

The BellRinger



September
2016

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

Saturday, 17 September, 5:00pm



Faithfully
Preserving our
Heritage &
Building our
Future

Sunday, 11 September

Christian Formation & Sunday School Begin

9:30am-10:15am

for all ages

Blessing of the Backpacks & our Teachers

at the 10:30am services

EYC Begins

4:30pm - 6:00pm Middle School

5:30pm supper

5:30pm - 7:30pm High School

From our Rector

On your mark... get set...

The Olympics have ended. August is over. It's not just football that is about to start. It seems like we are lining up for the race to begin... are you ready? Set? *September is here* along with Sunday School, Wednesday night programs, EYC jumps into action, and the choirs return in full. Day School begins next week, and all is right with the world again!

September 11 is our first Sunday for all the Fall programs. Rebecca Barrio is organizing the children's Sunday School programs. AJ and Elizabeth Lambert have a great kickoff planned for that evening's EYC. On Sept 11, we will bless backpacks (and briefcases for school teachers) and before you know it - it will be St. Francis' Day for blessing the animals, Confirmation Sunday (October 16), All Saints, Thanksgiving... (Now I am getting too far ahead. Let's just stick with September. Did you realize that Christmas Eve is Saturday night this year?) I am so looking forward to our full programs, the sound of the choirs, and the energy the Holy Spirit brings when we are all together in worship.

Our Adult Formation team has a very interesting program for Wednesday nights this month featuring Tom Cantrell. He will teach us how his health crisis helped him realize more about what God was up to and revitalized his spiritual life. We will discuss how crises can sometimes be opportunities. In the Sunday morning schedule we will have three adult classes. The forum in the Parish Hall begins a three week series on different ways and media through which we imagine God. In the Music Room, Mary Poteet is leading an introduction to the New Testament. In the Library, Kipper DeGavre+ is leading a 4 week class about the Episcopal Church that can lead to Confirmation or Reception when the bishop comes in October, or can simply be a good introduction for newcomers or a refresher for those of us who've been in the church for a long time. Look at pages 6-7 for details.

As you are thinking about what you want to get involved in, let me put in a plug for a few areas where we could use you. The choir for the 10:30 service in the historic church could use a few new voices - particularly sopranos and tenors. The Children's Choir resumes practices on Wednesday nights. If you have children from age 9 up through high school, we can use some more acolytes also. If you are looking for a servant ministry, we are going to be feeding the homeless in Norfolk each month on the second Sunday. Melissa and Bill Waide would like to

have enough people to call on so each month there are enough to make it happen. Any of the clergy can direct you to any of these efforts if you have interest.

Faithfully Preserving our Heritage, Building our Future

Some have been saying, "It's been very quiet since the vestry voted to begin a capital campaign. Is anything happening?" Well, the answer is "YES! Things are moving fast." It's actually only been three weeks, but there has not been grass growing beneath our feet! There is so much going on to get organized, materials prepared and meetings planned. Andy Bygden, our consultant, has been keeping us on task.

During the Readiness Assessment meetings, more than half attending said they would volunteer to help. The response at every turn has been affirming our decision to move forward. From that group, we have recruited a Steering Committee who are meeting weekly, and dividing up this large effort into many smaller sections. If you want to see who is on the steering committee, see page 9. In every area, they will need team members, so if you are anxious to help out, let one of them or Andy Bygden know. You can expect to get called on for something as we move between now and Thanksgiving.

One of the first things we did was to choose a name for the campaign. You will be seeing "*Faithfully Preserving our Heritage, Building our Future*" in lots of places for the next few months. The name incorporates the single most important feature: *this is truly a matter of faithfulness*. We don't know how much you will be able and willing to contribute. By **faith**, with God's mission as our guide, *whatever we raise* will be a blessing to our ministry and will be well used. We are building upon the **heritage** of 379 years of work of the saints of ODEC. Our rich past provides a base with Christ as our foundation. As people in the middle of the story, our job is to take that foundation and **build** on it. **Future** generations will flourish because of what we have done to extend and secure the kingdom of God. It is our turn to "*Faithfully Preserve our Heritage, Build our Future.*"

KICKOFF - September 17

ALL that work that's going on now for the capital campaign will have a big day for the parish on Saturday, 9/17. This event will be FUN and EXCITING... and a very important day in the life of the parish. You will receive details in the next couple weeks, but PLEASE reserve time for that evening for your church so we can get everyone here for announcements, explanation and celebration.



