

# The BellRinger



October  
2017

## Old Donation Episcopal Church

Old Donation Episcopal Church is a family: Welcoming All <sup>+</sup> Growing in God's love <sup>+</sup>  
Joyfully worshipping Jesus Christ <sup>+</sup> Serving in the power of the Spirit



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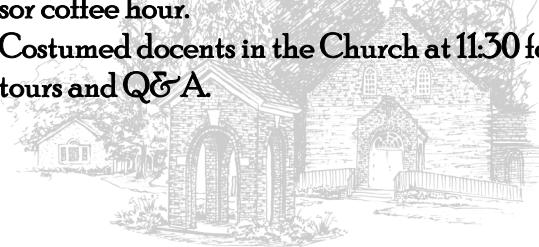
*Growing In Faith Together*

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## Old Donation Feast Day

380 Years of History!  
Sunday, 8 October

- Costumed Docents at the 10:30am services!
- The Historic Traditions Commission will sponsor coffee hour.
- Costumed docents in the Church at 11:30 for tours and Q&A.



Meet!  
Greet!  
Eat!

Newcomer's Dinner  
Sunday, 8 October, 5:30pm

*see pg 10*

Fall Kids' Exchange  
(clothing & toys, not actual kids!)

Sunday, 15 October  
Monday, 16 October  
Tuesday, 17 October

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# Pumpkin Palooza!

Sunday, 29 October

3:00pm - 6:00pm

*see pg 10*



## From the Rector

It is the Feast of St. Francis today. We blessed about 60 stuffed animals in the Day School chapel as I taught our youngest about loving all of creation. Francis made friends with everyone and respected everything as a gift from God. His spiritual sense is alive today in peacemakers, people who care about how we treat animals and the environment, inter-faith relationships, and those reaching out with a hand for those who need support. On days like today I pray for God to form our entire parish family from children to our community of elders in the ways of the saints like Francis.

### Stewardship, saints, and softball

It is that time of the year for us to make plans for the next year. We don't make plans until we see how you wish to support this work of forming people to be saints. On page 8 you can read more. I pray also that God is blessing your life and in gratitude, you wish to support our ministry to do even more work of blessing. This Sunday we will have the Old Donation Feast Day, marking 380 years of history as a parish. May the saint-making work continue!

Some of our 'saints' are playing softball this summer and fall. Friday nights have been wonderful for fellowship as Chris and I have gotten to know some of you much better as we cheer together! There are just a few more weeks so come join us in the stands.

### Faith in the Public Square

Last month I began a new Wednesday night series. In this charged, polarized world people have stopped discussing the issues except with people with whom they know they agree. Fear of losing friends or getting into unpleasant arguments dampens open exploration. This environment inhibits our ability to learn, and grow, and have our ideas broadened. We watched a TED Talk "The Danger of a single story". The TRUTH is easily missed without other perspectives and experiences voiced.

We've been talking about what is legitimately the voice of the Church in the public arena. Some say NO to a voice. But as we studied, we saw that the Church has something to say about every aspect of our lives. The Scriptures speak not only to my individual relationship with God, but just as important is each person's life in the world. That's why the 10 Commandments have four rules oriented about our relationship to God and six telling us how to get along with others. Scripture is full of guidelines about faithfulness. Many concern individuals,

but many more instruct us how to live and work as a community. They apply to our Church life, and apply to our national life. It is NOT just me and Jesus.

That doesn't always sit well with some. Taking offense to a prayer from our bishop, a former member announced on Facebook that he was quitting the Church and going to find one where it focused only on the "Godly realm."

The challenge we are wrestling with is, "What is the *Godly realm*?" In other words:

***What part of our life does God NOT have jurisdiction over - or care about?***

Scripture consistently says God is god over everything, and challenges us to be involved. Without its moral voice, the world is less able to make good choices. The Church has something important to say.

