

The Bell Ringer

November
2017



Old Donation Episcopal Church

*Old Donation Episcopal Church is a family: Welcoming All ✝ Growing in God's love ✝
Joyfully worshipping Jesus Christ ✝ Serving in the power of the Spirit*



The 84th Annual *Old Donation* Oyster Roast

Saturday, November 18th

Our Annual Fundraiser to support Outreach

10:00am to 3:00pm

All Saints' Sunday

November 5th

Please join us & bring photos of the saints
in your life to place around the church as a
sign of the cloud of witnesses that sur-
round us!



Veterans' Sunday

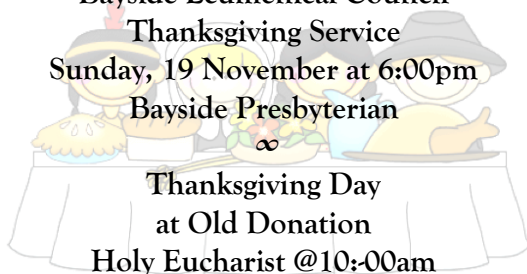
November 12th

Active Duty and Veterans,
please dress in uniform for this
special service.

November 5: Ingathering Sunday

Bring your pledge card to the altar
on Sunday, 5 November.

Bayside Ecumenical Council
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, 19 November at 6:00pm
Bayside Presbyterian
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Thanksgiving Day
at Old Donation
Holy Eucharist @10:00am



**We will make
Advent Wreaths**

between services on the
26 November

From our Rector

I just looked up and October is gone! I thought it was yesterday that Sunday School and Day School got back into session. But yesterday was actually when trick-or-treaters were knocking on my door. So much good has happened all month, with pet blessings, weddings, funerals, youth ministry going great, and plenty I missed. Many of us were overwhelmed with blessings through our Wednesday night discussions with the Turkish families. Will Skiles opened our minds and hearts to Luther and the beginning of the Reformation in the Sunday morning "Power Hour" teachings. Our worship has been full of beauty and creativity in all four service times. And words are not enough to thank our Parish Life Commission properly for "Pumpkin Palooza" this last Sunday. When it was raining all day, I thought we might have a small group for a downer event. But they were so well organized! Tons of kids and adults packed the parish hall and the outdoor portico to carve and paint pumpkins, and eat chili. ODEC has so many faithful and talented folks.

What's happening now?

It's **Oyster Roast!** See page 8 for what's happening and how to help. I hope that each you will do something to again make this fundraiser great. *All* the funds raised go to outreach. Working together makes this one of the best times.

All Saints' Sunday is this week. Remember to bring pictures of the saints in your life.

Wednesdays in November will be for teaching and discussion. Nov 8 we will talk the theology and practice of worship space, and how you furnish it can facilitate or inhibit good worship. We will learn what is important to think about as we design a new space. The next week, (Nov 15), I will walk through the English pilgrimage we have planned for next year. Today is exactly one year after our trip to the Holy Land and the memories still inspire me.

Life and Change

You've probably read the announcements about our staff changes with Pam Campbell and Fred Poteet. Both have been invaluable assets for our ministry and mission. Pam has served ODEC over 18 years. Her work in recent times for the Gathering children's time has made a tremendous impact. Fred does so much that no one can see and has been an essential part of our clergy support to the parish. I thank God for their work and for their friendship.

In addition to the addition of a new "Priest Associate" in January, we are making some swaps to pick up some of the

work and responsibilities. Gretchen Hood and Cheryl Sutherland will be taking on administrative work from Pam and Fred. And Marta Cohen, our Youth Minister, will take responsibility for planning and coordination of three areas associated with our children's ministry. She will do the weekly scheduling, planning and organizing of our children's time in the Library. Plus, Marta will be doing primary organizational work for directing the annual Christmas pageant and VBS efforts.

