-	854	-	(854)
Coffee Income	180	126	240	114
Supper Fund	645	1,350	900	(450)
Music rent inc+special contrib	7,200	7,725	7,200	(525)
Flower Income	1,700	4,751	4,200	(551)
Income Offset	240	-	600	600
Special Income	480	321	480	159
Miscellaneous Income	360	1,658	360	(1,298)
Other	-	165	-	(165)
Memorial / Capital Improvement Giving	-	-	15,000	15,000
subtotal Giving	252,605	352,874	290,006	(62,868)
<b>THRIFT SHOP SALES</b>				
Thrift Shop Sales	194,000	185,881	202,787	16,906
EBAY Sales	12,000	2,417	-	(2,417)
subtotal Thrift Shop Sales	206,000	188,298	202,787	14,489
<b>RENTAL INCOME</b>				
Keith Building -Rent	76,643	73,346	70,773	(2,573)
Crossroads Rent	45,000	9,560	14,400	4,840
Church Event Rent	2,000	2,100	1,840	(260)
subtotal Rental Income	123,643	85,006	87,013	2,007
<b>GRANTS</b>				
Other Grants	-	-	2,500	2,500
Monmouth Grant -Restricted Keith Bldg / '22 Covid Expenses	-	208,515	-	(208,515)
Monmouth Grant -Non Restricted Revenue Loss/Covid Costs	-	245,007	-	(245,007)
subtotal Grants	-	453,522	2,500	(451,022)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>582,248</b>	<b>1,079,700</b>	<b>582,306</b>	<b>(497,394)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>STAFF</b>				
Staff Salary / Taxes / Benefits	330,539	346,582	387,307	40,725
Other Staff Expenses	11,015	6,229	13,080	6,851
subtotal Staff Expenses	341,554	352,811	400,387	47,576
<b>OUTREACH / DIOCESAN PLEDGE</b>				
Total Community Outreach	10,300	10,396	2,560	(7,836)
Diocesan Assessment	42,239	42,239	44,352	2,113
subtotal Outreach	52,539	52,635	46,912	(5,723)
<b>CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>				
Music	12,846	11,443	14,640	3,197
Hospitality	1,284	271	840	569
Altar	5,225	5,094	4,400	(694)
Christian Fortmation	900	1,277	1,200	(77)
Parish Life Organizations.	180	713	625	(88)
subtotal Church Programs	20,435	18,798	21,705	2,907

FACILITIES / UTILITIES	Comparison Of 2023 Budget To 2022 Actual Results			
	2023 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
Insurance	46,008	43,052	44,825	1,773
Offset Expense	240	-	600	600
Natural Gas	19,041	22,661	27,845	5,184
Electric	13,513	14,844	16,470	1,626
Water & Sewer	1,814	1,942	2,240	298
Telephone	11,988	11,038	12,556	1,518
Office	15,934	16,655	15,900	(755)
Maintenance	18,000	12,958	11,040	(1,918)
Keith Building	6,800	5,421	6,740	1,319
Building & Grounds	6,507	15,645	14,760	(885)
Other	3,649	3,466	14,640	11,174
Loan Interest	47,977	47,844	46,930	(914)
subtotal Facilities / Utilities	191,471	195,526	214,546	19,020
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>605,999</b>	<b>619,770</b>	<b>683,550</b>	<b>63,780</b>
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>(23,751)</b>	<b>459,930</b>	<b>(101,244)</b>	<b>(561,174)</b>
<b>Capital Projects Budget</b>				
Crossroads - Construction Cost	(15,000)	(18,588)	-	18,588
Crossroads - Principal Repayment	(5,013)	(5,013)	(31,072)	(26,059)
Keith Bldg Enhancements	-	(114,075)	(148,505)	(34,430)
Covid 2022 expenses	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(43,764)</b>	<b>322,254</b>	<b>(280,821)</b>	<b>(603,075)</b>
Beginning Cash without DIT funds		143,136	465,390	322,254
Ending Cash without DIT Funds		<b>\$ 465,390</b>	<b>\$ 184,569</b>	<b>\$ (280,821)</b>
Crossroads Loan Balance		<b>\$ 988,634</b>	<b>\$ 957,562</b>	<b>\$ (31,072)</b>

**Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets**  
**BUDGET 2023**

	Total All Funds	General / Operating Fund	Thrift Shop	Memorial Fund	Capital Improvement Grant \$	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Campaign Crosscreek	Kaifu Fund	OT Securities Fund	Downstream Concert Series
<b>Revenue:</b>										
Cash offerings, pledges and contributions	289,648	252,448	-	10,000	-	5,000	22,200	-	-	-
Rental Income	87,013	72,613	-	-	-	-	14,400	-	-	-
Fundraising Income	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thrift Shop sales	202,797	-	202,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other contributions and revenue	366	366	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>582,326</b>	<b>327,919</b>	<b>202,797</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>38,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>										
Staffing Costs	400,387	326,535	73,851	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director's Assessment	44,352	44,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	44,825	44,825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expense	600	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities- Natural Gas, Electric, Water	48,555	27,975	8,800	-	-	-	8,780	-	-	-
Telephone	12,556	12,556	2,300	-	-	-	4,800	-	-	-
Office Expense	15,900	15,900	840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance, Earth Bldg, Bldgs & Grounds	32,540	25,300	7,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alar Expense	4,400	4,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children Furniture	1,200	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expense	14,840	8,940	2,100	-	-	-	3,800	-	-	-
Community Outreach	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hospitality	840	840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Life Organizations	625	625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	14,840	14,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan- Interest	45,936	-	-	-	-	-	45,936	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>683,549</b>	<b>523,308</b>	<b>85,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Loan - Principal Repayment	31,072	-	-	-	-	-	31,072	-	-	-
Christa's construction completion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Funds estimated for Kaifu Bldg	148,505	-	-	-	148,505	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash generated or needed</b>	<b>(90,221)</b>	<b>(795,388)</b>	<b>197,856</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>(148,505)</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(89,883)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRANSFERS -</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195,348</b>	<b>(107,856)</b>	<b>(05,000)</b>	<b>(153,015)</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>92,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,256)</b>
Beginning Balance Sheet Account	696,844	79,604	1,081	11,260	343,174	139	45,945	819	213,466	2,256
Ending Balance Sheet Account	435,023	79,604	1,081	2,260	41,654	139	78,200	819	213,466	-

approx 3 months expenses covered for 2024	same profit as 2022	current year plus prior balances to be distributed	Grant revenue last amount covering Crosscreek and Operating Budget	socialized expenses may be covered by remaining Grant \$	cover 2024 payments	no change projected	no change projected	assume close out
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# Liturgy & Music

## Acolytes



Serving at the Altar is one of the key ministries of worship and it is open to any one age ten or older. It is neither a Youth Ministry, nor an adult ministry that welcomes youth – it is open to everyone. Many churches have inter-generational acolyte ministries, which helps build relationships and provide mentors for the younger members of the congregation.