That does NOT mean we will always (or often) agree. My mantra is that a CHURCH will hopefully represent many different backgrounds, experiences and *therefore differing conclusions about what to do*. We should NEVER be partisan, because as soon as we align ourselves with one party or philosophy, we will find ourselves in conflict over the next issue. We should *never* be found as always liberal or conservative. We should do our best to see things from Christ's perspective - which is from the cross. Christians are people with a set of stories. We were slaves in Egypt, rescued by God. Children of Abraham in the tradition of St. Paul know themselves to be 'strangers and aliens' who are 'citizens of heaven' establishing a colony. We have no king but Jesus, so we know where our highest allegiance lies. Like the Good Samaritan, we know who is our neighbor and how to treat them. Our ethic is based first on love for God and love for other. We pray every day, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, ON EARTH as in heaven." You get the point.

On Wednesdays we are trying to learn to let our stories guide our thinking about the world and its issues. The world's issues are complex. So, we will still have lots of different answers. But we hope to learn how to think theologically and biblically about today's world. With that foundation and listening carefully to each other, we have a better chance to grow in understanding, find common ground, and make a positive difference in this world which needs so much.

We will spend a couple more of our Wednesdays in October (11 and 25) on our topic. Come join us if you want to practice having respectful and broad conversations.

As always, I love being partnered in ministry with you.



## ***From our Assistant Rector***

Fall has arrived! New beginnings, fresh and crisp and cool air, smells of leaves and apples and pumpkins... and devastation around the world.

As I write this, news reports are still coming in about the massacre in Las Vegas, with (currently) 59 dead and over 500 injured - the deadliest mass shooting in US history. All of this as the country struggled to comprehend and respond to the amount of loss and damage done in Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria...and all of that in the middle of responding to Hurricane Irma, and all of that in the middle of responding to Hurricane Harvey.

It has not been an easy time. And while those of us who have faith can find comfort in it and in God's presence, we are also plagued by all the theological "why" questions. Why did God "let" this happen? Where is He in all of it? What can we as humans possibly do in the face of all this destruction and violence? How can we make sense of it?

I'm sorry, I don't have the answers. I look outside at this incredibly beautiful, perfect day, and wonder how such tragedy can be happening at this same moment in our own country. It's hard to make sense of it, and yet, I find myself somehow grateful for the Christian doctrine of Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. We live each of these moments in ebbs and flows throughout our lives. Right now, Las Vegas is experiencing the crucifixion. There is pain, fear, confusion, heartbreak, more than words have the power to express. It may be all they can see now, but it won't be that way forever. The resurrection will come, sooner for some than for others. The beauty of human interaction and love will overcome the ugliness and hate, but won't erase it. Just as we, on our Christian journeys, relive the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ each year, so do we as humans live both our sufferings and our joys, neither forgotten.

All we can do now is sit at the foot of the cross, with Christ and with our brothers and sisters in Las Vegas and all over the world. We can let them know that even in their moments of crucifixion, they are not alone. We can remind them that even Christ himself is there with them, has shared in their agony. And we can be ready to put aside our differences, turn to compassion, and together with faithful hearts and ready hands await the resurrection.



## ***From our Youth Minister***

Hello Old Donation,

September was a very busy month! We had a Ministry Fair, the return of Sunday school, EYC, and Wednesday night programming, and held our J2A Spaghetti Supper! All of this happened while our EYC students returned to the routines of school and extracurricular activities. At the Cohen house we were busy as well, since we hosted family visitors for the better part of September, in the midst of Drew's grad school classes and full-time job, and my work here at church!

It struck me recently that it's almost easier to be incredibly busy than it is to take time for intentional rest. I know this because I was surprised at how calm I felt once I put all screens away, put on some classical music and just relaxed with our dog! All of us are on this constantly revolving wheel of to-do lists, commitments, schedules, and events. That is not a bad thing - it only becomes too much if we forget to jump off once in a while and take a breath.

Taking time for rest is something I'd like to see happen for our youth as well. The school year is back and rolling, and things will only get busier. It is very easy to be solely focused on crossing off the next item on our list, and while we are busy we forget to take that Sabbath time with God. I do this all the time - to the point where I've forgotten that it's God who allows me to wake up in the morning to do any of this. I even became sick and still pushed myself through it, instead of taking time to slow down.