Our new Associate Priest:

The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Soltys was ordained to the priesthood in July, 2016 in Chicago, IL. She served on staff at St James Cathedral, Chicago, first as Deacon and then as Curate. Prior to ordination, she completed a six-month chaplaincy training program at Advocate Good Samaritan in Downers Grove, IL. Before moving to Illinois, Jacqueline served as Christian Education Director at Church of the Ascension in Knoxville, TN. She holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a Ph.D. from Yale University. Jacqueline and her family relocated from Chicago to Virginia in August. She lives in Williamsburg with her husband, Stuart Henderson, Director of Jefferson National Laboratory, and their daughters, Sophia and Grace. She comes to us with high praise from the Dean of the cathedral for her gifts of preaching and leadership of liturgy - which are the very areas we are seeking.



Our Turkish friends and Oyster Roast

Many have asked what we could do next with our new friends from the Turkish community. We are looking at some opportunities over the next several months when we can include them in some of our parish fellowship. Coming soon is our annual Oyster Roast fundraiser for Outreach. I am receiving donations to my discretionary fund to enable us to invite some of the families to come and share a meal (and enjoy the festival atmosphere). We will offer VIP guest vouchers so their family can all enjoy lunch. If you will put a check in the offering plate marked simply "RDF - Turkish" we will have funds to invite our 5 sponsored families and if we collect enough, maybe we can expand the invitation list.

I look forward to seeing you around!

From Our Assistant Rector

My dear friends,

As you likely are aware, our theme in Formation for the past few months has been Knowing Our Roots. We talked in September about “The Day the World Changed” for us through personal and national events, for the Israelites through the exodus from Egypt and the time that followed, and for Christianity through the death and resurrection of Christ. In October we “Time Traveled Church” and journeyed through the Reformation, examining its starting point, the positives and negatives that came from it, and why all of it matters to us today. And now, in November, we are finishing our Roots theme with an exploration of the our country’s slave trade in the 1800’s. We will begin learning about the trade and one family’s journey to take steps to heal, and encourage others to take their own journey.

Traces of the Trade is a documentary of one New England family’s journey to trace their ancestors’ participation in the slave trade. The results for them were transformative, and their path is both inspirational and challenging. Through their work and the sharing of their story, they have been encouraging the entire world to embark on a similar journey through the past and take an open and honest look at the world our ancestors lived in and the consequences of that world.

I’ll say it plainly: this is about race.

It’s also about the relationships we forge with one another. It’s about listening, exploring the past with a new lens, being open to all sorts of different perspectives, and being willing to have a conversation.

Please, come and watch the documentary, which will be broken up into three segments on Sunday mornings in November. Your voice is important, your perspective is necessary, and we can’t have these conversations without you. The hope is that the more we can learn about our country’s history and talk openly with one another about it, share our stories, and listen to the people around us, the more we will grow in Christ and in the love of God.

I pray you’ll be a part of the growth.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Vici", followed by a small plus sign.

From Our Youth Minister

On Sunday, we as a community of faith will observe All Saints’ Day. It’s a time when we remember all Christian saints and champions of the faith that have gone on to be with the Lord. This year, my beloved Grandma Harriet will be one of the people represented by a picture in the church on All Saints’ Day. She passed away on December 29, 2016, just 3 days away from her 97th birthday.

Grandma Harriet was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was sharp as a tack, with a cunning wit and an ingratiating laugh. Even after her sight began to fade, her blue eyes would sparkle with recognition when you paid her a visit. She would always beat you at any game of Scrabble and insist on serving you coffee and sweets. Most importantly, she loved the Lord and knew her identity as a child of God.

I am still learning how to live on this earth without her. I was blessed to know her for over a quarter of a century. As you might imagine, this produces many mixed emotions. There is joy, in knowing that my grandma is finally at peace and reunited with my grandpa, and in remembering a beautiful life well lived. But there is also deep sorrow in realizing that a woman who greatly influenced the person I would become, who was the embodiment of comfort, deep love, humility and gentleness, is no longer able to give me a hug.

All this begs the question, “Why are these remembrances important, if they also cause me to feel sorrowful?” The answer is quite simple: I remember who I am through the life and example of my grandma. I carry forward the tradition of faith she lived. I remember my own identity in Christ. And my faith is stronger for having known her.

Our saints were imperfect, full of laughter, flaws, quirks, struggles, strength, love and pain. But, they were remarkable because they kept following the path the Lord set out for them, step by step. We remember them, and we follow in their footsteps as we listen for God’s call in our own lives. We carry forward their love and faith in our own lives so we can soothe a hurting world. Remember those you love and hold their memories dear, but also continue your journey of faith, trusting step by step as they did.

