

The Bell Ringer



July
2017

Old Donation Episcopal Church

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



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21
Information &
Registration
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Sundays @ 5

Holy Eucharist

every Summer Sunday at 5:00pm,
followed by an informal supper in the Parish Hall

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

Saturday
8 July
6:30pm



Babysitting in AFH

Historic Traditions Ice Cream Social

Sunday, 9 July
11:30am



Family Fun Beach Day!

Saturday, 22 July
10:30am

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From our Rector

July is Jumping!

Sometimes summer is slow. *This* summer will be anything but! Look at all that is happening. National hymns next week on the Sunday closest to July 4. Karaoke and open mic on July 8. An ice cream social the next Sunday (July 9), thanks to Historic Traditions. Sunday, July 18 begins VBS and the entire campus will be hopping all week. July 24 is our annual Beach Day with sandwiches and the Eucharist on the Bay thanks to Barbette Timperlake and Bob Perrine.

Youth group is kicking back into gear with our new Youth Minister, Marta Cohen. She and her husband, Drew, are cooking a brunch for EYC ages - those entering 6th grade and all the way through high school. They want to meet everyone and have a chance to do get some ideas from our youth about how the YOUTH want to spend time this summer. This will be on the 4th of July from 10:00am - noon in the ODEC Kitchen.

Sundays@5 are off to a great start with 30-40 people attending for a shorter, more informal service with great music and a regular sermon. It is a favorite for many of us with a joy and comfortableness that is attractive. Sunday mornings have some different ways to help us keep growing in our faith. In the Gathering, the priests are working a new storytelling scheme for the children's sermon that follows the Old Testament lectionary. We are sequentially telling the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Ishmael, Hagar, Jacob and Esau, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Miriam. These are being reinforced in the children's craft projects each week. These are stories that many of us learned as children. If you don't remember who all of these are, pay attention to the children's sermon! In the church we will sing some of your favorite hymns, if you take a minute and write down your request!

So much for a slow summer. It is hard to imagine a more active month for July! And...just wait a month to see our *Super Summer Wednesdays* program for August.

Serving Others

There are so many ways that our parish is regularly doing the work of caring for the world. Some we know about. Some of them are opportunities for all of us to participate. Our monthly turn at Feed My Sheep in Norfolk is scheduled for July 9. We are also feeding the families at the Mission of the Holy Spirit on July 23.

But there are some other efforts that we support through our prayers, finances and occasionally can do hands and arms work or sometimes don't even realizing are happening. **Janet and Zach Neumann** head off to Ghana for the reading and construction mission on July 24. Their work with Ghanaian Mothers' Hope has been one of the projects that we've now supported for many years. They take others, including young people, on these efforts. You probably don't know that one of our members, **Eric Grossgold**, has been doing international medical mission work, most recently in Mongolia where he was part of a team for urology reconstructive surgery, which is the work he also does as a doctor in the Navy. I only learned about it last week when Eric was subbing on the keyboard for Sundays@5. He is a modest, but brilliantly talented guy and I asked him to write an article for a future Bell Ringer to let you all know about some of the ways we are serving God by serving others.

We have many others on trips for various mission efforts or locally serving. I hope you will let us know when and where you go so we can keep you in our prayers and offer our support.

We have an opportunity to join with other local churches to support some **NATO Turkish families** that have become stranded because of the political conflict in their home. These are families who came here for NATO assignments but are estranged through no fault or cause of their own. They need both material and social support. Please open the email I am sending out with details and contacts because you might be able to help.

Vacations

Summer is also a time for getting away for most of us. Ashley was in Austin for continuing education last week. I am leaving Wednesday for two weeks. Fred is leaving at the end of the month for two weeks in Colorado. My time will be where it is cooler! Chris and I will spend a few days in Rhode Island and the New London area of CT with my family. We are taking our 20 year old twin granddaughters up with us to spend time with cousins they don't get to see often. Chris and I will slip away for a week of the time to relax in Maine. We will be in Portland and Boothbay Harbor, eating as much lobster and clams as can be squeezed into our stomachs! We will be back for July 16 and the rest of the summer.