I would like all of us to consider how we're spending our time, what we put our energy into, and if we really are taking the time to rest, even in our busy and hectic lives. Sometimes when I'm "resting," I still feel that something is missing—usually this is time with God. If we take time with God to rest, then we remember that we're not supposed to calm the storm by ourselves, nor are we able to. Taking a time of intentional rest reminds us of our frail humanity and our need for God to refresh our minds, bodies and spirits. I hope we can all remind each other to take Sabbath so we can keep doing God's work.

Blessings,  
~Marta

## **NEW (and Improved) Master Plan concept**

In parish-wide meetings last week, we reviewed the latest developments to our Master Plan. This summer our Building Facilities and Planning Commission (BFPC), led by David Burt and John Sherman, have worked with our architects. To recap what we've been reporting since January's Annual Meeting:

### **BACKGROUND**

- Our full Master Plan from last year, meeting ALL the identified needs in the Long Range Plan, would cost roughly \$5.7M (in 2015 dollars). Our Capital Campaign was successful beyond all hopes, thanks to a very generous effort by many of our members. We ended up with \$3.1M in funds raised and accumulated.
- Knowing we could not do everything, but we could do something significant, in February of this year, the vestry charged the BFPC to develop options for what we could build with \$3.1M, \$3.6M, or \$4.1M.
- Last year's plan was an excellent look at spaces we need. Your feedback helped us understand how to make it more effective. Your input noted: lack of an obvious entrance and consequent problems with flow, proximity of nursery to worship and classrooms, space reduced for Day School music room and storage, so much renovation would interfere with continued operations, particularly for the School, and need for a rest room closer to the Church
- The greatest obstacle was that the prior plan required all three major areas to be accomplished in one phase. The "Great Hall" for meetings and worship requires the offices to be torn down. That means the offices must move and replace the front Day School wing, which meant the Day School had to first move to a new wing in back. The highest priority of expanding meeting and worship capacity required all three segments. Over \$5-6M in today's cost at minimum would be required.

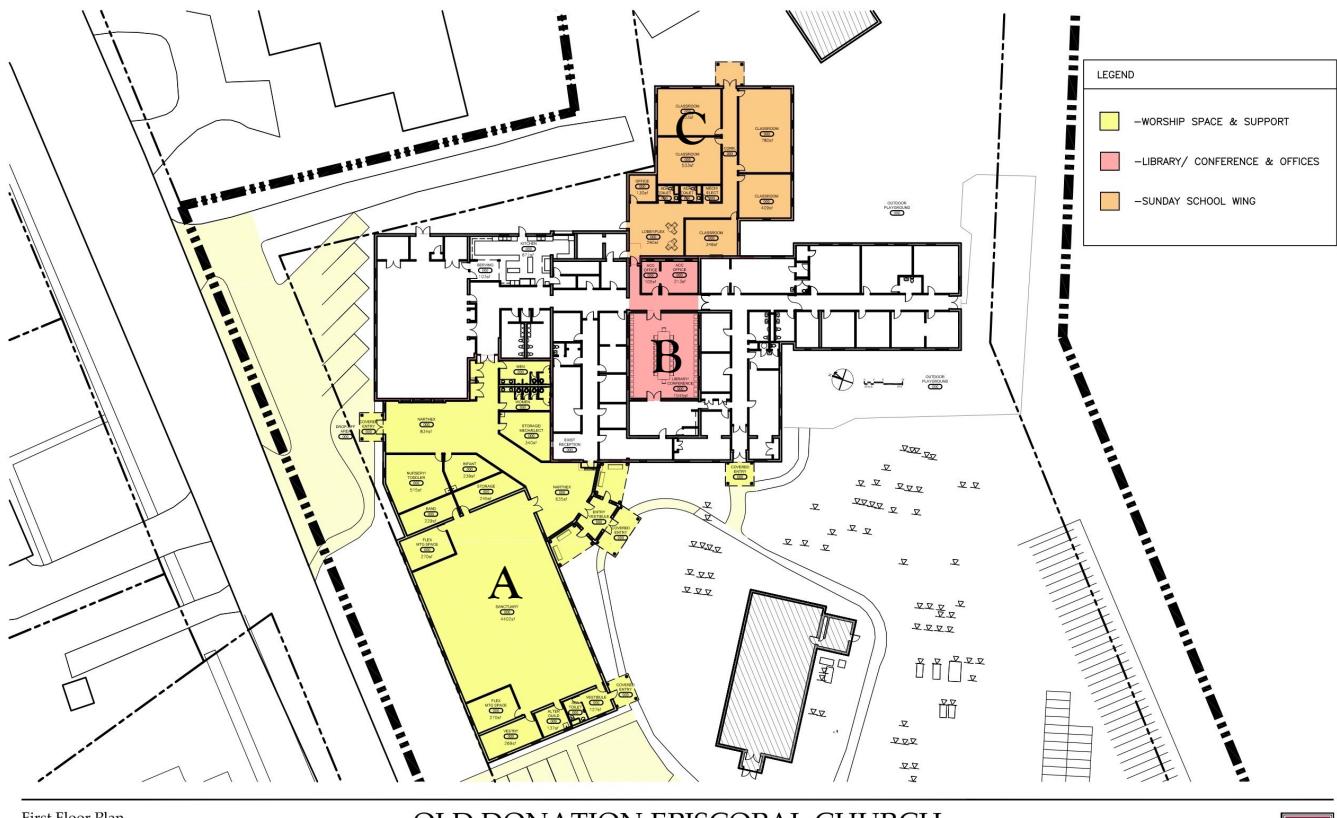
In the last year we have spent \$255K on the capital campaign, Day School renovations, improvements to the Church, and have \$70K for brick repointing of the Church. That mortar and brick project will start in the next week and finish before Christmas. We have also received other gifts beyond pledges. The total project capability is now \$3.2M.

