

The Bell Ringer

November
2018



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*



Our Annual Oyster Roast

Saturday, 17 November 2018

Old Donation Episcopal Church

Our Annual Fundraiser to support Outreach

10:00am to 3:00pm

All Saints' Sunday Ingathering Sunday



OLD DONATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, 4 November

Bring photos of the saints in your life to place around the church as a sign
of the cloud of witnesses that surround us!

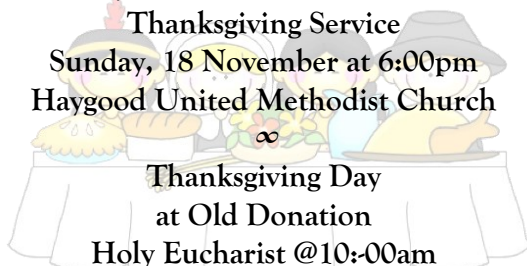
Bring your pledge card to place on the altar.

Veterans' Sunday

November 11th

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

Bayside Ecumenical Council
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, 18 November at 6:00pm
Haygood United Methodist Church



Thanksgiving Day
at Old Donation

Holy Eucharist @10:00am



**We will make
Advent Wreaths**

between services on the
25 November

From our Rector

My mother used to say “*things are going to Hell in a handbasket!*” I was never sure what a hand basket had to do with it. BUT...recent pipe bombs, racism, anti-Semitism, AR-15 for mass murder, and hate speech...plus, the widening political divide with lies and counter-lies and TV ads for next week's elections loom larger and are a constant barrage on my sensibilities. MY tribe versus YOUR tribe and a lack of good-will seem the way of the day. We cannot simply dismiss these latest attacks on leaders and on the Tree of Life Synagogue as “mental health” problems. The sickness is symptomatic of spiritual and communal evil. These are not partisan issues. The greatest commandment is about love, not hate.

Today is a most important time for the Church to be the Church. Our nation has been and can again be better and the Church has a role to play. Healing, reconciliation, and living together in peace with all our differences are part of the Jesus Movement. Bearing witness to our faith means standing with our neighbors when they are attacked or threatened. The parable of the Good Samaritan and our theology of creation makes clear that no one is outside the definition of “neighbor.”

Some of our congregation met Monday night in Norfolk with Ohel Shalom Temple for prayers and support. I have reached out to our friends, Rabbis Israel Zoberman and Ellen Jaffe-Gill to extend our commitment to solidarity.

The weekly crises are fatiguing, but in this environment it is all the more critical for Christians to remember who we are, and who we are called to be. We can be our best, and it can make a difference in our corner of the world. Say your prayers, but also: Surprise strangers with smiles. Make friends with your neighbors. Try to do something kind that is out of your norm every day. React to this world first with the old axiom – “What WOULD Jesus do... and say...?”

CONFIRMATION

We had 19 members confirmed or received Oct 21. What a great group of youth and adults! Bishop Hollerith was very impressed. I want to give special thanks to the mentors of our J2A class who led 13 of our youth through five years of preparation for this step to Christian adulthood. Anna Sas, Jim Bulleit, and David Beach did outstanding work. I am also very appreciative of The Rev. Kipper deGavre who has taught the confirmation/reception classes for adults. Please offer your congratulations to all our class (see page 11) and also your THANK-YOU to those who lead and teach.

ALL SAINTS

This coming Sunday (Nov 4) is the Feast of All Saints. We celebrate not only the ‘big name’ saints, but also for those faithful influences, who showed us what it means to live a

Christian life. They will not likely ever have a day named for them, but they inspire us and the world is a better place for their being part. Bring pictures of the saints in your life and place them in the windows around the church, reminding us that we are “surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.” (Heb 12:1) Votive candles will be available at all services to light in their memory.

REVELATION

Just so we don't get bored, I'm tackling the Book of Revelation in Adult Sunday School in Tucker Hall. See page 6 for details!

OYSTER ROAST

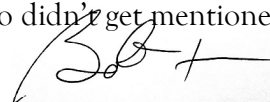
This is our largest fund and “FUN”-raiser of the year. Hundreds of people from the community join us for food, Christmas shopping for bargains, kids games, and a generally good time. Every dollar raised goes to our outreach programs for needy folks, not parish needs. Plus it is a fun day for us as we work together. There is a job for each one of us.

