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Written by Rev. Nickolas Griffith

Bi-Annual Meeting Summary:

On Sunday, July 23, 2023 Caroline Church held our first bi-annual meeting of the congregation led by Senior Warden, Nick Amato. It was an opportunity to welcome Rev. Elliot Conrad to the staff, to give thanks for all the hard work being done in and around campus, and to discuss where our Church is headed in the months and years to come. In this meeting I shared a snapshot of the Church's growth cycle from the past 20 years (featured), and worked to develop some of the challenges and successes met by Caroline Church along the way. Additionally, Bruce Cash (Treasurer) gave a brief financial overview and spoke about how the Church needs to approach new and improved means of tithing/pledging as an opportunity for long term financial stability. This article represents a synopsis of the information covered through our time together.

Welcoming New Staff!

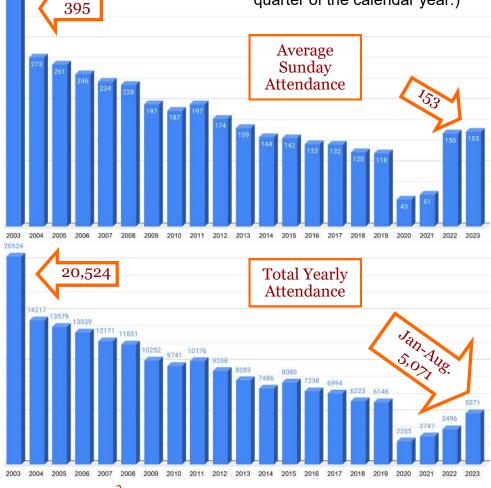
We are excited to welcome Rev. Elliot Conrad to the congregation as he begins his first season of ministry. Brought to us by Bishop Provenzano, Rev. Elliot brings a wealth of enthusiasm and intention for the work set before the Church. His presence places an additional steady hand upon the wheel of Church leadership, and will be instrumental in helping to develop and support the new Church structures being set into place.

Church Growth:

Over the course of the last twenty years Caroline Church has seen a downward trend in overall Church participation. This trend matches downward trends experienced in both the Episcopal Church at large as well as the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, with numerical decline largely attributed to population decreases (in both age and location of members) throughout suburban communities.

Post-COVID, Caroline Church experienced a fortunate upturn in Church participation citing a variety of external and internal changes to organizational structure, and through a planned effort in seeking growth.

Of note, Average Sunday Attendance, known hereafter as ASA, at Caroline Church has risen from the 20-year low, experienced in 2019, where regular ASA averaged 118 participants each week. Today, we can report that Caroline Church's ASA is becoming more stable with roughly 153 attendees on average each Sunday (ASA – 153). Additionally, Caroline Church can report that we are beginning to see an upward trend in total participation, reporting a notable increase when compared to the last 6 years. Please reference the attached chart for further explanation. (To note all 2023 numbers, represent comparison to monthly totals from Jan-August and do not account for Church attendance during the final quarter of the calendar year.)



Money Matters:

The economy of the Church remains an ever-present theme in the body of our congregation. The felt impact of our regular weekly expenses speaks to the challenges that most Churches and nonprofits face. However, with the Church there is an added dimension that not only speaks to our financial position, but also our emotional, and spiritual health. In this way, much of our discussion around the use of resources is not only a conversation around best business practices, but also an opportunity to address our Church culture around how we think about money and employ it for the long-term benefit of the Church.

Regular operation and upkeep of Caroline Church costs roughly \$400,000.00 dollars a year. To date we have limited revenue streams to counter our expenses. In 2023 we anticipate pledge and plate income to total roughly \$260,000.00. We also will see additional income by way of fundraising, special services and rental income with totals that roughly equate to \$25,000.00 dollars. This means the church is currently operating at a deficit of roughly \$115,000.00 dollars annually. As result, we are required to use the Church's savings/investments as a means of achieving short term sustainability. And while Caroline Church is showing some above budget growth by way of pledge and plate, and fundraising we are not meeting the overall budgetary demand of the institution.

What does this mean? It means that Caroline Church in many ways is above board and performing better than our anticipated budget and by comparison better than we have performed over last 6 years. It also means that our growth comes at a great expense to the Church, and that our annual income does not match the annual expense expressed by the congregation. Finally, it is a sign that Church is headed in the right direction, but that we need easily understood and employable benchmarks as we work to meet our long term financial and institutional goals.

Comments Regarding Finances and Attendance:

Caroline Church boasts one of the largest regular Sunday attendance (ASA) in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. We also have one of the largest youth programs in the diocese, which is a sign of positive growth with strong intergenerational participation. However, our pledge income for a Church our size and demographic represent one of the lowest in the Diocese. With annual pledge averages hovering just above \$1,600.00 dollars per family, per year, with the neighborhood Episcopal comparison showing roughly \$2,700.00 per family, per year. And while we have been the fortunate recipient of over 80+ members joining over the last year, we have failed to fully translate our growth into regular financial participation for the Church.