### **NEW DEVELOPMENT**

- The BFPC and architects developed a plan that keeps intact the Day School (with last year's upgrade) and the Offices (which function well today). Minimal tear down or major repurposing is desired. The new plan includes three separate independent projects. Each can be done on its own or in combination with another.
- (A) A new "Great Hall" planned for worship, meetings, and receptions larger than fit in the Parish Hall. This wing includes a large narthex for gathering, new sets of bathrooms, and a nursery. Inside the "Great Hall" will be reconfigurable rooms designed for smaller meetings and Sunday classrooms. Also there will be a sacristy for Altar and Flower Guild, storage space for chairs, equipment and Gathering band materials, and a vestment room for acolytes, choir and lay ministers. A nice addition will be a family sized ADA capable bathroom on the end closest to the Church. People leaving the Church can walk 40 feet to get to a bathroom! The proposed wing is built out into the present parking lot from the Parish Hall.
- This wing includes three entrances. The main entrance to the Narthex is from the courtyard area created between the Church and the new Great Hall building. But we will also have direct access from the Witchduck Road side with a convenient drop-off for people having difficulty walking longer distances or handicaps. There will be handicap accessible parking close and convenient. There is a smaller entrance for Sundays on the end where the single bathroom is located.
- (B) We would convert the existing open courtyard that is opposite the library into a new larger library and conference room. With a roof and bountiful windows to provide lots of natural light, the room would house the Historic Traditions displays and collections. It could comfortably hold classes for up to 35 people and other meetings such as vestry. We would then convert the library into two offices, likely for accounting function. This would free up existing offices one for our youth minister and one for our music ministers, and expand admin area all of whom share space today.
- (C) A new wing in the back would house 4-5 classrooms, meeting space, two offices and more bathrooms. It would be a one story building. We learned that 2-stories are not cost effective with two sets of commercial stairwells and a commercial elevator (with its own equipment room and maintenance costs). We could gain the needed space by increasing the size of the footprint on one floor and be far better off for cost and convenience.

### **COST ESTIMATES**

- All estimates come from an independent company. They include inflation assuming a "ground-breaking" date of October 2018 (not a set date, but a reference date for estimating costs). All assume basic economical materials such as tile and regular carpet and regular walls, rather than stone or wood floors or more expensive op-



First Floor Plan  
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OLD DONATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH



tions. All include 20% 'soft' costs which cover architectural and other regulatory fees and some furnishing. We will have more solid numbers after construction drawings with details are completed and contractors can bid. The A section is estimated between \$3.1-3.6M. B is \$500K (including roofing work to tie all the sections together). C is \$1.0M.

