

# St. Peter's Press

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## Update by Church Council

The Nominating Committee for next year's slate will include one position as Elder. The following is the Definition of Ruling Elder from the Book of Order:

### **DEFINITION OF RULING ELDER FROM THE BOOK OF ORDER (G-2.0301)**

"As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."

Doris Jean Stalker has given many years as Clerk of Session, now Clerk of Council. We thank her for all her past service and wish her well as she anticipates moving to Connecticut the first of next year.

That being said, St. Peter's Church will have to appoint a new Clerk of Council effective January 1, 2017. The criteria state that the Clerk must be an Elder (past or present) to hold this position.

### ***A Note from Doris Jean***

Being clerk has been the most gratifying experience. I have had the pleasure of clerking for four ministers.



The job of being the clerk can be what you make it. I had the time and the energy to fulfill the duties. The next clerk can do the best with their time and talents.

Now I look forward to new adventures in my life.



## Prayer List

Dorothy Perry  
Don and Peggy Shriver  
All servicemen, servicewomen,  
and veterans



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## Lectionary Readings September

- 9/4:** Jer. 18:-11; Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18;  
Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- 9/11:** Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14;  
1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- 9/18:** Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9;  
1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- 9/25:** Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16;  
1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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## Happy Birthday September

Leslie Newton	9/2
Elaine Fairall	9/3
Sandy Gaylord	9/3
Roby Harrington	9/3
Timothy Davis	9/4
Jeff Braley	9/6
Willard Ulmer	9/10
Luke Young	9/11
Marilee Lobdell	9/22
Lawrence Massimo	9/22
Amanda Roberts	9/22
David Harrison, Jr.	9/28

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## Sunday School Resumes

Our Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 11. We are blessed to have the teaching staff we do and appreciate all the time and talent they lend to this most important ministry of the church.

For inquiries, please contact Katie Smith at 851-7456, Frances Culley at 392-2675, or Jennifer Lippert at 392-6813.



## Fellowship Dinners Announced



This year's Fellowship Dinners will be held on Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1.

Last year this event was popular, and we hope there will be a good turnout again this year.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so you can list the date that you want to attend and how many will be coming. Your host/hostess for the evening will be in touch with you.

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## Gleaners Program Expanding

St. Peter's Gleaners Program, developed over four years, is being expanded by Long Table Harvest.

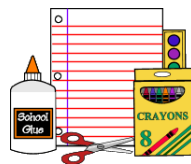


Long Table Harvest will work to include more farms for collection of perishable excess vegetables and more pantries and nonprofits to receive and use these vegetables.

In conjunction with other local county nonprofits and after meetings with the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, the Hawthorne Valley Association was granted \$75,000 for the Healthy Food Initiative in Columbia County. Long Table Harvest is a major benefactor of this grant, which includes St. Peter's Gleaners.

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## School Supplies Welcome



The local food pantries gladly accept school supplies to be distributed for this year's school term.

So feel free to purchase a little something the next time you go shopping, to be shared with the local community in need.

## Mission Group Cooking Workshops Update

We have held two cooking workshops in the delightfully cool basement of the church—many local people have come, and different groups so far, on the two different dates. The sight of the accumulating items for Trash and Treasure is a great incentive to people to return later this summer. We have two more workshops scheduled, and hope to add a GLUTEN-FREE BAKING workshop for the fall or early winter.



**Saturday, September 24, 1–3 pm: Preparing Soups for the Freezer.** Sarah Bassin is leading this, with three recipes for soups/stews that are

exceptionally suited to freeze well (no potatoes!). Everyone will work to prepare all three recipes and will come home with three soups to put into the freezer.

**Saturday, October 15, 1–3 pm:**

**Fermentation.** Betsy Cashen is leading this workshop. She led the sauerkraut workshop two years ago, and this time she will show how to ferment some other vegetables.

If you would like to help coordinate, advertise, or clean up for any of these workshops, call Frances at 392-2675.

As always, the Mission Group is interested in volunteers and/or ideas for work or needs that we see around us or in surrounding communities. If you are interested in proposing a project or starting up an endeavor, or volunteering with the Mission Group, please feel free to contact Raeph Sanderson, Patricia McKeon, or Frances Culley.

Thanks,  
Frances  
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## School Begins

Soon the children will be out, going to school. Please watch carefully for the little ones!



## National Peace Day A Day Devoted to Strengthening the Ideals of Peace



International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on September 21.

Established in 1981, the United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. Furthering the day’s mission, the General Assembly voted in 2001 to establish September 21 as an annual day of nonviolence and cease-fire.

Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, sitting in silent meditation, or doing a good deed for someone you don’t know. Or it can involve getting your co-workers, organization, community, or government engaged in a large event.

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## “Be Ye Thankful”



Annually, September 15 has been set aside as National “Thank You” Day.

### How and why to thank people?

- We should all remember to be grateful for all the little things in life every day and to thank everyone who has made a difference in any way—big or small.
- So go out there and use this day to say “Thank You” to all the people who have impacted your life in any way.
- We should take a moment and thank loved ones—the people who have been there for us and who have proven their dedication through unconditional support and love. It is most important to let these people know how much they truly mean to us, and how they have made a positive and significant difference in every part of our lives.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**TRASH & TREASURE**  
***ST. PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***  
SPENCERTOWN, NEW YORK

***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD***  
**8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**ITEMS FOR SALE:**

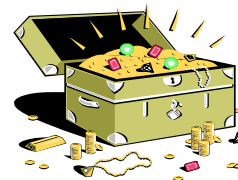
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**LINENS • BASKETS**

**SMALL WORKING HOUSEHOLD GADGETS**



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**COME AND SHOP**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraising

## *Kitchen Tour*

### **OPENING RECEPTION**

**Friday, September 23: 5-7 pm**

**\$70/person**

Wines and hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction  
Austerlitz Historical Society Site, Rt. 22

### **ART OF BREADMAKING**

**Saturday, September 24: 9 am**

**\$15/person**

Program by Richard Bourdon  
Head Baker, Berkshire Mtn. Bakery  
St. Peter's on the Green, Spencertown

### **KITCHEN TOUR**

**Saturday, September 24: 10 am – 3 pm**

**\$30/person**

Visit seven local kitchens  
representing a range of styles

***Saturday ticket for both Program and  
Tour \$35/person (can be purchased at  
St. Peter's Church beginning at 9:00 am)***



## **September 23 – 24, 2016**

Purchase tickets in advance at [www.FriendsofSaintPeters.org](http://www.FriendsofSaintPeters.org)

Or send your check to:

Friends of St. Peter's, PO Box 278, Spencertown, NY 12165

For more information, call: (518) 392-9695

## September Calendar

September 2016						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	<b>3</b>  <b>Trash &amp; Treasure Sale</b> 8:30 am – 2:30
<b>4</b>  10:00 am Worship	<b>5</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b>  6:30 pm Women Unabridged Meeting	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>Sunday School resumes</b> 10:00 am Worship, SS & Coffee Hour  11:00 Clara Gott Fund Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting	<b>14</b>  7:00 pm Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  10:00 am Worship, SS & Coffee Hour	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	<b>21</b>  7:00 pm Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Food Workshop 1 pm – 3 pm  9:00 am Friends selling tickets at St. Peter's for the KITCHEN TOUR 9:00 AM ART OF BREADMAKING
<b>25</b>  10:00 am Worship, SS & Coffee Hour  <b>12 noon Men's Group Meeting</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  7:00 pm Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Fellowship Dinner Time TBA	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Saturday, October 1: Fellowship Dinner Time TBA</b>