KITCHEN

Our Building Team took a giant step last week, after appearing it could not make progress until after Thanksgiving. The construction company was not ready to move fast enough. Even though we would have had part of the equipment. Scott Crumley jumped in. Scott brought in enough of his home building workers and (God willing) we will have the convection ovens, larger ice maker and maybe the walk-in freezer and frig in time for Oyster Roast. Keep saying your prayers that everything works well for the next two weeks. And keep thanking the whole team (Dave Burt, John Sherman, Betsy Morris, Carl Sterzing, Ann Perry, Mark Strickland, Joe Tucker, Courtney Pope, and in this situation, especially Scott Crumley)! You cannot imagine how many hours they are dedicating to ODEC.

THANKSGIVINGS

Parish Life always goes above and beyond, and Pumpkin Palooza this year was an amazing example of a perfect day for community fellowship. Historic Traditions made our ODEC Feast Day special with an ice cream social, the many members in Colonial Attire for the worship processions, and getting our history brochure updated. TERRIFIC! The Worship Commission pulled off a full month of special services with St. Francis outdoor worship, a boatload of acolytes for two successive Sundays, Altar Guild with multiple weddings and funerals this month added to the parish special services. Amy & Clarence Young again hosted newcomers in their home. They have not only a wonderful house for it, but they are perfect hosts (Amy even pulled it off this time while Clarence was on the ship for work!). Last: I give thanks for all of you who didn't get mentioned... this is one blessed parish!



From Our Assistant Rector

Just this week (the end of October) the Diocese held its annual Fall Clergy Conference. The speaker, retired Bishop Porter Taylor, talked to us about telling our stories: My Story, Our Story, The Story. Because truly, our lives are stories—many still being lived, some having already ended, ALL within the framework of the larger story of our faith.

When we tell our stories, the ones that really mean something, miraculous things happen. We connect with people we least expect, begin to understand things about ourselves and others that we never thought possible, piece together layers of meaning and significance... all just by sharing our lives with another. We need to do more of that, more sharing of ourselves—not our political stances or what we believe in or stand for, but of what makes us who we are.

Each and every one of us have more in common than we realize... there are themes that permeate the lives of those in scripture and our own lives today, that play out in millions of different ways.

Resurrection. How have you experienced resurrection in your life? Something being made new, whole, complete.. something broken being restored...

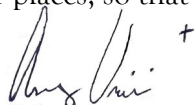
Healing. How have you encountered healing? Has it been physical? Spiritual? Emotional?

Loss. What are the losses you have survived? What form did they take? How did you recover? *Did* you recover? These are stories of humanity, and not one of them is unique to a certain faith, political party, or nationality. When we hold onto those common themes and threads, then our shared stories bind us together rather than drive us apart.

Share the story.

Don't worry about the belief that you hold because of it, or how it made you become a Democrat or a Republican, or whatever else you might be.

Just tell your tale, and let it speak for itself. Let it stand in solidarity with all of the other stories from all of the other people in all of the other places, so that our lives can start to look like one again.



From Our Youth Minister

Albus Dumbledore said it best. "We must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy." I'll admit I often use Harry Potter as a way to think about the world - through the lessons it teaches. It's so... *easy* to do the easy thing, and not always so doing the right thing. As you know, we're expecting our baby daughter in just about a month, either late November or early December. Two questions come to mind as I prepare to be a parent. They are, "what kind of world am I bringing my daughter into?" and "what kind of daughter will I strive to bring into the world?" I'm trying to focus on the second question more. I want to know what I can do to make the world better - and inevitably I think about this in the context of our soon-to-be daughter.

Lately, every single time I look at the news, something new and troubling is undoubtedly the headline. For example, we now have the news that by the year 2040, the effects of climate change will have become truly disastrous and potentially irreversible. Our children and grandchildren will have to deal with the consequences if we continue to do nothing. That's enough to keep anyone up at night. The discipline I'm trying to master is to lay the worry aside and turn it into action, especially as a new parent. We can raise kids who have a profoundly positive impact on the world, who make little choices every day that make a difference. We can raise kids who choose to take action instead of living in complacency, to help solve some of our biggest problems.

