

The Bell Ringer

June
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



Sunday, 11 June Annual Parish Picnic

following the 10:30am
Combined Worship



Vacation Bible School July 17-21 Information see page 4

Graduates Recognition



Sunday, 11 June
10:30am



Friday,
9 June
See Page 4!

4 June:
Pentecost

see pg 6...

Sundays@5 Holy Eucharist

every Summer Sunday
beginning 11 June, 5:00pm

Worship with contemporary guitar music -
summer fun attire & flip flops welcome!



From our Rector

“Summer’s here and the time is right...” for lots and lots of good Godly stuff at Old Donation... Maybe a little “dancing in the streets” but also so much more. Breaks in our regular routines bring opportunities to try something new. There’s time for picnics, adventures, extended vacations, and summer jobs for college and high schoolers. But also more time for families, trying a different worship service, finding some new way to serve God’s purposes and for getting to know some new friends. A world of opportunity is open if we are thoughtful and intentional about how we use our time.

So maybe the *time is right* to:

- **read a new book** – for some suggestions [click here](#). Some religious, some not. We will continue to add to the list through the year.
- **join a new “Summer Thirst” group** for some respectful theologically centered discussions of current events or questions about our faith – look for an announcement soon about July start times. This is a new beginning for a series of casual conversations over some beverages, moderated by our clergy.
- **enjoy some ‘family fun’** roller skating and duckpin bowling June 9 (see page 4)
- **try Sundays@5**, which starts June 11 with Paws, Prayers and Praise, and continues every Sunday (with PPP on the second Sunday every month).
- **watch PBS “Grantchester”** season 3 Sunday nights, beginning June 18. This is an engaging British series featuring a small village vicar (priest) who solves murder mysteries.
- **pay attention** for Summer Wednesdays, movie nights, beach Eucharist, karaoke, youth group fun events, and Sunday ice cream socials. They are all on the agenda for this active summer. No lazy, hazy days here!

Time, time, time... flies by

Sometimes too fast... Last Thursday during our Day School kindergarten graduations I was recognizing that this was my 13th year presiding over them. In the middle of the ceremony it hit me that my first year of kindergarten grads would be also graduating this year from high school!

More Graduates

June 18, we will give thanks to God for our many faithful students who are graduating this Spring. At the 10:30 service we will recognize all the high school and college grads. High School grads will be awarded a bible. Read

the long list of grads on page 5. You also will be proud of our ODEC family.

Picnic

One of our best traditions is our early summer Parish picnic. June 11 the 10:30 services will be combined and held outside in the graveyard (weather permitting). Immediately following we will have our picnic with the church supplying hamburgers and hotdogs to complement whatever you bring. So, wear your shorts and t-shirt for Sunday worship and bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy a meal with your church family. If it is nice we eat outside. Sometimes it is hot enough to push our eating into the parish hall. Come, enjoy!

Diocesan Council Delegation Election

It is time to elect our delegation for Annual Diocesan Council. Old Donation has 6 representatives (and 2 alternates) in addition to clergy members. The vestry elects the delegates from our membership, based upon your nominations. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please submit your name to our parish administrator by email or in writing. The responsibility includes participation in the annual Council and a local pre-Council meeting. Annual Council next year will be all day Friday and Saturday, February 9-10, 2018 at the Williamsburg Lodge Convention Center in Williamsburg, VA. ODEC pays for your lodging and some meals during the Council.

Personnel Announcements

I hope you will extend your thanks and support to two new members of the ODEC staff. Marta Cohen begins as our Youth Minister on July 1, and Cheryl Sutherland begins as Parish Secretary June 1. The longer announcement went out by email last week and can be found on our web site.

Vestry Appointment

Holly Swanson was elected by the vestry to fill a vacant term (caused by resignation due to regular conflicting meeting times). Holly has been a member of ODEC from her birth, since her parents are Ed and Sharon Butts. After a sojourn to northern VA, she returned and has been active in the parish life for 7-8 years, along with her three children and husband, Patrick. Holly will be the liaison to the Christian Formation commission, with Vicki Dorsett gracefully switching to Congregational Care. Please thank Holly for her willingness to serve you and the parish in pursuit of our mission.



