

May  
2017

# The Bell Ringer



## 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*



### Sunday Adult Forum @ 9:15am

May 7 - Feet to Faith: A Way of Life

May 14 - Feet to Faith: Living the Call in Today's World

### Wednesday Nights

May 10 - Self: Finding Wholeness

May 17 - Others

May 24 - Creation

**GOLF TOURNAMENT!**  
A J2A PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY, 2 JUNE | 1:00PM SHOTGUN START  
CYPRESS POINT COUNTRY CLUB  
DOOR PRIZE TICKET INCLUDED WITH FEE

Put your Feet to Faith at the Golf Tournament! See page 6 for information!



### Newcomer's Supper Meet | Greet | Eat

Sunday, 21 May  
5:30pm

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### Pentecost, Sunday 4 June

The Coming of the Holy Spirit!  
On this Sunday The Gospel is  
proclaimed simultaneously in  
multiple languages.

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## From Our Rector

Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia. We made it to the season of Resurrection.

Gerard Manley Hopkins said we need to, “*Let Christ “Easter” in us.*” Shaking off whatever chains are trying to hold us and living freely with courage and hope is to *let Christ Easter in us*. A resurrected life is our calling. When we realize that NOTHING can separate us from God’s love, and no pain or loss is permanent, it frees us to do the right thing. It is easier to put others before self and to be a servant to those in need when we know we are all part of the same family in God’s eyes. A present sacrifice that provides a better future for our children and grandchildren makes sense when I see my connection even to people yet unborn. A resurrected life sees this world as God’s creation. We are stewards given a precious gift to protect and treat with care. Thank God for God’s work of redemption.

### Golf

I’m not a very good golfer. But I am so looking forward to our second ODEC golf tournament on Friday, 2 June. When I do get out with friends for the day and get some real exercise, it is always good for my body and my soul. It helps that I’m not good enough to worry about my score! This year our tourney will be one of those fun days. It is also a fundraiser for the J2A ministry and specifically for the pilgrimage our young people will take in June 2018. So I’ll have a good time for a great cause. The first tourney was a lot of fun, and I suspect this year will be as well. We need more of you to sign up so we can make the day even more fun. If you don’t have a foursome, just sign up individually and we’ll pair everyone.

### Calling all businesses!

The primary way the golf tournament raises funds is through businesses sponsoring holes for the day (or families going together to do so). Hole sponsors get signs on the holes as advertising or promotion. If you work somewhere that promotes locally, please see if your business might consider us. If you have a close connection to someone who owns a business or if there is a local restaurant you frequent, see if they might sponsor us (or at least give some gift certificates). We’ve gotten commitments for about half the holes, so there are plenty of opportunities to see your name on the course!

### Pat

In my short “RIP” announcement last night, I could only say a few words about my friend, Pat Wilson. Pat died Tuesday evening after a short battle with cancer. Her time was short because Pat (as we know she could) was able to

ignore lots of pain and symptoms that might have brought me to my knees. So, when diagnosed, the cancer was very advanced.

In just 24 hours since I sent out the announcement, I have had tons of emails and read probably 150 Facebook posts about Pat. People all over loved Pat. Members of ODEC, people around the diocese, people she knew through the Navy or healing ministry have written notes on Facebook. I’ve seen notes from bishops, priests and deacons. I’ve gotten emails from past rectors and people who went to seminary from ODEC. One said Pat was the only person who sent her a letter every single week for 3 years while she was in school. For me and all the assistant clergy we’ve had over the past 12 years, working with Pat has been like getting one more seminary class.