Doing the math, if the 141 registered pledging units held at Caroline Church were all to increase their average tithe/pledge from our \$1,600.00 average per year, to \$2,700.00 dollars a year, then our yearly pledge and plate income would be roughly \$380,000.00 dollars, meeting our budgetary requirement.

This is How You Can Help!

Consider what regular attendance looks like for you and your family. There are many ways to participate in the life of the congregation, but the most important way is to attend regularly weekly service with those you love. You are important, and your attendance is important, and your regular attendance means that you are working to place Christ as central in your life.

The most immediate goal for Caroline Church is to have a regular ASA between 160 and 170 parishioners in worship each week.

Currently, we average ASA is 153 members each week.

This means that on average we need 10-15 additional folks to join us in the pews.

This is where we begin!

Pray incessantly. Your regular experience of worship in community, will also healthily lead you toward regular prayer. To this we ask you to find some personal time in your day (start with 5 minutes) and begin to revisit your

relationship with the Father. Say a prayer for the Church, its people, and our ministries, say a prayer for you, your family, and your neighbor and continue to invite God into your has left us gob smacked! What we heart that you might experience the spirit in a new and uplifting way for the chance of transformation.

The hope for the Church is that every regular member finds themselves in prayer at least 5 times a week. Remembering that prayer has the protentional to change your life and the lives of those around you.

Consider how you might become more involved in a ministry, beyond regular attendance.

Real transformation doesn't just happen in the pew, it is also experienced through the crucible of community and in service to others. What to do after you come to Choose a ministry that speaks to your personality and needs; right now, please consider joining -The Bible Study – The Food Pantry Sunday School and Teaching Program - St. Andrews Men's Group – The Altar Guild – to name a few, with many more ministries on offer.

The ambition of the Church is to have every member in regular attendance & playing a role in at least one ministry.

Consider how our Church could be of greater service to people outside our congregation. A Church in service to the community is a healthy & prosperous Church.

This year we took our first steps in service to the larger community through the creation of our Food Pantry. The impact of this work have experienced is not only an effort in feeding those in need, but we have created many new and lasting relationships sharing the Gospel by way of service and love. Ministries of service beyond our specific Church community are vitally important for the spiritual health of religious people.

Consider not only what ministry you might like to join, but also take time to consider what needs in the community we could meet, that we are not already meeting. New ministry ideas are needed and welcomed.

Church, pray incessantly, become involved in ministries, & consider greater ways to serve? If you have completed the steps listed above you are well on your way to a spiritual and emotional transformation. This transformation will inevitably lead you to a personal reassessment as to how you are spending yourselves in love. Through this effort we ask you to think about what you have prioritized in your life, and whether the Church has become a major or minor priority in this process.

Consider your pledge, and how you and your family financially support the Church.

Consider increasing your pledge so that we can continue to increase in the propagation of the Gospel. Truth be told, pledging is a sacrifice and should feel as though something is being given up for the greater good of the Gospel. Pledging is also an effort in working to understanding God's growing call upon your life, and that we are intrinsically tied to one another in that effort of support and love.

Invite friends, family & neighbors to the celebration! I have been a priest for just under 10 years and over the course of my time in service I have never seen a congregation grow and bloom like Caroline Church. Clearly, there is something special happening at this Church and clearly Jesus Christ is involved. If you are like me, and you see the same, then we have no choice but to share it with others.

So, what are you waiting for? There is no time better than now to declare and to share what you believe with your family, friends and neighbors. Sharing in the joy of Christ, found in community, is an important spiritual exercise that we are all called into. Please join me, as we welcome every neighbor and every friend to the new opportunity of the Kingdom in this little corner of Setauket.

In closing, **thank you** for walking with me and the Church. There is much work to be done, and we can only achieve success if we walk together.

May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding continue to be with you, now and always!

Fr. Nickolas C. Griffith
Rector Elect of Caroline Episcopal Church

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

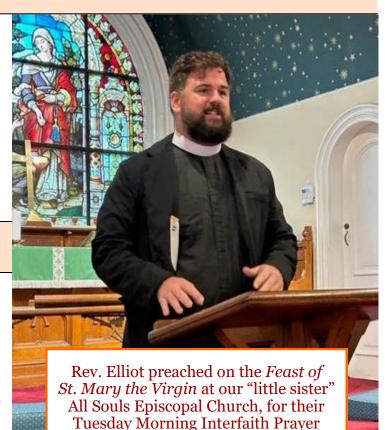
- Caroline **Food Pantry** is kicking off! (page 20)
- Collections for the **Campus Care Packages** are starting up again September 17th! (page 22)
- Brotherhood of St. Andrew would love to see you at their next morning prayer meeting! (page 24)
- The **Adult Choir** is recruiting, join now! (page 24)
- Sunday School begins September 24th! (page 25)
- The Churchyard Committee is busy!