Acolytes carry the cross and torches in processions, ring the sanctus bells, and assist in setting up and cleaning up the Altar. We are in the process of rebuilding our acolyte program. The combination of an age gap between graduating teens and younger kids plus the pandemic decimated our ranks! Thank you to Tommy Alsager, Will Alsager, Jamie Delgado, Matt Delgado, Charlie Lettice, and Mary Simon who have faithfully served week-in and week-out or helped us with special holy days.

If you are interested, please let Father Dirk ([rector@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:rector@stpetersfreehold.org)) or Deacon Catherine ([deacon@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:deacon@stpetersfreehold.org)) know.

## Altar Guild

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Psalm 96:9*



Have you ever wondered about how the church is set up for services each week? Have you noticed the colorful vestments that change with the liturgical seasons? Have you ever heard some uncommon words used to describe some of the lovely, shiny vessels that provide for Holy Eucharist in our services like: chalice, patten, or cruet? These things are cared for and prepared by the Altar Guild!

This ministry is essential to the worship of the congregation. Each week we prepare the church for worship services. We clean the church chancel area, chapel, sacristies and narthex, polish silver and brass, care for candles and do setup and cleanup for regularly scheduled services, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Officially, the major functions of the Altar Guild are to “prepare for the worship of the church, to provide for the suitable furnishing and decoration of the altar and to take due and reverent care of its appointments, and to have a general oversight of the proper cleaning of the church.” We have continued this function throughout the history of St. Peter’s Church.

We are organized into three small, but mighty, teams working on a rotating basis on Saturday mornings or flexible times during the week that work for team members. Currently that means a commitment for about two hours every three weeks, and some extra support to prepare for the holiday seasons. We are blessed to have members who clean and prepare the linens for services, and we are grateful. Candy Cooper keeps us organized, and ensures schedules are made and supplies are ordered. We are so grateful for her work. We look forward to welcoming Yahaira Mendez to our ministry this year!



However, we are definitely in need of new members to build out our teams so that we can provide better coverage. We would love to add YOU to our group. Please consider serving with us! We believe it will enrich your participation in worship in many wonderful ways. We welcome anyone to join and encourage confirmands and mentors to join us for a “behind the scenes” look at worship. To discuss trying out or joining the Altar Guild ministry, contact one of our co-directors: Meg Tweten ([mtteach@optonline.net](mailto:mtteach@optonline.net)) or Candy Cooper ([coopspan@yahoo.com](mailto:coopspan@yahoo.com)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Tweten and Candy Cooper

## Blessings & Blooms Ministry

Blessings & Blooms decorates and prepare the church during key liturgical seasons

This past year, we successfully transformed the church for Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas with more hands of volunteers than normal- THANK YOU ALL

Goals for the Upcoming Year (2023) – Grow our team to provide opportunities of fellowship and creativity during each liturgical season-transitioning the leadership to new creative volunteers.

How to become involved in the ministry-VOLUNTEER to water plants, decorate, fluff bows or just to come laugh and lend your support spiritually and financially when our church seasons change.



”FRIENDS ARE THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN YOUR LIFE”

### 2022 Annual Report - Blessings and Blooms Ministry

St Peter’s Episcopal Church, Freehold NJ

Blessings and Blooms Current Team: Susan Jane Story, Deb Turi-Smith, Nancy Bilicki, Marilee Nichols, Lynne Stokes.

Assisted by Larry Story, Jim Hurley, Jackie Jones, Mary Alsager, Eric Alsager, Michael Chin, Mary Simons, Diane and Tom Entrup and all of Altar Guild with thanks.



**“Many blessings fill our space with Blooms and Decorations that bring smiles to each face” sjs**

The beautiful transformation of our historic church each season is made possible with the creative use of Greens, Florals, Candles and a variety of props. Traditional and new ideas combined with thoughtful preparation and meditations inspired the 2022 seasonal offerings presented by Blessings and Blooms.

The palms and flowers carefully selected in a variety of beautiful colors representing nature's finest to the 22 Stars placed around the church representing the year and the folded prayer books pages creased with loving kindness all bring to life the joy and meaning of each liturgical season.

The Purpose of Blessings and Blooms Ministry is to share one's time and talents to help decorate the church during the program year. What once was the “Christmas Greening” has become a yearlong opportunity to participate. There are many options to help out both physically and financially. It's a labor of love that brings joy to those who serve and those who witness the transformations. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention that “What goes up Must come down”. Thank you to the many hands who make for light work and are the behind-the-scenes church mice who climb the chapel basement stairs, set up ladders and help with the details as we stretch our imaginations with new offerings.

The Blessings and Blooms ministry is one for ALL parishioners to take part in regardless of age.

How you ask?

**VOLUNTEER** to help when we make announcements about setting up and decorating dates. Have ideas you would like to see or try? We are seeking new leaders to step forward and be part of the team to lead the design and set up. New ideas and new eyes always welcome.



**Donations** are also a vital and necessary part for the weekly offering of Altar flowers to continue and to replace and replenish the seasonal supplies. Please consider now your dates and donation to honor a family member, celebration, or memorial. The suggested donation of \$40.00 for weekly flowers is one that can be included in your online giving or sent to the office. If you have a request for specific flowers you can choose to order and pay “Especially For You” florist directly, for the week you want to be recognized. The floral signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the parish office with your request. WE sincerely thank the many kind donors for your seasonal offerings- we have many to honor and memorialize each year.

“KNOCK and the DOOR  
shall be open unto you”

This years Advent meditation took us through the 4 weeks leading up to the Birth of Jesus on a journey of faith using visual signs of growth and change.

The Greens- our foundation  
The Branches-strength and light  
The Colors-Purple and Pink Joy  
The Holly and Berries-sharp reminders of the struggles

Christmas Joy celebrated with the added  
Poinsettias and Cardinals honoring memories of  
the past.



The Blessings and Blooms Ministry Team  
Attest- Susan Jane Story  
2022

## **Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist with distribution of Communion during worship. Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Reserved Sacrament too the sick and shut-in of the parish. Both ministries are trained and supervised by the clergy and are licensed by the Bishop. Any baptized and confirmed parishioner sixteen or older is eligible to be trained.

As we come out of our pandemic-era protocols, 2023 will be an opportunity to strengthen this ministry. Deacon Catherine currently takes communion to several homebound parishioners a month and officiated an Evening Prayer service with communion from the Reserved Sacrament at Applewood on most Wednesdays. There are opportunities for laity to help support and extend these ministries as LEMs and LEVs as well.

Interested individuals should speak with one of the clergy.

## Lectors



Lectors read the lessons from the Old and New Testaments at the Eucharist or Morning or Evening Prayer.

The lectors of St. Peter's look forward to continuing their ministry of bringing the words of holy scripture to God's people in 2023. Lectors currently serving at the 10:00 am service are: Janet Birckhead, Adriana Crump, Theresa DeFuria, Karen Smith, Susan Jane Story, Joe Whall, Kathy Whall and Mark Willis. While the majority read the lessons from the pulpit, others may choose to record their readings in advance on their smartphones and send to Fr. Dirk and Brit Montoro for playback during the service.