### **WHAT IS NEXT?**

- We will solicit quotes from 3 architects to produce construction drawings and be interface with the contractor who ultimately builds. G&H will be one, but multiple bids is more responsible.
- "Consultancy groups" of parishioners will work with the architect to help get details right. Every specific area will need help to define.
- With time for quoting, hiring and contract review, G&H estimates we might break ground at earliest September or October 2018.
- The vestry will be the body who decides how much and which work we will engage.

Nowhere in these plans is upgrading the kitchen. The architects rough estimate of \$250K would completely tear out, rebuild, and buy new equipment. They recommended that with our outstanding in-house expertise that we would be wise to do our own redesign and contract the sections we need for considerably less. This would eliminate their overhead. We could more closely match our real needs and opportunity. We are getting that work going immediately.

### **REALLY GOOD NEWS**

This round of practical design shows that we CAN meet our highest priority goals. There are a couple areas we cannot accomplish in this phase. We will not replace Alfriend House or add youth ministry space. Nor will we be able to ADD Day School space. To our benefit, this plan does not reduce space for the school. Both of those elements will continue to be part of our long-range plan and reevaluated in future years.

Note: if we do only the A section, we would design space in the Great Hall for more meeting rooms. Left unresolved would be office space. If we do any two of the segments we accomplish 80-90% of our present needs.

We need your help. To do more than the A plan will require the vestry to commit to some borrowing beyond just a bridge loan for pledges and donations over 5 years. An alternative is to only borrow that which might be secured by part of the income from endowment funds. Your consideration and input will help them make a best decision that accords with God's will and vision. Please, let's keep talking and praying. And if you win the lottery, remember to tithe!



## All that's Cool in Sunday School

Our first Cycle continues!

Join us as we learn  
"What Makes our Church Special?"

### October Workshops

**Writing:** Create a Sunday school newspaper with Christina Hanawalt

**Music:** Meet the Choir with Leslie Fenter

**Kitchen:** Communion Bread with Sue Stephenson

**Special Outreach Workshop on October 29:**

Water around the World with Tracy Jackson

A special thank you to last month's Cycle teachers, Brennon & Courtney Pope, Melanie Waggoner, and Don Wilson for getting the Sunday school year off to a great start!



This new discussion group, reminiscent of Under the Hill, continues! 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.

## 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.

## Power Hour

### Time Traveling Church

Journey back in time to before the Reformation, when being Christian meant being Roman Catholic. How did we get to where we are today? Led by our own Will Skiles, Ph.D professor of church history at Regent University.

#### Oct 8: Back to the Beginning

Freedom! This is the cry that has rung for millennia. What does it have to do with Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the start of Christianity as we know it today?

#### Oct 15: Protestants Abound

Luther's ideas ignited an unintentional fire that spread quickly, traversing countries and even religious boundaries as secular leaders joined the cause. How did it happen? What was it that struck the hearts of so many?

#### Oct 22: When Good Things Go Bad

No sugarcoating: things weren't all sunshine and rainbows. Along with immense benefits for faith and religion, significant problems came with the Reformation, including schism, religious wars, and anti-Semitism.

#### Oct 29: Back to the Future!

Why does any of this matter today? How has it impacted our modern world, and the world we're building? Come conclude the series with an exploration of the vast impact the Reformation has had on all areas of our lives.

## Youth Sunday School

**Rite 13 (Grades 6 & 7)** - Where do we see God in the world, in each other, and in ourselves?

**J2A (Grades 8 & 9)** - Who are we as individuals, and how are we all connected to each other? What is the nature of our relationship to God?

**J2A-C (Grades 10 & 11)** - How has God been present with us from the beginning, and how is God with us now?

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

# Wednesday Night Program

Fr. Bob leads all sessions this month

## 11 October - Faith in the Public Square: Controversy - Confederate monuments and DACA

We will discuss these current controversies. These two issues were chosen by attendees in September classes. We want arguments on both sides, allowing for respectful disagreement. But in our discussions, all arguments must find their foundation in the Christian vision.

## 18 October - Movie "A Man Called Ove"

This Swedish movie won best foreign film in 2016. It is a 'comedy' with important moral messages about hope, life, purpose, and tolerance. With our movie nights, dinner begins at 5:45, movie starts at 6:00, so don't be late. No Eucharist.