A group composed of Len C., Pat C., Ginny A. and Barbara T. has been working on updating our churchyard records and maps. We are in the midst of reconciling our burial records and identifying available plots for future burials. We are also numbering the unnumbered graves on two sections of the maps.

Right now, our public face is on **Find A Grave**. You can help us out by checking anyone you know and seeing if their information is correct: findagrave.com/cemetery/249765/caroline-churchyard

Please let Barbara T. know if any of our information on Find A Grave is inaccurate or if an individual is not listed. Grave numbers will be added/updated when we finish numbering graves.

We are thankful for your help. Contact us at barbwtyler@aol.com or 631-371-9218.





Caroline Church's **Sonshine Ministries** Needs Your Support!

service on August 15th, 2023.

Sonshine Ministries helps provide meals to our parishioners who have experienced a significant life event, such as a medical emergency, time of loss and bereavement or other difficult circumstances.

To join our efforts, sign up to receive our Meal Train emails!

Instructions to access our Meal Train profile:

Access the following link: https://mealtrain.com/9EGOEO



- Create an Account by selecting "Sign Up" in the top right
- Your account and email should be automatically added to our Meal Train list. Double-check this by viewing "My Dashboard" under "Menu" in the top right

Any Questions? Contact Our Coordinators: Lyndsay: lyndsay.johnson@stonybrook.edu or Susan: sueuprising3@aol.com

BALANCING CHURCH & CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

Recently the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) conducted a survey on important factors considered during the college admission process. The survey asked admission officers to indicate the level of importance given to various factors in admission decisions, including the role of positive character traits. About a quarter of the admission officers surveyed indicated that character attributes were considerably important in the selection process, while another 44 percent considered them to be moderately important in admission decisions.

One way our children develop sound character, is being involved in sports. As we all know, balancing sports and church can be difficult. Balancing church involvement and playing sports is essential to ensure children have a well-rounded and fulfilling childhood. Both experiences offer unique benefits, and finding the right balance can help children develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

Here are some tips to achieve this balance:

Prioritize Family Values: Start
by discussing the importance of
both church and sports with
your child. Emphasize that
each activity contributes to their
overall growth and well-being.
Encourage open communication and allow them to express
their preferences and interests.



- Create a Schedule: Develop

 a weekly schedule that includes
 time for church activities,
 sports practices, games,
 and other commitments. This
 will help your child understand
 the importance of time
 management and organization.
- Set Realistic Expectations:
 Be realistic about the number of sports and church commitments your child can handle. Avoid overloading their schedule, as it may lead to burnout and stress.
- Involve Church and Sports
 Coaches: Communicate with
 both the church and sports
 coaches about your child's
 commitments. Encourage
 understanding and cooperation
 to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Encourage Multifaceted
 Friendships: Help your child develop friendships both at church and on sports teams.

 Encourage them to socialize with children from diverse backgrounds and interests.
- Emphasize the Value of Rest:
 Ensure your child gets enough rest and downtime between church and sports activities.

 Rest is crucial for physical and mental well-being, as well as for maintaining a healthy balance.

Teach Responsibility:
 Encourage your child to take responsibility for their commitments. This includes attending both church and sports activities regularly and communicating in advance if

they are unable to attend.

- Prioritize Education:

 Education should remain a top priority. Help your child manage their time effectively to balance school, church, sports, and other extracurricular activities.
- Be Supportive:
 Support your child's interests and passions. Be present at their sports events and church activities to show your encouragement and love.
- Be Flexible: Recognize that priorities may shift over time. Children's interests and commitments may change as they grow and develop. Be open to adjustments in the balance between church and sports as needed.

Remember that the ultimate goal is to provide a well-rounded and fulfilling experience for your child. By encouraging them to engage in both church and sports activities, you can help them develop important life skills, values, and friendships that all contribute to their overall character.

Nicholas A., Jr. Rector's Warden

300TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS: TRICENTENNIAL TREE



300TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS: LANDSCAPING PROJECT



After the morning service project, our celebration on **June 10th** continued with four very successful musical performances by well-known local bands:

Acoustic Downtime: music by our very own Ed Mocko & his talented friends

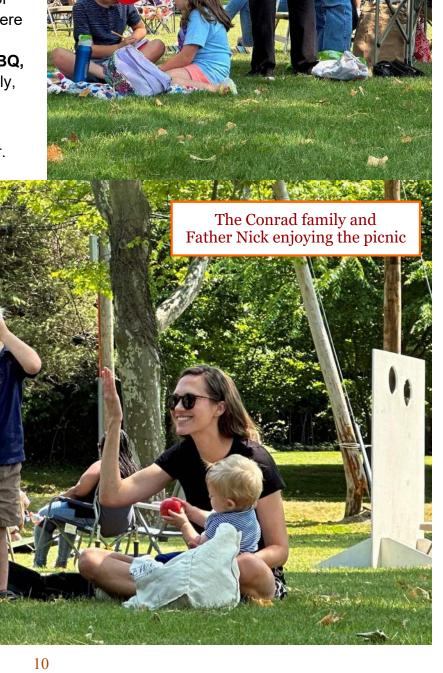
The North Folk: excellent fiddle music, specializing in music "from cold climates"

Miles to Dayton: a delightful blend of folk, rock, classical and funk

Quarter Horse: a very popular local band blending folk and rock music

It was a perfect summer day, with an audience of nearly 300 people in attendance. Food trucks were on site to provide many concert goers several delicious options. Special thanks to **FatBoyz BBQ, NahMaStay vegan**, and **Roxy's ice cream.** Truly, there was something for everyone!