Blessings,
~Marta

Stewardship at Old Donation—Theology and Practice

“God so loved the world... that he gave...”

Christian stewardship is the essence of faithful living. It is *what we do with all we are and all we have*. Stewardship is not about obligation or guilt. It is grateful response to God’s blessings..

The stewardship cycle looks something like this:

1. We recognize that God freely and generously *gives* us life, talents, and treasures because God *loves* us. Love is generous.
2. Recognition leads to *gratitude*. Our grateful response is to give back to God, supporting God's work in the world.
3. OUR giving produces joy in US. Plus, we learn trust because we still have enough. Giving generously, we grow spiritually.
4. Our giving back blesses God and blesses all creation, leading to more recognition. The cycle continues.

All of who we are and what we have

Stewardship is not about (only) money. Stewardship is about everything we do with all of God's gifts. Adam and Eve were given jobs in the garden, caring for creation. (They even had naming rights!) Like them, we are stewards of creation, using God’s gifts. God’s blessings are so we can be a blessing. We know we have a big job, because we have been given big gifts of time, talents and treasure.

At some points in our life we have more talent and less treasure; ...some times more treasure and little time; ... other times we have lots of time and almost nothing else! Most days we have some of all three. That is why Scripture teaches us that proportional giving is a faithful way of living. *“For those to whom much is given, much is expected,”* is a way of saying: *do what you can from what you have*.

Trusting God

If faithful stewardship is the pathway for Christian living, trust is the fuel—and fear is what slows us down. The most frequent advice in Holy Scripture is “Do not fear,” because God knows our tendency. We learn trust by taking baby steps forward and seeing that God provides what we need. We trust God with more and more. Eventually we learn to be free - free of fear. That is the way God wants us to live.

We need to learn to be generous, not because God needs our time and money, but ***because it is good for us***. GOD DOES NOT NEED OUR MONEY. God is capable of doing all God wants. However, God invites us to be partners, to cooperate with his work of blessing, so that we too can enjoy the benefits of Godly life.

SO... what do we do? First, *pray*.

Ask God to help you see your entire life as God's gift. Ask God to give you awareness of your blessings of time, talent and treasure. Pray for wisdom for how they might be useful in God's work. Ask God for the courage to start. Ask yourself, what portion of your time, talent and treasure are you directing God's way? Ultimately the biblical standard for giving our treasure is 10%. But that’s not the critical amount. Some give 20% or more. Others are much lower. What Christ wants is for us to be faithful with 100% of what we have. Part of that faithfulness is demonstrated in the way we give back for God’s work.

Give thanks for whatever you are doing. Then make a plan to gradually but steadily increase your commitment to something that feels right in your prayers. Growing in our faithfulness is like a work-out routine, building up spiritual muscles by regular exercise. You will be surprised by what you can give without missing it, when you steadily and prayerfully work toward being generous.

Using our gifts at Old Donation Church

If you trust that the ministry and mission of Old Donation Church is doing God's work, we hope you will respond in gratitude for your blessings by giving generously to support this ministry. Most members make annual “pledges” which are estimates of their financial support based on current circumstances. This system of annual pledges enables parish leadership to plan for the next year. Budgets are always based on actual pledges received. You have already received a pledge card for the next budget year. We hope you will pray about what we have described and make a commitment for January through December of next year.

Pledge cards should be turned in during services on November 5 if possible. If you will not be able to come that Sunday, please send them in prior. Thank you for your faithfulness. We ask you to keep our parish and its ministry and mission in your prayers.

Legacy Society of 1637

We were recently asked, "Why did you remember Old Donation Church in your estate planning?" That caused us to think about an answer to this question.

First, because we feel it is our Christian responsibility and because this church has meant so much to us during our lifetime. Through some real crises in our lives the members and clergy of ODEC were there to help. We are so thankful for this and wanted to help insure that future generations will have that same opportunity. Annual giving is important but only through an endowment can the church's future be assured.



Also, as Christian stewards we feel that to whom much is given, much is expected, and we have been truly blessed. This is one way we can express to God our thankfulness. It was after a lot of prayer that we

determined this is a way for us to show love to our neighbor.