From our Assistant Rector

When I was home on break from college one winter, God healed my sister's guinea pig.

It was the night before her birthday, and I'd been keeping a secretive eye on her beloved pet all day— it was showing all the signs I recognized in my own guinea pigs before they died, and I hated the thought of her waking up the next morning to find him dead. So, after she was asleep, I snuck into her room, held the tight-muscled, weak little body in my hands, and prayed for new life. The next morning when my sister woke up, there were no cries from her room, only the sound of a water bottle banging against a cage, and vigorous squeaking from a bouncing, enthusiastic guinea pig eager to be fed.

I'm not sure I've ever told anyone that story before.

"And He stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' And immediately the leprosy left him. And Jesus ordered him to tell no one." Luke 5:13-14

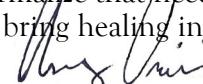
"Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'Be it done to you according to your faith.' And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, 'See here, let no one know about this!' Matthew 9:29-30

"Immediately the man's ears were opened and his tongue was released, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone." Mark 7:35-36

Out of everything that Jesus asks us to do in the Gospels, this is the thing we tend to do quite well: when healing happens, tell no one. Sometimes I wish this hadn't been so heavily imprinted upon the human psyche. Today, healing isn't always a part of the church's vernacular, or everyday life. Experiences of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing brought on by faith and prayer are frequently shared in whispers, if at all. We don't mind reading about it in scripture, but talking about it in our own lives often becomes difficult and uncomfortable.

Maybe this sounds familiar to you, or if not to you personally then to someone you know. My hope and prayer is that our community can begin to break through this barrier.

What I hope you know is that healing is available to *everyone, anytime, for anything* (guinea pigs included, apparently). What's more, it is a continued part of our parish life! Did you ever wonder who that extra person is who stands at the altar during communion and then disappears to the back of the room? That person is there to offer healing prayer. Did you ever wonder how to ask people to pray for you without the whole world knowing? We have a confidential prayer chain for that! Take a look at the article Carol Gurioli wrote this month on page 8, and keep looking for them over the next few months as we begin to grow ODEC's Healing Ministry. We all need healing, each and every one of us. So, let's work together to normalize that need, make it a strong part of who we are, and bring healing into the world in a big way!



From our Youth Minister

Hello Everyone,

As September arrives I look back on this Summer, and I can't believe how much fun Liz and I had with the EYC group. We went to Busch Gardens, Water Country, The Escape Room, Paintball, back to Busch Gardens, and had many other adventures. We jam-packed this Summer with fun, and I am sad to see that it is over. With the end of Summer the youth will be returning to school, but that also means EYC is back!!

We have a lot of fun activities planned out for EYC this year, so don't miss out! See the middle page of the Bell Ringer for September activities, and make sure to keep up to date with the weekly EYC emails! Our first week back for EYC is September 11th, so make sure to mark your calendars, because you won't want to miss the fun we have planned! Middle school will meet from 4:30-5:30pm, dinner will be from 5:30-6:00pm, and high school will meet from 6:00-7:30pm. We will be renting Knockerballs for our welcome back to EYC event, and you won't want to miss out on the chance to knock people around (safely)!

There are a lot of things happening for youth in our diocese as well, so don't forget to check the Diocesan Events Calendar in the middle page of the Bell Ringer! I want to take the time here to make mention of the first two events: October Weekend, and Happening #65. October weekend is designed for youth in 8th-12th grade, and is full of spiritual encouragement, and lots of fun activities. Happening is another opportunity for our youth to be encouraged spiritually and to develop deep, lasting friendships. This weekend is designed for grades 10-12, and, having been "happened", I highly recommend this experience to our youth. You won't regret taking time out of your busy schedule for this weekend.

It is also important to note that Youth Sunday School is also starting up again on September 11th. The Sunday School hour is from 9:30-10:15am, and it is important for your youth to participate in this time of learning as they prepare for adulthood in the church and in their everyday lives.

Thanks,

~ AJ Lambert

Our Rich History

On Tuesday October 11, at 3:00pm a ceremony to replace the time capsule will be conducted by the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, the same chapter that conducted a ceremony 100 years before on this date. You can be part of our history for a future congregation by suggesting what should be placed in the capsule. The following article was in the Virginian Pilot, Sunday October 15, 1916.

