

Congregational Council Spotlight of St. John's

Mike Walker, Church Sexton

Dear fellow members of St. John's, I was asked to take over the position of Sexton a little over a year ago. Although I didn't know exactly what the job entailed it seemed interesting and I decided to give it a try. Everyone has their unique skillset and my previous experiences have helped prepare me for this new opportunity.

I retired from the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning after 27 years of operating local wastewater treatment facilities. Before that I was a rail vehicle technician specializing in the installation of door systems during refurbishment of New York City subway cars.

Growing up in Lancaster I attended St. Mary's Elementary and Lancaster High. I graduated from Buffalo State College with a BS in Industrial Arts Education and worked in the newspaper printing industry for 10 years.

I have been a member of St. John's since 1978, served two terms on the congregational council and did the calligraphy for the church baptisms for fourteen years. My wife and I raised three wonderful children in Elma and just celebrated our forty-first wedding anniversary. We have been blessed with four grandchildren who are the source of endless joy. I have been a volunteer Fireman with the Spring Brook Fire Co. in Elma for thirty-three years and currently serve as treasurer.

We are raising our twelfth puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Our local Erie County region of Guiding Eyes puppy raisers meets almost weekly in the Fellowship Hall and we are extremely grateful to St. John's for allowing us this privilege. Puppy classes are informal and visitors are always welcome.

I am happy to serve as your Sexton and am thankful for all the help I have received.

Mike Walker