## 25 October - Faith in the Public Square: Involved in the world - a test case.

We will examine a current international political dilemma that has created winners, losers, and people in need. We will talk through Christian perspectives and what should we DO. When is action justified? What do we do?

## 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.

## Haunted Hunt Club Farm

Time to get into the Halloween spirit with a trip to Haunted Hunt Club Farm on Saturday, October 28. EYC will be taking a trip for an evening of scary, thrilling, Halloween fun! We have attended this event every year, and we're continuing the tradition! Nothing says Halloween like Haunted Hayrides and Creepy Villages, so make sure you don't miss out! Drop-off is 6pm at church, and pick-up is at 9:30pm at church. The cost is \$15/person. Remember, friends are always welcome to join our events! If your youth plans to attend, RSVP to Marta Cohen at [mcohen@olddonation.org](mailto:mcohen@olddonation.org).



## EYC Activities Schedule

Sunday, October 8 - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm



Sunday, October 15 - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday, October 21 - Jungle Mini Golf

Drop-off: 3pm at church

Pick-up: 5pm at church

Cost: \$10/person. RSVP to Marta Cohen.

Sunday, October 22 - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday, October 28 - Haunted Hunt Club Farm

Drop-off: 6:00pm at church

Pick-up: 9:30pm at church

Cost: \$15/person. RSVP to Marta Cohen.

Sunday, October 29 - All EYC at Pumpkin Palooza!

3-6pm in the church graveyard. Paint pumpkins, eat dinner, play corn hole and bob for apples!



**Flock your Friends with Flamingos!**

Only \$40!

To arrange a flocking please contact Carol Gurioli 757-646-3227

*This is a J2A 2018 Fundraiser!*

## Diocesan Youth Events 2017-2018

October Lock-in (Grades 6-12)

Fri. Oct. 13 - Sat. Oct. 14, 2017 at Camp Chanco

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

## Stewardship - Enabling the Old Donation Mission

We are in Stewardship season; Have you noticed? We've began weekend "Stewardship Moments" that feature how your gifts manifest themselves into our mission. Sunday School can't happen without teachers giving of their time and talent. The OldDo Bus doesn't run without a group of folks stepping up to drive on Sundays. We can't host all of the community outreach programs without the funds to keep the lights on, have the heat on, and pay for the needed support and set up. Without your Stewardship, we aren't a mission church. That's why we chose "GIFT: Growing in Faith Together" as this year's Stewardship slogan.

Here at Old Donation, we are growing across multiple domains. We are growing in a physically, tangible way. And we are growing with new programs in Christian Formation, Parish Life and Outreach. But are we growing in faith? Your Stewardship commission thinks so. Are you growing in faith? Your Stewardship commission hopes so. We hope that all of us reflect on the gifts we all have received from Christ and allow the Spirit to work through us to do God's work here on Earth. How that work manifests itself will vary from person to person, but collectively we can do incredible things in communion, together.

Our Stewardship campaign is an invitation, and a reminder, for each of us to bring a portion of our manifest gifts back to the Lord for use in his work. Please, give prayer and thought to what gift you have in abundance that can be offered back to Christ. Allow the Spirit to move through you to support God's work here at Old Donation. Join us in gathering together our offerings, as a community, so that we all can be thankful for the great gifts we've each received from God, and continue Growing in Faith Together.

### Q & A about Stewardship at ODEC

#### What is a pledge?

- A financial & spiritual commitment for a specific period

#### Why should I make a pledge?

- Thanks to God for blessings and belief in ODEC's mission

#### Why is giving good for me?

- A spiritual practice. Giving helps us experience joy
- Generous giving teaches us that God always provides enough.
- Connects as members: we know our gifts count & we belong.

#### Why is a pledge good for ODEC?

- So ODEC can make a budget for ministries & personnel.
- ODEC never approves a budget without pledges to support it.

Without your giving, ODEC would not exist.

#### How much should I pledge?

- This is a personal decision. The biblical model is proportional giving. The standard is 10% of gross. Most people who tithe have to work at it for years, making steady increases to get to that level.
- Pray, listen to God, and step in the right direction.