I’ve gotten notes from college students and “20 somethings” who knew she cared and she became a mentor. Many knew her through her work in Outreach, others from Cursillo, or Order of St. Luke. She was the Diocesan Chair of Altar Guild for decades. This morning at Men’s Breakfast we scuttled our scheduled program and talked about our own experiences of Pat. Most everyone had some funny story about Pat keeping us in line, or kicking us out of the line, or teaching us how to jump places in line! We remembered that for years she ran the Oyster Roast. Even up to last year when she was a bit hobbled, she still ran the oyster tables out back. Several of our men had been kicked off the oyster shucking table by Pat, or at least demoted from the ‘expert’ table where the oysters to be served on the half-shell were shucked. Pat insisted things be done right and proper, and not only with the altar linens. You might accidentally tear up one oyster - but she made sure you didn’t get two of them!

What we learned if we had the courage to hang with Pat was that she was one of the most loving persons possible. She was generous with everything she owned. She was most generous with her love. One guy observed accurately that Pat was personally doing so much ministry at ODEC that it will take at least 4 or 5 people to replace her. I can tell you that no 4 or 5 of us will manage. She is truly one of a kind (and some days she and I would agree, *‘thank God there is only one’*). There is no replacement for the joy and love she brought into our lives. Thanks be to God for Pat Wilson. On June 3 at 3:00pm we will gather as a community to give thanks the way Pat knew best - with the best prayers, music and fellowship. This Sunday, all of us will be invited to follow the dismissal with Pat’s “Go God!”



## *From our Assistant Rector*

Feet to Faith. If you've been listening to me at all in the past month, I'm sure you've heard me say it. It's our Easter motif this year, brought to you by the Christian Formation Commission and put into action by the Adult Formation Team and our Children's Sunday School Teachers by way of Rebecca Barrio.

It's a great image, isn't it? Feet to faith. I picture this ethereal, cloud-like blob floating around, hovering over people but not able to really *do* anything until - BAM - it grows some feet! And off it goes, running around, spreading joy and love and comfort all over the place. Maybe that's silly but hey, it's what I've got.

What are we, after all, if we don't put our faith into action? If we don't find ways to *practice* all we believe, learn, and pray in church on Sundays? We've got to connect our feet to our faith. And one good way to do that is by building a Rule of Life.

Growing A Rule of Life: Our Relationship with God, Self, Others, and Creation. That's our Wednesday Night Program series that carries us through to summer. By the end of the series, you'll have the tools you need to create your own rule of life. What is that, you might ask? Come on Wednesdays to learn more in detail, but in brief a rule of life is simply a guide to help you live a full, complete, God-centered life. Breaking the rule into these four sections helps to focus it, but truly your rule can be whatever you need it to be. It's a list of sorts, with guidelines you commit to follow in order to be formed and nurtured as a created child of God. No one's rule looks exactly alike, because none of us are exactly alike. And your rule will likely change with time, just as you change. But if you join us on Wednesday nights, you'll gather the tools you need to give it a try, a few different ideas each week so that by the end of the series you'll have your rule before you. We are creatures of habit— structure and guidelines, particularly ones that are customized for our own unique needs, help us to grow and be centered, to open ourselves more fully to the world around us.

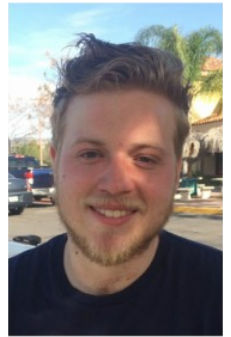
It can be overwhelming to do all of this by yourself, so don't. Join your church community in the endeavor, get support from the people around you, and together we can give our faith feet that will run marathons.



## *From Our Youth Minister*

Hello Everyone,

It is crazy to me to think that my time here at Old Donation is at a close. When Elizabeth and I showed up here almost 3 years ago, you showed us such warmth, love, and kindness, that we couldn't help but instantly fall in love with this parish. We were strangers in Virginia Beach, with no family, friends, or even acquaintances to be found. You took us in, you made us a part of the family, and made our time here transformative for both of us. You took two non-traditionalists (a Baptist and a non-denominational) and made us into Episcopalians, and we never plan to go back. We have grown more and more in love with the traditions and culture of the Episcopal Church.