A photocopy of the article can be viewed at
<http://1bob9.blogspot.com/2009/06/genealogy.html>

LAY CORNERSTONE AT OLD DONATION Impressive Service Held Wednesday Afternoon Under Masonic Auspices

Pastor, Rev. Alfriend, Delivers the Sermon

Services in connection with the laying of the cornerstone at Old Donation Episcopal Church in Princess Anne County were held Wednesday [11 Oct 1916] at 12:30 p.m. with an attendance of 400. The stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies conducted by Virginia Beach Lodge 274, A.F. and A.M. and Princess Anne Lodge, 25, A.F. and A.M. under a special dispensation from James Austin Cabell, grand master of Virginia.

The religious services which followed the laying of the cornerstone were conducted by the rector, Rev. R. J. Alfriend, assisted by several prominent Norfolk clergymen, including Rev. F. C. Steinmetz of Christ P.E. church; Rev. D.W. Howard of St. Luke's P.E. church, Rev. E.P. Miner of St. Luke's and Rev. J. Scott Meredith of Ascension P.E. church. The sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. Alfriend.

Many of those who attended the services were from Norfolk and surrounding territory. Because of the history attached to the old parish, the services were particularly impressive. The present rector, Rev. R.J. Alfriend, under whose pastorate the old church was restored from its ruins, makes the claim that Old Donation's congregation has the longest unbroken record of any church in the United States. This is probably true as to the congregation. Bruton Parish church in Williamsburg is the oldest church in the country that has been in continuous use.

The records are not exactly clear as to when the original Old Donation church, then known as the Brick church, was built, but they are sufficiently clear to establish the fact that it was built in 1638 or 1640. The building was destroyed by fire and the erosion of the waters of the Lynnhaven Bay. Donation church, built in 1694 was abandoned in 1853 for Emmanuel chapel in the village of Kempsville, but the congregation was never disorganized.

~ Bob Perrine, Church Historian

Healthy Living

With mosquito season upon us, the Zika virus is on a lot of peoples' minds.

Here are a few basics of the virus and how to protect against it: Zika virus spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. A mosquito becomes infected when it bites a person already infected with Zika. That mosquito can then spread the virus by biting more people.

Zika symptoms are usually mild and may include: fever, rash, joint pain, red eyes, muscle pain or aches. Symptoms may last several days to a week. People usually don't need hospitalization and rarely die. Once a person has been infected with the Zika virus they are likely to be protected from future infections.

Treatment includes: plenty of rest, drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration, take Tylenol, avoid aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (ex: Motrin, Aleve, Naprosyn, etc...check with your primary care physician).

However, Zika infection during pregnancy can cause fetuses to have a birth defect of the brain called microcephaly. Microcephaly is a condition where a baby's head and brain is much smaller than normal. During pregnancy a baby's head grows because the baby's brain grows. Microcephaly can occur because a baby's brain has not developed properly during pregnancy which results in the smaller head size. Other birth defects include the eyes, hearing, and growth. There have also been increased reports of Gullain-Barre', an uncommon sickness of the nervous system.

There is no vaccine yet to prevent the Zika virus. The best way to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites are:

- wear lightweight long sleeve shirts and pants
- treat your clothing with permethrin
- use EPA registered repellants containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or its refined form called paramenthene-3,8-diol. All these repellents are safe for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Always follow the product label instructions

- get rid of standing water on your deck or porch (reduces areas where mosquitoes can lay eggs).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is monitoring at least 265 pregnant women with Zika infections in the continental United States, and that number is expected to grow. Eight U.S. pregnancies have already resulted in birth defects.

So far, the Zika cases detected in the U.S. are in people who contacted the virus while traveling or whose sexual partners were infected abroad. Infected people have the potential to pass the virus to others through mosquitoes.

Be safe. ~ Margie Garcia-Garrett, NP-C

What's Going On...

Paws, Prayers & Praise

Holy Eucharist

September 11th at 5:00pm

This is a great opportunity to bring a guest, furry or otherwise, who might not attend a regular Sunday service!

Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 2 September & 7 October

7:00pm, Alfriend House



Questions? Contact

Patricia Cheshire: plcheshire@cox.net

Be a Youth Acolyte!

Needed for both the Historic Church and The Gathering.

Contact David King to join this ministry!
deking1952@cox.net



Annual Acolyte Festival!

Saturday, 8 October at our National Cathedral.