Hopefully our actions will help others to reflect on their blessings and agree that ODEC is worthy of legacy support as well.

Has he shown you, O man what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

~ Nancy & Tom Cantrell

We thank Nancy and Tom for their thoughtful Legacy message and their love for the mission of Old Donation. If you are contemplating adding the ODEC Endowment Fund to your Will or Estate Plan, for more information contact Planned Giving member [Earl Morris](#) or call 757-464-1062

Our Rich History

On September 5, 1781 a 2½ hour epic battle just off the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay became the most significant battle in American history by holding the British fleet bringing vital supplies from reaching Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. It assured General Washington of victory which directly led the way to securing America's independence from England. Little praise is given to Lynnhaven Parish parishioners who worked tirelessly, bringing vital supplies to Admiral deGrasse's French fleet while waiting at the mouth of the Lynnhaven River for the English. Also of note is Colonel Adam Thoroughgood, a direct descendant of our founding father, who fought under General George Washington at the October 1781 Battle of Yorktown.

Known as the *War of 1812*, thirty years later England had still not recovered from defeat and again went to war, imposing a maritime blockade that brought America to near bankruptcy. Leading up to English hostilities, on July 8, 1812, and again just off Cape Henry, the Princess Anne County Militia captured the first English ship of the war, the *HMS Whiting*. Our local militia would continue hit-and-run operations against a far superior English fleet throughout this second war with England. Their efforts contributed to the English becoming weary of continued fights with America. Three Lynnhaven Parish Church patriots that fought with the local militia, Sgt. Brownley, Pvt. Henderson and Pvt. Walke are buried in our cemetery. On May 17th, 2014 they, along with Colonel Thoroughgood, were among the thirteen Lynnhaven Parish Church patriots honored with a cemetery plaque by the Society of 1812 and DAR. This will forever stand as a cherished tribute to those Lynnhaven Parish patriots who helped win our freedom.

~ Bob Perrine, Parish Historian



September 5, 1781, the Battle of the Clouds
(French on the left and English on the right)

Pledge Online

Print a Pledge Card

Knowing Our Roots

September - November



All That's Cool in Sunday School

Our next Cycle begins!
Join us as we learn "All About the Bible"

November Workshops

Drama: Archeological Dig with Mairin Genova

Music: Songs about the Bible with Ann Butler

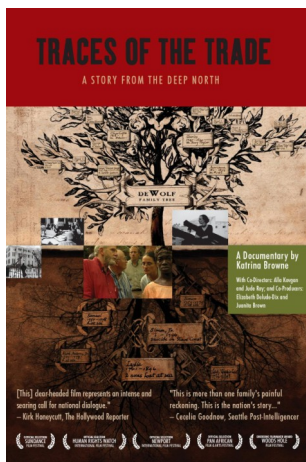
Games: Bible Olympics: Courtney & Brennon Pope

A special thank you to last month's Cycle teachers:
Christina Hanawalt, Leslie Fenter, and
Sue Stephenson!

This discussion group, reminiscent of Under the Hill, continues through November 19! It is designed for participants to express their thoughts on a variety of topics from the news of the day. All opinions welcome, no preparation is needed. Facilitated by Debbie Quam, Kelli Hoover, and Matt Jackson in Fr. Bob's office.



Power Hour



Over the first three weeks in November, we will come together to watch and discuss the video "Traces of the Trade." This excellent documentary is of one New England family's journey through their ancestor's participation in the slave trade. Each week we'll watch a little bit together, and then share in conversation.

Nov 5: First Steps— How did Katrina Browne and her family begin this monumental undertaking? What might our own first steps into a deeper understanding of our history be?

Nov 12: The Journey— Travel with Katrina and her family as they retrace the Triangle Trade, uncovering the depths of Northern complicity in slavery and working towards greater awareness on issues of race/racism.

Nov 19: What Now?— After completing such a life changing journey, what did this family do next? After sharing the journey with them, what will we do next?

The Old Testament Scriptures

Jump into the historical context and literary import of the first books of the bible, a foundational document of Western thought and Christian and Jewish faith. Videos presented by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University. Discussion facilitated by Mary Poteet and Marti Jones in the library.