Throughout our time here at Old Donation, we have had the pleasure of ministering to the youth of this church. Each of the youth whom we have had the opportunity to work with has blessed us in many ways. Seeing the sincerity, humor, worries, concerns, fears, and hopes of these youth has allowed us the chance to reflect on our own lives, and see the areas where we were able to grow. I know that we will greatly miss this parish, and we will especially miss the smiling faces of the youth of Old Donation. They have brought us such joy, and have stolen a part of our hearts.

I am both excited and sad as I look towards the next leg of life's journey, and sad because I will greatly miss all of you, but excited because of the great opportunities that lie before me. I have heard so many good things about Seattle, and I look forward to finally experiencing it myself. I feel relief knowing that we will have a church family already waiting in Seattle, I just have to find that Episcopal shield.

Before things come to a close, however, we still have some great things planned for EYC. Make sure to check the center pages of the Bell Ringer to keep up to date with all of the information about activities/events that are upcoming. Important things to mark on your calendar are: Knockerball, the Golf Tournament, and the Night Watch program. All the information you need about them can be found in the middle pages of the Bell Ringer, and as always, you can contact me with any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

AJ Lambert

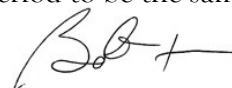
## Thank you! Thank you!

To all who did special service this month... **For all the members who made our Holy Week so meaningful and Easter celebration so wonderful.** It is impossible to name all of you who were part, because there were over 150 of us who had active participator roles in one aspect or another. But I have to recognize several like the following: **Melissa Waide, Ann Butler, George Butler and Barbette Timperlake** all offered special meditations during Holy Week services. **Jeannie DeDominick** and her violin work on Easter Day. The **Altar Guild, Flower Guild, lay ministers reading and serving chalice, acolytes and Eucharistic Visitors** who made sure that worship was beautiful and effective. Our **choir and Gathering Band and the Random Acts** who led our worship with joy, beauty, and energy, while clearly FULL of the Holy Spirit. For **Fr. Fred** who took a step in faith and used his creative gifts to fashion some new looks at worship for Holy Week. For the **office staff** which produced bulletins and assorted worship tools for 25 services in the 8 day rotation between Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Our Easter attendance was again almost 800 for the Easter Vigil and Sunday schedule. For all the **support staff and accounting staff** to count contributions and account for all of it...one rarely thinks about how much has to go on to support a big effort like it is every year! Thanks are due to **Jim Pernini** and his Thursday morning men's study group for a really good "Men's Night Out" last Thursday. We had somewhere between 35 and 40 men come out for a night of good food and drink and an interesting speaker. Jim Kohm related baseball and Christianity and then told stories about his work experiences as an agent for professional baseball players. Thanks to our **Altar Guild** members who have been doing double duty this month to cover the loss of our leader, Pat Wilson. **JoAnn Bach and Janet Forbes** have been the go-to leaders to keep us on task, communicating needs and special instructions. And every member of the Guild has done more than normal to fill in the voids. THANKS for them especially! We are blessed with a very strong and faithful group. Holy Week is the busiest time of the year anyway, but added to this have been several large funerals and now weddings start again. So they have been much needed and they've responded. THANKS to those who have responded to our calls for help for **Office Angels and drivers** for doctor appointments. These are so important to the life of the community and to the staff. We can still use some more drivers and a couple bus drivers so pray and answer! **Carol Gurioli and Ashley Urquidi** who have been helping coordinate for tomorrow night's Art Auction Fundraiser for Day School Scholarships. **Janet Brown** and her **Day School Commission** are doing great work to make this a fun night. We hope you all show up: THIS Friday night, May 5, to enjoy.

## Youth Ministry

This month concludes almost 3 years of wonderful ministry from AJ Lambert, with assistance from his wife, Elizabeth. They are departing for new adventures in life now that both have gotten their graduate degrees from Regent University. Elizabeth will have her last Sunday with us this weekend, after missing most of the last couple months for an incredibly busy last semester. AJ will finish up with the last regular EYC session of the school year on May 21 (the same day we end Sunday School programs for a summer break). They have been true blessings to our parish, bringing new energy and ideas and truly caring about our young people. They've taken trips and challenged and taught and shared. In the process, they've built good relationships. I give thanks and pray for them as they leave.