From Our Assistant Rector

"But we never used to do it that way..."

Have you ever said that? Or heard it, or maybe felt it even if you didn't say it out loud? I know I have, despite how much I try not to. It's hard—we're creatures of habit and we hold dearly to our traditions and our memories; we can't help it. And it's not always bad. But to resist something only because you never did it that way before usually isn't healthy.

At the women's clergy conference I just attended, a colleague described a conversation exactly like this, and her response was simple and insightful. A parishioner approached her after service when she had made a change to the liturgy and this is how the conversation went:

Parishioner: But Reverend, we never used to do it that way.

Priest: Well, did you used to have a cell phone?

Parishioner: No...

Priest: Did you used to have internet?

Parishioner: No...

Priest? Do you have them now?

Parishioner: Yes...

Priest: Ok, then.

The parishioner came back the next week, and the next, and is now constantly asking my colleague what new thing she's going to do next.

I say all of this not because I think Old Donation has a problem resisting change - the opposite, in fact. In my relatively short time here, I have greatly enjoyed how eager the parish at large is to try new things, to be fluid and flexible and take new approaches. And I also know that won't always be the case, and isn't always the case in the wider church. We're coming up on a time in our parish where change will be inevitable. As you are all well aware, we've completed our highly successful capital campaign and are going to be breaking ground on construction in the coming year. Things will change. There is excitement with that, and some trepidation and angst - we'll need to put the training wheels back on for a little while as we learn how to worship and be a parish together in our new space, with all of the gifts and new challenges that will come with it. Whenever the challenge of change strikes you, within or outside of the parish, take a moment and ask yourself this:

Did I always have a cell phone? (No— assuming you're not a teenager.)



Stewardship

"Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give."

~ Steve Goodier

In a couple of months, your Stewardship Committee will kick off this year's annual drive. For most of you, it will be a return to the familiar red envelopes of past years. For others, it will be a marked change from last year's Capital Campaign. For a few, it will be your first experience with a Stewardship campaign. Regardless, I'd like you to consider two things.

First, per the quote above, every one of us has a gift from God worth sharing. Those gifts are not the same, but each is important, and needed. Secondly, I ask that all of you commit yourselves to making a pledge. What you pledge is of absolutely no concern; it's the act of pledging that is. As your stewardship committee works toward establishing the goals for this year's campaign, know that our only goals are those of participation.

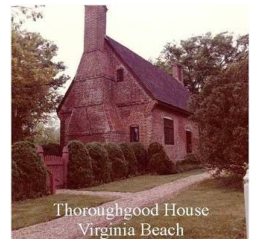
Yours in Christ,

~ Jeffrey Hood

Vestry Liaison for Stewardship

Our Rich History

The new visitor center in front of the Adam Thoroughgood House is nearing completion. Adam was the founder of our church in 1637, and this addition gives us an excellent opportunity to display our rich history. There is no better way to tell it than through our church members' historic homes, 32 in all, from the 1634 first Adam Thoroughgood home, to the 1920 Diane and Rufus Parks home. Six are owned by the city and open to the public. I invite you to visit. Their addresses, along with pictures for most, are shown on a website which also provides the history of our famous congregants who lived there.



At the ODEC web site select "About Us" then "History," or Google "ODEC 1bob9" then select "Old Homes."

~ Bob Perrine, Church Historian

Legacy Society of 1637

"I was hungry" Matthew 25: 36-40 "Changed my life..."

Have you had someone say to you that your kind words or behavior had "*changed my life*"? It happened, on a Saturday morning, several months ago in this 380 year old church.

A middle aged immigrant from Puerto Rico, had been to the Beans and Rice Outreach Ministry several times. She came alone, was very withdrawn, her appearance disheveled, but she was gracious each time, thanking them for her bags of beans and rice.