I want to see my daughter develop certain qualities as she navigates life. I want her to be confident, curious, thankful, kind, and humble. I want her to hold firmly to her values while still being open to listening to others. But that's not all; I also want her to have a thirst for justice, a little bit of stubbornness, and bravery to do the right thing; even when that thing is very difficult. I believe this combination of qualities is what we truly need in the world right now. All of us need to remember that doing what is right isn't always easy. I pray for all of us that we can lean on the grace and strength of God to choose this path, and model lives for our kids that glorify Him and bring a positive impact to our world.

~Marta

Be a good Christian. Be a good Citizen. Vote.

Stewardship at Old Donation

You've received your 2019 pledge card. Now what will you do with it?

A wise bishop once remarked, "The parish checkbook tells more about a congregation's real religion than anything the Vestry and clergy tell me."

How much should you pledge? Consider this prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*:

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given me all that I possess: Grant me grace that I may honor you with my substance, and, remembering the account which I must one day give, may be a faithful steward of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus told a story about someone who discovered a treasure hidden in a field. He rushed out to sell everything he owned, so that he could buy the field and the treasure in it.

When we think of the ministries of Old Donation, described for the last few weeks during in the Stewardship Saturday video series (you are taking 1 minute to watch, aren't you?), we experience some of the excitement, delight and energy of the man in that story. Old Donation is a treasure field; but praise God, most of the treasure is not hidden. It is out in the open, here to be experienced and shared.

It is all made possible, of course, by the holy giving of people who, like the man in Jesus' story, are willing to give of their own to purchase the treasure field, and to cultivate that field and make its harvest available. Old Donation's 2019 Stewardship Sunday is November 4. On Stewardship Sunday, the church asks for money. Old Donation needs it, and must ask for it. We hope you will pray about what we have described and make a commitment for January through December of next year.

Pledge cards will be collected during services on November 4. You may bring them to the altar or place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your pledge.

A Note from the Treasurer

To provide parishioners with an efficient and timely access to their contributions history for both the General Fund and the Building Fund, we have an on-line access system that replaces quarterly paper statements. From the home page of the ODEC [website](#) click on the "Give" button at the top right of the page. That will produce a drop down menu where you can click on "Your Giving History" which will take you into the Access ACS Program. There, you can create an account with a user name and password that can be used in the future to log in whenever you want to check your contributions to ODEC by entering the year in which you are interested. If you haven't already set up an account and profile, try it....it's very easy.

By using the on-line information through Access ACS, you will have timely access to your contributions history at any time.

If you don't have access to a computer or the internet and still want to receive paper statements, please contact Jo-Ann Bach, our Pledge Recorder, or Diane Miller, our Parish Accountant at 497-0563.

~Ned Kuhns, Treasurer

Print a Pledge Card

Pledge Online

Valuing our Blessings

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

Wellness

Staying Healthy during Cold/Flu Season

1. **Wash your hands.** Most cold and flu viruses are spread by direct contact. Use alcohol based foam or gel if soap and water are not available.
2. **Use a tissue to cover your coughs and sneezes.** Throw it away immediately and wash your hands. Don't cough or sneeze into your hands.
3. **Drink plenty of fluids.** 8 glasses 8 ounces each for adults.
4. **Get fresh air and aerobic exercise regularly.** This increases your body's natural virus-killing cells and makes you less vulnerable to cold and flu viruses.
5. **Eat a well balanced diet.** Get plenty of zinc and Vitamin C to keep your immune system strong.
6. **Avoid crowds during known flu outbreaks.** You might consider a wave or fist-pump and avoid a hand shake or hug.
7. **Stay home if you are sick.** Protect yourself and others who may not have a strong immune system.
8. **Get your flu shot!** Have a safe and healthy winter.



Outreach

Get involved with Outreach!