Many children in attendance played games, with hula hoops, bubbles, and bean bag toss on offer.





❖ GAMES ❖ LIVE MUSIC ❖

Bring your family & friends to a Picnic on the Green!

Live Music from:

Quarter Horse Miles to Dayton The North Folk **Acoustic Downtime**



Food by:

Fat Boys BBQ NahMaStay Roxy's Ice Cream

Saturday, June 10, 2023 🌣 12:00pm - 4:00pm 1 Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733







300TH **ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:** 300 LIGHTS POPS CONCERT



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300TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS: LOCAL TALKS & EXHIBITS

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Jen with a SPOT OF HISTORY

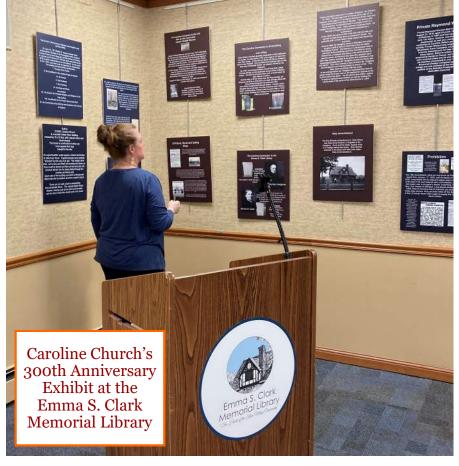
Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of Caroline Episcopal Church

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH 12 PM

Presented By TVHS Historian Bev Tyler

RSVP: TVHS.ORG





UPCOMING

As we pass through the mid-year mark of our 300th Anniversary celebration, there is still more to look forward to:

- On Sunday, October 1st, after the 9:30am service, the 300th Committee will host coffee hour and a presentation by Historian Bev Tyler entitled "From Anglican to Episcopalian: A Brief History of Caroline Church" in the MCS building. The 2023 Historical Exhibit will be open for viewing following the program. Members of the Historical and Cultural Artifacts Commission will be in the exhibit room on the lower floor of the Parish House to answer any and all questions about the exhibit.
- The Time Capsule dedication and commemoration (with youth participation) will occur on Sunday, October 29th after the 9:30am service, followed by an All Souls Day Bash (see page 22)!
- Our Church Merch is still available for purchase! Visit our booth at the Annual Country Fair on September 16th (see page 2), or stop by the parish office!



300TH **ANNIVERSARY:** OUR FINAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!

On Saturday, November 4th, 2023 at the 5:00pm service, Caroline Church welcomes The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, NY, for the final celebration of our 300th year of ministry in Setauket. Bishop Provenzano is set to bless the congregation as we remember all those who have come before us, and as we celebrate the ministry yet to be employed.

Immediately following the service, a **reception** will be held at the Bates House on 1 Bates Road, at the Frank Melville Memorial Park.

Child-care will be available in the Marco C. Smith Building during the blessing, but the reception is an *adults only* event.

Please stay tuned for more information (and a special invitation!) in the coming weeks.

#1 Your *BLESSING* tickets:

Tickets for the blessing will be FREE, but limited to two tickets per family (church members receive priority) for seating within the church. Additional tickets can be requested for seating in the parish house, where the service will be streamed live on a large screen. The Parish House attendees will be invited into the church during communion to receive the sacraments. The service will also be live-streamed on our YouTube.

Tickets for the blessing must be picked up *in-person*, <u>first come</u> <u>first serve</u>, in the Marco C. Smith Building, following these regularly scheduled Sat./Sun. services:

October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

You must present your tickets to the usher on November 4th for admittance to the blessing

#2 Your RECEPTION tickets:

Tickets for the reception at the Bates House are \$50 per person and will be available for purchase *in-person*, <u>first come first serve</u>, in the MCS building on the same weekends as the blessing tickets:

October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

For those unable to purchase their tickets in-person, a *limited* amount of reception tickets will be available for purchase on our website, starting October 28th:

www.carolinechurch.net

(click button titled: "November 4th Reception at the Bates House")

The reception will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, beverages, and of course, fellowship.

