

The Bell Ringer

Old Donation Episcopal Church

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



ODEC'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

FAITH IN FILM

August 9, 16, 23 • 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Come for Supper, Film & Short Discussion
Parish Hall



FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, 6 August at 10:30am (only)
"High Church Anglo-Catholic" Worship
"Smells & Bells" Incense and chant



ODEC Children's Program

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT FAITH IN FILM

Wednesdays: August 9, 16, 23 • 6:00pm – 8:00pm
A special program with pizza for our children!

August ODEC Youth Events
See pages 4 & 5 for information!

August
2017



ODEC Annual Pool Party

Bring a side dish & drinks to share.
Hamburgers and hotdogs are provided!

Saturday, 19 August | 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Pembroke Meadows Rec Center

From our Rector

VACAT-ION

Chris and I thoroughly enjoyed our two weeks in New England last month. Many of you follow us on Facebook and have seen the pictures of beautiful places and even more beautiful food. About 1/3 of the time was spent with family in the New London, CT area. Chris and I were on our own in Maine and Providence, RI for the rest. As many of you have learned over the years, being intentional about "VACATING" is critical to maintaining a spiritual and physical health. On my 'vacations' I still keep up with emails and take calls occasionally, but am able to truly vacate the mind and be present to whatever new adventure (or food) we are experiencing. Chris and I are able to enjoy just being together in a new village or setting. The freedom of not preparing for the next meeting or the next teaching or sermon allows some regeneration and completely new things to take root and grow.

So, in our time away, I read a novel from one of my old favorites, Anne Tyler ("The Accidental Tourist") along with a couple books on Scripture and Theology. We watched a couple movies and caught up on our British PBS series favorites. *WaterFire* in Providence was spectacular and a wonderful example of events that draw a diverse community together. Portland, Maine turned out to be quite the "foody" city. Eight foot tides in Boothbay Harbor revealed new views every day. We tried unsuccessfully to visit with Adda Winkes (Kunkel) and her wonderful family who now live in Camden, ME. We stopped in her pediatric clinic, but they were all in Canada on their own vacation. So we exchanged text messages with Adda and promised next time to call ahead. We ate seafood every day for two weeks, particularly hitting old favorites of clams, clam cakes, and lobsters. But also feasted like royalty on great pizza, bakery items and ICE CREAM!

For Church, we attended the cathedral in Portland one Sunday and my childhood home parish in Providence the next. Neither measured up to the spiritual energy and welcome we've come to expect of ODEC. But it is always a blessing to see God at work in other people and ways. I hope you ALL take some time, whether it involves travel or not, to vacate your regular routines and explore something new... Thanks to Fr. Fred and Mother Ashley and a wonderful staff and vestry who make it possible to leave without worry. Thanks to all of you who make vacations available! God is good - and so are YOU!

Summer Wednesdays

Faith and Film (and GOOD FOOD)

One of my favorite "pop culture" activities is to watch movies and think theologically about them. Over the years we have had small groups go to theaters or watch film in homes. Several years we have used film as a Wednesday night focus in the Summer as a way for a lighter parish study. This August we will watch an entire (shorter) film in one evening and discuss. I like the approach better than splitting up a movie into two or three segments. Not only do we absorb (and remember) the entire film for discussion. We also get to see three very different films in the month.

We will NOT have worship preceding the movie and eating will happen while the movie is showing. SO... Our Wednesday evening routine will start at 6:00 - supper will be ready. If you get there early, we will likely let you get your food early. We will begin showing the film by 6:10. After the movie we will have 10-15 minutes of discussion before it is time to go home (no later than 8:15). We will also show a 'children's movie' in the Music Room with sitters. The children will have pizza and enough supervision to ensure they are happy and occupied so the adults and youth can focus on their own movie.