Join acolytes from across the United States for a morning service of rededication and Holy Eucharist. Bring your processional crosses, banners, torches, thuribles, flags, and streamers for a festive procession of acolytes, clergy, and vergers. Workshops in the afternoon offer enrichment and instruction.

Highlights

- Meet acolytes and worship leaders from across the nation
- Combining processional crosses, banners, torches, thuribles, flags, and streamers for a festive procession of acolytes, clergy, and vergers.

If you would like to attend, please contact David King:
deking1952@cox.net

Torah for Skeptics

Led by local rabbi Ellen Jaffe-Gill, these sessions examine texts from the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) through a contemporary, progressive Jewish lens. Everyone is welcome and all study is in English, so if you're curious about what Jews have to say about Hebrew Scripture, please join!

DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD
AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE
~HEBREWS 13:16

Historic Traditions Welcomes YOU!

Saturday, 17 September, 9:30am

Anyone of any age who is interested in our parish History and history of our area is welcome to join us at our monthly meetings in the parish library. There are lots of things to see and learn about our past and how it connects to our present & future.

For information:

Bob Perrine: t1mperlake@yahoo.com



JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 23 September

5:30pm at Forbidden Palace

David Eckhardt 757-340-4811

(leave message) or davideckhardt2002@yahoo.com

Join Old Donation's Children's Choir

Children's Choir is open to all proficient readers!

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights, beginning 14 September, 6:00 to 6:30 in the music room. Dinner is available in the parish hall following rehearsal.

The choir sings two-part harmonies & plays Malmark choir chimes.

Need more information?

Contact: Leslie Fenter: johnfenter@cox.net



Our Parish Day School...

...has 20 dedicated and enthusiastic teachers!

...has 2 Directors...Janet Brown and Jody Baker

...has 107 children enrolled!

...has a few openings remaining in our 2s, 4s and K classes

All that's Cool in Sunday School

Beginning 11 September, 9:30-10:15am

Hello, fellow parishioners! My name is Rebecca Barrio—you may have seen my husband and four children around this past year. Sunday school especially has been such a blessing to our family, and I am thrilled to be your new Sunday School Superintendent! Something New: this year, if you attend the 9:15 service, bring your children with you and a Shepherd will take them to class during the sequence hymn!

What we need:

- **TEACHERS!** Yes, we still need at least one more teacher to complete our team. Please contact Mother Ashley!
- **REGISTRATIONS!** [Click here](#) for the form, and get your children signed up.



Wed Night Programs Return!

Crisis, Christ, & Change: How God uses Life as a Tool

This September, Tom Cantrell and ODEC's Evangelism Commission bring to you a discussion that just may change your life. Not long ago, Tom faced a crisis that opened the doors for God to speak to him in a new way, one that caused him to follow Christ with renewed vigor. Come, hear Tom's story and share your own. Come, as we journey together to discover who we are called to be in this world, and how we are called to do it. Come, learn to talk to others about God and faith. Come, and be changed.

Sept 14: "How has crisis changed my life?" Bring stories of your own as we listen and share how Christ meets us in our vulnerability and pain.

Sept 21: "How do I prepare for a changed life?" Listen to and discuss practical ways to live the life Christ invites us into.

Sept 28: "What are the BIG questions and answers confronting me?" Put it all into practice tonight as we tackle the hard questions of faith head on, and together discover ways to answer them.

Adult Forum 2016-2017

"We Believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty ..."

We say this every week, and sometimes more often than that. We also believe in Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as reflected in the Nicene Creed. How do we understand the Trinity? How do we, as individuals, think, talk and image God? Jesus? The Holy Spirit? After all, how can we construct something that is ultimately unknowable (yet deeply personal) and beyond our human capacity to explain? During the coming year we will attempt to deconstruct each part of the Trinity, beginning with God the Father, by using the tools God gave us – our ability to create.

9:30-10:15 am in the Parish Hall

September: Imagining God...

September 11 - ... Through Language

The Rev. Ashley Urquidi

September 18 - ... Through Music

Ann Butler

September 25 -... Through Art

Linda McGraw



In addition to our Sunday Forum, we will be offering two alternate classes in September, beginning on the 11th:

What Anglicans Believe:

A Course for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation or just learning more about the Episcopal Church. Held in the Library, and led by Kipper DeGavre.

Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

Introduction to the New Testament

This course is designed to introduce the writings of the New Testament using video and discussion format, and will address significant questions regarding such things as the who wrote the books, their intended audience, historical accuracy, how we can better understand them, and so on. Held in the Music Room and led by Mary Poteet.