Feed My Sheep is a meal prepared and served to folks in need in downtown Norfolk on the second Sunday of every month. In November, that will be the 11th. You can help prepare the meal on Saturday morning 11/10 in the ODEC kitchen around 10:00am. If you like to be out there in the midst of the action, you can help serve the meal on 11/11 around 12:30pm. We usually gather after the 10:30 services and caravan to the outside park on the corner of Brambleton and Church Streets by the MLK, Jr. Memorial. It takes about 45 minutes to fix the plates of food and serve them to the folks that gather there. If you can't come this month, we do the same routine every month on the second Sunday. Contact [Melissa Waide](#) or 718-8599.

Another offering to serve will be on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons, 11 & 25 Nov, serving lunch to the children and families attending the afternoon service for **Mission of the Holy Spirit (MOHS)** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 1445 Norview Ave. in Norfolk. The service starts at 2:00pm with one of our ODEC priests officiating for Communion, and the meal is served at 3:30pm. If this month doesn't work for your calendar, you can catch this event again every month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. Contact [Mitch Bean](#).

Legacy Society of 1637

What is your legacy?

It was almost twenty years ago, 1999, when faithful parishioners Henry and Clarice Keeling left a bequest to Old Donation Episcopal Church. This unexpected, substantial and undesignated gift was welcomed, but there was no structure in place to receive such magnificent generosity. The Vestry established an *Ad Hoc Discernment Committee* to make recommendations regarding the use of this gift. The Vestry accepted and approved their report on May 11, 2000. A Trust Agreement to establish the Old Donation Episcopal Church Endowment Trust Fund became effective June 1, 2000.

“It is the continuing purpose of the Fund to provide investment income to accomplish God’s work in this Parish in ways that would not be possible absent such additional income to supplement annual operating funds, and it is the desire of the Parish to continue to encourage, receive and administer such gifts in a manner faithful to the loyalty and devotion to God expressed by the donors - ~”

There are eighteen (18) parish members who have expressed their love of God by a Legacy bequest to the ODEC Endowment Fund. The asset value of the Endowment Fund was \$3,406,336 on September 30, 2018. The Legacy Society of 1637 thanks the forty-five (45) parishioners who have “Faith in the Future” by establishing in their will or estate plan a future bequest to the ODEC Endowment Trust Fund.

For additional information contact the church office or Planned Giving member [Earl Morris](#), 757-464-1062.

Here I am, Lord!

Sunday Formation Hour: 9:15-10:15am

All That's Cool in Sunday School

We continue Cycle 2 for Children's Sunday School!
John the Baptist- A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Art with Dan & Courtney Miani- Create candles to illustrate "Arise, Shine for your Light has come." How do prophets "shine a light"?

Drama with Patti Somers- Learn about John the Baptist by using our five senses. What was it like to be John the Baptist?

Music & Painting with Jo Beach- Listen to Handel's Messiah and illustrate it with oil pastels. How does the prophet's messages tie into the birth of Jesus?

Story with Drew & Cassondra White- Learning John's message through story and games. What was John's message?

November 18: Movie Day for Children's Sunday School

November 25: No Sunday School (Advent Wreath Day)

December 2: Cycle 3 Begins! "Emmanuel: God With Us."

Revelation

and

THE END of All Things

During the "stump the priest" session we had in October, one person asked a very normal question:

"What's up with the book of Revelation?!"

This is a frequently asked question that takes a lot of time, so we'll take three Sundays to get our feet wet with a good introduction and review.

-Why in the world is this book that sounds like science fiction and video game war scenarios sitting in our Bible?

-What did it say to first and second century Christians?

-Are the wild interpretations and "the world is ending because..." appropriate?

-Why did John Calvin refuse to write a commentary on the book — the only one of all books in the Bible?

Sundays, November 4, 11, and 18 in Tucker Hall, we will discuss these questions and more.
Led by Fr. Bob

New to The Episcopal Church



This course is an introduction to The Episcopal Church and the Anglican way of doing things such as worship, governance, and history.

Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church, coming from another tradition, no tradition, or are a life-long Episcopalian and just want to know more, join us for a lively presentation and discussion.

Led by the Rev. Kipper deGavre

Faith and Health in the Bible

A health class at church?
What is that about?

We generally separate our health and our faith into distinct compartments that rarely intersect. Together we will discover the connection between spirituality and wellness, and the Bible has a lot to say about this connection. *Wholeness* is key! And we want to talk about what that looks like.