#### How much do others pledge?

- Everyone gives based on what they can. Some give \$1.00/wk, and others more than \$25,000/year.
- Our average pledge last year was \$2,500/yr. Fr. Bob's pledge was over \$10,000 (1/10th of his income) and same for the capital gift.

#### What if I can't give anything? What if I can only give a little?

- Every pledge, every gift is worthy. \$1/month is faithful if that's what you can do. Remember the "widow's mite" in the gospel. We hope everyone will enter a faithful pledge.

#### How do I pay my pledge?

- You can pay by check, online credit card, or bank draft. Some pay weekly but some pay monthly, quarterly or annually.

#### What happens if I can't pay my pledge or I wish to increase it?

- If circumstances change and you must decrease or increase your pledge, just notify accounting. Life can get in the way of our plans. Some day we hit the lottery, or come into an inheritance.

### Heads-up! Pledge Cards are coming!

Around the middle of the month, you will be seeing a red envelope arrive in your mail.

The envelope contains information on this year's Stewardship Campaign of "Growing in Faith Together," and your annual pledge card.

Prayerfully consider what portion of Christ's gift to you, you will pledge for his work here at Old Donation for 2018. If you consistently make a pledge, thank you. If you have not in the past, please make a pledge for 2018. Your pledge, regardless of amount, is an important part of our mission plans for next year. Making a pledge really matters.

Sunday, 5 November is All Saints Sunday, and our designated "In-gathering" Sunday for parishioners to return their pledge cards.

However, your pledge is welcome and appreciated at any time before or after.

~Jeff Hood, Stewardship Vestry Liaison

### Have you remembered

the Old Donation Episcopal Church Endowment Fund in your will or estate plan?

Contact Planned Giving chair [Earl Morris](#) (757-464-1062) for information about how you can leave a lasting legacy to Old Donation at the time of your death.

# 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 at 757434-2557 or Tony Putzig 757-777-0124.

### Silent Auction

We are currently accepting donations for the silent Auction – POC is Laura Spink 965-7525

### Oyster Roast White Elephant

Start saving your “treasures” for the Oyster Roast White Elephant! Contact Carolyn with questions!

*Please, no electronics, exercise equipment or clothes!*



### Valuing Our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received	\$447,834
Total Pledge and Plate Budget (YTD)	\$416,000
Budget Received Difference	\$31,834
Number of Pledging Units to General Fund	214
ODEC Special Projects Funding:	YTD
Building Fund	\$333,839
Mission of the Holy Spirit	\$7,106
Outreach (all other)	\$1,993
Clergy Discretionary Fund	\$6,004
Worship	\$7,158
Julia Tucker Scholarship Fund (Day School)	\$1,444
Total	\$357,544

# Pumpkin Palooza!

## A Parish Life Event

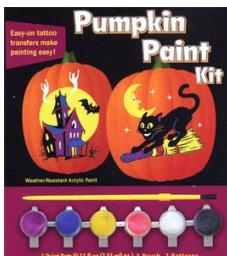
Sunday, October 29th 3:00 - 6:00pm

FOR ALL FAMILIES

FOR ALL AGES



PUMPKIN PAINTING



PUMPKIN CARVING

HOT CHILI  
APPLE CIDER  
S'MORES

FRIGHTFULLY AWESOME FOOD

CAMPFIRE/BONFIRE



HOST STORIES

CEMETERY TOUR

Contact [Laura Horvath](#) for more details

## What's Going On...

### Fall Kids' Items Exchange

October 15th after 10:30 services

October 16th & 17th, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Come receive gently used kids clothing & small toys.  
All items are free!

Donations will be collected beginning on October 1st.  
Items may also be brought on the days of the exchange.

Please contact [Melanie Waggoner](#) if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer!

### Newcomer's Dinner!

The newcomer's dinner is on October 8th at 5:30pm. This dinner is for anyone who has begun attending within the last year. It's also for returning members, so that our clergy can get to know you better. If you would like an invitation, please contact Judy Kuhns: [jkuhns809@cox.net](mailto:jkuhns809@cox.net) or 757-343-6740



### JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 27 October @ 5:30pm

Croakers

RSVP to [David Eckhardt](#) or 757-340-4811

### News from the Day School

Great news...we are at FULL capacity!