Family Fun

It's picnic time! Come one, come all to Mt. Trashmore Park at 4:00pm on Saturday, Sept 24 for an afternoon of fellowship and outdoor fun. We'll have grilled chicken and burgers for dinner, so feel free to bring a complementary side or drinks to share. RSVP by Sept 22, and contact Mother Ashley with questions.

Youth Sunday School

Sunday, September 11th our youth Sunday School program starts up again, so mark your calendars. This is a time for the youth to reflect on who they are, what it means to grow up and be an adult, and how God fits into their lives. It is a wonderful program designed to help the youth grow in their knowledge of God, and to teach them how to be responsible adult Christians.

Below is the list of classes and mentors involved in the youth Sunday School program:

J2A (Grades 9&10)

Mentors: Anna Sas, David Beach, Jim Bulleit

Rite 13 (Grades 7&8)

Mentors: Audra Snowden, Stacey Howeth, Tom Gerace

If you have questions regarding which class your youth should be involved in please see AJ Lambert!

Youth Pilgrimage Class

Our pilgrimage class will be meeting in the Sunroom in Alfriend House for a preparatory series before their Confirmation in October. This class begins September 11th and meets from 9:30-10:15am.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, 11 September at the 10:30 services

Teachers and students alike, bring your backpacks and start the school year with blessings!



Young Adults Group Continues!

We have had a wonderful month of meetings in August, and look forward to another one! At this time, we will continue to meet every Thursday night in Alfriend House from 6:00-7:30pm. The main dish is provided for dinner, and all are welcome to bring a side/dessert/drinks to share! Children are welcome, and we have a teen or two to help us keep an eye on them while we meet. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Mother Ashley!

EYC is Back!

Mark your calendars for September 11th because EYC is back! For our first day back Liz and I have something special planned! We will be renting Knockerballs for our welcome back to EYC event, and you won't want to miss out on the chance to knock people around (safely)! This will be an evening of fun for all of our returning group, as well as a chance to welcome in our new 6th grade students! The groups will be meeting at their regularly scheduled time, which in case you have forgotten is:

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm,

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

We have a lot of fun activities planned out for EYC this year, so don't miss out!

EYC Activities Schedule

Sunday, September 11th - Welcome Back

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

Sunday, September 18th - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday, September 24th - Zombie Wars

Combined Group

Drop-off: 3:00pm

Pick-up: 10:00pm

Sunday, September 25th - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

EYC Diocesan Events 2015-16 Schedule

October Weekend (grades 8-12) - October 7-9

Pre-Happening Staff Weekend - October 29-30

Happening #65 (grades 10-12) - November 11-13

November Weekend (grades 6-9) - November 18-20

Winter Camp at Chanco - January 13-15

Pre-Happening Staff Weekend - February 25-26

Happening #66 - March 10-12

May Weekend (grades 6-12) - May 19-21

Episcopal Youth Event (EYE17) - July 10-24

Legacy Society of 1637

Sharing Love into the Future

Planned Giving Opportunity #3

During an educational forum in April, parishioner Bill Dullaghan provided nine suggestions on how you can "Share Love into the Future". This is his third option.

Deferred Gift Annuity - How it works

The Deferred Gift Annuity involves the current transfer of cash or marketable securities in exchange for which the Episcopal Church Foundation, on behalf of the ODEC Endowment Fund, agrees to pay the donor an annuity starting at a future date--usually at the donor's retirement. If you would like more information, contact the church office, or Planned Giving member Earl Morris: 757-464-1062 or email at burrova@verizon.net

We wish to honor the fifty parishioners who are members of the Legacy Society of 1637 by including Old Donation Episcopal Church in their will or estate plan. Eight Legacy Society members, A thru F: Anonymous (2), Nancy Arnold, Kathleen (Kit) Brausewetter, Nancy and Tom Cantrell, Roberta (Bobbye) Davis, and Margaret E. (Pegg) Frank.

People of Old Donation Making News

Some of our people use their summer vacations for extraordinarily good purposes. This summer again, we had several of our folks doing missions around the world. There are probably more, but these were willing to tell me.

Maureen Loflin was part of another successful Operation Smile Mission in Liuyang, China. She joined an amazing student team and humble and talented medical professionals to serve beautiful children, and loving families. Maureen remains a wonderful example of a servant leader. She combines her extremely vital ministry of teaching and forming high school students at the local Bayside High with these periodic trips with Operation Smile. THANKS for your faithfulness.