FOOD - Something NEW

One of our friends in the neighborhood will be cooking for us on August Wednesday nights. Waleed from "Mediterranean Cuisine" on Independence Blvd will prepare a beautiful assortment of Lebanese and American dishes for us each week. It will be a definite upgrade from our traditional burgers and hot dogs! He'll have something for everyone, including some salads and hummus for vegetarian eaters. As usual, cost is up to you. Make a donation as you wish. Waleed is a good friend of a number of us and wants to show off what he does! There will be pizzas for the children's program.

Movies!

We've picked three very different movies. August 9 will be an older one: "Ulee's Gold" (1997) with Peter Fonda. It is a powerful story of love, sacrifice and reconciliation in a dysfunctional family. August 16 will be a new explicitly Christian movie: "Risen" (2016) which our EfM group saw and recommended. August 23 we watch: "The Zookeeper's Wife" (2017). This highly regarded movie tells the true story of the Zabinski family who saved hundreds of Jewish residents of Warsaw, Poland during WWII. Come, join us to experience and have your mind opened to where God is moving.



From Our Assistant Rector


The still, small voice.

“The Lord said [to Elijah], “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord. Look, the Lord is ready to pass by.” A very powerful wind went before the Lord, digging into the mountain and causing landslides, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the windstorm there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his robe and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.” 1 Kings 19:11-13

Before I went to seminary, the parish I was attending was having an annual yard sale to raise money, and was accepting donations from the parish. My priest had offered me storage space in her basement, and I had been storing two armchairs and two wooden straight-backed chairs with arms that completed the dining room table set that my grandmother had received on her wedding day. Though I couldn't be at the event, I told my priest that I wanted to donate the two armchairs she was storing for me. After hanging up the phone, I got the feeling that I should call her back and be sure she knew which chairs to take, but I dismissed the feeling, sure that she knew the importance of the wooden chairs and not wanting to bother her again. On Saturday morning as she was loading her car, Sally got the feeling that she should call me to verify that I did want to sell the wooden chairs. She too dismissed the feeling, sure that I had said to sell all the chairs and not wanting to bother me before my bridal shower.

We both ignored the still, small voice speaking to us, and my heirloom chairs were sold. When we don't listen to God, there are consequences. Pay attention to those small voices speaking in your ears, your heart, your gut. No nudge is insignificant, and God has many ways of grabbing our attention.

As for me, I was lucky. My parish banded together, put out notifications on the local radio station, spread flyers through the surrounding neighborhoods, and the chairs were located and returned with grace, kindness, and understanding. But every now and then, when I get those feelings and hear those small voices, I remember the chairs and pay attention. You just never know what the Spirit has to say.



From Our Youth Minister

Hello EYC!

It's hard to believe that July is coming to a close, and with it, my first month of serving as your youth minister! I have truly enjoyed getting to know the youth and I am so excited for this fall. But before we get to fall, never fear, we still have some summer EYC events!

Mark your calendars! On Friday August 4, we will have an All-EYC lock-in at church! We will begin by going to see the Tides play at Harbor Park. Meet at Alfriend House no later than 6pm. After the baseball game, we will return to church for a night of games, movies, and snacks. Pick up on Saturday August 5 at 9am at AFH.

On Saturday August 12, we are so lucky to have our EYC pool party at the Snowden home! Get ready for some fun in the sun, and bring your sunscreen and a towel! Lunch is provided. We will meet there at 11am, with pick up at 5pm, or if you live closer to church and would like a ride, we'll meet at church to drive over in the van, with drop-off back at church. The Snowden address is 2205 Cully Farm Rd, Virginia Beach.

On Saturday August 26, we are off to Busch Gardens for our first trip! Get ready for a day of fun on the roller coasters. Meet at church at 8am, with a return time of 7pm. Food will be provided before we enter the park, but bring some extra money! If you have purchased a Summer Fun Pass and would like to take a Busch Gardens trip sooner, the vouchers are in the church office. They'll have your student's name on them, and you may take them to the park to receive your pass.