We have 115 children enrolled & 21 staff members!



Day School's Annual  
Boo Bash!! Oct. 27

**4:00PM - 7:00PM**

# October Celebrations

## Birthdays

1	Ken Kiefer	12	Nordie Crews	21	Sebastian Rio
	Karen MacDonald		Katherine Kline	23	Landen Gurioli
2	Pete Owens		Sharon Butts	24	Mike Reynolds
	Corrine Floyd		Kevin Long		Judith Hanson
4	Margareta MacGregor	13	Anne Lewis		Julianna DeDominick
	Meredith Moore		Donald Conklin	25	Mary Peters
6	Erin Tolerton		Shannon Rose		Daniel Heck
8	John Harris		Drew White		Cole Myers
9	Christine Rubel	14	Paul Miani	26	Nancylew O'Donoghue
	Jane Lane	15	Kevin Rubel	27	Laura Spink
	Keren Pernini		Katherine Ross		Robert Sinclair
	Frank Schweiger		Jayne Rodriguez	28	Molly Grubb
	John Malone	16	Jim Crouch	29	Barbara Schweiger
	Eugene Snowden	17	Preble Staver		Grayson Keller
	Heather Lustig		Camron White	30	Dorothy Fremd
10	Terry Ritter		Piper White		Troy Heselius
	Eleanor Richards	18	Doris Doyle		Katie Alpigni
	Debbie Quam		Doris Lowe	31	Isabell Staver
11	Fuzzy Eldred	20	Helen Morris		Earl Morris
	Julie Sterzing		Kevin Anderson		Ned Kuhns
	Ashlee MacDonald		Mary O'Flaherty		Billy Weems



## Anniversaries

4	Karen & Josh Anderson
5	Dean & Laura Buckius
8	Andrew & Rebecca Hailey
	Ginny & John Bandelean
9	Angela & Michael Lindsey
10	Page & Kevin O'Flaherty
12	Joan & Bill Miller
15	Doris & Jim Crouch
	Michelle & Bill Dawson
20	Sean & Stefanie Hurley
21	Kevin & Lori Keller
24	Kelli & Mark Hoover
26	Heather & Chie Shih
29	Diane & Randy Bolin

### Our New Member

Jan Packard

### Our Newly Baptized

Logan Cole Johnson

### Our Returning Members

Katie & Bob Alpigni

Judie & Michael Belka

Gene Black & Lori Blaisdell



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

To My Old Donation Family,

I wish to extend to each of you my heartfelt gratitude for all the love, prayers and support you gave me during my recent emergency surgery and my decline that followed. Your many acts of kindness displayed through visits, cards, flowers, trips to the doctor, errands, and many phone calls during my recovery gave me the strength each day to face the next.



God has blessed me with much in my life, and most especially this glorious church with Bob, Fred and Ashley, and every one of you. As I continue to get a little stronger my lung cancer remains a challenge each day, but there is never a moment that I don't feel your presence. You are truly a blessing to me.

With love and deep appreciation,  
~ Nancy Arnold

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

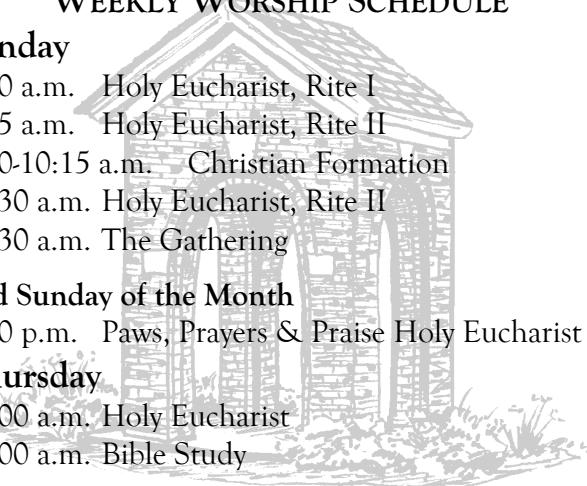
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30-10:15 a.m. Christian Formation  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:30 a.m. The Gathering

### 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

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Monday - Friday

Early Drop Off & After School until 2:20 pm

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