Joe Whall coordinates the lector schedule for the 10:00 am service. Adults and youth comfortable with reading in public are enthusiastically welcomed to join the team. Lectors serve on a rotational basis. The lessons for the following Sunday are sent by email earlier in the preceding week so that readers can become familiar with the verses. If you would like to join the Lector Team for 10:00 am, please reach out to Fr. Dirk or Joe.

If you would like to serve as a lector at the 8:00 am service, please speak with Fr. Dirk, who will be delighted to accommodate your interest.

Submitted by Joe Whall

## Music Ministries

### St. Peter's Choir & Peter's Rock



As I enter my fifth year at St. Peter's as music director, I can see how the past several years have been fruitful for our music ministry in so many ways. We continue to weather the challenges of music making in an ongoing pandemic and we rise to the occasion to present musical offerings set apart for our Lord with our time, talent, and treasure. I am fiercely dedicated to making sure our music ministry presents repertoire that gives glory to God not only from the rich tradition of our current resources but also by expanding our musical knowledge to include marginalized composers as well. I hope I have been able to make that marriage of old and new a meaningful one and it is something I continue to do going forward.

Our longtime section leader Danyel Shiflet stepped down from her position as section leader in the Fall of 2022. While she filled many roles at St. Peter's with her work with Wiggle and Worship, Christmas Pageant, vocal support for Peter's Rock, and choir section leader, she wanted to make room for a new singer and focus on her work with Cornerstone Music Studios. We are blessed to have Westminster Choir College graduate Yasmine Swanson in our soprano section. I had the opportunity to work with Yasmine with a visiting opera company Redivivus Opera that showcased J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata at All Saints Princeton and at St. Peter's in



Freehold. The attendance was wonderful, and the coffee reception afterward was even better. I hope to continue to collaborate with Redivivus for future productions that bring community members in for our artistic endeavors.

We saw growth in our music ensembles as well with Will Alsager in Peter's Rock and Nancy Condardo in St. Peter's choir. Will attends Howell Performing Arts and Nancy is a retired organist from St. Aloysius. My spouse Ian Highcock in addition to being a section leader has volunteered their voice for Peter's Rock. Alexander Mason our tenor section leader is an accomplished flautist who has joined choir and bell choir with his fantastic solos. I always keep the door open for anyone who is willing to sing with us in Peter's Rock and St. Peter's Choir and while prior musical experience is great, I encourage anyone who feels called to this ministry to seek me out on Sunday morning. I believe in the power of everyone's innate musicianship and want to encourage any of you who love to sing in the pews to prayerfully consider music ministry. Peter's Rock meets on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and St. Peter's Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm. We have a lot of fun together and do not worry if you make a mistake as we are all learning together! Perfect should never be the enemy of the good and if you have any musical bone in your body, you are more qualified than you give yourself credit for! More singers and instrumentalists are always appreciated!



A major highlight of the year for me was seeing how the Youth Ministry came together for their amazing reception for the Silent Film Spooktacular in October with *Phantom of the Opera*. From amazing decorations that warmed the heart of my inner Goth to homemade treats, it was an outpouring of love and appreciation for this yearly event. Our parish administrator Sam came up to me to make sure everything was what I wanted and I was beyond impressed and immensely thankful for the way that the church came out to have a good time in the spirit of Halloween. We raised over \$400 dollars for Crossroads, Youth Group, and the Music Ministry. I imagine next year will be just as wonderful. Ursula Hurley even asked me if I would don my garb for the children during the Freehold Haunted Hayrides before my reprise performance at the Methodist Church that weekend and I was happy to oblige being scary in public.

A long term project I would like to engage in is a fundraising campaign for congregational Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnals. LEVAS is a treasure of Black Sacred Music and I have made it a point to select from that resource not just only for Black History Month but all year round. If you have any interest in assisting with getting this off the ground, it would be appreciated as I intend to push for this during the coming year. We may also not cut down as many trees with hymn inserts if we are lucky! This year and next year I will continue to use service settings and hymns from LEVAS to keep worship relevant and engaging.

Another long term project you have already seen the fruits of has been my Hymnal 1982 Improvisation project. I am currently over 300 hymns into our hymnal and hope this year to be able to finish the project. It was rather surreal to walk into Crossroads Hall during the Stewardship Ingathering All Saints reception and hear myself play over Youtube. So many of you have told me how touched you have been by my musical offering. Our music ministry received donations for the project over the past year and I have been told that having it on has been relaxing as well. I have been jokingly calling it "Lofi Hymns to Worship Plan to."

The start of 2023 has been rocky for me personally. After a very busy concert and service season in December 2022 which included a successful Blue Christmas service and fellowship hosted by Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Daughters of the King, I contracted COVID for the first time. It was not the way I wanted to enter into the New Year especially after we had such wonderful Christmas services. I have never had to call out on a Sunday morning in my life I was feeling so awful. While treatment with Paxlovid and rest has been helpful and I was able to get back to service playing over the weekend, I do need to continue to take it easy as I ease into the year. Your continued prayers are appreciated as I recover a day at a time and continue to mask in the home to make sure Ian my spouse and section leader does not get sick.

I am grateful for your continued support of St. Peter's music ministry and of me personally as your music director. I hope that 2023 will be another wonderful year for us and that any of you who feel called to serve in our beloved ministry will do so. Please feel free to contact me at [music@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:music@stpetersfreehold.org) if you want to get involved. I also offer coachings if you are looking to better your musical skills, whether you join us in ensemble or are still discerning. Please come catch me and say hello after church before I run off to my next musical activity. I welcome it!

Respectfully submitted,  
Brit Montoro (they/them/theirs)

## Music Ministries

### King's Peal Bell Choir

Our Purpose: To foster teamwork, responsibility, education, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship while providing music for church services, concerts, and related activities.

King's Peal was organized in 1981 and has been active for many years. We are a group of teens and adults who love to share our love of music through the art of handbell ringing. Musical knowledge is not necessary; however, a keen sense of rhythm is a must! Ringing is accomplished by using color coding and works very well for readers and non-readers alike.

We are excited to be back this year with almost all the members needed to play a full five octaves of bells. We also use hand chimes as a compliment to the sound of handbells. We usually play for one Sunday a month or more. Rehearsals are held up in the balcony at the rear of the sanctuary, on Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like more information, you can either call or text me on 732 740 6399 (my cell). My email is [kc2hpej@gmail.com](mailto:kc2hpej@gmail.com).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jackie Jones, Handbell Director



## Ushers

**Purpose of Ministry:** We are happy to warmly welcome you at every church service. Whether you are a regular, returning, or new parishioner, or a guest we welcome you. We are here to offer advice, direction, or help when needed and assist in guiding the flow of traffic during communion.

The Ushers Ministry has done a great job of keeping up with the Covid restrictions as they were put into place and changed several times over the past three years. It has been our responsibility to ensure the changes are followed for everyone's safety and welfare. We all have learned to adapt to the COVID protocols so we can enjoy each service, and we thank you for your patience and cooperation. The Ushering Ministry is always happy to welcome anyone interested in participating. Please contact me via email at [Yahairamendez15@gmail.com](mailto:Yahairamendez15@gmail.com) for more details.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yahaira Mendez

# Parish Ministry

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew & Daughters of the King

Who are we?