From our Assistant Rector

Creating a Rule of Life.

That should sound familiar to a lot of you by now, since we've been talking about it for over a month; it was our Wednesday Night Program for the season of Easter. Does it sound imposing? It might, but it shouldn't. A Rule of Life is essentially a covenant you make with yourself to help you keep your life balanced and focused. It's meant to be individual and fluid, and should change with you.

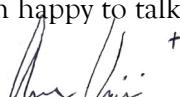
I wrote my first Rule of Life when I was in seminary; we devoted an entire class to learning about and developing them (among other things) and in the end mine was relatively short, but focused. I committed to spending time each day with Ben that was just for us, praying together as a family aside from saying grace, starting each morning with meditative prayer using my prayer beads, and going for a walk at least three times a week. There might have been more on my Rule, but I don't remember now. I can't say that I held to it 100%; there were days or weeks when I missed something. But having it written down, knowing that I had made a promise to myself and my relationships to do these things...it made a difference.

Life is distracting. It's busy, stressful, consuming. Even with the best intentions, things are forgotten or pushed to the side for something that is inevitably more important. What's more, it's nearly always the things we want to do for *ourselves* that get put off. Or if you're like me, when you lead an on-the-go life and you get a bit of down time, vegging out in front of the TV and turning off your mind is oh so tempting. The last thing you want to do in those moments is more work.

Which is why your Rule of Life shouldn't list things that feel like work. They should challenge you, yes, but ultimately reward you and be things that you look forward to doing. My own Rule isn't complete yet, but I will tell you that I've added coloring to it. I discovered, on a new clergy retreat, that, for me, coloring is relaxing and stimulating - have you seen some of those awesome adult coloring books? It opens my mind and brings me peace, helps me think...and if I don't have it written down as a spiritual discipline, that's one "treat" that I'll never do on my own, despite the fact that it's really good for me.

I'm attaching a [link here to a worksheet](#) for you to get started on your own Rule of Life, and I hope you'll do it. If you have questions or still aren't sure where to start, just ask me! I'm happy to talk it over with you.

Good luck!



Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 2 June, 7:00pm

Alfriend House

Questions? Contact

Patricia Cheshire: plcheshire@cox.net

Next LGN will be Friday, 7 July!

Historic Traditions

The next regular meeting is Saturday, June 3 at 9:30am in the church library.

Everyone of ANY age is welcome!

Paws, Prayers & Praise

Eucharist is June 11th at 5pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest, furry or otherwise, to Sunday service!

Sundays@5 Holy Eucharist



Every summer Sunday at 5:00pm, beginning 11 June.

Worship with contemporary guitar music.

Summer fun attire welcome!

To all Cursillistas

Old Donation is hosting the Tidewater Ultreya

Friday Jun 16th, 2017

Potluck 6:30, Ultreya follows

POC [Jenifer Kamperschroer](#) or [Ann Butler](#)



Friday, 23 June

5:30pm

Aldo's

RSVP to [David Eckhardt](#):

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It's all in a Name!

"Is it Gern?"

"I thought it was Fern."

"No, Father Bob told me it was Lauren."

That conversation was brought to you by people who don't have a name tags. Many of us share many blessings, but some of us do not share the blessing of good penmanship. If this is you, consider acquiring an Old Donation name tag. Email [Gretchen](#) with name details.

Vacation Bible School

Hero Central 17-21 July

Be a part of our epic Hero Central VBS Adventure!

When: 17-21 July, 9:00am-12:15pm

What: Hero Central VBS for children ages 3-rising 6th graders

Where: ODEC

Who: We need superheroes like you to make this VBS a success!

Limited space! Register your child today! Contact [Rebecca Barrio](#) at 703-907-9405, or attend our planning meeting on Sunday, June 25, after the [10:30](#) services in the Library to get involved.



Family Fun

This month in Family Fun...



Head on over to **Haygood Roller Skating Center** on Friday, June 9 from 5:00-7:00pm for an evening of roller skating, duckpin bowling, and pizza! Cost is \$5 per person (over the age of 2), and includes everything for the evening. There is also an indoor playground for any young kids who aren't too sure about roller skating.