Parishioners Beth Markham and Judy Lee were on the Saturday schedule for the Beans and Rice ministry. Judy welcomed her in Spanish. Appearing distressed, our guest asked if she could sit in a church pew. After a while, she got up to leave, and Beth and Judy asked if they could pray with her. They did pray and she accepted a copy of "*Forward: Day by Day*" and gave both Judy and Beth big hugs. She seemed much calmer as she left.

She returned for the next monthly Beans and Rice Mission. Her appearance was greatly improved, she had a smile and said the last visit; "*Changed my life*". Surely the power of the Holy Spirit was present in words, helping hands, and embracing hugs as our guest said "*My life has changed around.*"

Please remember the Old Donation Episcopal Church Endowment Fund in your will and Estate plans. After providing for those you love, including a bequest of any size will help Old Donation continue providing ministries like Beans and Rice for years to come.

If you would like more information contact the church office or Planned Giving leader Earl Morris, 757-464-1062 or email at: burrova@verizon.net

"When we take the time to listen deeply, being sensitive to what a hurting person is saying or not saying, we may find that we are able to see the broken bodies and broken hearts. God has given us to each other for just this reason."

~ Forward: Day by Day, June 15, 2017



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How do I join the Church?

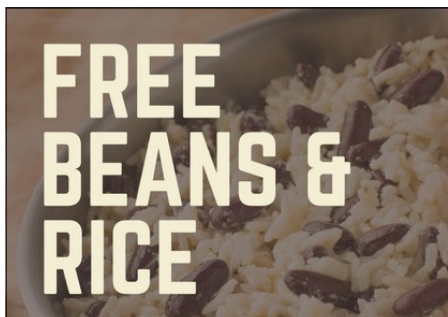
How do I join the Church? The simplest answer is: through Baptism. We are joined to Christ through water baptism and baptism is a single indissoluble event. The Episcopal Church recognizes any water baptism using the three-fold expression, "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What about confirmation? In the Episcopal Church, many people are baptized as infants. As they mature, they are expected to take on the Baptismal promises made on their behalf by their sponsors. These promises must be made in front of the Bishop. Persons who are baptized by the Bishop as adults do not need to be confirmed.

I was raised in another tradition, how do I join the Episcopal Church? These people are received by the Bishop during his annual visit. Generally, we ask that you attend a class to learn about what the Episcopal Church teaches so that you can give informed consent to the Bishop.

I was confirmed at an early age and I don't remember much about it. I have moved deeper in my understanding and commitment to a life in Christ. How can I mark this change? Persons may appear before the Bishop and reaffirm their Baptismal vows.

Please contact a member of our Clergy if you would like to join the Church.



**FREE
BEANS &
RICE**

EVERY 1ST SATURDAY
9:00AM - 11:00AM
IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH

OLD DONATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME
NO QUESTIONS ASKED

2016-17 Results from the Outreach Commission

This Parish is truly blessed with the commitment of the people and the dollars you give to Outreach. I thought you would like to know what this Commission did in 2016. I invite you to our Commission meeting and to participate in any of the following programs. Bill Waide and I are a phone call away.

The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry told us to GO out into the community, get out of the Church walls and help someone. And that is what we did. Father Bob asked us not to just write a check but GO and participate. And that is what we did.

Zach and Janet Neumann went to Ghana to teach children to read. The work **Ghanaian Mothers Hope** has done thru the years (with us supporting Zach and Janet and Elizabeth Werbiskis) has made a huge difference in children's lives. Look for a program later this year with the results of this year's trip.

Melissa and Holly Waide went to **Belize** on a **Medical Mission**. 2017 will be the 3rd year we supported this mission.

We fed a lot of people. **Feed My Sheep** is in its 3rd year as well. The first and second Sundays you will find Melissa and Bill Waide and others in Norfolk feeding lunch to anyone who shows up. The program was started by a maintenance worker at CHKD and supported by nurses at the hospital. They have been feeding for lunch for a number of years. They are there in rain or shine or in the snow or heat.