The Daughters of the King's vision: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

The Brotherhood of St Andrew's vision: To bring men and youth to Christ. The Brotherhood endeavors to accomplish this mission through the threefold Disciplines of Prayer, Study and Service.



So you see how closely related the two are and how natural it was at St Peter's for the two groups to come together as the pandemic limited our actions, and age, relocations, and other obligations took a toll on membership numbers of both ministries.

2022 saw us continue our in-person meetings, although a Zoom option remains available. Each month, 6-8 of us meet for coffee and light prepared foods (the Brothers have not returned to cooking their usual not-so-healthy breakfasts, yet!). We spend time

together in Morning Prayer, Bible study, discussing some business aspects for either ministry, and most importantly, we share the Fellowship of those gathered.

While both the Daughters and the Brotherhood have action in our intended mission, limited human resources and learning to navigate post-COVID times have been challenging to what we can do.

The biggest contribution we were able to make in 2022 was to facilitate the Blue Christmas/Longest Day Service at the holidays in December. The Brotherhood and Daughters brought the idea to Fr. Dirk and the staff. The result as a beautiful and well attended service, followed by a reception with light desserts and lively Fellowship.

Why join us? A member remarks that "Engaging in quiet prayer and study in a small group of friends enriches my soul."

To get more information on either group, contact:

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Kathy Whall at [kathywhall203@gmail.com](mailto:kathywhall203@gmail.com) ; Mark Willis at [mwillisx@gmail.com](mailto:mwillisx@gmail.com)

## Christian Formation

**Purpose of Ministry:** Faith formation, or the forming of people as disciples of Jesus Christ, is a lifelong journey. We offer a variety of programs to help equip people of all ages for this journey, including programs at church and resources for the development of faith in the home.

2022 offered both challenges and blessings as we continue to respond to the realities of the multi-year pandemic and its effect on our onsite gatherings. If anything, the pandemic has confirmed our belief that faith must be present and active in the home as well as at church, and our programming continues to support and affirm that belief. As such, our goal is to equip our parishioners, by resourcing and modeling faith practices; to empower our parishioners, by giving them space and permission to become disciples of Christ; and to encourage our parishioners, by walking with them in their faith journeys.

### Formation at St. Peter's in 2022:

- Our website continues to grow as a hub for online faith formation. In addition to the 12 Faith Practices resource pages we developed last year, we continue to offer season-specific resource pages. All of these provide links and information about a variety of resources to support faith in all ages and stages.
- We continue to be inspired by and respond to God through the rhythms of the liturgical year in many ways, including:
  - In Lent we offered **Gathering at the Cross**, the first of a series of casual Saturday evening gatherings in Crossroads. These events are designed to engage all ages, and feature more hands-on faith engagement, fellowship and food, and a simple worship service. We hope to repeat this model throughout the year. We also offered **Floriography**, a take-home daily devotional from SALT+.
  - Pentecost brings our annual participation in **Thy Kingdom Come**, a global prayer movement in which we've participated for several years. We look forward to continuing to develop these resources in 2023.
  - In Advent, our printed devotional was **From Generation to Generation**, picking up on the **Origin Stories** theme identified by Father Dirk for this year. As we move into 2023 we will continue to explore that theme, both our individual stories and our stories as the people of God.
  - Finally, our **Christmas Pageant** brought the inspired telling of the nativity story on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all who participated, planned, and supported this endeavor—it is a joyful way to wrap up the calendar year, and remind ourselves that we are engaged in telling the story of Jesus and living as his disciples in all that we do throughout the year!
- For our regular formation programming, **Wiggle and Worship** resumed year, with the assistance of Theresa DeFuria. This is our Sunday morning formation for children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet in the Hein Room from the Sermon to the Peace, and talk about Bible stories and seasonal observations. Attendance was rather spotty at the start of the year, but has become more regular this fall.



- This year our current batch of **confirmands** (8 in total) continued their preparation in our two-year program, led by Ed DeFuria and supported by Candy Cooper and Theresa DeFuria. We meet twice a month on Sunday evenings in Crossroads, and the group has really come together in faith and fellowship. This group will be confirmed either in spring or early fall of 2023, and we'll welcome a new cohort in fall 2023. We are grateful to all the confirmands, who have committed to this journey; to their families, who support them in this; and to the many members of St. Peter's, who have shared their faith with these young people in many contexts.
- Our **Youth Group** is also active! Please see the separate report for this ministry later in the document.

I want to thank everyone who has supported, inspired, and participated in our faith formation ministry this year. We have thrived in 2022, and are greatly blessed in this ministry. The work of formation, of equipping, empowering, and encouraging disciples of all ages, continues into a new year at St. Peter's! Contact Anne Delgado ([formation@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:formation@stpetersfreehold.org)) for more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Delgado  
Director of Formation

## Inclusion Ministry (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)

Current DE&I Committee Members and Alumnus: Lester Archambeau, Mera Archambeau, Mayra Caceres, Adriana Crump, Deacon Catherine Esposito, Brit Montoro, Janine Moore, Rev. Dirk Reinken, Anna Tweten, and Mark Willis

The Inclusion Ministry Task Force was created by Father Dirk in response to a need identified by the Vestry to create a strong, purposeful inclusion statement for St. Peter's, which is currently viewable on our church website and on the first page of his booklet! The DE&I Committee met virtually several times over the past year with the goal of starting a DE&I conversation, and to craft this statement. Along the way we were guided by scripture and deep, heartfelt listening to each others' experiences. Committee members include Church staff and parishioners who represent many racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds and include activists in the disability and LGBTQ+ communities. Possible next steps that the committee identified to help St. Peter's grow into a more equitable and loving, Christ-like community include connecting with national and diocesan DE&I resources, bringing speakers and events to the church on related topics, and creating visual signals of safety on Church buildings and grounds.

*We need your help!* Several members of this committee are rotating out due to other life commitments. If you feel called to this ministry or would like to share your perspective, please contact Anna Tweten (she/her) at [altweten@gmail.com](mailto:altweten@gmail.com). Your unique voice is valued here!

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Team for the current year consists of Fr. Dirk along with Doug Hackett, George Kudlacik, Susan Story and Joe Whall. We receive active support from all vestry members and from Theresa DeFuria, our parish bookkeeper and payroll manager.

This year's Stewardship theme is "For all the Saints," celebrating how we are joined by God's love with all Christians in this world and the next, and in particular with all the saints who now call, have called or will call St. Peter's their parish home. Our gifts of time, talent and treasure are to a community that loves and serves in imitation of Jesus.

Our financial pledges are an important means for us to live out our baptismal vows as God's hands and heart in today's world. In 2022, we received pledges amounting to \$217,005. For 2023, as of January 31, we have received 64 pledges amounting to \$218,841.00

St. Peter's has a strong tradition of calling on parishioners to convey to all of us their personal witness as saints and stewards. This year we were blessed to hear stewardship reflections from Roberta Schanck, Anne Delgado and Ed DeFuria. Videos of their witnesses can be found at [stpetersfreehold.org/stewardship](http://stpetersfreehold.org/stewardship) or on the St. Peter's Church Freehold YouTube Channel in a Playlist.