Youth Sunday School

Rite 13 (Grades 6 & 7) - The group explores the "images of God," and what it means to be made in God's image, with gifts and abilities.

I2A (Grades 8 & 9) - Exploring who we are in Christ and what our gifts and talents are.

I2A-C (Grades 10 & 11) - The group will explore how remembering history informs our faith today.

12th graders are encouraged to help with children's classes, attend Adult offerings, worship at 9:15, or join a new ministry.

Wednesday Night Series

November 8 - Worship Space

What makes a good worship space? What is happening in worship and how does design and arrangement of the space and aesthetics facilitate effective Christian worship in our Episcopal tradition? These are important questions for any time, but especially as we design a new space that can function for parish gatherings and teachings as well as for regular worship. Our new building work will not replace the beauty and effectiveness of our Church. But if we do it well, it can be an important complement. Fr. Bob will lead a teaching and discussion.

November 15 - Pilgrimage to England "Canterbury Trails"

Old Donation is planning a spiritual pilgrimage to England for next September (5-17, 2018). This will focus our Anglican roots of worship, theology, literature and music as we visit cathedrals, holy sites, and English villages and cities. It will be 11 days of inspiration and great fellowship, in places of beauty and great food (and ale). Fr. Bob will review the itinerary, options, and likely costs.

Young Adults

Our young adults group is going strong on Thursday evenings with a new time: 5:30-7:00pm, in Alfriend House! Children are welcome to join, just let Mother Ashley know if you're interested or have any questions.

Advent Wreath assembly on Thanksgiving Weekend

No Sunday school Thanksgiving weekend! We will carry on our great tradition of starting Advent off right



by making family Advent wreaths. As with most years, the Sunday following Thanksgiving is the first Sunday of Advent, so it's the perfect time to begin this work. All of the hardware, candles, greens and accessories will be laid out

and available to construct a wreath for your family in one sitting. This will help you to walk through the season of Advent remembering each moment leading up to Christmas as precious, and mark it with the lighting of a candle. As the days grow darker the light from your Advent wreath will grow brighter. Finally, Christmas will arrive and your Advent wreath will shine with a brightness that no darkness can overcome.

EYC

Sunday, November 5- EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6pm

High School: 6-7:30pm

Sunday, November 12- EYC goes to Laser Quest!

No regular EYC due to Happening weekend; Father

Bob will take the whole group to go play Laser tag!

Drop-off: 4:00pm at church

Pick-up: 7:15pm at church

Saturday, November 18- EYC helps at Oyster Roast

Come lend a hand! The event runs 10am-3pm.

Sunday, November 19- EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6pm

High School: 6-7:30pm

Sunday, November 26- No EYC due to Thanksgiving Weekend. Come to church to make Advent wreaths!

Sunday, December 3- EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6pm

High School: 6-7:30pm

Diocesan Youth Events 2017-18

Happening #67 (Grades 10-12)

Fri. Nov. 10 - Sun. Nov. 12, 2017 at Camp Chanco

December Lock-in (Grades 6-12)

Fri. Dec. 8 - Sat. Dec. 9 at Camp Chanco

Happening #68 (Grades 10-12)

Fri. Mar. 9 - Sun. Mar. 11, 2018 at Camp Chanco

May Weekend (Grades 6-12)

Fri. May 18 - Sun. May 20, 2018 at Camp Chanco

Happening at Camp Chanco

Happening is an experiential weekend retreat for teens that may just change your life. Come and see what it's like to be transformed by God's love!

The event is for students in grades 10-12, and is an incredible opportunity for them to make friends, explore their faith, and have fun!

Registration for the November Happening has closed, but the next one will be March 9-11, 2018!

ODEC'S ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, 18 November

NEEDED!

Bakers & Canners

Used Books

Silent Auction Items

Oyster Shuckers

White Elephant Items

Kitchen Help

Dining Room Help

Contact

Tony Putzig or Betts Werbiskis

Corn Hole Tournament

Kids Games, Bounce House

Bake Sale

Silent Auction

Raffle

Lots of fun, food &
fellowship

Cotton Candy

Oysters! Oysters! Oysters!