We helped The **Judaeo Christian Outreach Center** (JCOC) with a contribution to the Building Fund. New dorms and classrooms are to be built. This year we will make and serve 5 dinners for 90 to 150 men, women and children.

Mission of the Holy Spirit is a mentoring program at St Stevens. We provide lunch after a Service led by one of our priests. We feed 35 to 50 people each month.

The first Saturday of the month we distribute **Beans and Rice** to anyone who needs help.

Canterbury House at ODU is an Episcopal led campus ministry. We donate funds and serve lunch.

In November we fed 120 people at Bayside Presbyterian Church during their week of housing and feeding the homeless for **Volunteers of America**.

We are the chartering organization and support the **Boy Scouts** and **Cub Scouts** that meet here.

Covington Boys Home, which is an Episcopal agency in Virginia, receives financial assistance from us.

We send men and women into prisons with the **Kairos Program**. We bake tons of chocolate chip cookies to take to the prison. They stay for a weekend and help prisoners find their way to Jesus Christ.

Angel Tree allows us to share in the Christmas season for children of incarcerated men and women. We provide gifts to 90 children thanks to your generous giving.

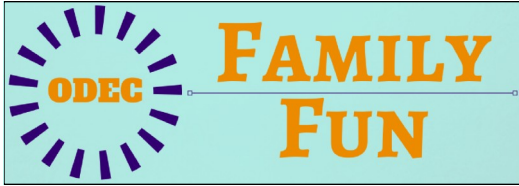
A very favorite contribution was to **Episcopal Relief and Development**. We purchased a donkey, a cart and a plow for an African woman to support her family. She can rent out them to provide her an income and also use them to get her produce to market. We also purchased a flock of geese, 2 sheep and 3 pigs. Giving 3 families the ability to raise livestock for market and also feed their families.

We answered the need of a man in the **Virginia Beach jail** who asked us for underwear and socks and a sweat-shirt. Such a simple request, so easy for us to provide thanks to you. We also support the VB Jail Chaplains and Onesimus, a halfway house.

This year we are just as busy. We need your help. Come pass out beans and rice, bake cookies, help cook a meal. Everything we do we do together. And you don't have to do this every month. If you will give us an hour or two we can make such a difference in someone's life. And usually, the blessing is greater for those who do the servant ministry!

Thank You for your support, we can't do it without YOU.

Blessings from your Outreach Commission: Betts Werbiskis - Chairman and Bill Waide - Vestry Liaison



Saturday, July 22: Beach Day!

Come on out and wrap up our VBS week with a day at the beach! Barbette Timperlake and Bob Perrine have graciously opened their home to us, with a deck that leads right out to Chic's Beach.

Join us at 10:00am for sand, sun, swimming, and Eucharist! We'll have lunch for everyone, and invite you to bring drinks and sides to share.

Please [RSVP](#) by July 20!

Coming up...

Saturday, August 19: Pool Party! Pembroke Meadows pool from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday, September 29: Picnic at Bayville Park 4-7pm

Sunday School News

WorkshopCycles is a new way of experiencing Sunday School! Creative hands-on activities help children learn the stories of God and God's people while fostering spiritual development.

Be a part of our new WorkshopCycles Sunday School! Lead our children in creative hands-on activities to help them learn the stories of God and God's people while fostering spiritual development. Very little commitment is needed from volunteers! Contact Rebecca Barrio at 703-907-9405 | barrioat@yahoo.com to get involved.

Sunday School & EYC

Mark your calendars: Sunday School will start on September 10th, and we will be moving into full swing! This also means that EYC will be back in full gear. Don't miss out on the fun!



Vacation Bible School

Be a part of our epic Hero Central VBS Adventure!

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

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

Where: Old Donation Episcopal Church

Who: We are still in need of superheroes like you to make this VBS a success!

Registration is still open, but space is limited. Register your child today!

There are many ways to be a part of VBS!

- Attend our planning meeting on Sunday, July 9, after the 10:30 services in the Library to get involved.
- Decorations! We need to **borrow** the following items to use as decorations (not to be used by the children): beanbag chairs, lava lamps, and potted ferns.
- Decoration day: Help decorate the Parish Hall on Saturday, July 15 from 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Leader and youth training will be held on Sunday, July 16 after the 10:30 services. Pizza will be provided.