Although there is a definite stewardship season in the fall designed to help the finance committee and vestry determine the level of financial resources available for the coming year, the door is open throughout the year to receiving new commitments. A link to submitting a pledge on-line is available through our website. Please also feel free to call upon any member of the stewardship team or vestry if you would like to discuss first.

Submitted by Joe Whall

## Youth Group

**Purpose of Ministry:** To create a safe and nurturing space for our youth to explore and continue their journey in a community of faith; to see how God is working in their lives. We offer multiple opportunities for our youth (students from 7th to 12th grade) to gather in prayer, fellowship, and service.



After a few years of smaller numbers due to demographics and graduations, 2022 brought in a lot of new faces to our Youth Group, including our most recent confirmands. This year we have also welcomed a few non-St. Peter's YG members—testimony to an impactful ministry! We also celebrated the completion of the leadership term of Mayra Caceres and Tina Crafton, and welcomed in a new leadership team: Mary Alsager, Candy Cooper, Sam Daesener, and Anne Delgado. This continues to be a dynamic ministry, as we nurture and equip our young

people as full members of our St. Peter's faith community, focusing on service, fellowship, and learning.

- In the spring, the **Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast** resumed in Crossroads Hall. The Youth Group provided pancakes and fixings, led by Laura McAulay, for the congregation in the first fellowship Sunday post-pandemic! The Youth Group also continued their Valentine fundraiser, delivering candy and notes to our home-bound parishioners.
- The rest of spring and summer was unstructured time for this ministry, although many of our members continue to participate in a variety of ministries as individuals: Peter's Rock, King's Peal, acolyting and ushering, Community Suppers, etc.
- This fall, we established a twice-monthly pattern of YG meetings in coordination with the confirmation program, since many of our members overlap. We began using our dedicated Youth Group room (name TBA!) in Crossroads, complete with sofa, TV, and foosball table. Although we have asked our members to be here for 3 hours twice a month, we have kept up remarkably consistent attendance! Our fall events included:
  - Supporting the **Halloween Spooktacular** in October (*Phantom of the Opera*, performed by Brit Montoro). The YG decorated the narthex and sold tickets and refreshments as a fundraiser for this successful event.
  - In November, the YG took several shifts at **Freehold Area Open Door**, preparing food boxes for Thanksgiving. We were complemented on our hard work and helpfulness, and our group packed several hundred boxes! We also decorated and distributed **Prayer Pumpkins** for use during the Thanksgiving season.
  - In December, we raised money for **Episcopal Relief & Development Gifts for Life** as our Christmas gifting ministry. We sold hot chocolate throughout the weekend of Cornerstone Music Studios Holiday Concerts, which were held at St. Peter's in mid-December, and solicited generous donations from our St. Peter's parishioners. Over \$500 was raised, and we will choose how to spend that money through ERD in January.



As we move into 2023, we continue our focus on identifying God at work in our world, and ways we are called to join God in this mission. We are having lots of fun and building relationships, and serving our St. Peter's and Freehold communities. We are also spending time learning our faith language, retelling familiar Bible stories, and exploring faith practices like prayer and worship. We invite the youth of St. Peter's and from across our community to join us anytime! Contact Anne Delgado at [formation@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:formation@stpetersfreehold.org) for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Delgado



# Community Outreach & Ministry Partners

## After School Program (Ministry Partner)

In early January of 2022, the After School Program moved to its beautiful new quarters in Crossroads. The space is airy with plenty of sunlight, a beautiful environment for learning. But the end of the 2021-22 school year saw the retirement of Mera Archambeau from an incredible 30-year ministry to the children of Freehold Borough. She was feted with a luncheon in June at Federici's, attended by volunteers past and present, and many of the staff at Open Door. She left very, very big shoes to fill.



Since attendance at the After School Program fell sharply after the pandemic, on Mera's advice, Pat McCarthy and I decided to get the input of administrators and learning specialists in the Freehold Borough Schools. In June we met once with Superintendent Dr. Howe, and then later in June with Dr. Howe, Dr. Samuel Cruz and Natasha Perski, reading specialists at the Learning Center in Freehold. They explained that Freehold Borough now has many more offerings for after school programs, and that it would be difficult to compete with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program, which runs for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, after school until 6 pm. They strongly felt that the better option was to try to help children on-site at the Learning Center on Dutch Lane Road, and to focus on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Ms. Perski led a training session for volunteers on Thursday, October 6. She and Dr. Cruz were both impressed with the fact that all volunteers had experience as educators, and most had decades of experience.

A number of volunteers felt that the program at St. Peter's still had a place. Therefore, we decided to run a program at both locations. 20 students from the Park Avenue School signed up. Of those, about 12 attend regularly, with 6-8 students there on any given day.

We had 40 children sign up at the Learning Center. We divided them into 4 groups of 10, and volunteers see each group only once per week. Currently, there are 6-8 regulars each day.

On December 15, ASP held a Holiday Party attended by 21 students. There were games and activities enjoyed by all. We extend our thanks to GERALYN and Open Door, who bought the pizza. Candy, beverages, and cookies were donated by ASP volunteers. Each child in attendance received a gift bag with a wrapped toy, a deck of playing cards donated by Pat McCarthy, a book donated by Scholastic Books through Susan Story, an activity book donated by MaryAnn Fogler, calendars, writing pads and crayons. The wrapped toys were taken from the store of donations gathered in previous years by Mera Archambeau. In addition, each child was allowed to choose a scarf, hat and gloves from hand-knitted items provided by volunteers Nancy Godbehere and Jane Thiedy of First Presbyterian Church in Matawan.

Though this ministry is sponsored by Open Door, I would like to draw attention to the fact that St. Peter's provides the afterschool program a meeting space with shelves and cabinets for classroom use, storage space in its basement, and use of all facilities free of charge. We are very happy to welcome two new volunteers, JoAnn Price and Catherine Esposito, both from St. Peter's.

Personal attention to students is key to this program. Anyone who would like to help should contact me immediately at [kathywhall203@gmail.com](mailto:kathywhall203@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted  
Kathy Whall.

## Blessing Bag Brigade Lunch Program (Ministry Partner)

Purpose Of Ministry: Dedicated to helping the homeless and those in need.

The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ is a IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit, non governmental organization dedicated to showing compassion and humanitarianism towards those in need. It's been our first-hand experience through this project, that there are everyday items that can make an impact and difference in their world. Our Blessing Bags include such items as bottled water, snacks, socks, deodorant, razors, toothbrush, and travel size toothpaste, soap/body wash, lotion, shampoo and other personal hygiene items you may use.

Our journey has taken us to Freehold, New Brunswick, Newark, Asbury Park, Brick, Long Branch and other Jersey Shore areas, where we are now committed to distributing supplies. We are involved in helping area soup kitchens, food pantries, schools and children with special needs. We are reaching further than ever imagined and look forward to helping many more in need.