You must present your tickets at the Bates House on November 4th for admittance to the reception

Tickets Are Required! First Come, First Serve

#1 Blessing Ticket: Free

1-2 tickets per family for Church seating Additional tickets for Parish House seating *Pick-up in-person ONLY*

#2 Reception Ticket: \$50.00

**Limited tickets will be made available online on October 28th (last call)

PICK-UP / PURCHASE TICKETS:

October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29



PAST MONTHS' REVIEW: NEW YOUTH MEMBERS



PAST MONTHS' REVIEW: **NEW HISTORY EXHIBIT**



Paroline Church

On Sunday, **June 18th**, a new exhibit opened at our History Center in the Parish House. Following the 9:30am service, our Historical Commission hosted coffee hour in the History Center, and debuted their new Retrospective Exhibit, which highlights the chronological history of the church, including our leaders, our impact on historical events, a timeline and more.



PAST MONTHS' REVIEW: CAROLINE FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at Caroline Church, our newest ministry, has taken root— having been fostered through its recent infancy by the generosity of the Jane Guido Foundation (a local non-profit whose mission it is to fund food pantries), The Port Jefferson Lions Club (who collected and donated an enormous amount of food and toiletries), Ethan Allen Furniture Stores (who donated the proceeds of their Ethan Allen Day Food Drive— a shout-out to Beth Reilly who talked up the pantry while furniture shopping), our local library Emma S. Clark Memorial Library (who donated a share of the proceeds from their community food drive), the **Episcopal Ministries of Long Island**, and our tremendously open-hearted congregation.

The generosity that is so quietly shown by many of you is inspiring. There is a generosity of spirit and of person that I see. No longer do I try to control the number of volunteers or worry that there will be too many. There is always something to be done, a new idea to be implemented, a new way to offer, provide, and to serve. I find it remarkable that when I arrive on a Wednesday morning, many of the items that were needed the week before are waiting to go on the shelves.

I haven't worried about running out of food for weeks now.

Thank you for caring about those less fortunate than yourself and for walking the walk of Jesus' message that encourages us all to serve others.

Finally, for those of you who like to shop online, know that you can now do so for the food pantry. We have developed an Amazon registry of items that are always needed and/or appreciated by our visitors. Please utilize the link or QR code below, and thank you for your generosity.

Faithfully, Virginia C. A Food Pantry Volunteer



Amazon Wishlist: https://a.co/0UZybCS







The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (see page 24) put together backpacks filled with school supplies for local school children (see photo to the left, BSA co-director Mark L. and his little helper Collette C.).

The backpacks will be distributed through our Food Pantry before the beginning of the school year, as families with young children come through.



PAST MONTHS' REVIEW: INFORMAL GATHERING

On Thursday, **July 20th**, an informal gathering of new and longtime Caroline Church women met at the home of Virginia and Bruce C. Two of our wonderful young women, Emma L. and Brooke A., assisted Virginia in greeting everyone and organizing the bountiful buffet.

We were blessed to spend time in Virginia & Bruce's lovely garden on an incredibly beautiful night.

While Bruce, Father Nick, and Father Elliot were working busily at the grill, the women had the opportunity to relax, make new acquaintances, and reconnect with long-time friends.

The evening ended with our interim music director Nadine and cantor Christine leading us in singing a round of Kumbaya.

Everyone was so very appreciative of Virginia and Bruce's hospitality and kindness.

Written by Pat C., parishioner



UPCOMING EVENTS: CAMPUS CARE PACKAGES

Caroline Cares will be collecting goodies for the fall campus care packages starting September 17 thru October 8, 2023. The boxes will be blessed on Sunday, October 15.

Caroline Cares is a program that sends care packages to our church youth who are attending college away from home. Our purpose is to keep connected with the young people of our church. We want them to know that we care about them, are praying for them, and support them in their studies. We hope this will encourage them to remain connected with the church throughout their school years and beyond. This program runs during the spring and fall semesters.

This spring we assembled 22 boxes. The boxes were filled with a variety of snacks as well as letters from our Sunday school students and Father Nick. The packages were blessed on Sunday, March 19th during Bishop Wolf's visit and then mailed by volunteer parishioners during the week. The boxes found their way to our

college kids in California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Georgia and Scotland. Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or mailed the boxes. We couldn't do it without everyone's support and we greatly appreciate it. Feedback from students has been very positive.



UPCOMING EVENTS: ALL SOULS & TIME CAPSULE

What will they dig up in 100 years?

A picture of the **church**, circa 2023

A written **history** of Caroline Church

A picture of our Sunday School classes with a note to future Sunday School children

300th Anniversary commemorative **book** 300th Anniversary 2023 calendar Church Merch: bag, hat & t-shirts

A map of the **graveyard** & a short list of names & bios of our most famous "residents"

An altar candle

A **key** to the church Current **pictures** of the Village Green & surrounding area

A cell phone A map of Setauket 2023 newspapers



On Sunday, October 29th, 2023, we will dedicate and bury the 300th Anniversary time capsule in our churchyard, immediately following the 9:30am service. Join us afterwards for hot cider, doughnuts, and an All Souls Day Bash & costume parade!