As always- but especially this month- this is fun for **EVERYONE** young and old! There is no age requirement, just come out and have fun. Contact [Mother Ashley](#) with questions, and [RSVP here!](#)

Coming Up...

Saturday, July 22: 10:30am - 2:30pm **Beach Day**

August: **Pool Party**, details TBA

Saturday, September 16: 4:30pm - 6:30pm **Picnic Day**

Young Adults

Join us on Thursday nights in Alfriend House from 6:00-7:30pm for dinner, Evening Prayer, and fun! Children are *welcome* and childcare is provided on site. Contact [Mother Ashley](#) with questions or interest!

College Ministry

More college students are joining the ranks, with graduation from High School happening this month! Michelle Stephenson is organizing a new college student ministry, to send care packages and otherwise support our college students. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please let [Michelle](#) know.

Sunday School News:

We Need YOU!

Exciting New Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School Program for This Fall!

This September our elementary Sunday school will be starting a brand-new program called WorkshopCycles. We need LOTS of volunteers to do very LITTLE work! Here are two ways you can get involved:

Become a Cycle Teacher - Sign up to teach a 3-week cycle; teach one or more cycles throughout the school year. Teachers will teach the same well-planned workshop lesson to a different class each week. Workshop lessons may include activities such as art, storytelling, music, cooking, science experiments, games, drama or puppets, movies, and geography or maps. Come share your talents with our children!

Become a Shepherd - Commit to being at Sunday school two of every three weeks throughout the school year, but never prepare a lesson! Shepherds are the essential relationship part of this program, learning the children's names, providing continuity of leadership, and being a friendly, safe presence in the classroom each week. Come help nurture our children!

If you'd like to be a part of this amazing program, please contact Rebecca Barrio at barrioat@yahoo.com or 703-907-9405.

Kids' Items Exchange

Coming This Fall! ODEC Kids' Exchange

Oct 15-16 Kids' clothing and small items

More information coming soon! Contact [Melanie Waggoner](#) if you'd be willing to help with this event!

Thank You, Formation Leaders!

We have thanked our amazing teachers and mentors for all of their work this year, but there is a significant amount of other people who work behind the scenes to make all of this possible.

Special thanks has to go to Rebecca Barrio who has been directing the children's programs, overseeing the Sunday morning classes and VBS.

And special thanks also to Sue Stephenson and her Christian Formation commission who organized a celebration honoring our teachers and who work to support all areas of formation.

Finally, ODEC has an Adult Formation Team: Debbie Quam, Kipper DeGavre, Nancy Ries, Sharon Payne, Joe Tucker, and Janet Neumann, all of whom worked tirelessly to plan each adult formation offering this year. Deepest thanks to ALL of you!



Episcopal Youth Community

Marta Cohen and her husband Drew moved to Norfolk in September, and they are so delighted they found Old Donation Episcopal Church. Marta is from Washington State, and Drew is from Oregon. Marta graduated from North Park University, C'13 with her Bachelor's degree. Drew also graduated from North Park, and is currently working toward his Master's degree from Old Dominion University. They both love hiking, camping, reading, drinking coffee, making delicious food, and playing with their dog Zoe! They feel so blessed to be part of this church family.



Graduates Recognition Sunday

June 11th, 10:30am Services
Graduating from High School

Molly Sayles
Kyle Long
Cole Aydar
Jonathan Fish
Timothy Kuehn
Ryan Piston
Michaela Vecerkauskas
Brooke Wilkinson
Cameron Brunick
Christian Brown
Dillon Browning
Joanna Gerace
Casey Vaughn
Shannon Somers

Graduating from College:

Hayley Loflin
Holly Waide
Harry Lustig
Mark Hoover

Master's Degree

Kelli Hoover
Megan Wilson



Recycling! Virginia Beach residents can now recycle more items in their curbside containers and at all drop-off centers. In addition to mixed paper, cardboard, steel and aluminum cans and glass bottles, the City of Virginia Beach will now accept all plastic bottles #1 through #7 as well as all empty food and beverage cartons including: milk, juice, soy milk, soup, broth, egg substitutes, cream, and wine. For more information, visit www.vbgov.com/wastemgmt.