We have been advertising in the local and diocesan news for people who might be good candidates for the open position with hopes that we will have someone in the role this summer. Regardless of when we have someone for the Youth Minister position, we will have a fun, full schedule of events and activities for the summer. Our normal pattern is to have a couple times per month for our youth to get together, primarily for building friendships, some fun, and sometimes some service projects. I need some of you to volunteer to help me with chaperoning some of those activities, so send me a note to tell me what you might be able to do and when. In the meantime, say your prayers that the right person will be raised up who can help us continue to grow and develop this important part of our ministry. We are on a steady program for the past 7 years of increasingly building a stronger program. God has been very good in providing just what we need and I am hopeful for the next period to be the same way.





## Design Team

The newly formed Building & Facilities Planning Commission (aka "Design Team") met twice in April and has been in contact with Glavé and Homes (G&H), the architectural firm that provided the concept drawings that were briefed to the congregation last fall. G&H will be developing the next stage of a Master Plan for the portion of our needs that can be accomplished with the funds we have available.

Clearly we won't be able to do all that last year's Master Plan includes, but we know we can do a lot. The full plan included \$5.7M worth of building and renovation. The vestry set priorities for what should be part of this first stage. These will enable G&H to design spaces to satisfy as many of our needs as we can with less money. Fortunately we also accomplished some of the highest priorities last Summer with improvements and renovations to the Day School space. And work continues on our plan to repair and upgrade the Church proper, preserving our historic building.

The vestry established the following remaining priorities: 1) a new worship space (and associated support space); 2) welcoming and functional Narthex with an associated Nursery; 3) additional meeting space/library/adult Sunday school rooms (all to be dual use); 4) additional office/clerical space; 5) upgrades to modernize and expand the kitchen; 6) Additional spaces and rooms for the Day School; and 7) new and added space for youth ministry.

The capital campaign and funds accumulated for building total \$3.1M. The vestry asked the Design Team to develop a plan that uses that \$3.1M most effectively and to produce two alternatives. We would want to know how much more of our plan could be accomplished with an additional \$500K and \$1M. That range of plans will help the vestry assure we are not being *penny foolish* about our spending and building. It is also possible that some extra gifts and pledges will come over the next few years to make more of our plans happen. We will be hearing early this month about how long it will take to develop these concepts.

The vestry asked the Design Team to work with the architects with an openness to any new adaptations or approaches to the Master Plan which might do our work more effectively. We want to maintain the principles

which made the initial Master Plan so appealing - that of maintaining the primacy of the church building, of providing as much of the space that we need as possible, and assuring that the campus feel and look still has the sense of who we are. While doing those things, we may find that a year of working on the Capital Campaign and letting the ideas marinate in our imagination might provide some completely new ideas. We have added a couple new members to the Team this month. Julie Sterzing and Courtney Pope have joined the effort to broaden the effort. We have a very good mix now to represent the parish's diversity of ages, worship services and understanding of needs.

Keep us in your prayers!

~John Sherman  
Vestry Liaison

## Graduates!

This is the season for graduations of all sorts. As usual, we are accumulating lists of graduations for high school, college and post-graduate degrees to be published in June Bell Ringer. Those lists come from YOU. Our memories are too feeble and filled with other things to remember. SO, if you know of a graduate, please email their name to [Gretchen](#), our Parish Administrator, with the school and degree information. If you tell Fr. Bob, he will forget! Ashley and Fred MIGHT remember, but don't count on it. If you don't send it in, we cannot tell folks how proud we are of them. Thanks!