If you have more ideas for items to include in the time capsule, please contact the Parish Office at: carolineoffice1723@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS: LOCAL & DIOCESAN

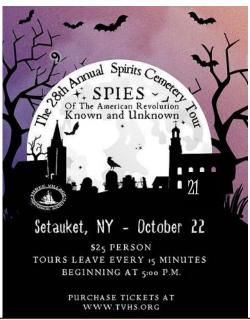


On September 9th, the church will once again be participating in Three Village Historical Society's Culper Spy Day!

From **12:00-4:00pm**, the church will be open for guided tours, the churchyard will be accessible for visitors, and the History Center will be open for self-guided tours, with a docent present for questions. Visit tvhs.org/culper-spy-day for more information about this annual community event!



Caroline will be participating in the Three Village Historical Society's 29th Annual Spirits Tour, to be held on Saturday, October 21st, rain-date October 28. Tickets are \$25 per person, and go on sale September 20. For more info, check out tvhs.org/spiritstour



The 157th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island will be held on Friday, November 10th & Saturday, November 11th.



Caroline will be participating in the Three Village Historical Society's 44th Annual Candlelight House Tour on December 1st & 2nd.

For more information, check out tvhs.org/candlelight-house-tour closer to December. They have not yet released event details for 2023.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS

Can't believe Christmas is right around the corner?	Sunday, December 17 th	Sunday, December 24 th	
Well we can't either, but we're ready for it! Check out our schedule for this upcoming holiday season.	Christmas Pageant; 9:30am To sign up, contact our Sunday School Director Virginia C. at virginia@virginiacashcares.com	Christmas Eve / Advent IV Services: 10:00am Lessons & Carols 9:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil	
Thursday, November 23 rd	Thursday, December 21 st	Monday, December 25 th	
Thanksgiving Services: 10:00am Holy Eucharist	Live Nativity in Carriage Shed 5:00pm; rain-date 12/22 5:00pm	Christmas Day <u>Services:</u> 10:00am Holy Eucharist	

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Welcome to the **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**.

Our goal is to bring
Christ to men and
youth throughout God's
kingdom. We address
our mission by practicing the
tenets of our discipline:

PRAYER

Daily Prayer, Regular **Scripture Study**, and **Service** to others.

As we gear up for a new year starting in September, we will continue with our monthly

meetings on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 8:30am in the church sanctuary. These meetings are typically a daily prayer service with scripture study coupled with fellowship.

Additionally, our group is regularly asked to assist various ministries though out the parish. Most recently with the "Back To School Backpacks" (see page 20). It is this area of service that our brotherhood will be focused on this coming year.

Many ask, "why is the Brotherhood good for me?" Acting as Christ's disciples by serving others in the parish and the community, growing your faith through prayer and scripture study, and being in fellowship with other Christian men is a supportive way for you to grow in Christ.

Next BSA Meeting:

September 9th at 8:30am (in the Marco C. Smith Bldg.)

Blessings,

Mark L., Co-Chair of BSA

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: CAROLINE CHOIR SCHOLARS

"Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter—to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water." ~ Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

It is hard to believe that the lazy days of summer are drawing to a close. I am very excited to begin my first year at Caroline Episcopal and I look forward to a year of collaboration with the choir and congregation of this community.

I have had a wonderful greeting as your interim Director of Music Ministry, and I want to thank all the staff and parishioners. So many of you generously share your time and talents, and it is a true gift. Thank you.

At this time, I would like to send a sincere and open invitation to join the Caroline Episcopal choir.

Top 10 Reasons to Join the Choir:

- 1. We laugh a lot.
- 2. We share a love of music.
- 3. We care about each other.
- 4. Even if you are rusty or have been away for a long time, you are welcome!
- 5. We pray together.
- 6. We laugh a lot. Really.
- 7. We are diverse in age & stage and respect one another.
- 8. We express our faith through the preparation and sharing of music.
- We honor the worship service and enjoy the privilege of participating.
- 10. We laugh A LOT, seriously. God hears our prayers and smiles with us.

The Caroline Choir continues to sing with joy, and I am pleased to work with this group this coming year. If you want to sing to praise the Lord, please contact me. We meet in the Church on Monday evenings! Choir Rehearsals begin on Monday evening, September 11th, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Parish house. Come on by and check us out.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ngoodrich@carolinechurch.net or by telephone: 941-228-3845

Remember, you can also leave a message for me at the church.

I can't wait to see you and wish you blessings as we gather in God's name for another exciting church year. See you at church ... I'm the one at the organ!!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Nadine G.

Interim Director of Music Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES: FIRST DAY BACK!

Sunday, September 24th is the first day back to Sunday School and the teachers and volunteers are excited about the start of a new season of fun and sharing of their love of Jesus with the children of Caroline Church

We are blessed to have the following parishioners, all of whom have completed diocesan required Safe Church training, participating in our Christian education program:

Children's Chapel Supervisor: Meaghan M.

Children's Chapel Accompanist & String Ensemble Leader: Gretchen S.

Nursery Babysitter: Brooke A.