Virginia Beach residents can also recycle household batteries in designated drop-off containers at all city public libraries.

Plastic Grocery Bags can be dropped off in designated recycling containers at the following grocery stores: Farm Fresh, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Target as well as at Kohl's and Lowe's stores.

Day School News

School is out - Let the Summer Fun Begin!

- Our summer program is in full swing until June 15th. This year's theme is "High Sea Adventures"! The children are excited to explore pirates, mermaids and more.
- Thank you for coming out and supporting our scholarship drive at the Art Auction. The event was a huge success and approximately \$4,200 was raised to assist families with tuition cost. I'd like to thank Parish Life for lending a hand in the kitchen as well as the ladies from Friday Game Night! The children thank you!!

We had a wonderful year and we wish everyone a safe and memorable summer!

As Always, ~Janet Brown & Jody Baker
499-2283 or odeds@olddonation.org

Pentecost... is...

- one of the first festivals celebrated by Christians along with Easter. It was celebrated before Christmas and is considered one of the three most important feasts of our year, along with Easter and Christmas.
- 50 days after Easter Sunday, hence "pente;" remembers the giving of the Holy Spirit and formation of the Christian Church (sometimes thought of as the birthday of the Church).
- paralleling the Jewish harvest "feast of weeks," which was thanksgiving for the giving of the Law and formation of community on Sinai.
- RED, reminding of the tongues of fire and the offering of lives of the martyrs of the Church.
- symbolized by a dove which was seen at the baptism of Jesus and used by artists for centuries to represent the Holy Spirit.
- sometimes called "WhitSunday" in the old English tradition because it is one of the most appropriate days for baptisms and confirmations - the people or infants coming for baptism would wear white.



We NEED more bus drivers! Leave the church at 9:30am, fetch our parishioners from Westminster-Canterbury & Baylake for the 10:30am services, and then return them home after the service. No special driver's license is required. Contact Gretchen to volunteer!

| 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 |

Every week in church I look forward to seeing the flower arrangements by the Flower Guild. On 21 May, I was particularly thrilled to see such a beautiful and sunny arrangement. Mike and I donated to the flower fund in celebration of our 53rd wedding anniversary on May 22 (as well as Mal Higgins in remembrance of his mother and sister). Thank you for creating such beautiful flowers each week for all of us to enjoy. I envy you your skill.



~ Linda McGraw

June Celebrations

June Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Catherine O'Reilly | 11 | Kurt Kreassig |
| | Fred Warneke | 12 | Isabel Sterzing |
| 2 | Bill Hart | | Leah Poteet |
| | Cheryl Hummer | 15 | Charmaine Rosenfield |
| | Ronny Barrio | 16 | Herbert Nash |
| 3 | Ann Ackiss | 17 | Dan Miani |
| | Gloria Thompson | 18 | Kent Ross |
| | Randy Bolin | | Cecilia McCoid |
| | Frederick Olds | 19 | Bob Reneau |
| 4 | Jane Kiefer | 20 | Levi Urquidi |
| | Maureen Loflin | 21 | Kris McTague |
| | Leah Moore | 22 | Kaitlyn Piston |
| | James Applebach | | Megan Piston |
| | Olivia Hurley | 23 | Hunter Shih |
| 5 | Alek Sas | 24 | Janie Bowen |
| | Caleb Downing | | Aliene Seol |
| 6 | Michelle Vasquez | 26 | Kristen Carter |
| 7 | Amy Buckius | 27 | Lyle Swanson |
| 8 | John Jarvis, III | 28 | Patsy House |
| | Andrew Hailey | | Anna Houtwed |
| 9 | Karen Atkiss Grow | 29 | Gary Hummer |
| 10 | Debbie MacDougall | 30 | Phyllis Awbrey |
| | Sandra Hanna | | Danita Jacobs |
| | | | Anne Hawkins |

What's your favorite hymn?



