



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

October

To know Christ and to make Him known

2017

Could it be of interest to anyone experiencing the transitional state of St. Matthew's Church, that as we launch the search for the next chapter of parish leadership, we are, at the same time, engineering a major shoring up of the historic church foundation? Think of it. Both bedrocks of our common life together are now unavailable to us. Our beloved Terry has adopted a new parish family in Greenwich to pastor; and we are evicted from a sanctuary that once held our deepest yearnings, hope and formation composing the architecture of our spiritual lives.

You have heard it said, "A church is not the building. The church is the people." Let me argue an exception. Most buildings we pass through are unaffecting. Others are stirring. Some are our teachers. My sense is that St. Matthew's sanctuary is both. We build our buildings and then the best of them build us. Sanctuaries are not the faith, but a preparation and theatre for the rehearsal of faith which send us renewed from their doors to be faithful during the week. A building such as ours has been the temple of the way we order our lives and cast our hopes and dreams. Hence, it calls forth reverence. Reverences are the mother of the moral life. Will this spiritual compass be available to us as we are forced to move into the parish hall for worship?

We have lost our Moses to Greenwich. Our tabernacle that once hosted a feast of music, inspiration, and devotion has been displaced. So it might help to use the Old Testament narrative of displacement to understand our new point of reference together. For instance, would it interest you to know that the architecture of Noah's ark, three hundred cubits, by 50 cubits, by 30 cubits, are nearly the same dimensions, in yards, as the parish hall? Turn the parish hall upside down and most architects will agree you have the perfect dimensions of a large boat. So, we can assume it is hallowed, consecrated, and sanctified for the same reasons our ancestors in the faith found their vessel fortifying when they were evicted from the dry land of the earth and forced into the ark. The crucible of faith through the centuries has taken many forms. Thank the Lord we are not worshipping in a tent on the arid floor of a desert, being fed with the same bread of manna every day, however strengthening! We have been further spared by God, since the animals we share property in the Glebe with have kept their homes in the woods.

Many have expressed frustration about the timetable of possibly waiting til June before we go back to the beauty and memories of the historic church. You would be well to remember it took Moses and his nomadic congregation 40 years in the middle of a desert before they saw their tabernacle in Temple form restored. We have been spared. And the property committee will make the wait worth it.

In traditional St. Matthew's style, our parish rallied around to welcome Interim Rector Pierce Klemmt in early September. Even before his first service on Sept. 10, parishioners were stocking the Rectory with furniture, food and dinners. People who attended services on the 10th got to meet his lovely wife, Tuke. Then Pierce was officially welcomed on Sunday, Sept. 17, in a packed Coffee Hour that included cotton candy for the kids. Now Pierce has been with us for almost a full month and has comfortably settled into our family. We love having him with us and look forward to having him part of our parish for the interim period.



Newcomers' Orientation

If you are new to St. Matthew's, grab a cup of coffee and a cookie after the 10 a.m. service at Coffee Hour on Oct. 22 and join the clergy and members of the Vestry to learn more about St. Matthew's Church in the Rector's office down the hall.

On Nov. 5 from 6 - 8 p.m., the Welcome Commission and the Vestry will host a cocktail party to welcome our new parishioners to St. Matthew's. Invitations will be sent later in the month. If you do not receive an invitation, please email Janet Schloat jschloat@verizon.net or call the Parish office.

October Key Dates

Oct. 1	2:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Pets
Oct. 7	9:30 a.m.	Woodlands Trail Clean-up
Oct. 15	10:45 a.m.	Joint Service with St. Mary's at Antioch
Oct. 15	11:15 am	Start of course on Reformation
Oct. 18	8 p.m.	Bedford Concert Series
Oct. 22	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Service
Oct. 29	5 p.m.	All Hallows' Eve Service
Oct. 29	6 p.m.	Haunted Hike and Spaghetti Supper

Rector Search Committee Update

We first want to thank all those who supported the Committee's efforts by completing the Parish Survey. The results provided us the necessary Parish guidance in terms of the degree of importance of various criteria that we can/will apply to the search. In addition, the survey results provide a vast wealth of information on parishioner views on important topics to St. Matthew's. These insights will be available and of value to the Clergy and Vestry currently and in the coming years.

Regarding the search process itself, the St. Matthew's rector position description, plus the now completed Parish Profile, have been filed with the Diocese of New York formally launching our search. We expect to begin receiving prospective candidate information shortly. If you wish to bring a candidate to our attention, the best procedure is for the minister to email the Committee at searchcommittee@stmatthewsbedford.org or you can contact either of us. The 2017 St. Matthew's Parish Profile is now posted on the St. Matthew's website. We encourage all to take the opportunity to read this document describing our Church, our Parish and our aspirations for the future.