Please contact Rebecca Barrio at barrioat@yahoo.com or 703-907-9405 if you can contribute any of these items or would like to volunteer in any capacity.



College Care

In college, or have a kid who is? Get their name to [Michelle Stephenson](#) so we can give them some extra love this year as they continue their pursuit for higher education! Keep an eye out for ways you can help with this ministry.

Young Adults Group

Continuing through the summer, our young adults group will meet from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in Alfriend House.

Supper is provided! Children are welcome!

We are also looking to expand the young adults ministry.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact [Mother Ashley](#) or [Marta Cohen](#)

Hello Old Donation family!

I hope the summer is off to a good start for everyone. As I'm sure many of you have heard, I'm Marta Cohen, and I'll be starting as the new Youth Minister on July 1! My husband Andrew and I moved to Virginia last fall, and found a church home almost immediately at Old Donation. We have met many of you on Sundays, but are still working to put names to faces, so please feel free to approach us at church any time! We truly look forward to knowing everyone better. We feel so blessed to be a part of this community and to serve our incredible youth!



Part of what we are looking forward to is hearing ideas the youth have for EYC, starting with events for this summer. I know in particular this time of year is very busy for our youth, because they are finishing out their school year and exams. We'd like to invite all the EYC youth to a very relaxed Fourth of July pancake brunch at church. Come get to know Andrew and me better, and to discuss summer event ideas!



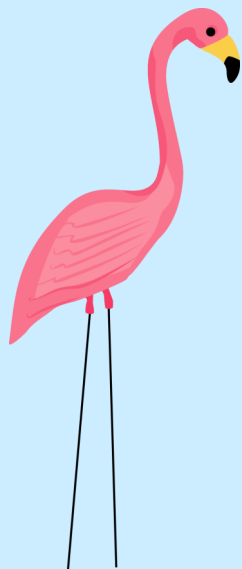
What: Pancake Brunch
When: Tuesday, July 4, 10:00am -12:00noon
Where: In the ODEC Kitchen
Who: EYC youth, from Rising 6th Graders through High School
Why: Voice your ideas for summer EYC events! Come meet the youth leaders!
(Oh, and we'll FEED you!!!)

We hope to see all of our EYC community there! If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me:

mcohen@olddonation.org Blessings, ~Marta

A Flock of Flamingos?

Be on the lookout this summer, these pink beauties may land in your yard. All for a good cause, of course. When birds of a feather flock together at ODEC, they are helping to raise funds for the J2A 2018 youth group's spiritual pilgrimage to England and France.



Flock your Friends!

Do you have a fun-loving friend who is celebrating a graduation, birthday, or maybe they just need a good laugh? Order a flocking frenzy today for only \$40.

Don't delay!

This is a limited time offer!

Not so sure you want the birds to visit your yard? You can buy **Insurance for the Prevention of Large Pink Birds** starting at \$40 dollars.

To order a flocking, or purchase insurance, please contact [Carol Gurioli](mailto:Carol.Gurioli@olddonation.org) 757-646-3227

Rite13 NYC Trip

Five youth from the Rite-13 group attended Nightwatch at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City on June 2. Ricky Barrio, Ethan Aydar, Joey Putzig, Sabrina Waide and Sierra Liverman were accompanied by their mentors, Audra Snowden and Tom Gerace, along with chaperone Bill Waide. Activities included a private organ concert by the Associate Director of Music, poetry workshop and poetry slam, tapestry workshop, taizé music workshop, silent candlelit meditation, and a midnight celebration of the Eucharist. The next day the group toured the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorials at Ground Zero and St. Paul's Chapel, Times Square, and Central Park. The weekend was concluded with Sunday morning worship at Trinity Episcopal Church in Woodbridge, NJ, which is a historical church that was founded in 1702 and was consecrated by the King of England. A great time was had by all and such a blessing.



Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 7 July
7:00pm, Alfriend House

Questions? Contact
Patricia Cheshire: plcheshire@cox.net



Historic Traditions Annual Ice Cream Social



Sunday, July 9 following the 10:30am services in the Parish Hall. Several flavors of yummy ice cream will be featured along with an assortment of cookies.

For the past 3 years, your Historic Traditions Committee has sponsored this event and we look forward to sharing it with you again.

Paws, Prayers & Praise | Sundays@5

Eucharist is July 9th at 5pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest, furry or otherwise, to Sunday service! Beach attire & flip flops welcome!



JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 28 July 5:30pm

Bangkok Garden

RSVP to David Eckhardt: 395-0008

Get the ball rolling for a Co-Ed Church Softball Team!

If you are interested in being physically active and a valued teammate, then join our rookie season. Registration is July 10-23, 2017, for a fall season running from mid-August through November 2017.

Expenses are minimal, and the camaraderie is fantastic. Ages 18+ (no max.), and no experience necessary. Spectators also wanted. Help start a church tradition and spread our ODEC pride! For your spot on the bench, email Heather Floyd at bluelineproof@gmail.com.



Back by popular demand!

ODEC will host an Open Mike/Karaoke Night for all poets and performers. So, come on out and share whatever is on your mind.

Saturday
8 July
6:30pm



KARAOKE

OPEN MIC

NACHO BAR | BYOB

Babysitting in AFH

Do you have a new email address? Please contact the [Parish Office](#) to update your information!

Invitation for Information



ODEC Ladies, There has been interest shown by several of you to learn more about Kairos for women, with a desire expressed by some to become involved. The upcoming leader for Kairos #44 at VCCW in Goochland has agreed to visit with us at our convenience to share experience and lend a hand in growing volunteers from the Tidewater area.

If you are interested in learning more about Kairos for Women in Virginia, please contact me with your email address and I will pull a meeting time together.

Blessing to all who are feeling a heart tug for this powerful ministry of compassion.

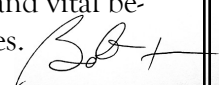
In His Name and For His Sake, ~Frankie Ring
franrin2@gmail.com

Altar Guild: "Behold, I am making all things new!"

Whenever there is a loss of a really strong leader (like Pat Wilson), there is truly loss, but also opportunity. Pat had been an altar guild member in various churches since she was 12 years old, which gave her 70 years of experience when she died last month! She served as the chair of Old Donation's Altar Guild for decades. When the faithful women of our Altar Guild gathered with me a couple Saturdays ago, we thought about what would make our ministry stronger for this next phase of our life together. We recognized that there was a lot of experience and knowledge in the group that we could capitalize upon, if we restructured our organization to use everyone's talents. We also knew that without our leader of 70 years experience, it is time to develop new manuals and teaching tools.

The group had many helpful suggestions that are being incorporated into our new way. Most importantly, when you accept an assignment, it isn't *until death do we part*. We decided a three year role made sense, just like vestry. After three years (or before if needed) people can gracefully change their role or even change their ministry area to do something completely different. Second, we are distributing the work so we use all the talents more effectively. Our "chair" will have a 'vice-chair' backup. Someone else will be primarily responsible for funerals, scheduling, weddings, The Gathering, ordering of supplies, and keeping manuals up to date for coaching. We will continue to operate in teams of 3 or 4, which has proven to be an effective size to do the weekly work, so no one has to typically cover more than once a month. With job rotations, everyone, as they wish, will have the opportunity to use all their gifts for the beauty of God's worship.