Meet in the Music Room (Day School Wing) with Sandy Colvin, one of our Parish nurses, and Mother Ashley.

This class runs from Oct. 28- Nov. 18

Wednesday Night Program

Back on the Canterbury Trail...

Our Wednesday night program for November 14 will be a presentation by our pilgrims to England. Rather than our normal schedule, we will start serving dinner at 6:00pm in Tucker Hall. At 6:30 we will begin presenting highlights of our 12 days in England. Thirty-six of us made our way through some of the most amazing cathedrals, small town churches, and famous cities of England. We saw Romeo and Juliet in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, learned about the Thoroughgoods, Henry VIII, and C. S. Lewis. We will show you some great pictures and tell stories while we all eat some great food. We hope lots of you will come and enjoy. Maybe we will find out where the parish wants to go for the next trip!

Youth Sunday School

Rite 13 (Grades 7 & 8) - This month, the group will address beliefs, stereotypes, and types of prayer.

J2A (Grades 9 & 10) - The group will be moving into a new curriculum called "Confirm Not Conform" as they get ready for next year as a confirmation group.

J2A-C (Grades 11 & 12) - The group will meet Sunday mornings for coffee, donuts & conversation in the sun-room of Alfriend House.

Advent Wreath Assembly

Thanksgiving Weekend



No Sunday school on Nov. 25!

Instead, head to the library for our great tradition of making family Advent wreaths. All you need, from live greens to candles, will be provided!

Advent wreaths help us to walk through the season of Advent remembering each moment leading up to Christmas as precious, and mark it with the lighting of a candle. As the days grow darker the light from your Advent wreath will grow brighter.

Finally, Christmas will arrive and your Advent wreath will shine with a brightness that no darkness can overcome.

Episcopal Youth Community

Unless otherwise noted, EYC schedule is as follows:

5:00pm- Music & scripture at the Sundays @ 5 service

5:15pm- EYC back to Parish Hall for devotional time, prayer & dinner.

6:15pm- Games and hang out time! (High school in Alfriend House, middle schoolers in Parish Hall.)

7:00pm- Pick up

Sunday, November 4- EYC 5-7pm

Sunday, November 11- EYC 5-7pm

Saturday, November 17- Oyster Roast 10am-3pm

Sunday, November 18- EYC 5-7pm

Sunday, November 25- No EYC due to Thanksgiving Weekend. Come to church to make Advent wreaths during Formation Hour!

Sunday, December 2- EYC 5-7pm

EYC Canned Food Drive

The middle school youth of Old Donation would like to invite you to participate in a canned food drive for hurricane relief! This is an idea proposed by one of our 8th grade students. We'll begin collecting non-perishable food items & bottled water on Sunday, November 4, and continue through Sunday, November 18. There will be a labeled box outside Parish Hall after church. You may also bring items to Marta's office during the week but please ask first! The donated supplies will be sent to a charity helping people displaced by hurricanes Florence and Michael. For more details contact Marta.

Chanco Summer Programs

"Do It Now" Discount!

Register for Camp Chanco 2019 by November 30th and you will receive \$15 off a one-week session and \$25 off a two-week session! Chanco has traditional camp sessions for ages 8-18 along with specialty sessions Ropes Camp, Mariner's Camp, and Family Camp! Visit www.chanco.org to register today! If you refer a new camper who registers you will receive \$50 off your own tuition - no limit! If you have questions, write an email to hospitality@chanco.org or call 888-7CHANCO (888-724-2626).

ODEC'S ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, 17 November

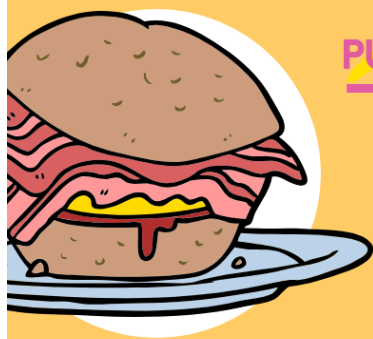


NEEDED!

Bakers & Canners (Shelby)
Used Books
Silent Auction (Janet)
Oyster Shuckers
White Elephant (Carolyn)
Kitchen Help (Bill)

BRUNSWICK STEW!