## Valuing our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received	\$155,537
Total Pledge and Plate Budget	155,000
Budget / Received Difference	537
Number of Pledging Units To General Fund	214
Building Fund	133,470
Mission of the Holy Spirit	2,020
Outreach (all other)	250
Clergy Discretionary Fund	2,479
Worship	1,772
Julia Tucker Scholarship Fund (Day School)	-



# Feet to Your Faith



## Adult Forum

### “Here Am I. Send Me”: Faith In Action

The final two weeks of the series continues! How is God’s call present today, within our community and outside of it?

#### May 7 – Feet to Faith: A Way of Life

A panel discussion with members of Old Donation who have oriented their lives and responded to God’s call in unique ways to minister to the needs of others. Panel discussion facilitated by Sharon Payne.

#### May 14 – Feet to Faith: Living the Call in Today’s World.



Rabbi Rosalin Mandelberg, Senior Rabbi of the Reform Ohel Sholom Temple in Norfolk, joins us to share how our brothers and sisters in the Jewish tradition respond to the needs of the community and the world. Facilitated by Ashley Urquidí+

## Children’s Formation

### Spreading God’s Love: Faith in Action

For the next two weeks, our children (PreK through 6th grade) continue on their path of spreading God’s love! Each Sunday they’ll work on a different project to put their faith into action, with scripture as their guide.

**May 7:** Spreading God’s Love throughout the World

**May 14:** Spreading God’s Love with our Families

### New Fall PreK - 5 Program!

This September we’ll start a brand-new program called **WorkshopCycles**. Here are two ways you can get involved:

**Become a Cycle Teacher** - Sign up to teach a 3-week cycle - the same well-planned workshop lesson with a different class each week, such as art, music, cooking, etc.

**Become a Shepherd** - Commit to being at Sunday school two of every three weeks throughout the school year, but never prepare a lesson! Shepherds are the essential relationship part of this program.

Contact [Rebecca Barrio](#) 703-907-9405 to help out!



## May 21: It’s a Celebration!

The entire parish is invited to come to the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:15 for refreshments and a celebration of the hard work and dedication that goes into forming everyone who comes through ODEC’s doors. Help us thank our teachers properly!

## Wednesday Night Program

### Growing A Rule of Life: Our Relationship with God, Self, Others, and Creation

A rule of life is, in short, your guide to being the best version of yourself— it gives you practical guidelines to follow so that every day you grow more into who God created you to be. You write your own rule, customized to fit *you*.

Each week we’ll explore a different aspect of growing a Rule of Life, and help you to create your own.

**4/26 God** - Last month’s program introduced our series with a discussion on ways we can practice being with God - Facilitated by Sharon Payne

**5/10 Self : Finding Wholeness** - How does our relationship with ourselves influence our lives? What does the physical body have to do with the spiritual one? Facilitated by the Parish Nurses and Mother Ashley

**5/17 Others** - We were created to be in community, and how we live with and respond to the people around us dictates how we relate to ourselves and to God. Facilitated by Father Bob

**5/24 Creation** - Being in touch with the created world is vital to knowing and understanding ourselves and God. Who we are, who God is, stems from the world around us. Facilitated by Nancy Ries

## J2A Youth For Rent

ODEC Journey to Adulthood Sunday School Group is working to raise funds for their pilgrimage to England in 2018. The youth will explore their spirituality with the aim to grow their faith while journeying with God. Our youth can do yard work, babysitting, pet sitting, house/garage cleaning, computer/technical assistance - any job that you need help with. Hire two or more youth at a time. Donations per youth, per hour are preferred. Contact [Terri Piston](mailto:Terri.Piston@odec.org): 757-353-1086 or [Janette Crumley](mailto:Janette.Crumley@odec.org) at 757-460-4183.