PreK-1st Grade:

Lyndsay J. & Janene T.

2nd-3rd Grades: Cheryl A.

4th-5th Grades: Virginia C.

6th Grade & Up: Beth R. & Kristina S.

Substitute: Michelle B.

For those not familiar with Children's Chapel, children through year's Sunday School Registration 5th grade start their morning at 9:30am in the main room of the Marco Smith Building with a simplified service, very much mirroring what is happening in the "big" church. There is song, prayer, a lesson, a chosen acolyte each week that gets to light and extinguish the candles, and an offering. Head's up, that most children bring in a one-dollar bill for the plate and it is a big deal when chosen to "pass the plate!"

Children's Chapel runs 15-20 min. and the children are then dismissed and escorted to their classrooms within the same building by their teacher. Youth sixth grade and up go directly to their classroom at 9:30am. All Sunday School classes dismiss at 10:30am. Children through 5th grade should be picked up at their classroom by their parents. Youth 6th grade and up will meet their parents at coffee hour in the MCS.

Please complete and return this form (see next page, 26), or they are available in the parish office, in the narthex, and on the Sunday School table in the MCS building. A new registration form must be completed every year.

Please know that I am excited for the children of Caroline Church. A wonderful journey of getting to know and learn about Jesus and his teachings awaits them.

How awesome!

Faithfully,

Virginia C. Volunteer Sunday School Director



NEXT CHILDREN'S SERVICE:

NOVEMBER 12TH



Our children's services on June 11, July 16 & August 27 were a great success. Children participated as readers, ushers, acolytes & more!

Caroline *Episcopal* Church

Sunday School Registration Form 2023-2024

Thank you for completing and signing this form. Please deliver to our office, or mail to Caroline Episcopal Church, 1 Dyke Rd, Setauket, NY 11733

Last Name:	Parent(s') Name(s):
Parent(s') Religious Background:	
Address (Residence of Children):	
Home Phone:	
Parent's Name:	Parent's Name:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Email:	Email:
Who is allowed to pick up children from class?	
Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Age: Gender:	Age: Gender:
Grade: Birth Date:	Grade: Birth Date:
Allergies/Special Needs:	Allergies/Special Needs:
Interests/Talents:	Interests/Talents:
Baptized (Year:)	Baptized (Year:)
Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Age: Gender:	Age: Gender:
Grade: Birth Date:	Grade: Birth Date:
Allergies/Special Needs:	Allergies/Special Needs:
Interests/Talents:	Interests/Talents:
Baptized (Year:)	Baptized (Year:)
I can help in the follow areas of ministry for child	h grd & up) in a Holy Communion educational program.
Children Teaching Substituting Species	al Events Other
Youth	al EventsOther
Teaching Substituting Special	al Events Other
I understand that I am expected to remain on t event that my child has an emergency or I am need	the church premises during Sunday school in the ed for any other reason.
I authorize Caroline Episcopal Church to photograph a parish-produced publications (i.e., the newsletter, website, will not identify a minor (under 18 years of age) by name, by permission has been granted.	parish directory, or publicity). I understand that such use
Parent's Name: Parent's Sign	Date:

UPDATED CALENDAR

September 2023

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
B	CKI	65	CHO		1 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	2 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
3 Pentecost XIV 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Camp Caroline!	OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (24)	5 First Day of School TVSD 6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	6 11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN (20) 12:15pm Noonday Prayer	7 10:00am Healing Service	8 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom Carillon Release	9 8:30am Brotherhood of St. Andrew in MCS (24) 9:30am Caregivers Support via Zoom 9:30am K+R's Wedding 12:00-4:00pm Culper Spy Day (23) 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
Pentecost XV 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Camp Caroline!	OFFICE CLOSED 11:30am Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	13 11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN 12:15pm Noonday Prayer	14 10:00am Healing Service	15 1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	16 10:00am-4:00pm COUNTRY FAIR (2) 11:00am Rev. Elliot's Ordination (31) 5:00pm Celebrate Holy Eucharist with Fr. Elliot in the Tradition of the First Mass
Pentecost XVI 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Last Day of	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	20 11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	10:00am Healing Service 7:00pm Grief Support in Parish House	1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	9:30am Caregivers Support via Zoom 10am-4pm Country Fair RAINDATE (2) 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
24 Pentecost XVII 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Sunday School is back! (25)	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	27 11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Ministry Leaders Meeting	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	30 5:00pm Holy Eucharist