Want to help make stew?
Contact Tony or
Dave!



PULLED PORK BBQ!

Help the team that
works overnight to
smoke the pork.
Contact Michael!

CONTACT INFO!

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Shelby	lioniris@cox.net
Janet	ljanetmall@gmail.com
Michael	michael.w.hicks01@gmail.com
Carolyn	geraces@cox.net



Oyster Roast 2018

We are excited knowing we have this wonderful event around the corner. There are a lot of events taking place in the next month leading up to the Oyster Roast. Read below and see what you can do to make this a success. *Everyone can help in some way!*

Now is the time to clear out all those lovely items you no longer need or want. We gladly take all items with a few exceptions.

Items for the White Elephant & Silent Auction

We have a POD at Alfriend House, where all drop offs will be collected. Do not drop off in the hallways. Call Bruce (301 430-2307) He will help with large items and place everything in the POD.

Drop off Monday thru Friday 8am to 3:30pm.

After Church on Sundays from 11:30 to 1 Carolyn Gerace will collect items. Call Carolyn if you need other drop off times 757 818-5509.

Please! No clothing, electronics or exercise equipment.

Sunday Pre-sales: Brunswick Stew & BBQ

Brunswick stew: \$12.00 per quart

Brunswick Stew pick up will be Sunday November 11th.

BBQ: \$16.00 per quart, \$8.00 per pint

BBQ pick up will be Sunday November 18th.

Pay by cash, credit card or check.

NO PICKUP the day of the Oyster Roast.

Books

Books can be donated starting Sunday November 11th.

Brunswick Stew and BBQ

We will be pickin' chicken on November 7th

See Tony Putzig, Betts Werbiskis or Dave Wilkinson if you are interested in helping.

Stew prep November 8th, for the preorders.

Stew prep November 15th, for the Oyster Roast.

BBQ will be made the night of November 16th

Preorders will be picked up on Sunday November 18th

Any leftover Stew, BBQ or Oysters will be sold on Sunday, November 18th.

Volunteers

Your help is needed to make this a success. There will be signup sheets in the Hall outside of the Parish Hall on Sundays. Below is a list of the Chairs for each position. Please let them know AND sign the sheets when you are available. This is a wonderful way to meet folks, or get to know someone better.

Your Oyster Roast Leadership Team:

Chairs - Tony Putzig / Betts Werbiskis

Kids Games - Rebecca Barrio

Used Book Room - Tracy Jackson - donations needed

White Elephant - Carolyn Gerace - donations needed

Silent Auction - Janet Neumann - volunteers needed

Dining Room - Lisa Teeling - volunteers needed

Oyster Shuckers - Leslie Fenter

Parking - Mal Higgins

Advertising - Doralece Dullaghan

Santa Pictures - Sandy Colvin, Charlie Swift, Gary Kline

Bake Sale - Shelby Longmire - Needs baked goods

Oyster Washing - Brennen Pope - Needs older youth volunteers

Fried Oysters - Jonathan Halvorson

Kitchen - Bill Dawson

Cashiers - Teri Piston

Silent Auction: ODEC's Oyster Roast raises money for the Outreach Ministry. This ministry feeds the needy, and sends individuals on mission trips. It is especially near to my heart - for the past five years I have gone to Ghana with Ghanaian Mother's Hope to set up a reading camp and to help feed the minds, hearts and stomachs of these young children. Your donations and gift make this possible. God calls us to serve and I believe that we embody this message well at ODEC. I ask for donations of gift cards, gift baskets, art, fine jewelry, vacations, anything of value to be included for the Silent Auction. Every little bit helps. If you have questions, you can email me at 1janetmall@gmail.com and we can go from there. Blessings, ~Janet Neumann

Building Design Team

The building project is moving forward! We received comments from the City of VB on our Site Plan submission. The committee is coordinating with the architects and engineers to respond to those comments for resubmission. Typically, a Site Plan is reviewed 2-3 times before approval. So, we may be just past half way through the review process. While the City's review is occurring, we're assigning room spaces—assuming that we can afford the full project—and developing an initial list of the type of flooring (carpet, vinyl, etc.) and wall coverings (paint, tile, etc.) to help the construction company provide a cost estimate for the total project.