Accomplishment in the Past Year (2022): 33,804 Lunches distributed throughout Freehold and surrounding areas. Over 750 Thanksgiving meals were also distributed. Hundreds of coats, sweatshirts, blankets and hand sanitizers. Thousands of Blessing Bag/Hygiene Kits were handed out.

Goals for the Upcoming Year (2023): To continue to grow the community involvement including schools, special need programs and sports organizations.

How can you get involved in the ministry: Please visit us at [BlessingBagBrigadeNJ.org](http://BlessingBagBrigadeNJ.org)

# St. Peter's Community Suppers



**Purpose:** To minister to those in need in the Freehold community by providing hot, nutritious meals in a clean, comfortable setting and in an atmosphere of dignity and fellowship.

## Accomplishments

While we started 2022 serving our twice monthly dinners as take-out only, we joyously returned to in-person dining by welcoming guests in early September to our annual picnic. Since then, our dinners have been hosted in Crossroads Hall. In 2022, the number of guests decreased but the number of meals served increased—710 people were served 1,267 total meals, averaging 30 guests each dinner.

Organizations sponsoring multiple dinners included Colts Neck Reformed Church (3), Hope Lutheran Church (3), and Cost Recovery Solutions (2). St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Millstone, the Linda Detwiler family, and the Millstone Boy Scouts each sponsored one dinner. Two new volunteer families (outside the St. Peter's congregation) each hosted one meal. They solicited monetary donations from family and friends and then arranged with a local Freehold restaurant to cater the meal.



St. Peter's Church hosted eleven dinners. Our annual picnic returned after a two-year hiatus. We had beautiful weather and still plenty of room on 'the green', even with our new building's footprint. We have yet to see the number of guests return to pre-Covid levels. The ones who do attend, however, are very appreciative and are complimentary of our new space.

Our business partners continued to support our takeout operation. Jeff Lane arranged for food donations through his employer and ShopRite of Freehold. Monetary donations from parishioners and supper guests funded the purchase of food and supplies.

Many thanks to each of the dedicated volunteers who donate their time and/or talent to serve those in need in our community. It takes a village to continue this work, and we have been blessed with just that.

## 2023 Goals

- Increase advertising
- Design and purchase a new banner – I think our Lord gave us a nudge to move this along when our decades old banner blew away during a December supper.
- Seek out new sponsors

## Ways to get involved

- Volunteer on dinner days.
- Donate food: May be homemade or store-bought.
- Translator: If you speak Spanish well, we can use your help to converse with our Hispanic guests (15 & older)
- Sponsor a dinner: Consider hosting a dinner with family, friends, and/or co-workers who are interested. Don't worry about providing all the food and volunteers. We can partner with your group to supplement any shortfall.
- Seek out new funding sources.



For more info or to volunteer, contact Marybeth MacKenzie at [mmackenzie3@optonline.net](mailto:mmackenzie3@optonline.net) or 732-713-0984.

## Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program (Ministry Partner)

Without St. Peter's support, the Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP) could not fulfill its mission to serve the homeless and most vulnerable in our community. St. Peter's Episcopal church is indeed at the crossroad of the Freehold community. EHAP is comprised of two distinct programs: the men's winter overnight program, now in its nineteenth year, which is skillfully coordinated by Candy Cooper and the advocacy office located for 6 years at 41 Throckmorton Street in the Keith building. The housing program operates from December 1 through April 1 each year. Initially, each guest is evaluated to determine if they are a good fit for the housing program and whether they are willing to take measures to become self-sufficient. Candy, and an amazing team of volunteers do intake at St. Peter's each night, with the support of our security guards. Candy coordinates with the houses of worship, as well as overseeing transportation, supplies and food for each night.

In addition to the overnight guests, clients are assessed at the EHAP office and assisted by a dedicated group of social workers and volunteers to achieve their goals. EHAP provides assistance with housing, jobs, referrals and case coordination with medical and mental health care, legal issues, social services, social security and a variety of other services on a case by case basis. As a result of the generosity of many members of the community, EHAP offers many supplies including, but not limited to, toiletries, small food bags, backpacks, clothing, bus tickets and gift cards as needed and available. St. Peter's thrift store is very generous and supportive of our clients. Computers and phones are available for client use at our office, which also serves as a respite from the weather.

Approximately 80 clients are served in the EHAP office each month. Currently, 10 men are in the overnight program each night. Six are employed and the others are applying for jobs or benefits to help them become self-sufficient by the end of this season.

EHAP's goal for the upcoming year is to serve more clients by increasing the number of staff and volunteers. This would also allow us to provide a variety of other services. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Nina Rizzo at [nrizzo@ehapinc.org](mailto:nrizzo@ehapinc.org) or call 732-431-2600. Thank you to Reverend Dirk and St. Peter's church for consistently supporting our efforts.

Joan Mandel LSW  
Executive Director

## EHAP Overnight Program

### CAN YOU GIVE ME 7 HOURS?

The Overnight Program is part of EHAP (Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program) and runs annually during the four coldest months of the year, December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the program is to give up to 12 men a good meal and a warm, dry place to sleep during these months and help them get to a better place.

Currently there are 6 houses of worship acting as a host for the men; our 7<sup>th</sup> host stepped back at the end of last year's program. However, while we continue our search for a new host for Sunday nights, the other hosts have graciously agreed to take a few Sundays each in order to keep the program running.

In addition to our regular Tuesday nights, we picked up a Sunday in December and January and will cover the last Sunday of the program in March. ***We still have several weeks open for the donation of meals for the men. If it's something you could do, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please, see the link in the Peppercorn for the signup and all the details.***

Intake still happens every night at St Peter's. The men start coming in around 5:30 and by 6:30 have been processed and picked up by that night's host. Intake is done by an extraordinary group of volunteers who come back every year without hesitation. *Ty Temple, George Lowe, Doug Hackett, Lynn Stokes, Noel Delgado, Adrianna Crump, Jim Hurley, Bruce Edmonds, and our newest volunteer Denise Hayward – you are Rock Stars – Thank You!*

BUT... we are also short a volunteer(s) for our Sunday night intake. After this Sunday there are only 7 Sunday's left in this program year – **that's just 7 hours!** I can honestly say this is a very rewarding program to become involved in. It changes how you view yourself and people in the community. Please consider joining our team – **just 7 hours.**

As I've heard Joan Mandel say several times: the goal is to have the men leave at the end of the program in a much better place than they were when they came into it. The host Houses of Worship and the volunteers work very hard to make this goal happen.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering or donating meals or snacks please see me or email me. I am happy to answer any questions ([coopspan@yahoo.com](mailto:coopspan@yahoo.com)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Cooper, Program Coordinator

# Freehold Area Open Door



## Freehold Area OPEN DOOR

Freehold Area Open Door seeks to assist the most vulnerable among us. Our goal is to meet our clients where they are, address their immediate needs, and then provide support as they develop skills to become self-reliant.