On Saturday September 2, we'll take our second trip to Busch Gardens as we prepare to say goodbye to summer! I look forward to seeing you all there, and if you have any questions please feel free to [contact me](#)!

~Marta Cohen, Youth Minister

Valuing our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received	\$320,048
Total Pledge and Plate Budget (Year to date)	321,000
Budget / Received Difference	-952
Number of Pledging Units To General Fund	214
Building Fund	\$281,281
Mission of the Holy Spirit	5,086
Outreach (all other)	1,913
Clergy Discretionary Fund	3,522
Worship	2,750
Contributions to Julia Tucker Scholarship	1,179

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Where: Pembroke Meadows Rec Center

What: Swimming, of course! And what's a party without food? Bring a beverage or side to share. ODEC will provide hamburgers & hotdogs for all.

Who: EVERYONE!!! No age min. or max. just come and enjoy.

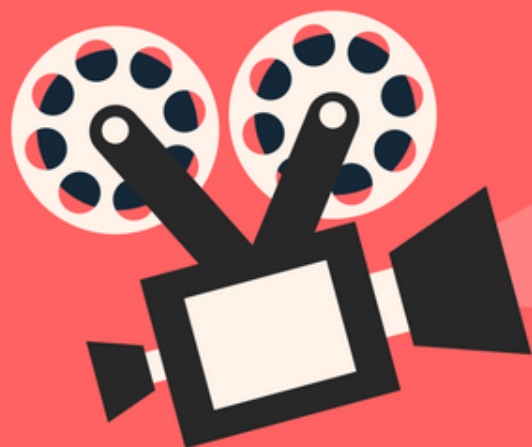
[RSVP](#) so we know how much food to prepare!

Sunday School News

NEW WorkshopCycles Sunday School Program!

Two easy ways to volunteer:

1. **Teach a Cycle** - Teach the **same** class on three consecutive Sundays- once to each of our age groups.
 2. **Shepherd** - Supervise a Sunday school class 2-3 Sundays/month and form a relationship with your class, no planning required!
- Please contact Rebecca Barrio at barrioat@yahoo.com or 703-907-9405 to volunteer.



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A new twist on an old favorite!

- In the summer we always offer a movie series, but this year we're doing things a little differently.
- Come straight to the Parish Hall at 6:00pm to fill your plate with dinner and get settled in your seat. The movie will begin around 6:10, and we will watch THE ENTIRE film!
- Each week we'll offer a different movie, with 10-15 minutes of discussion at the end to get you thinking.
- Kids will have their own movie night, with pizza, in the music room supervised by adult babysitters.

Aug 9: Ulee's Gold

Aug 16: Risen

Aug 23: The Zookeeper's Wife



Aug 9: Inside Out

Aug 16: Prince of Egypt

Aug 23: Trolls

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,
contact Mother Ashley or Marta Cohen

Vacation Bible School

A huge thank you to all of our VBS volunteers! Hero Central was a resounding success and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! We had 75 children running around the church in organized chaos as our amazing youth and adult volunteers led them in crafts, music, drama, and science, not to mention a themed snack prepared each day. VBS is only as good as the help received, and for ODEC that means it's pretty darn exceptional!



Coming Soon!

Fall Kids Exchange

October 15th after the 10:30am services, October 16th & 17th

Come receive gently used kids clothing & small toys. All items are free! Donations will be collected beginning October 1st. Items may also be brought on the days of the exchange.

Contact Melanie Waggoner with questions, or to volunteer!

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 757-646-3227



Friday, August 4 - Saturday August 5:

EYC Lock-In and Tides Game.

Friday, 6:00pm - Saturday, 9:00am.

Meet at Alfriend House.

Saturday, August 12:

EYC Pool Party at the Snowden House

11:00am-5:00pm. Meet there, but if you need a ride, be at church at 10:30am.

Saturday, August 26:

EYC Busch Gardens Trip #1,

8:00am-7:00pm.

Meet at church.