In addition to the Parish Survey, the Committee continues to welcome parishioner input. Members of the Committee will begin hosting small group discussions – as many as are necessary to accommodate all those interested and to hear their views. In consideration of participants' varying time availability, we will offer a mix of sessions following Coffee Hour on Sundays plus weekday evening sessions. To participate, please contact Tina Foster (wildchuck@aol.com) or Jack Lange (jack.r.lange@gmail.com).

Finally, as we move into receipt of confidential material coming in from candidates, each of us on the Committee has pledged to observe the highest standards of confidentiality concerning our deliberations. We ask for everyone's understanding that the Committee will not be disclosing anything about our work until we report to the Vestry some time early next year.

Members: Dale Akinla, Tina Foster, Greg Gaynor, Alison Gregory, Meredith Kent, Sophie Kernan, Sally Ketchum, Jack Lange, Robyn McCree, Michael Struble, Caroline Walker

Co-Chairs: Peter Keller & Roger Vincent

Church School October

Oct. 1	Lesson 5	God Frees God's People
Oct. 8	Columbus Wknd	No Church school, nursery open
Oct. 15	Lesson 6	God's 10 Commandments for Holy Living
Oct. 22	Lesson 8	God Gives Us Gifts of Life and Love
Oct. 29	Lesson 9	Hannah and Samuel

Jane Wood served as lay minister on Welcome Back Sunday as we greeted children in our fifth year of service in the Children's Chapel. Grades four through seven began the hour with their families and experienced their first service with Pierce before departing for class. Coffee Hour was an extravagant celebration of the start of the school year.

We are entering our third year of a three-year rotation of the curriculum, Weaving God's Promises, and the Bible stories are based on the Gospel of Luke. The fall focuses on the Old Testament and in Advent we transition to the New Testament.

Children are reminded to bring their loved animals from home for Blessing of the Pets on Oct. 1 at 2:00. Though dogs abound, we enjoy seeing the smaller critters too, as all are God's creation.

Sophie Kernan



St. Matthew's High School Youth Group: A Full 2017/2018 Schedule!

This year's High School Youth Group offerings include service days with A-Home, POTS (Part of the Solution), an overnight mission trip to Long Island, the June Mission Trip and, of course, the Haunted Hike. There's plenty to get involved in this year, and I'm looking forward to helping our high schoolers have fun, help others – and earn some volunteer hour credits while they're at it!

I'm also delighted to confirm that after some good discussion within the Christian Education Committee we have joined the Westchester Youth Alliance and half of our activities for the year will be organized directly by this local high school youth organization. St. Matthew's high schoolers can register for the activities directly through their website. WYA has a strong Bedford core of volunteers and participants, so your

children will have the chance to meet their high school peers from other local faith congregations as they get involved. www.westchesteryouthalliance.org

Please do speak to me at any time for more information and a copy of the full year parish schedule. We kick off with a Team Building & Leadership Day at Kiwi Country Day Camp in Carmel on Sun., Oct. 22.

Sun., Oct. 22: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Westchester Youth Alliance; Team Building & Leadership Day at Kiwi Country Day Camp, Carmel

Sun., Oct. 29: noon to mid-evening

Haunted Hike preparation, pizza lunch, 5pm All Hallows' Eve Service, with Spaghetti Supper and Haunted Hike to follow

Sun., Nov. 19: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Westchester Youth Alliance; A-Home Community Service Day

Sun., Dec. 3: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POTS (Part of the Solution) Sunday Lunch Service Trip to the Bronx

Jan./Feb., 2018: (TBD)

Westchester Youth Alliance; New York City Interfaith Experience

Sun., March 25: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POTS (Part of the Solution) Sunday Lunch Service Trip to the Bronx

Sat., April 14 & Sun., April 15

Westchester Youth Alliance; Overnight Service Trip to Rockaway, NY

Mon., June 25 to Thurs., June 28

St. Matthew's Youth Mission Trip (location to be decided)

Rik Pike

Church Restoration Update: October Key

Contract negotiations are continuing between the contractor and St. Matthew's, so as of this date, we don't have a firm start date, but it appears early October is when we can expect to see activity. What I would like to give you is an overview of the scope of work that they will be undertaking, which will give you a sense for the complexity of the project.