*The food pantry is only part of what we do.*

- **Rental and Utility Assistance** Our Advocacy Director helps clients with rental and utility assistance, to keep people in their homes and keep the lights on.
- **After School Program** Our After School Program assists elementary school students with their homework, Scholarship Program. Years later our Scholarship Program rewards the After School Program students with funds for college.
- **Birthday and Holiday Gifts** Open Door provides birthday gifts for the children of regular clients, ages 6 to 16, who live within our service area. Holiday gifts are made available to those same families, for ages newborn to 17.
- **Senior Treats** Our homebound Seniors receive special treat bags on holidays.
- **Delivery Program** The delivery program services clients who cannot get to Open Door.



**Community Arts Center of Freehold**  
The Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY, Open Door and the Reformed Church of Freehold have partnered to provide quality arts and arts education programs, including a free summer music camp.



**Foodstock, NJ** We have strengthened our partnership with Foodstock; we are grateful they are on our team. We are Fueled By Foodstock and continue to be blessed by this union.

## Food Pantry

In 2022, our food pantry served over 17,350 households with daily and client choice items. (For perspective: in 2019, we served 8,512 households.) The pandemic was only a small part of the increase. Expanding our service area to include all of New Jersey, increasing the frequency a client could receive distribution from one month to as needed (no more than once a week), and improving our available selections all added to the larger numbers. Our daily ready-to-go items have grown from just bakery and produce; they now include ready-to-cook meals, dairy options, and additional non-perishable items. These selections are available and on display for clients to select items using a grocery-store model. Client Choice is available by appointment;



selections can be made using a shopping list model.

Client Choice provides 3-5 days of emergency food and includes meat, dairy, paper products, toiletries, and non-perishable items. Home deliveries continue for those who cannot access the pantry; we deliver to over 100 households each month. We work very closely with our agency partners as a part of the Freehold Safety Net and see great benefit from working together. Our success has only been possible because of our Community Support. In 2022, we were able to resume our school visits which has helped us during slower donation times. We are very proud to add some wonderful choices to our selections. We have added Wegmans, Trader Joe's, Wawa, and Aldi to our store donation rotation. These stores have greatly increased what we can offer our clients every day on a consistent basis. We average over 2,000 Households each month.



Community gardens, partners, and area farmers have helped us add more fresh fruits and vegetables to our rotation.



## Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Open Door. We could not achieve serving so many people without our volunteer family. The addition of the delivery program, increase of store donations, and the volume of donations required to serve over 2,000 households each month would be impossible without them.

### How to get involved

Please visit [FAOpenDoor.org](http://FAOpenDoor.org) and find the many ways you can get involved under Want To Help.

Agency Hours Monday-Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm

Late Night 1st Wednesday of the month until 6:15pm

Donations can be received Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm at our back entrance in the Broad St. Lot. Alternative donation drop at Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ 7 days a week 7am - 7pm in the main gathering area designated location.

## Advocacy Program

In 2022 the Freehold Area Open Door Advocacy program assisted over 600 individuals with their needs. This included Case Management, Financial Assistance, and Transportation. The Transportation support program was added to assist clients with taxi vouchers, bus tickets, and gas. Over \$400,000 in Financial Assistance was awarded to individuals, \$40,000 of which was direct funding from Freehold Area Open Door. We are blessed to work with many community agencies to provide additional resources and financial assistance that our clients so desperately need. The Advocacy Program is the Western Monmouth County Service Unit for the Salvation Army, allowing us to use their resources to serve our clients. In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance, individuals must reside within the towns serviced by the Advocacy Program. Individuals are eligible to receive Financial Assistance once every 12 months, consecutively for 3 years (if needed), and then must wait 2 ½ years before they are eligible to receive additional assistance. That does not mean that they can not meet with our social worker; it simply means that we are helping our clients to become self-sufficient and gain the necessary skills to reach their goals. A large component of the Advocacy Program deals with exactly what the title dictates, advocating for our clients' needs. We provide short-term solution-focused interventions to best assist the individuals we meet with. The Advocacy Program is actively seeking grants in order to be able to better serve our clients. We have been the recipient of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant for over 10 years and are eager to expand our search. The Advocacy Program also runs the Holiday Gift Program. In 2021 we provided holiday gifts for approximately 175 children. In 2022 that number rose to over 500 children.



## 2023 Goals

To maintain and grow our current distribution numbers and continue to meet our Open Door families where they are. A constant mantra of "Be The One" to make sure that we meet the needs of all of our clients. We understand that we may have to assist some clients with both Advocacy and Food Pantry services. We also work very closely with agency partners to make sure that a client can get what they need - even if we don't offer it at Open Door.

Executive Director	Gerilyn Fraggetta-Drury
Advocacy Director	Erika Woods, MSW
Pantry Coordinator	Alyce Meyers



Some Reviews from Greantnonprofits.org



*"The residents here at Heritage Village @ Elton Corner in Freehold are so very pleased and happy with open door. They have been very kind and generous and our residents really look forward to receiving the deliveries once a month. Your doing a fantastic job and we thank you!!"*

*"Thank God for Open Door. They have been so generous and kind. There is a vast selection of food, for every dietary need. The facility is immaculately clean and there are so many volunteers. The staff are so professional and compassionate and the social worker on site is so needed, to guide people who need other benefits. People who made good money would never have thought they would be in need of food nor to make the decision to buy food or put gas in their car."*

*"As a partner agency to Open Door, I can say on behalf of our team that it is always a pleasure working with them - they are a trusted spot in the community, going above and beyond to meet the needs of those served. I admire that Open Door strives to make sure EVERYONE that needs groceries is able to receive them. In addition, the staff and volunteers keep the door open to partners like us, as we sometimes have leftover food or groceries from our events and would like to see it go to use instead of being wasted. There are countless times when Open Door made themselves available and made space to take donations from us, which assured me that these items would make their way to an individual or family in need. At other times, Open Door has offered their surplus to us if they think that we could use it. They are always willing to work together, collaborate, and share resources, and Freehold is lucky to have this pillar in the community!"*

## St. Peter's Thrift Shop & Annex



St. Peter's Thrift Shop and its Annex are two separate stores. These stores feature gently used clothing, housewares, vintage items, and more at affordable prices. The Thrift Shop and Annex help people of all incomes shop with dignity. Proceeds from the thrift stores play a significant role in supporting and funding the many ministries St. Peter's Church offers to the Freehold community.

The Main Thrift Shop hours of operation:

- Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Tuesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Annex Vintage & More hours of operation:

- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Annex operates as two stores throughout the year

1. March - July: Vintage and small furniture
2. September - December: Holiday Shop

Both of the thrift stores stock themselves with donated items from all over the state of New Jersey. In the Main Thrift Store, donations are processed on "Donation Days" and stock is put out immediately on the selling floor. The Main Thrift Store sells a large variety of items at affordable prices. These items are promptly accessible to large crowds of customers on an almost daily basis. The Main Thrift Store Manager has many responsibilities including (but not limited to) bookkeeping, volunteer delegation, cleaning, banking, store organization, inventory organization and relocation, and scheduling of both volunteers and store events (sales, seasonal changeovers, etc.).