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2023

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pentecost XVIII		11:00am	11am-12pm	10:00am	1:00pm	3:00pm
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Fall Clergy Day 6:30pm	Food Pantry OPEN	Healing Service	Bible Study via Zoom	Blessing of the Animals
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm	Bible Study in Parish House	12:15pm Noonday Prayer			5:00pm Holy Eucharist
History Center lecture & Coffee Hour (16)	Choir Rehearsal					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost XIX		6:30pm	11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm	8:30am
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study in Parish House			Bible Study via Zoom	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Last Day to drop off donations to Caroline	11:30am Buildings & Grounds Mtg.		12:15pm Noonday Prayer			9:30am Caregivers Support via Zoom
donations to Caroline Cares Campus Packages	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal					5:00pm Holy Eucharist
	Choir Renearsar					Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets! (11)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pentecost XX		6:30pm	11am-12pm	10:00am	1:00pm	5:00pm
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study in Parish House	Food Pantry OPEN	Healing Service	Bible Study via Zoom	Holy Eucharist
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer	7:00pm Grief Support in Parish		Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets!
Blessing of Campus Care Packages (22)	Choir Renearsar		7:00pm Vestry Meeting	House		5:00pm TVHS 29th Annual Spirits Cemetery
Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets!						Tour (23)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pentecost XXI	0.777.07	6:30pm	11am-12pm	10:00am	1:00pm	9:30am
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study in Parish House	Food Pantry OPEN	Healing Service	Bible Study via Zoom	Caregivers Support via Zoom
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm		12:15pm Noonday Prayer			5:00pm Holy Eucharist
Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets!	Choir Rehearsal					Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets!
29	30	31	November 1	2	3	4
Pentecost XXII		Vigil of	11am-12pm	10:00am	1:00pm	5:00pm
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	All Saints 6:30pm	Food Pantry OPEN	Healing Service	Bible Study	Tricentennial Blessing of the
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm	Bible Study in Parish House	12:15pm Noonday Prayer		via Zoom	Congregation at the Church (17)
Pick-up Blessing & Reception tickets!	Choir Rehearsal		6:30pm Feast of All			6:30pm Reception at the
Time Capsule Burial & All Souls Day Bash (22)			Saints - Holy Eucharist			Bates House (17)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2023

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost XXIII 8:00am	OFFICE CLOSED			10:00am Healing Service	DIOCESAN CONVENTION	
Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	Bible Study in Parish House	12:15pm Noonday Prayer		1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	8:30am Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:30am Caregivers Support via Zoom 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pentecost XXIV		6:30pm Bible Study in	11am-12pm Food Pantry	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm Bible Study	5:00pm Holy Eucharist
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Parish House	OPEN	7:00pm	via Zoom	
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Children's Service	11:30am Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer	Grief Support in Parish House		
19 Pentecost XXV	20	21 6:30pm	22 11am-12pm	23	24	25 9:30am
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study in Parish House	Food Pantry OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving		Caregivers Support via Zoom
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	10:00am Thanksgiving Service		5:00pm Holy Eucharist
26 Last Sunday	27	28 6:30pm	29 11am-12pm	30 10:00am	December 1	2
after Pentecost Christ the King Feast Day	OFFICE CLOSED	Parish House OPEN 12:15pi	12:15pm	Healing Service	TV Historical Society's Candlelight House Tour (23	
8:00am Holy Eucharist	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		Noonday Prayer		1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	5:00pm Holy Eucharist
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)					Next Carillon Release	

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2023

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SAT.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Advent I 8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	8:30am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer			9:30am Caregivers Support via Zoom 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Advent II	11	6:30pm	11am-12pm	10:00am	1:00pm	5:00pm
8:00am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study in Parish House	Food Pantry OPEN	Healing Service	Bible Study via Zoom	Holy Eucharist
9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	11:30am Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Advent III Gaudete Sunday	OFFICE CLOSED	6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	9:30am Caregivers Support via
8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) Christmas Pageant (23)	6:00pm Choir Rehearsal		12:15pm Noonday Prayer 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	5:00pm Live Nativity: Carriage Shed (23)	5:00pm Live Nativity <i>RAINDATE</i>	Zoom 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Advent IV Christmas Eve	OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas & Winter Break					5:00pm Holy Eucharist
10:00am Lessons & Carols 9:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil	Christmas 10:00am Holy Eucharist	J 0. 0				
31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
First Sunday after Christmas 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist	OFFICE CLOSED New Year's	6:30pm Bible Study in Parish House	11am-12pm Food Pantry OPEN 12:15pm	10:00am Healing Service	1:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	Epiphany 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
(live-streamed)	Tien Teur S		Noonday Prayer			



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The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, will ordain

ELLIOT THOMAS CONRAD

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at eleven o'clock in the morning

The Cathedral of the Incarnation 50 Cathedral Avenue Garden City, NY

Your prayers and presence are requested.

A livestream will be available at: www.dioceseli.org/2023ordination

Clergy: Cassock, Surplice, and Red Stole
A light reception will follow.

Beloved Members and Friends,

The staff at Caroline Episcopal Church is happy to announce that we are taking our first steps in the development of an online marketing campaign. Listed below are easy ways to support the Church and the important work of proclaiming the Gospel to the Three Villages & beyond.

Thank you for your support, Fr. Nickolas C. Griffith



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Subscribe to our channel and check out all the sermons and services available.

NEW: Our channel features both our 8:00am sermon and our 9:30am children's sermon from August 27th!



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