Initially, following asbestos abatement, the contractor will be opening up the aisle floors to excavate the dirt below in order to pour a concrete slab. New engineered girders will be installed to support the floor and new duct and vent work will be installed for our heating and air conditioning. The foundation masonry and brickwork around the church building will be repaired and repointed and the windows and frames will be fully repaired. Our electrical service will be upgraded. The belfry needs some structural work to the timbers, as do the roof trusses. We will also be replacing the roof over the church and the Vestry Room. The interior will get a fresh coat of paint once the interior mechanical work has been completed. The timing of this work is still being determined, but the anticipation is that the project should be completed in around eight months. It is our hope that we can get back into the church before that if the exterior work would not create a hazardous condition for us.

Please know that it is important that we get it right; we want to be sure that the contract is clearly defined to avoid change orders and overages. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

Dan de Menocal

Retirement Announcement - Cliff O'Donnell

Cliff O'Donnell has notified the Vestry that he is retiring as our Superintendent after 16 years of outstanding service to our parish effective October 31st. Cliff's signature smile reflects his love of the parish and its parishioners and we will certainly miss that smile and his kind, patient demeanor. His dedication to maintaining the beauty of our beloved property and buildings has been remarkable.

Cliff came to St. Matthew's in 2001. He instantly adopted St. Matthew's as his home and took full ownership of our grounds and buildings, improving the beauty of the Churchyard, church property and buildings and the Chapel-in-the-Woods with aplomb.

Cliff's plans for the next chapter in his life include a move to the south and getting involved in social work, possibly helping foster children or working with the Red Cross. Cliff also said he is looking forward to feeling his bare feet in warm sand this winter. Please, when you see Cliff around the campus, thank him and wish him well. I know all of our prayers are with him as he moves on.

Thank you for your years of service Cliff!

Dan de Menocal Suzanne Bowers



Luther nailed it! Or did he?

Five centuries ago, on October 31, 1517, in tiny Wittenberg Germany, an obscure monk and university professor named Martin Luther posted an invitation to scholarly debate. With breathtaking speed his ideas snowballed into an unstoppable religious revolt known as the Protestant Reformation. The origins of our own denomination cannot be understood apart from Luther and his revolutionary ideas.



To honor and remember these important events, St. Matthew's will offer a five-Sunday book discussion on the Reformation, led by one of our parishioners, Bill Fagan. The book to purchase is Michael Reeve's "The Unquenchable Flame: Discovering the Heart of the Reformation." It is available through Amazon, including as a Kindle edition. A small number of copies will also be offered for sale at the beginning of the course.

The discussions will take place from 11:15 to noon in the Parish House for five successive Sundays beginning October 15. You needn't be concerned if you must miss one of the Sundays because each discussion will be dedicated to a self-contained theme and the book will fill you in on the Sunday you missed.

Bill says, "Many people think that King Henry VIII's burning desire to marry Anne Boleyn is the only reason Anglicanism exists. Nothing could be further from the truth. Come, learn the real story."

Save The Date!

THE BEDFORD HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, November 29, 2016

From 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Happy Hour and Babysitting offered from 4 pm to 7 pm

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

535 Cantitoe Street, Bedford

Calling all Shoppers!

More than 20 vendors, many new and some of our former favorites, will offer a fabulous array of holiday gift items, clothing, accessories, children's gifts and much more!

15% of all sales will benefit St. Matthew's Church

The 5 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist: Fall News

We're delighted to be back after our summer hiatus and we look forward to worshipping with many of you this fall, with our music being alternatively provided by Mark Weigel, Tony Newman and Chloe Carrozza.

As ever, we have one 'special' service planned a month, and this Fall on October 29 we have the *All Hallows' Eve Service*; on November 5 an *All Saints' Festive Eucharist*, and on December 10 our annual *Advent Festival of Lessons and Music*.

On other Sundays, we gather in the intimate and soulful worship space that is the Children's Chapel to celebrate the presence of the Spirit among us – and we prepare for the Lord's Supper by reciting Eucharistic Prayer D, a gloriously-worded prayer with its linguistic roots firmly planted in the first few centuries of the Church.

Come one, come all – and just come as you are.

October 18: All Schubert.

“Trout” Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667
Piano Trio No. 1 in B-flat major, D. 898
“Unfinished” Symphony No. 8 in B minor, D.759

The first concert of the 2017–18 season displays Schubert’s talent as a composer. The “Trout” remains among the most popular of all chamber music compositions. The joyous exuberance that permeates the piece may reflect the fact that it was written for friends to be played for their own pleasure in their own homes, rather than the concert hall. His Piano Trio No. 1, a much later work that reflects his growing maturity as a composer, shares much of the “sunny” disposition of the quintet. Symphony No. 8 is the most famous of his symphonies. Although known as the “Unfinished,” it is just one of half a dozen symphonies that he abandoned.