Zach Janet Neumann returned to Ghana for the Ghanaian Mother's Hope mission trip. There they worked in a new site to reorganize and teach in a village and school that badly needed their attention and leadership. I questioned Zach's judgment because he literally put trips to Ireland (as a J2A mentor) and Ghana back-to-back, and then came home to start back at school administration. No summer break to speak of! But that's what happens sometimes when you love the Lord and the Lord's people. Thanks to this young couple of faithful servants as well!

Healing

A Call to Healing Prayer

A few Sundays ago we heard Jesus say in Luke's Gospel that our Heavenly Father wants to give us what is good for us. Jesus' public life included countless examples of healing the sick. Before he healed individuals, Jesus almost always said "What do you want me to do?" In today's terminology, Jesus is showing us that it is important to "make the ask," otherwise known as praying!

This fall we will begin building our capacity to pray more effectively for healing by: providing education on Christian healing; developing a healing prayer team, and training prayer ministers for all services. There will be monthly articles in the Bell Ringer about various aspects of healing prayer and *suggested resources for more information*. If you think you might have a call to healing prayer, or want more information on this essential ministry in the Church, please contact me or Mother Ashley.

September resource: Luke 9:1-6; James 5:13-15; Matthew 10:1, 5-8

~Carol Gurioli, Healing Prayer Ministry Coordinator (757) 646-3227 or cmeugurioli@yahoo.com

Thanks to our Stephen Ministry

We would like to thank our Stephen Ministry Program and, more importantly, one individual Stephen Minister- Bill Dullaghan.

A very close friend of ours, Hal Mahler, passed away on August 5th. Hal was alone, with the exception of his minister, Pastor Harry Griffith, his church family from Our Saviour Lutheran Church, and his close neighbors. We called ourselves "Hal's Helpers".

Hal attended the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group at ODEC when he was able. Bill Dullaghan served as Hal's individual Stephen Minister for many years; visiting him often, taking him his favorite milkshake, even though during his last few years Hal did not recognize any of us. That never stopped Bill. He was faithful to Hal until the end.

This is an example of what a wonderful job our Stephen Ministry Program is doing and again we thank Bill for an outstanding service to an individual in need. We are so proud to be members of such a loving and caring church family.

~Mike & Jane Garriott

Mission to the World

KAIROS means “Gods Special Time”. Kairos is an International Prison Ministry in which a team goes inside the prison walls for a four day event. With Kairos there are two teams, an Inside Team and an Outside Team. They are interrelated, interdependent, and one cannot possibly function without the other. Besides the 3000 dozen cookies that are made and brought into the prison, we also bring in colored placemats, posters, plus you sign up to allow us to put your name on the prayer chain. In addition to that is the prayer wheel, where we ask you to pray for these inmates who have chosen to come to a Christian Retreat inside their Prison Walls. The prayer wheel covers the entire 4 day period from when we arrive on Thursday until we leave on Sunday.

The inmates may come for your cookies, but many of them end up with an experience that shakes them to the very core of their being. They experience God’s unconditional love, your love. They find it incomprehensible that someone who they have never met, and does not know them, has taken the time to pray for them, bake cookies, and color placemats and posters with loving words of encouragement and God’s love. What you do, as the Outside Team, is truly the work of the Holy Spirit. You are with us and with them, showing them God’s love for all mankind.

Soon we will have placemats you can take home and color. If you want to bake cookies for us (we each must bring 125 dozen), instructions will be in the back of the church and in the parish hall. If you would like to make a financial contribution to “Kairos of VA” you can use the envelopes in the pew or just give your donation to Vaughn Wilson, Vernon Murray, or me. Please sign up for the prayer chain list that will also be posted in the Parish hall.

If you would like to attend the Kairos Closing on Sunday, 2 October, please contact one of us and we will fill you in on the details.

Sincerely, ~ Steven Kamperschroer

Dos Santos Mission Trip

On Wednesday, 3 August, I left in the OLDDO Bus with a team of 7 youth and 4 adults to join the Dos Santos ministry as they provided services and care to people living in one of the migrant worker camps on Eastern Shore. We spent the day working with the different children in the community, making crafts and playing games. I was amazed to see the love of God in something so simple as playing a game of tag with these kids.