Fried, Roasted & Raw

The Old Donation Oyster Roast Saturday, 18 November

For those of you new to Old Donation, this is a fun annual event offering Oysters, our famous Brunswick Stew and BBQ, Silent Auction, White Elephant Sale, the Bake room with pickles and homemade jellies and jams, all kinds of books, music, tours of our historic church, and games for the children.

Most importantly, ***we need volunteers*** for the dining room, kitchen, waiters, bake room and a variety of other activities. If you would like to help with any of these activities, ***please sign up*** so we can plan ahead. Look for sign up sheets or call [Betts Werbiskis](tel:757-434-2557) at 757-434-2557 or [Tony Putzig](tel:757-777-0124) 757-777-0124.

Treasures Needed!

Time to work on that fall cleaning to give to our White Elephant! We gladly accept most items with the exception of clothes, large electronics and work-out equipment. Please contact [Carolyn Gerace](tel:757-818-5509) 757-818-5509 if you have any questions/concerns or need help with pickup.

Bake Sale!

Gather your favorite recipes and get ready to bake for the Oyster Roast Bake Sale. We love all of your favorite pies, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, candies, and sweet treats.

Consider packaging for single serving size or as a full sized gift of dessert for your family and friends.

Jams, jellies and pickles of all sorts will be in store as well. I look forward to the amazing and delicious donations that arrive from the talented army of bakers we have at Old Donation.

For questions, to volunteer to bake or to help with the Bake Room on the day of the Oyster Roast please contact [Shelby Wilber](tel:757-284-4610) at 757-284-4610 (text messages welcome).





The 84th Annual *Old Donation* Oyster Roast

Silent Auction Items Needed!

The Oyster Roast Committee is seeking items for the silent auction. Donating to the silent auction is a great way to promote a business and give back to the community. Popular silent auction items are restaurant gift cards, certificates for services and activities, theater

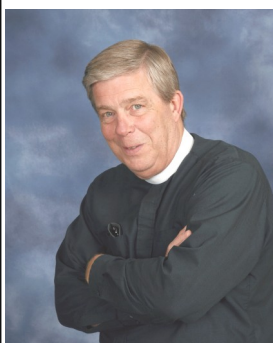
tickets, a week or weekend in your vacation home, catered dinners, jewelry, and elegant household items such as silver and artwork. Gift baskets are always appreciated as well. If there is a business that you frequent that you think might make a donation, please ask. If you don't feel comfortable doing that yourself, please call our silent auction committee chair with your ideas. Donations may be left in the church office or contact Laura Spink at 403-7262.

Help Needed!

After more than a year of dedicated service, Ashleigh Strimback, one of our Sunday nursery workers, will be leaving us. Which means, we need help once again! The hours for this position are 7:45am-11:45am (or once all children are picked up after services), every Sunday throughout the year. If you are interested in this position, please contact [Mother Ashley](#)! If you are interested in helping out but can't commit to every Sunday, let us know as well because we would love to add you to our substitute list.

| Vestry Member | Commission Assignment | Year |
|---------------------|--|------|
| Sharon Payne | Senior Warden | 2018 |
| Carol Gurioli | Day School | 2018 |
| Jeff Hood | Stewardship | 2018 |
| Rich Kuhr | Finance | 2018 |
| John Brown | Buildings & Grounds | 2019 |
| Vicki Dorsett | Congregational Care | 2019 |
| Laura Horvath | Parish Life | 2019 |
| Chip Saunders | Evangelism | 2019 |
| John Sherman | Building & Facilities Planning Process | 2020 |
| Michelle Stephenson | Historic Traditions & Communications | 2020 |
| Holly Swanson | Christian Formation | 2020 |
| Bill Waide | Outreach, People's Warden | 2020 |
| Eliza Aydar | Youth | 2018 |

A Note from Father Fred



Can anyone tell me how to be in two places at the same time? Mary and I want to be with our OldDo family and with our grandchildren that are across the country. In the new year we are going to try becoming bi-locational. That means we'll be away part of the time but we aren't leaving you. Our Virginia Beach kids, Scott and Cmdr Eve, whom many of you know, are being assigned to Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego. While they are away we will split our time between VB and Colorado, where our older son Brian and Ann live.

