



# St. Peter's Press

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**June 2022**

## Rev. Donna Elia to Serve St. Peter's



Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, Reverend Donna Elia will serve as quarter-time supply pastor at St. Peter's through the summer, leading worship two to three times a month. This model will allow time for working with the worship committee, offering pastoral care, moderating council, serving as resource to the deacons, and developing stewardship. She is enthusiastic about St. Peter's and sees her role as one of accompaniment, supporting and empowering the congregation through transition and renewal.

Since 2000, Donna has been executive director of Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM). TAUM's mission is to serve those in need, to work for social justice, and to build stronger communities.

Donna is a native of Philadelphia. She graduated with a BA in special education from LaSalle University. After teaching in the School District of Philadelphia for several years, she went to Princeton Theological Seminary, receiving her Master of Divinity degree in 1989. She moved to New York State to become pastor of Tribes Hill Presbyterian Church in Montgomery County and has served congregations in Albany and Hoosick Falls as well.

Reverend Elia is co-chair of Albany Presbytery's Board of Trustees, is a member of the Anti-Racism Task Force, and is active with the Guatemala Task Force. For the latter, she has traveled to Guatemala nine times. She is a 2<sup>nd</sup> black belt in Taekwondo and lives in Niskayuna with her partner Marian, their son Luke, their dog Ruby, and cats Nigel and Maisie.

St. Peter's welcomes Donna and looks forward to her energy and enthusiasm. We invite others to meet her at our regular 10 am Sunday worship, or as we host community gatherings and events this summer on the Spencertown Green!

Reverend Elia's contact information is:

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## Praying

By Mary Oliver (submitted by Barbara Smith)



*It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris,  
it could be weeds in a  
vacant lot,  
or a few small stones;*

*just pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try to  
make them elaborate; this isn't a  
contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.*

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## June Worship

### Sunday, June 5

*Pentecost Sunday Service, shared with  
Hudson and Valatie Presbyterian  
Churches; at Valatie Church at 11 AM.  
(In-person and via Zoom)*

### Sunday, June 12

*Rev Donna Elia  
Communion (In-person and via Zoom)*

### Sunday, June 19

*Lay-led, TBD\*(In-person and via Zoom)  
**Tea on the Green Begins***

### Sunday, June 26

*Rev Donna Elia  
(In-person and via Zoom)*

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We need  
volunteers for  
Tea on the  
Green. Please  
sign up on the  
sign-up sheet  
in the Narthex.

## June

## Lectionary Readings

### Day of Pentecost—June 5

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

### Trinity Sunday—June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

### Sunday, June 19

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7], 8-15a  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### Sunday, June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

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## COME ONE; COME ALL!

Sunday, June 5, is **Pentecost Sunday**, and St. Peter's is worshipping with the Hudson and Valatie Presbyterian Churches! All three congregations will gather at the Valatie Church at 11 AM. Wear **red**, if you can.

After the service, lunch will be served. It is totally optional to bring a salad to share. The service and the lunch will be under a tent outside.

# June Birthdays

Kurt Barenfeld 6/3  
Seraphina Coalter 6/3  
Evelyn Keefner 6/5  
George French 6/6  
Marjorie Hansen 6/8  
Dorna Lange 6/9



Justine Lange 6/9  
Katie Smith 6/9  
David Pearce 6/10  
Hannah Braley 6/11  
Ellen Schoonover 6/15  
Karin Silvernale 6/29

*Did we forget your birthday?  
If you would like to be added to our birthday list, please contact one of our Deacons,*

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## Women Unabridged Book Group



We welcome any woman in the church and friends. We usually meet the third Monday of the month.

For June, we are reading *Life Among the Savages* by Shirley Jackson. Several copies of books and audiobooks are available through the library system.

For July, we are reading *The Other Alcott: A Novel* by Elise Hopper.

The June meeting is Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM on Zoom.

For questions or to add yourself to the list to receive the Zoom link for meetings, please contact Denise Davis, 518-392-9690, or Teresa Barenfeld, 518-755-3273.

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## Clara Gott Fund Application Deadlines And Next Meeting

The Clara Gott Fund application deadlines for the rest of 2022 are Jun. 15<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for assistance from the Fund are available at all times on the church bulletin board in the front hall and on our website at [saintpeterspc.org](http://saintpeterspc.org).

Church members are urged to call this to the attention of those who might want to apply.

Our next application deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting to discuss the June-submitted applications is after church on June 26.



We honor our fathers on June 19!

“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.” Unknown



Welcome to the world! We cherish the following additions to members of St. Peter's families:

- Lukas John Cozzolino was born to Joe and Hannah Cozzolino on January 12; grandparents Beth and John are thrilled.
- Teagan Reese O'Rourke was born May 10; second daughter of Brianna and Kevin O'Rourke, second granddaughter of Wendy and Greg Diskin.
- Laura and Steve Corsun have three new grandchildren: Andre Steven, born May 18 to Betty Bah and Thibaut Peltier; Simon William, born May 28 to Reba and Dan Farrell; Sophie Lou, born May 30 to Henry Corsun and Sara Querbes.



Congratulations to:

- Sandy Gaylord and Samuel Fox, who were married at St. Peter's on April 30.
- Marta Barenfeld and Grant Goodrich, who were married in an outdoor ceremony in Half Moon Bay, CA, on May 28.

**Note:** If you have milestones in your family (births, graduations, marriages, etc.), please contact Kathy Geddie in the Church Office at 518-392-3389 or [saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com).

## ST. PETER'S PRESS DEADLINE

To submit an article for the newsletter just email it to Kathy to the church office at [saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com). **by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**. The submission deadline for the July issue is **Saturday, June 25**.

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### Deacons' Caring List



The Deacons have decided, for now, not to have an alphabetical caring list for each Deacon. We are all ready to serve all of you. Please feel free to contact any or all of us for any needs you have, or just to talk. Our first priority as Deacons is **you**, our beloved community. Our contact information is:

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The Friends of Historic St. Peter's Church announces that the painting of the exterior of the church will begin on June 7, weather permitting. LA Painting (of Rigor Hill Road) will do the work. This project is made possible through the generosity of the congregation, the community, and corporate donations. The Friends thank you for your ongoing support.

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On Saturday, June 18, at 11 AM, come to the Chatham Gazebo to celebrate Juneteenth. Members of the antiracism group and local faith communities, including Payne AME Church, Tendai Buddhist Institute, St. James Roman Catholic Church, Canaan Congregational Church, and others, will be there.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b> Pentecost Sunday Worship at Valatie Presbyterian Church 11 AM In-person & Zoom	6	<b>7</b> Painting to begin on church	<b>8</b> Council Meeting via Zoom 7 PM	9	10	11
<b>12</b> Trinity Sunday Rev. Donna Elia In-person & Zoom	13	<b>14</b> Deacons' Meeting 5:30 PM at Kathy Geddie's house	15	16	17	<b>18</b> Ecumenical celebration of Juneteenth at Chatham Gazebo, 11 AM
<b>19</b> Sermon TBD First Sunday of Tea on the Green In-person & Zoom Father's Day	<b>20</b> Women Unabridged Meeting, 6 PM via Zoom	21	22	23	24	<b>25</b> Deadline for submitting newsletter articles to saintpeters. spencertown@gmail.com
<b>26</b> Rev. Donna Elia In-person & Zoom Clara Gott committee meeting after church	27	28	29	30		