Janet Forbes has accepted my request to serve as the new chair of the Altar Guild. Janet was one of Pat's most trusted lieutenants and has the perfect combination of knowledge, experience, and temperament to lead our group into a new day. Beth Weeks will be her "vice-chair". Joan Crockett and Sally Gordon will take up the responsibility for funeral coordination; with Brenda New and Martha Wilson doing the same for weddings. Leslie Miller and Paige Martin will take up the new challenge to build manuals and help us with coaching of new members as they join. Sally Gordon is doing scheduling of the work. Vicki Dorsett will organize and lead the Gathering Altar Guild team. Karen Londeree will do monitoring and ordering of supplies and equipment. There are a number of other members whose experience and faithful service are what make our Altar Guild so effective. (If you don't see their name on this list - you WILL see it in a future list because the beauty of our new system is we will rotate responsibilities. Next run through you might see Jenifer or Gloria or Jean or Kim or Jane or who knows who else God will provide.) And we are eager to have some new members. Altar Guild is one of the best ways to learn more about what is happening in worship and why. It is one of the most important and vital behind-the-scenes ministries. If you've wondered how to get involved, this might be one of your places.



Old Donation at Diocesan Council

Each year we elect a new team of 6 delegates and 2 alternates to be teamed with our clergy for Diocesan Council meetings. There is an annual Council meeting, plus typically one or two other meetings through the year. The work of the Council is to adopt a budget, develop resolutions as statements of the Church, and do governance of the diocese of Southern Virginia. The vestry elected our representation for the 2017-2018 year, which begins July 1. Our lay delegates will be Diane Miller; Penny Moulis, Carol Hart, Bill Waide, Shelby Wilber, and Mary Poteet. Our alternates are Melissa Waide and Chip Saunders. Next year's meeting is February 9-10 in Williamsburg.



Our Men's Breakfast Group celebrated Joe Trammel's 94th Birthday, which was on June 22nd. Joe has been a faithful member of Old Donation for many years, and also serves as an Office Angel.

Happy Birthday, Joe!

Building Design Team signed a contract with our architectural firm, Glavé & Holmes, and has been hard at work with them developing design concepts for the next stage of our Master Plan. We began our first meeting in this new phase by inviting them to reflect on what we learned in our two years of relationship and the feedback from the congregation in the past year of reviewing the Capital Campaign designs and needs. We want to be open to new ideas that would still be consistent with our Master Plan needs and principles. The work done last year resonated so well with so many of us because the additions still had the character and feel of the ODEC campus. Now, having some firmer idea of how much money is available for this first phase, we asked them to offer what part of the Master Plan could be done, but also what new thoughts they've had that might result in us doing even better while still congruent with our principles.

The architects have had several conversations with members of the Virginia Beach Planning and Zoning Departments. Based upon the results of those meetings, which clarified zoning and set back considerations, they provided us with three block drawings of adaptations to our existing plan. One of the proposals was unanimously selected by the commission for further development. The architects are detailing the design with specific rooms and well-grounded cost estimates. Their proposal significantly reduces the amount of tear-down of existing good facilities, saving costs and allowing for reducing interference with normal use of the administrative and Day School spaces. We expect to review preliminary results of this work in late July. That effort will be followed by refinement of the design and development of renditions that will lead to congregational briefings in late summer. We remain on track to move into the construction design phase in the fall leading to breaking ground next summer.

While the architectural work is ongoing, the commission is continuing the work of repair and upgrading the church proper. By the time you receive this Bell Ringer, the sacristy will have been painted. This summer we expect to accomplish the needed re-pointing of portions of the church brickwork. This work, which will correct water leakage problems and improve the appearance and longevity of the brickwork, has been planned in consultation with experts from Colonial Williamsburg and the overseer of the restoration of the Thoroughgood House.

The entire lower (approximately two feet) portion of the church is part of the area needing re-pointing. In order to gain access for the work, and to correct problems in the grading of the soil around the baseline, all shrubbery around the church will be removed. The removal of the shrubbery was strongly recommended by both of our consultants. It should be noted that historically, shrubbery was never planted in near proximity to brick buildings. Part of the reason, according to our consultants, is that the plantings result in too much water which damages the bricks. We will enlist the support of the landscaping expertise within the congregation to develop a plan for new plantings. In the short term, you might get concerned by the change in the appearance, but in the long term it is for the integrity of the building and we will assure it looks good!