Saturday, September 2:

EYC Busch Gardens Trip #2,

8:00am-7:00pm.

Meet at church.

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! I have lots of fun planned for our first week back! ~Marta



Paws, Prayers & Praise / Sundays@5

Eucharist is August 13th 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, 25 August 5:30pm

Chili's

RSVP to David Eckhardt:
395-0008

Altar Flowers

If you would like to designate flowers in memory of/thanksgiving for someone on a specific Sunday, please contact the [Parish Office](#) AND Vicki Dorsett at 499-8661. The cost is \$60.



Knit Wit "Knews"

After a summer hiatus in August, the Knit Wits will reconvene on September 7th. We will meet monthly in Alfriend House from 1:30pm - 3:30pm on the first Thursday of every month. We knit or crochet white baby blankets for baptisms, work on assorted personal projects and socialize as we work together.

If you are a knitter or crocheter unable to attend those sessions, please help us by donating a 36"x36" white baby creation for our newest members in the household of God.

For more information, please contact [Diane Miller](#) or Judy Lee 687-6641.

News from the Day School

It's that time again! Teachers and staff (all 21 of us!) will meet to prepare for the new school year on August 15th. We'll get busy sprucing up the rooms and labeling cubbies with new names. We are blessed to have such a loving and dedicated staff!

We still have a two (2) openings in our 2 ½ year olds class. If you have a child in your life that you want to attend, please e-mail us at odeds@olddonation.org.

The **Farm Fresh**, **Kroger** and **Target** shopping programs will **resume in September**. Look for details about each program in your September Bell Ringer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

~Janet Brown & Jody Baker, Day School Directors

Master Facilities Design Information

Your Design Team continues to work with our architects to refine our design concept. As we've seen before, they are good listeners.

The new concept is exciting. It is responsive to the comments from the Capital Campaign briefings. It continues the plan for a new wing projecting out from behind the existing library toward Alfriend House. But rather than tearing down present offices, this plan envisions the new worship and multi-purpose space being built out from Tucker Hall into the parking lot area. This concept improves access, distance from parking, and the overall sense of a logical, united campus. It provides a better sense of entrance and "narthex" for community to gather. It significantly reduces the tear down expenses and negative impact on Day School classes and administrative offices. An entrance on the Witchduck Road side of the structure could provide easier handicapped and foul weather access into the offices and worship.

We now anticipate that we will review preliminary results from the architects in mid-August. We will refine these results, receive renditions and better defined cost estimates, and then conduct congregational briefings in September.

Concurrently as the architects do their work, the Design Team is moving forward with forming congregational consultant groups to help us guide the development. Such groups might focus on flower and altar guild spaces, kitchen remodeling, office and worship spaces and ODEDS spaces as well as supporting efforts such as landscaping, historical alignment, and environmental considerations. The commission will be contacting persons who have volunteered their time or have known expertise in these areas shortly. Our goal is to have the groups identified and formed in August. We will provide an orientation briefing to these groups when our design concept is relatively mature so that we can be off and running as we conduct our congregational briefings.

~ John Sherman, Vestry Liaison

Give to ODEC online



It's easy, fast, and convenient. Make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring donation. No need to worry if you go on vacation, miss a Sunday, or lose your offering envelopes!

August Celebrations

August Birthdays

- 1 Bonnie Wright
Marcella Lindsey
Kaylyn MacDonald
Rose Martin
Peyton Johnson
Brad Croteau
Frankie Ring
- 2 Bill Holt
- 3 Gabby Perkins
- 4 Jacquelyn Baxter
Tony Cintron
Jo Beach
- 5 Janet Forbes
- 6 Jenn Rennekamp
- 7 John Guthrie
Debbie Ross
Brenda New
- 8 John Sherman
Elizabeth Malcom
Blair Hood
- 9 Mary Charles Burt
Ginny Campbell
Andrew Taylor
- 10 Carvell Taylor
Sharon Need
Annie O'Flaherty
Miriam Erickson
Zachary Galvez