Another amazing moment on this trip came when we were handing out hats to the men in the community. I looked at the large box of hats, and could not imagine us giving them all away. Much to my surprise we gave away all of the hats, and there were still another 30 or so men to whom we were not able to give a hat.

This trip really impressed on me the need for those who have much to give to those who have very little. I know I am looking forward to the chance to go again, and I hope we continue to find more people to support this venture.

AJ Lambert



Our Capital Campaign Steering Committee

Campaign Co-Chairpersons: Jim Pernini & Boo Burroughs

Advance Gifts Chairpersons: Bill Dudley, Trey Dudley

Pattern Gifts Chairpersons: Nancy Ries, Tom Cantrell

Victory Team Chairpersons: Brian Coyle, Betts Werbiskis

Spiritual Emphasis Chairpersons: Frankie Ring, Carol Gurioli

Publicity Chairpersons: Gretchen Hood, Deb DeMarco

Kick-Off Event Chairpersons: Laura Spink, Laura Horvath

Campaign Treasurer: Jean Hudson

An Invitation from Your Clergy

For good food, good conversation, and getting to know your clergy better! We have a special invitation for those of you who have been coming to Old Donation for a year or less, possibly even for just a few weeks, but never had a chance to attend a newcomer's dinner.

Meet. Greet. Eat.



We provide everything you need to have a good time: all you need to do is to make a reservation and show up.

Sunday evening, 2 October, 5:30pm

We hope you will attend! Please RSVP so we may plan. Contact Judy Kuhns, jkuhns809@cox.net, (757) 552-0292 or (757) 343-6740 for details.

Janet Neumann in
Ghana for the
Ghanaian
Mother's Hope
mission trip.



Support our Day School While you Shop!

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Valuing our Blessings

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| Total Pledge and Plate Received | \$375,332 |
| Total Pledge and Plate Budget (YTD) | 372,530 |
| Budget / Received Difference | 2,802 |
| Number of Pledging Units To General Fund | 259 |
| Building Fund | 29,845 |
| Mission of the Holy Spirit | 8,993 |
| Outreach (all other) | 1,582 |
| Clergy Discretionary Fund | 5,838 |
| Fine Arts and Music | 905 |
| Altar Flowers, Gifts, Weddings | 3,631 |
| Julia Tucker Scholarship Fund (Day School) | 1,191 |

“Fixing a hole where the rain gets in”

Building our Future

In the midst of this summer's upgrade for our Education / Day School wing, Dave Burt texted me this line out of an old Beatles' song. Given my propensity to link everything to an old rock song, I had to laugh. We have just finished up the first steps of our Master Plan work and are moving on others. This is even while the capital funds campaign is busily underway to see how much of our needs you are able and willing to fund at this point.

The Day School feels like a new place. A new roof covers half of it. (The other half can't be done until we see what we will be doing from the full Master Plan, so we don't have to tear apart new improvements.) All the flooring was torn out and replaced with beautiful new carpet and tile. All the windows are now new. The floor is level. Everything has new paint. Even the rock and sand in the playground is new!

The entire Master Planning Team deserves great thanks for great coordination and work for this project. But there have been plenty of heroes on this one. I found Scott Crumley, Dave Burt and Mike Brunick all in the Day School at 9:00 pm one night personally waxing tile floors to get them ready on time. Brian Wubker, Ryan Piston, Matt Imrota, George Butler, Ned Kuhns and Mike Check all have put in lots of sweat equity to get us looking good. Reese Young has practically LIVED at the church in the past week, fixing fences, doors, and everything else he eyes. Plus, the Day School staff have really jumped in above and beyond with lots of last minute setting up and cleaning. And, our regular “Tuesday Work Crew” with Stu Forbes, Dick Lee and Larry Gurioli continue to do lots of outside work. THANKS ALL!

Particularly we need to single out Scott Crumley, who did the initial design work that was further developed into finished form by our architects. Then Scott did the ground work with the City regulators and Historical Review Board. Finally, he acted as general contractor for the project, doing the actual roof construction with his own team and coordinating all the other projects to get them done in time to start school. There are probably more people I missed or didn't know they were there. We overcame lots of obstacles that are typical of an older building and did it because lots of good people did their best. THANKS to everyone.

September Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Claudia Rawlings
Tess Rubsamen
Paul Downing
2 Vaughn Wilson
Nancy Koch
Olivia Keller
Val Byrnside-Casey
3 Tom Cantrell
4 Jo Lupton
5 Ed Butts
Jo Campbell
Maryann Miller
6 Dillon Browning
Cameron Brunick
Sylvia Taylor
Megan Warneke
7 Audrey Brown
John Wool
Ben Garrett
Patsy Harris
8 Elaine Murray
9 Ann Hanes
Sandy Parsons
Rose McAree
Ellie Kreassig
Ginny Sinclair
Carrie Gordon
Stacey Howeth
10 Sally Dudley
Issy Brown
Anne Marie Sweeney

11 Barbara Webster
Emily Holmes
12 Sally Gordon
Lisa Teeling
Brendan O'Donoghue
Ginny Burt
Liam Malcom
13 Nita Watterson
Mal Higgins
Stefanie Hurley
Cara Routh
14 Courtney Pope
Elizabeth Luebbert
Haley Groce
Abigail Myers
Alyssa Smith
15 Gretchen Hood
Winn Tolerton
Sophia Wubker
16 Dick Hanna
Gean Domenico
Yvette Ghormley
Drew Pope
Megan Wilson
Blyth Young
17 Marguerite Duncan
Rachel Scott
Tanzie Moore
Erol Aydar
18 Joe Tucker

19 Justin Eaton
Cole Aydar
21 Betts Werbiskis
Beth Jones
Jim Battersby
22 Bill Thompson
Steve Oliver
Portia Williams
Philip Purrington
Rowan McCarty
23 Dick Kreassig
Amber Lovejoy
24 Christopher Miller
Doug Piston
Brett Dudley
Lilah Eaton
25 Pamela Bowles
Eve Poteet
Rachel Higgins
27 Dee Dee Foberg
Leslie Fenter
Kelly Cintron
Caroline Ross
Emmaline Genova
28 Jane Garriott
29 Meredith Guzman
Melissa Waide
Brooke Wilkinson
Connor Grow
30 Peter Hatchard

Anniversaries

2 Neil & Shannon Koprowski
3 Pat & Sylvia Taylor
6 Mairin & Patrick Genova
7 Jennifer & Ricki Schmidt
8 Barbara & Frank Schweiger
15 Megan & Robert Johnson
16 Matthew & Stephanie Rich
18 Carolyn & Billy Weems
20 Carl & Julie Sterzing
21 Marti & Mike Jones
26 Danita & Joe Jacobs
Sandy & Tim Colvin
27 Elizabeth & Jesse Malcom

We welcome our new Members:
Joe & Pam Tucker
Pat Davis

We welcome our newly baptized:
Lyle Swanson
Bowen Huntley
Joel Urquidi



Maureen Loflin
in Liuyang,
China with
Operation
Smile.

St. Cecilia Choir
rehearsals resume on
Thursday, September 8th at
7:30pm in the church!
Come join us if you like to
sing or party!

2016 Vestry

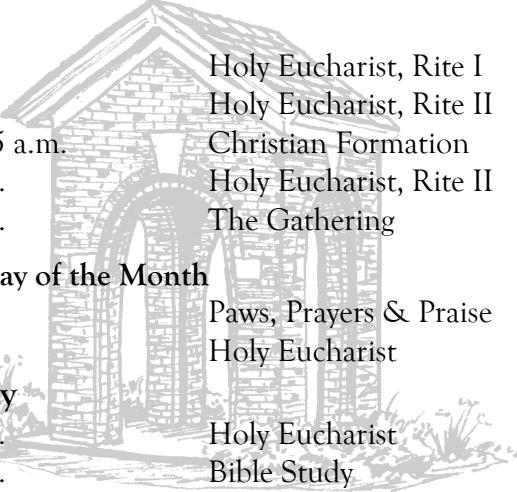
George Butler, Senior Warden
Bill Dullaghan, Christian Formation
Stacey Howeth, Outreach
Carol Gurioli, Day School
Jeff Hood, Stewardship
Rich Kuhr, Finance
Sharon Payne, People's Warden, Building & Facilities Planning
John Brown, Buildings & Grounds
Vicki Dorsett, Congregational Care
Laura Horvath, Parish Life
Chip Saunders, Evangelism
Ryan Piston, Youth Representative/Christian Formation



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
Holy Eucharist

Thursday

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

Old Donation Episcopal Church

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

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

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

The Rev. Ashley E. Urquidi, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Fred Poteet, *Associate Rector*

AJ Lambert, *Youth Minister*

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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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