As drawn as we are to being near family, we can't imagine OldDo not being a big part of our lives. We are both grateful for the life we've enjoyed among you these past twelve plus years. We look forward to many more great times together. Trust me, you won't be reading later on that I've been called to another parish. I've seen enough to be convinced it doesn't get any better than right here at home. This isn't goodbye!

I thank you for a lot of mighty good times we've enjoyed together. My deepest personal gratitude is to so many of you who have allowed me to walk with you in the hard and lonely times. It is a sacred blessing to be there with you. Thank you.

In my retrospection I'm convinced that I believe in love. I believe that in hard times love wins. I believe people can want two things at once. I believe that you can be surprised by life. I believe in happy endings.

JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 17 November, 5:30pm @ Macaroni Grill
RSVP to David Eckhardt: 757-395-0008

Interested in Serving on Vestry?

Potential vestry members are:

- members of the Congregation who are faithful in worship, prayer and stewardship of their gifts and financial resources and involved in the life of the parish by attending parish events.
- willing to provide their God-given leadership abilities to the parish as liaisons to a Commission of the Vestry. Having experience serving on a commission is helpful.
- willing to make a three year commitment to be available for monthly Vestry meetings, usually the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month and for Vestry Commission meetings, usually the first Wednesday evening of the month.
- able to communicate daily via email and conduct business using electronic attachments.
- willing to be the “eyes and ears” of the Parish and represent its needs and concerns.

For more information, or to express interest contact Vestry members: Sharon Payne, Carol Gurioli, Jeff Hood, Rich Kuhr, or the Clergy.

Kairos for Women in Virginia 2-5 November

It is Kairos time again and we are doing Kairos for Women at VCCW the first weekend of November! Four of us from ODEC will be serving on team: Kelly Routh, Deniece Cheri, Jennifer Kamperschorer, and Frankie Ring. Each of us would like to thank the Outreach Committee for their financial support of \$700. These funds go a long way to making our involvement possible. PLEASE PRAY COVER as you are led.

Cookies are an important shower of love from the outside, but PRAYER is the fuel that makes this ministry possible.

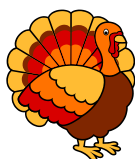
Blessings IN HIS NAME.

~ Frankie Ring

News from the Day School

As has been the tradition at ODEDS, a chapel service prior to Thanksgiving will be dedicated to collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for *The Mission of the Holy Spirit*. By doing this, we have the opportunity to help our children understand how important it is for those of us who have so many gifts to share with those who need our help.

Will you be voting? We will! Children will be voting on “what” they want on the bulletin board. The theme this year is “What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?” Candidates are...Turkey, Pumpkin Pie, and cranberry sauce! Good Luck, candidates!



Stop-n-Shop... Handmade Items and products from Pampered Chef, Thirty One, Tupperware, Stella and Dot and more! We have ONE DAY where lots of vendors fill Tucker Hall and orders will be ready for Christmas gift giving. Stop by and browse Wednesday, November 29th...9:00am - 2:30pm.

~ Janet Brown & Jody Baker

Eucharistic Visitor (EV) Training

Looking for a wonderful ministry? Eucharistic Visitor may be the right fit for you. We take communion to parishioners who are either in the hospital or homebound and are unable to attend church services.

You will receive in-house training, and later two visits with other EVs until you are comfortable visiting on your own. You may choose the Sundays you are able to visit. This ministry provides great comfort to the friends we visit and you will grow in your Faith in ways you cannot know. If you are interested, please contact [Keren Pernini](#) 499-9885. We can set up the hour of training at your convenience.

Outreach! Bayside Feeding

For one week, during Winter Shelter, Bayside Presbyterian Church offers shelter for up to 80 less fortunate people in our community, and serves them a warm meal each night of that week. ODEC, as a part of Outreach, will provide a meal on the night of Tuesday, November 21. We will set up at 7:15pm and should be finished by 9:30pm. While there, we will also make ham and cheese sandwiches for their lunches for the next day.

Volunteers are needed to help us serve the meal, make the sandwiches, and clean up. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Betts Werbiskis](#) 434-2557.