The Annex (43 Throckmorton St.) is the "sister store" to the Main Thrift Store (49 Throckmorton St.) and is two doors down from the entrance of the Main Thrift Store. This separate store processes its donations on the days following a donation day. The Annex processes donations consisting of higher-value items, holiday items, vintage items, and small furniture pieces. The Annex is responsible for a small furniture and vintage store in the spring/summer as well as a holiday store during the fall/winter. The Annex Manager is coordinating the two Annex stores at all times during the year.



The Annex follows a timeline for store setup that begins in January and February. During these months the store is closed for business to allow the two Annex employees (Annex Manager and the Donation Manager) to “break down” the previous year’s Holiday shop. In addition, these months are also used to set up the Vintage and Small Furniture Shop featured in the Annex from March to July. In July, the Annex closes once again to change the store from its small furniture layout and return it to its Holiday layout. The Annex manager is responsible for planning the Annex’s schedules. The Annex Manager is also responsible for the Annex’s bookkeeping, store organization, inventory organization, cleaning, and volunteer management (as well as many other duties not listed).

The Donation Manager serves both of the thrift stores and is responsible for the stocking and processing of donated goods. Additionally, the Donation Manager stocks both the Main Thrift Store and the Annex with all of its inventory. The thrift stores receive between 45 and 75 cars filled with donations on any given donation day. Stocking both thrift stores requires an intimate knowledge of material goods to ensure each singular item is sold for its worth in the correct store (e.g. A vintage T-shirt is taken from regular thrift store inventory and is instead sold in the Annex for a higher price). Furthermore, the Donation Manager has a wealth of knowledge on donated goods that is used to yield higher prices for vintage and specialty items in the Annex. The Donation Manager also helps the Main Thrift Store Manager and the Annex Manager with inventory selection, inventory relocation, and inventory organization (as well as many other duties not listed).



Donation days are as follows\*:

- Tuesday and Saturday 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Each day follows different policies, procedures, and planning to operate optimally and successfully. The Main Thrift Store relies heavily on volunteers for the bulk of its everyday workload and maintenance. Volunteer numbers range between one person and eight people per day. The thrift stores require constant attention. The thrift store managers and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that the thrift stores have a clean and enjoyable environment.

## 2022 Achievements

Over the duration of 2022, the thrift stores experienced major volunteer and staffing shortages. Due to these issues, the thrift stores were closed several days out of the year. The Main Thrift Store and Annex employees met weekly to optimize personnel and time management. In 2022, the ultimate goal of the Thrift Store and Annex employees was to keep both stores open as many days as possible, for as long as possible, to maximize profits for St. Peter’s Church. With exemplary teamwork, the Thrift Store employees were capable of achieving this goal in a post-COVID retail environment.

In 2022, the Main Thrift Store and Annex made a combined (gross) total of \$182,873. The totals for each store separately are as shown:

Main Thrift Store:	\$153,440
Annex (Small Furniture/Vintage and Holiday):	\$29,433

The Main Thrift Store was open for a total of 219 days and closed for a total of 23 days in 2022 (not including holidays).

The Annex was open for a total of 85 days in 2022. The Annex's small furniture and vintage store was open for 48 days, while the Holiday shop was open for a total of 37 days. The Annex was closed for eight days (not including holidays) over the course of 2022 as a result of the Thrift Store's staffing issues.

## **2023 Goals**

In the new year of 2023, both the Main Thrift Store as well as the Annex are aiming to avoid closure due to staffing issues. In addition, the managers of the Thrift Stores hope to "bridge the gap" between St. Peter's Church and the thrift stores themselves.

In October of 2022, a Thrift Store Committee was formed with the intention of uniting the St. Peter's congregation with the thrift store employees and volunteers. The Committee also aspires to educate parishioners about the thrift stores. The goal of the Thrift Store Committee is to expand the reach of the thrift store & Annex's mission.

The Main Thrift Store is anticipating a remodeling of its selling floor. Furthermore, the thrift store employees are proceeding with a plan to restructure the Main Thrift Store's processing rooms. The processing rooms will be reorganized and replanned with the intention of higher processing efficiency levels and maximizing utilization of space. The idea of reimagining processing space was brought on by the thrift store managers' 2023 Volunteer Appreciation gesture for long-standing volunteers. Volunteer Appreciation aims to acknowledge volunteers for their dedication as well as their countless hours of laborious work. Moreover, the thrift stores are focusing on creating a safer and more inclusive environment for volunteers. For example, the processing rooms will be redesigned to create less bodily strain for all involved in the processing procedures. Another Volunteer Appreciation gesture is that long-standing volunteers will be receiving birthday cards!

The Annex employees are preparing the store for its reopening this upcoming March. This year, the Annex will rebrand itself as St. Peter's Annex Vintage & More to better encompass the true nature of the store throughout the year.

## **How to Get Involved**

The Thrift Store Managers are working diligently to bring in new volunteers. The managers and current volunteers take great pride in the mission statement of the thrift stores. However, the thrift stores are missing the support necessary to properly serve the St. Peter's mission. The thrift stores cannot operate without volunteer help. Over the past two years, the Thrift Store and Annex have suffered a significant shortage of volunteers. As a result, the thrift store hours and days of operation have been noticeably inconsistent.

To help serve the St. Peter's Thrift Store & Annex mission, join our volunteer team! The Thrift Store is a friendly, clean, and fun atmosphere to be a part of. Managers and volunteers are always available to answer questions and provide assistance.

A SignUpGenius has been created to make signing up to volunteer accessible to all within the church. Below is a QR code and the link to the St. Peter's Thrift Store volunteer SignUpGenius. Any time spent volunteering at the thrift store directly serves and benefits St. Peter's Church. You can sign on to complete as little or as much time that fits your schedule!

SignUpGenius QR code:



SignUpGenius link: [tinyurl.com/thrift-signup](https://tinyurl.com/thrift-signup)

### Contact Us

If there are any questions regarding the Main Thrift Store, or if you would like to volunteer, please call (732) 462-9264.

If there are any questions regarding the St. Peter's Annex, please send a text message to the Annex manager at (732) 306-1323.

### Volunteer Acknowledgement

Listed below are the names of all of the dedicated thrift store volunteers. Thank you for all your hard work!

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>Saturdays:</b>
Jen	Phyllis,	Phyllis	Susan	Monica
Mary	Sally	Sally	Jen	Maricela
Susan	Michele	Michele		
Monica	Rosie	Rosie		
Maricela	Dottie			
	Judy	<b>Annex</b>		
	Bonnie	Denise		
	Filomena			
	<b>Annex</b>			
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## Volunteer at St. Peter's Thrift Shop



To help serve the St. Peter's Thrift Store & Annex mission, join our volunteer team! The Thrift Store is a friendly, clean, and fun atmosphere to be a part of. Managers and volunteers are always available to answer questions and provide assistance.

A SignUpGenius has been created to make signing up to volunteer accessible to all within the church. Below is a QR code and the link to the St. Peter's Thrift Store volunteer SignUpGenius. Any time spent volunteering at the thrift store directly serves and benefits St. Peter's Church. You can sign on to complete as little or as much time that fits your schedule!

**SignUpGenius QR code**



**SignUpGenius link**  
[tinyurl.com/thrift-signup](https://tinyurl.com/thrift-signup)