~ John Sherman, Vestry Liaison

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We are truly blessed by the commitment of so many ladies and men in this parish. Without the women who use their talents to make lovely food for our table we would not be able to provide this special Reception for the Families who have lost a loved one. We served 316 people at Pat Wilson's funeral alone, and whether we have 50 people or 300 these women give generously.

Thank You to the women and men who support the kitchen: Dick Lee is the dish washer supreme. Beth Markham, Judy Lee, Jo-Ann Bach and Dorothy Freeman: you are all amazing. Bobbie Gribble, Jeanne Lund and Fuzzy Eldred were a great help for this huge reception; Nancy Arnold, Eleanor Irvin, Bobbie Gribble and Boo Burroughs helped with the drinks. Ellie Kreassig, the flowers were beautiful. Thank you, Beth Markham, for taking ALL the linens home to wash them. This is a huge job and we are so glad we can depend on you. Thank you to the men who worked the parking lot, put up tables and managed the chairs in the Parish Hall.

These women and men are there every time we have a funeral, and we are always looking for more special people to help out. Let me know if you are interested! When you see these women and men around the church please take a moment to thank them.

~ Laura Spink and Betts Werbiskis
Co Chairs, Funeral Receptions, Congregational Care Commission



July Celebrations

July Birthdays

2 Lillian DeVenny
Bill Varnecky
David O'Flaherty
Ryan Koprowski
Mason Dudley
3 Jim Bulleit
Kim Conklin
Kathy Longmire
Karen Londeree
Sydney Dudley
4 Michael Good, Sr.
Lauren Bennett
5 Joe Jacobs
Cindy Paré
John Wills
Allison Walpert
6 Bill Dullaghan
Matt Vecerkauskas
8 Helen Spore
9 Nancy Watkins

Christian Brown
10 Evie Miani
Bennett Wubker
11 Dick Lee
Catherine Rubel
12 George Chandler
13 Bella Galvez
14 George Rhudy
Jacob Brittain
16 Edward Groce
Audra Snowden
17 Ann Butler
Joshua Burton
18 Bill Wyman
Ryan Piston
Sam Ghormley
19 Celeste Coleman
21 Lisa Duff
Tracy Jackson
22 Kaiden Wilson
23 Pam Painter

Rusty Williams
Christina McNamara
24 Maureen Anderson
Danielle Davenport
Eliza Aydar
25 Carol Jarvis
26 Scotty Carter
Patrick Taylor
Casey Vaughan
27 Dave Carter
Alex Bradley
28 David Bowles
Ed Hanawalt
Jacqueline Moore
29 Truman Baxter, Jr.
Mike Lindsey
31 Janette Crumley
Ian Gordon
Grace DeGrave
Maria Swift
Julia Philput

July Anniversaries

1 J. D. & Bonney Ball
Guy & Nancy Watkins
2 Steve & Leah Moore
5 Nathan & Jessica Epps
8 Jeff & Gretchen Hood
11 Trey & Karen Dudley
14 Susan & Tom DeMayo
16 Marisa & Bill Walpert
21 Brennon & Courtney Pope
Audra & Eugene Snowden
24 John & Leslie Fenter
26 Trent & Sally Dudley
27 Lisa & Aaron Teeling
28 Trudy & Steve Gross



Welcome!

Our new members:

Kevin, Erin, June & Lyla Lind
Wes Coby
Marta & Drew Cohen

Our newest baby:

Cameron Lawrence Rennekamp



Valuing our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received	\$269,036
Total Pledge and Plate Budget (Year to date)	269,000
Budget / Received Difference	36
Number of Pledging Units To General Fund	214
Building Fund	\$186,507
Mission of the Holy Spirit	4,086
Outreach (all other)	1,853
Clergy Discretionary Fund	3,943
Worship	2,143
Contributions to Julia Tucker Scholarship	0

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

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 Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Sundays@5 Informal HE

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

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The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Fred Poteet, *Associate Rector*

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

Monday - Friday

Early Drop Off & After School until 2:20 pm

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