November Celebrations

Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lynette Lewis | 10 Jack Barry | 22 John Jarvis |
| 2 Melissa Moore | JoAnn MacDougall | Sherrie Coyle |
| Sera Kate Alpigini | James Keller | Penny Moulis |
| 4 Anne Scharenberg | Jerry Grubb | Kirsten Holt |
| Deniece Cheri | Helen Heselius | 23 Michael Fitch |
| 5 Betsy VanderWilt | Matthew Bulleit | 24 JoAnne Newhall |
| Hayden Bowles | 11 Sandra Wills | Beth Holland |
| Corrine Gregerson | Diane Bolin | Liudmila Malone |
| 6 Michele Suttle | 12 Gail Varnecky | 25 Judy Lee |
| Trey Dudley | Madeline Schulz | Casey Gregerson |
| 7 Gisella Battersby | 13 Bonney Ball | 26 Katie Fite |
| Christina Wyman | 14 Jocelyn Felton | 27 J. D. Ball |
| Phil Luebbert | 15 Kevin O'Flaherty | Charlie Swift |
| 8 Robert Burns | 17 Michelle Stephenson | 29 Chuck Applebach |
| Rebecca Hailey | 18 Murrey Loflin | Matt Jackson |
| Becky Hailey | Allison Myers | 30 Elizabeth Simpson |
| 9 George Butler | 19 Drew Luebbert | Ray Foberg |
| Mark Sinclair | 20 Page Cranford | Brennon Pope |
| Harry Lustig | 21 Jill Ghormley | Corey Schweiger |
| | | Gwynneth Anderson |

Anniversaries

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| 2 Catherine & Kevin Rubel |
| Heather & Brian Hunt |
| 4 Sara & Mike Check |
| 7 Jacquelyn & Truman Baxter |
| Boo & Greg Burroughs |
| 9 Christina & Bill Wyman |
| 10 Beth & George Weeks |
| 13 Valerie & Mike Casey |
| 14 Liane & Kevin Long |
| Melissa & Bill Waide |
| 17 Rita & Harry Lustig |
| 21 Nancy & Tom Cantrell |
| Ginny & Page Cranford |
| Cynthia & Paul Wise |
| 22 Gloria & John Brown |
| 23 Mike & Amber Lovejoy |
| 24 Doralece & Bill Dullaghan |

Our New Members

John Michael Payne
Holly Waide
Adam, Emily & Smith Mistr
Ned, Davilyn & Areece Piluden
Tim & Julie O'Brien

Our Newly Baptized

Lukas Christopher Howard
Anderson Smith Mistr

Our Newly Married

Valerie & Eric Stagemeyer
Laura & Michael Hicks
Jennifer & Christopher Bennett

Flowers for the Altar

Would you like to remember someone, celebrate an event, give thanks for something or someone? You can share any of these events, and more, with your church community by sponsoring Sunday flowers with a dedication.

The year is going fast ~ we still have some dates available: November 5 (All Saints), December 10th and December 31st (New Year's Eve). If you wish to dedicate flowers for any of these dates contact [Vicki Dorsett](#) 499-8661, or the Parish Office. The cost is \$60 and you can make a check to ODEC with "altar flower" on the subject line.

Start thinking about next year - we now have a calendar for 2018 in the Hallway across from the kitchen. Check it out!

Thanks to all who have given support to the Flower Guild so that our worship space is beautiful every Sunday!

Rise in Glory



Isabell & Preble Staver
Patricia Johnston
Jim Wills

Ladies' Game Night

December 1st 7pm - 10pm

Alfriend House

Come and enjoy a lot of laughter and fellowship, and a game of our choice. Bring a nosh to share or not, Bring your choice of drink or not - there's always plenty to share. Need childcare? Let [Martha Wilson](#) know in advance at 310-430-2306



Valuing our Blessings

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| Total Pledge and Plate Received | \$492,455 |
| Total Pledge and Plate Budget | 471,000 |
| Budget / Received Difference | 21,455 |
| Number of Pledging Units To General Fund | 214 |
| Building Fund | \$366,071 |
| Mission of the Holy Spirit | 7,106 |
| Outreach (all other) | 10,951 |
| Clergy Discretionary Fund | 6,349 |
| Worship | 7,686 |
| Julia Tucker Scholarship Fund (Day School) | 1,444 |

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30-10:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. The Gathering

2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00 p.m. Paws, Prayers & Praise HE

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

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Monday - Friday

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