This summer we will again use your favorite hymns on Sunday mornings. Each week you can write down a favorite, put it in the offering plate, and we will pick

from them for at least one of the hymns to be sung the next Sunday. Starting June 11!

Grace Notes & Accomplishments

- In May we had 2 baptisms - each one a story of joy and God's gifts in one way or other.
- We have many high school grads and college grads this year! They are headed all over the country again this year to great colleges, military paths, and work. We will recognize the graduates on June 11 at the 10:30 services, presenting a Bible to those completing high school.
- Mary O'Flaherty was most outstanding athlete for Bishop Sullivan.

June Celebrations

June Anniversaries

| | |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 2 | John & Liudmila Malone |
| 3 | Malcolm & Boo Thiele |
| 4 | Rose & Bill McAree |
| 5 | David & Mary Scott Burt |
| 6 | Scott & Patti Somers |
| 8 | Glenn & Laura Scott |
| 9 | Larry & Samantha Brittain |
| 11 | Heather & Jack Mills |
| | Philip & Michele Purrington |
| 14 | Dan & Nancy Ries |
| | Bonnie & Jay Wright |
| 15 | Fred & Mary Poteet |
| | Amanda & Peter Huntley |
| 16 | Eleanor & Barry Richards |
| 17 | Pat & Robert Williamson |
| 19 | Paul & Jacqueline Verburg |
| 20 | Corey Schweiger & Amanda Radke |
| 21 | Mike & Jane Garriott |
| 24 | Jason & Diane Adams |
| | Ed & Sharon Butts |
| | Terry & Linda Ritter |
| 25 | Scott & Lou Anne Wagner |
| 26 | Larry & Carol Gurioli |
| 27 | John & Marguerite Duncan |
| | Ben & Margie Garrett |
| | Carol & John Jarvis |
| | Kurt & Danielle Kreassig |
| | Jim & Keren Pernini |
| | Jayne & Tim Rodriguez |
| 28 | Earl & Helen Morris |
| 29 | George & JoAnne Rhudy |

Welcome!

Our newly
baptized:

Wayne Lee Fite
Carleigh Jade Fite



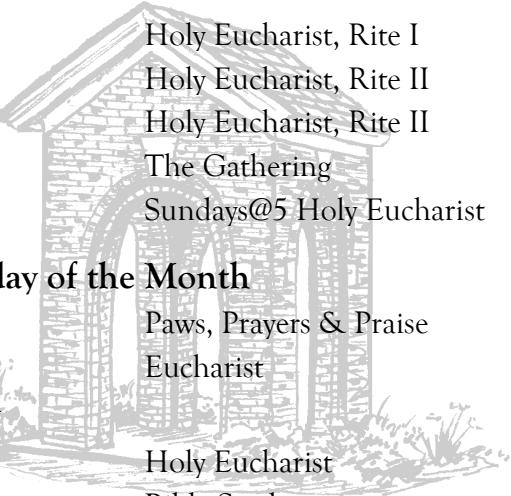
Valuing Our Blessings

| | |
|--|---------|
| Year to Date - April 2017 | |
| Total Pledge and Plate Received | 224,656 |
| Total Pledge and Plate Budget (Year to date) | 211,000 |
| Budget / Received Difference | 13,656 |
| Number of Pledging Units To General Fund | 214 |
| Building Fund | 166,825 |
| Mission of the Holy | 3,086 |
| Outreach (all other) | 1,813 |
| Clergy Discretionary Fund | 3,743 |
| Worship | 3,622 |
| Contributions to Julia Tucker Scholarship | 0 |

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. The Gathering
5:00 p.m. Sundays@5 Holy Eucharist



2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00 p.m. Paws, Prayers & Praise
Eucharist
Holy Eucharist
Bible Study

Thursday

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

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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV, *Bishop*

The Rev. Robert J. Randall, Jr., *Rector*

The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Fred Poteet, *Associate Rector*

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Old Donation Episcopal Day School

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Ages 2, 3, 4 and Kindergarten

Day School Hours: 9:00 am - 12:20 pm

Monday - Friday

Early Drop Off & After School until 2:20 pm

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