- 11 The Rev Norm Crews
Caroline Crouch
Ricki Schmidt
- 12 Margie Garcia-Garrett
Jenna Crumley
- 13 Rob Galvez
- 14 Kathleen Heck
Ryan Long
Susan Cintron
- 15 Audrey Schulz
- 17 James Miani
Owen Erickson
- 18 Joan Crockett
Pat Davis
Zachary Conklin
Julia Conklin
Joshua Conklin
- 19 Nancy Ries
- 20 Marti Jones
Clara Grossgold
- 21 John Duncan
Mary Alice Hopkins
Rylee Anderson
- 22 Eleanor Irvin
Kinsey Kreassig
Gabriel Mayorga
Giovanni Mayorga
Robert McCarty
Tylar Parker

- 23 Gwen Cataldo
Michael Improta
Steve Kamperschroer
Dorothy Freeman
Ric Taylor
Christine Gregerson
- 24 Karen Intrieri
Carolyn Gerace
Pegg Frank
- 25 Paige Martin
Nicholas Bulleit
Chantalise Downing
Jack Anderson
- 26 Leslie Miller
Jim Pernini
Jane Tibbitt
Caraline Rubel
Susan Hickman
- 27 Pam Campbell
Lily Burroughs
Nancy Cantrell
Brenna Pope
- 28 Carol Hart
Recee Young
- 30 Blake Heselius
Chris Brush
- 31 Betty Munden
Bill Waide

August Anniversaries

- 3 Jason & Wayles Haynes
- 4 Betty & John Sherman
- 7 Tom & Ann Ackiss
Jonna & Will Walker
- 9 Patsy & John Harris
- 11 Jenifer & Steve Kamperschroer
- 18 Gisella & Jim Battersby
- 19 Maura & Justin Eaton
- 20 Cheryl & George Hummer
Frankie & Jim Ring
- 22 Jenn & Tony Putzig
- 23 Ginny & Mark Sinclair
- 24 Ned & Judy Kuhns
- 26 Barbara & Errol Lifland
- 31 Gloria & Bill Thompson

Rise in Glory



Herb Nash
Kimmy Ritter
Ted Quandt
Darryl Thompson

Welcome!

Our newly baptized!
Lyla Jean Lind

A Stewardship Moment

Way back in Sunday School, when I was about 10, the teacher asked our class a question: "If you met someone who had never heard of God, what could you offer them as your reason to believe that God exists?" No one had an answer that Sunday. The next time we met there still were no answers. I was shy (then) and finally bravely offered an idea that made sense to me. I said that a leaf was so magically created that God must have been the one. It makes energy from the sun and produces oxygen for us to breathe. It was one of the steps in growing my love of nature.

Now I recognize that I am *part* of nature, and have come to believe that *stewardship is all about relationships* - relationship with God, other people, communities, and all of earth. My focus right now is on water; we can't live without it. We need abundant, clean water to support all life on Earth, and human behaviors are threatening that relationship. I'm especially interested in reducing the plastic pollution - bags, bottles, straws - filling our oceans. So, reusable bags and bottles, and no straws are part of my 'green' practices. ~ Penny Moulis

From a Sioux prayer:

"Give us the strength to understand, and the eyes to see.
Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live."

A few weeks ago, a group from the J2A helped John and me move his office at ODU. They youth were great and made short work of moving all of the book boxes and furniture. Thanks! ~ Betsy Morris



What a delightful surprise! I was heading out the door to go to DMV, and there

they were - a flock of flamingos! Many thanks to someone for putting a big smile on my face! It definitely made going to DMV bearable. This is one of many reasons why I love the people at ODEC! ~ Jeane Wood

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
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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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

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

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

The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Fred Poteet, *Associate Rector*

Marta Cohen, *Youth Minister*

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Ages 2, 3, 4 and Kindergarten

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