Tickets (\$40) can be reserved by phone at 914-522-5150 and paid for at the door, or ordered online at www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org or as part of a series subscription. Student tickets, which can only be purchased at the door, cost \$10. Children and their parents are welcome to attend the rehearsal, from 6 to 7 pm, for free!

The concert starts at 8 pm in the Fellowship Room. Sumptuous treats are provided at intermission.

Upcoming concerts:

November 15: All Mozart

The sonata K.376, originally written for violin and piano and the “Jupiter” (No. 41), which was Mozart’s final symphony, demonstrates his mastery of the form and of orchestration.

December 13: Gala Holiday Concert: All Bach

Start the Christmas season with the complete Brandenburg Concertos, among the most popular and well known of Bach’s compositions and rarely heard together.

St. Matthew’s Fellowship Dinner Groups

St. Matthew’s is continuing the Fellowship Dinner Groups this year. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow church members by sharing meals during the coming year. Singles and couples, “old-timers” and newcomers, and all ages are welcome. The purpose of the Fellowship Dinner Groups is to get to know other adults in the church community better and enjoy one another’s company at small, casual meals.

This year the first pot-luck dinner for each group will be in the Rectory, hosted by our Interim Pastor, Pierce Klemmt. Pierce is enthusiastic that the small group dinners will be an ideal way to get to know parishioners better.

How it works: As a start to setting up the groups, please sign up for the weekend evening(s) (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) you prefer. If you are flexible, you may choose more than one night. The committee will organize all those who signed up into small groups of 7-9 people. After the first meeting at the Rectory, we encourage each group to plan at least one other event together at a group member’s home between November 2017 and May 2018 on mutually agreeable dates.

We will ask someone in each group to coordinate the group’s contributions for their first dinner at the Rectory so that all Pierce needs to do is open the door and welcome us.

Signing up: Sign up online here or using paper forms that are in the Parish House (leave completed forms at the reception desk). Sign-ups begin immediately and end on October 20th. Dinner groups will be formed by November 1st. For questions call (914-666-5522) or email Mary Farley,

Keep Connected and make new friends through Fellowship Dinners!

Haunted Hike & Spaghetti Dinner, Oct. 29

We’re now going to go into our third year with a special 5 p.m. All Hallows’ Eve Service that ‘kicks off’ the evening’s activities – it’s a lot of fun, and many children wear their costumes to the service in the Children’s Chapel.

Following the service, at 6 p.m., there will be a hearty spaghetti supper to prepare you for the Haunted Hike through the graveyard. Who will you meet for tricks and treats?? At 6:30, the younger children will have a guided walk to keep the most ghoulish fiends at bay, but at 7:00...walk it if you dare!

Teens are invited to a pizza lunch at noon that day, and are invited to spend the afternoon helping set up the hike.



Blessing of the Pets, Oct. 1

We will celebrate St. Francis Day on Sun., Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. with a special Blessing of the Pets. Bring your dear companions, be they furry, feathered or scaled, to this special service on the back lawn. A blessing will be administered by Pierce, which will be followed by treats for pets and people.

This year the Blessing of the Pets donations given in memory of our pets will benefit the Houston Humane Society who are looking after many, many animals affected by Hurricane Harvey.



Women of St. Matthew's

The Women of St. Matthew's held a planning meeting on Sept. 19. Due to the Fellowship Room's lack of availability, it was decided that some annual events might be modified this year.

Wreath making will take place as always, on Dec. 1 at the home of Phillis Warden. Watch the November Key for further details.

The annual Christmas brunch will take place on Dec. 3, but on a much smaller scale.

The House Tour will not take place this year, but we hope it will be back next year.

Art Show: Bedford will be held in the Bedford Historical Hall, January 20-21 and 27-28.

All female parishioners are members of Women of St. Matthew's. The organization strives to promote fellowship within the parish and actively seeks to assist with parish needs and provide outreach support to community organizations.

A letter to all the women of the congregation will be sent out soon, with more information about Women of St. Matthew's and the opportunity to express your opinion about what activities you would like to be involved in and what new areas you would like to see explored.