The committee is also moving the kitchen renovation forward. The equipment we ordered last month has begun to arrive and be installed. You've probably noticed that some cabinets are missing, but, our new hood, convection oven, and walk-in freezer are soon in place!

Boring Test Update: For those of you that have been waiting all month to find out the consistency of the soil from the boring tests. Our property lies within the Atlantic Coastal Plain, with deposits of marine, lagoon, and stream sediment. So, our soil includes different types of sand! Maybe this isn't a surprise, but, here are some interesting details. Three soil borings 25 feet deep were done in September 2018—two where the Great Hall will be and one where the Back Wing will be located. The two borings where the Great Hall will be located include clay, variations of sand and sand with silt, and asphalt. Here's the interesting part. About 11 feet and then again about 18 feet down is "trace fine gravel." Sounds like a road! How far back in history is 11 to 18 feet deep? What else might that be? The boring for the Back Wing is much simpler. The soil was found to be clayey sand for the first 6 feet down. The rest of the boring is sand, with a trace of clay between 12 and 16 feet down.

ODEC Men's Breakfast Fellowship: Something for all Men! Every Wednesday morning at 7:00am a group of ODEC men gather for breakfast and fellowship, showing up in a wide variety of mismatched sartorial splendor. We are all ages, open with prayer at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast and a program, end promptly at 8:00, and it is expected for men with outside jobs to leave immediately. To cover the cost of breakfast, we collect \$2.00. The menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, juice, and coffee. Our cooks don't try out new recipes on us!

We participate in a rotation of a 1/2 hour program in which we discuss whatever is of interest to us. Sometimes one of us brings a guest speaker. In recent weeks we have had conversations on C.S. Lewis; global warming; famous Revolutionary War battles and generals you never heard of; the role of rivers; the appropriate level of patriotism in our national life, given our rights of free speech and assembly under the First Amendment. We are respectful of our many differing views, and we strive to follow the Golden Rule in our relationships. Come and join us Wednesday morning. We want you! We know you'll want to come back!

JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 16 November, 5:30pm
Nanking Restaurant

Friday, 14 December, 5:30pm
New River Tap House

RSVP to David Eckhardt: 757-395-0008

Interested in Serving on Vestry?

Potential vestry members are:

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

To express interest, contact Vestry members: John Brown, Vicki Dorsett, Laura Hicks, Chip Saunders, or the Clergy.

Kairos for Women in Virginia

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

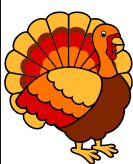
Cookies are an important shower of love from the outside, but PRAYER is the fuel that makes this ministry possible.

Blessings IN HIS NAME. ~ Frankie Ring

News from our Day School

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

Will you vote? We will! Children will vote on "what" they want on the bulletin board. The theme this year is "What is your favorite fall decoration?" Candidates are...Turkey, Pumpkin, and Scarecrow! Good Luck, candidates!



Stop-n-Shop... Handmade Items and products from Pampered Chef, Thirty One, Tupperware, and more! We have ONE DAY where lots of vendors fill Tucker Hall and orders will be ready for Christmas gift giving. Stop by and browse Wednesday, December 5th, 9:00am - 2:30pm.

~ Tricia Crawford, Director



Creations & Libations

Saturday, 1 December, 6pm-9pm

Tucker Hall will be transformed into a place where our talented and creative members will show and sell their crafts and art. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a libations bar with several choices of beverages, including wine and beer. A night of art and food that you won't want to miss!

We have over 20 artists and artisans who will exhibit Anglican prayer beads, mosaics, jewelry, wood works, etched glass, pottery, embroidery art, sewing crafts, whimsical signs, watercolors, paintings, prints, greeting cards and drawings!

Please come and enjoy yourself, drop your kids off with our babysitters, do a little Christmas shopping and relax for an evening of celebration and fellowship. Ben Urquidi will provide some piano music. At the end of the night, 25% of all sales and proceeds will go to the church. Questions? Contact Martha Wilson at 310-430-2306.