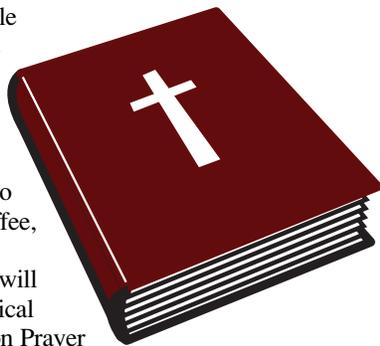
Jenny Convery

Woman 2 Woman Support Group

There will be a meeting of the Woman 2 Woman Support Group on Sun., Oct. 22 from 1-3 p.m. in the Chapel Room of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. Woman 2 Woman is a prison ministry program that connects women in our community with women incarcerated in Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. This is an opportunity for volunteers participating in the program to offer feedback and share their experiences.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study has resumed under the leadership of Interim Rector Pierce Klemmt. At 10:00 a.m. we celebrate the Eucharist in the Children's Chapel, and then walk over to the Fellowship Room for coffee, tea, sweets, and lively conversation. Our first topic will be an exploration of the Biblical basis of the Book of Common Prayer and how many of our Episcopal traditions came to be. With the aid of a text, we will mine the spiritual treasures of the prayer book to enhance our encounter with God and each other. The structure of the group is such that regular attendance is not required. Some folks come just for the Eucharist, others just for the Study; many alternate as their schedules allow. It's Christian fellowship at its best, it's free, and we hope you will give it a try. Contact Lorraine Reeder at lmrbedford@gmail.com if you have any questions.



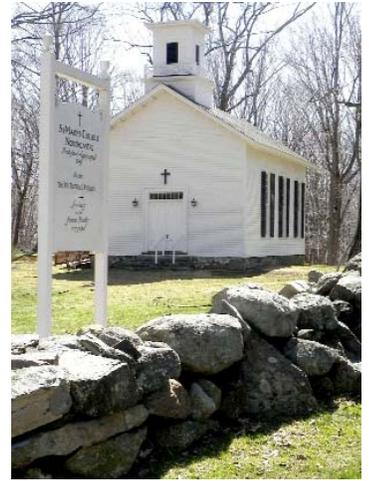
Two St. Mary's Services in October

During October, we have two events with our sister church in the woods, St. Mary's.

On Oct. 15, we have our annual joint service with Antioch Baptist Church, St. Mary's and St. Matthews, at Antioch in Bedford Hills, starting at 10:45. This is always a wonderful swinging service and fun to attend. Rik will be preaching.

Then on Oct. 22, at 5:30 p.m., Carola Otero Bracco, the executive director of Neighbor's Link, will be leading the service at St. Mary's. During Carola's tenure, Neighbor's Link has become a leader in designing and implementing community-based, bilingual educational and cultural awareness training programs, and has quadrupled in size in 10 years. Recognized as an expert on immigration issues in Westchester and beyond, she has received numerous awards, and recently was named one of the 25 most influential people of Bedford.

If you have never been to St. Mary's, located at 197 Hickory Kingdom Rd in Bedford, you should make the trip. It is a special place.



Woodlands Trail Cleanup

The Woodlands Commission will hold its Fall Trail Maintenance on Sat., Oct. 7. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the trail leading to the Glebe.



Crop Walk 2017

October 22 at 2 p.m.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

In Memory of Ada B. Combes
For her Life-Long Dedication to Helping Those in Need
Benefiting:

Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry
Community Center of Northern Westchester
Global & Domestic Hunger Relief Efforts
Victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

Donation Cards Available after every service and in Parish House

Make Checks Payable CWS/CROP
Contact: Connie Combes - cwcombes@att.net

October Church Calendar



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Foster
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath
Lector: Philip Bolen
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla, Belknap, Borner and Brown
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Lector: Mrs. Finn
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Church School

- Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner*
Ushers: Messrs. Foshee, Garten, Kent and Kim
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Lector: Mason Santomero
- 5:00 p.m. All Saints' Festive Eucharist**

***Children's Service*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and Whitman
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Fagan
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mr. Vincent
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, LaMotte, Robinson and Ryan
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
***No Children's Service*
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Fagan and Tilt
Ushers: Messrs. Reed and MacDonald
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz
Lector: Mr. Freeman
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Cameron, Keller, Struble and Sturz
Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi
Lector: Ms. Swanson
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder
Lector: Mr. Bogert
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**
Ushers: Messrs. Gaynor, Lange, Lovering and Miller
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 29

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Reeder
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mrs. Tilt
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Ketchum, Lange, Markowski and Maybank
Lay Reader: Mr. Kim
Lector: Mr. Gale
- 5:00 p.m. All Hallows' Eve Service, Children's Chapel**

All Saints' Sunday, November 5

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz
Lector: Philip Bolen

Comings & Goings

Change of Address:

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brown
1 Barnegat Road
New Canaan, CT 06840

The Rev. & Mrs. Terence Elsberry
50 Church Street, #7
Greenwich, CT 06830

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Linda Petrasch Denison – September 22, 2017



We are so lucky to have several generations of the Saunders family doing special coffee hours. They are always doing creative things, wonderful cakes and cookies, and for the Pierce welcome on Sept. 17, they did cotton candy! Thank you all so much.