November Celebrations

Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lynette Lewis | Tim Kuehn | 22 Lauren Moore |
| 2 Melissa Moore | 10 Jack Barry | Sherrie Coyle |
| Sera Kate Alpigini | JoAnn MacDougall | Penny Moulis |
| 3 Sonni Matthews | James Keller | Kirsten Holt |
| 4 Anne Scharenberg | Jerry Grubb | 23 Michael Fitch |
| Deniece Cheri | Helen Heselius | Paulette Hruska |
| 5 Betsy VanderWilt | Matthew Bulleit | 24 JoAnne Newhall |
| Hayden Bowles | 11 Sandra Wills | Beth Holland |
| Julie O'Brien | Diane Bolin | Liudmila Malone |
| Corrine Gregerson | 12 Gail Varnecky | 25 Judy Lee |
| 6 Michele Suttle | Madeline Schulz | Casey Gregerson |
| Trey Dudley | 13 Bonney Ball | Jon Johnson |
| 7 Gisella Battersby | 15 Kevin O'Flaherty | 26 Katie Fite |
| Phil Luebbert | Renee Ambrose | 27 J. D. Ball |
| 8 Robert Burns | 17 Michelle Stephenson | Bill McAree |
| Tricia Colby | 18 Murrey Loflin | 28 Charlie Swift |
| Becky Hailey | Allison Myers | 29 Chuck Applebach |
| Sam Oswald | 19 Drew Luebbert | Matt Jackson |
| 9 George Butler | 20 Page Cranford | 30 Elizabeth Simpson |
| Mark Sinclair | 21 Jill Ghormley | Brennon Pope |
| Harry Lustig | | Corey Schweiger |
| | | Gwynneth Anderson |

Anniversaries

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| 2 Catherine & Kevin Rubel |
| Heather & Brian Hunt |
| 3 Sharon & Tim Oswald |
| 4 Sara & Mike Check |
| 7 Jacquelyn & Truman Baxter |
| Boo & Greg Burroughs |
| 10 Beth & George Weeks |
| 13 Valerie & Mike Casey |
| 14 Liane & Kevin Long |
| Melissa & Bill Waide |
| 17 Rita & Harry Lustig |
| 21 Nancy & Tom Cantrell |
| Ginny & Page Cranford |
| Cynthia & Paul Wise |
| 22 Gloria & John Brown |
| 23 Mike & Amber Lovejoy |
| 24 Doralece & Bill Dullaghan |

Stephen Minister Training

The Stephen Ministry at ODEC is an active, caring group of men and women who are trained to provide Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulty in their lives. We are confidential, supportive, and meet with our care receivers weekly.

If you would like to explore listening, giving support and praying with someone, please contact a member of the clergy, Barbette Timperlake (757-481-1269), or Trudy Gross(757-3734069). Fifty hours of training on Monday nights begins in January.

Our New Members

Valerie Gurioli
Russ & Judy Sheldon
Renee Ambrose
Jon Johnson

Our Newly Baptized

Henry Peter Genova

Our Newly Confirmed

Eliza Aydar
Megan Barrio
Hayden Bowles
Anna Brunick
Max Burroughs
Grace Galvez
Zoe Gurioli
Olivia Hanawalt
Peter Hood
Kaiya Kreassig
Sonni Matthews
Ben Perry
Kaitlyn Piston
Megan Piston
Parker Purrington

Our Newly Received

Sandy Colvin
Valerie Gurioli
Patti Somers
Scott Somers

Little Free Pantry

This was an eighth-grade project last year at Old Donation School, and it is time for us to take over! Please bring in non-perishable food to stock our pantry. Place your contributions in the Little Free Pantry box located on the bench outside the kitchen.

Ladies' Game Night

Nov 2nd & December 7th
7:00pm - 10:00pm
Alfriend House



Come enjoy girl time, fellowship and laughter! Who will win the game this month? Catch up with old and new friends and bring a friend! Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. A babysitter can be provided but at least one week notice is necessary. Contact [Martha Wilson](#) 310-430-2306

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m. Christian Formation

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 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, *Priest Associate*

Mrs. Marta Cohen, *Youth Minister*

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Tricia Crawford & Jody Baker, Day School Directors

Phone: 757-499-2283

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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