**KID FOR RENT**

## Night Watch

Our Rite 13 Night Watch trip on June 2nd is approaching! This trip is the culmination of a 2-year Sunday School program, where the youth have focused on learning about their faith, and what it means to be an adult. They will spend the weekend in New York, spending time in meditation and prayer, learning to grow in their faith. They will also have the opportunity to explore New York and take in the many beautiful sights of the city. This trip will be lead by our Rite 13 mentors: Audra Snowden and Tom Gerace, along with the help of Bill and Melissa Waide. Please keep the group in prayer as they prepare for this weekend of fun and spiritual growth. Questions? Contact AJ or Father Bob.

## 2nd Annual ODEC Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! Our J2A pilgrimage class of 2018 will be hosting our second ODEC Golf Tournament. The date is set for **Friday, June 2nd** at Cypress Point Country Club. Sign-up to support our J2A class, and don't forget to come out and play. All proceeds will go to support the 2018 pilgrimage to England.

## Vacation Bible School

Be a part of our epic Hero Central VBS Adventure!

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

Beach Day July 22 10:30am-2:30pm

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

**Where:** Old Donation Episcopal Church

**Who:** We need superheroes like you to make this VBS a success!

Space is limited, so register your child today! Please contact Rebecca Barrio at [barrioat@yahoo.com](mailto:barrioat@yahoo.com) or 703-907-9405 or attend our planning meeting on Sunday, May 21, after the 10:30 services in the Library to get involved. [Click HERE for the registration form!](#)



## EYC

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

#### May

#### Sunday, May 7th - Knockerball

Middle School - 4:30-6:00pm

High School - 6:00-7:30pm

#### Sunday, May 14th - EYC

Middle School - 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner - 5:30-6:00pm

High School - 6:00-7:30pm

#### Sunday, May 21st - Final EYC of the Year

Parents and youth are invited to join for the last EYC of the year!

Middle School - 4:30-6:00pm

High School - 6:00-7:30pm

## Knockerball

Our final event before Summer is here. Sunday, May 7th we will be hosting Knockerball at the church, for an evening of knocking people around. We hosted this event in May, and it was so popular that we are bringing it back again. Come prepared to knock your friends off their feet, but don't let yourself be caught off guard. Dinner will be provided. If you have any questions please contact AJ.

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## Family Fun

May 5, 5:30pm: Art Gala with Day School

June 9, 5:00-7:00pm: Roller Skating at Haygood Roller Rink

July 22, 10:30am-2:30pm: Beach Day





## JOY

*Dinner Group*

Friday, 26 May

5:30pm @ Forbidden Palace

RSVP: David Eckhardt 757-340-4811 or  
davideckhardt2002@yahoo.com

## Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 5 May & 2 June

7:00pm

Alfriend House



## VBS 2017

## July 17-21

Registration is open!

Cost is \$15 per child.

Click [HERE](#) for Registration

## Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.

The Congregational Care Commission provides training for LEVs, usually an hour in length. Later they are taken out two times with another LEV to witness the visit in action. You do not have to be a Chalice or have had any other experience. You do need a desire to help others and a willing heart. You can select the Sunday best suited for your schedule and you will always be given a recipient who would like very much for you to visit them.

Old Donation has a very strong history of Eucharistic Visitors. We encourage you to join us in this wonderful ministry. Point of contact is Keren Pernini at 499-9885 or [Pernini@cox.net](mailto:Pernini@cox.net).

The training date is Wednesday, May 16 at 3:30pm in the Library. Please consider this wonderful ministry and let me know if you want to join us.

~ Keren Pernini

## Paws, Prayers and Praise

Eucharist is May 7th at 5pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest, furry or otherwise, who might not attend a regular Sunday service!

## Newcomer's Dinner!



We will have a newcomer's dinner on May 21st at 5:30pm. This dinner is for anyone who has begun attending within the last year. It's also for returning members, so that our clergy can get to know you better. If you would like to attend, please contact [Judy Kuhns](#) 757-343-6740

If you believe "do unto others" is a rule to live by, then do others a favor: get an ODEC name tag. We blame not those with poor penmanship, nor those with poor eyesight, but we do blame those who sin by not getting a name tag. Email [Gretchen](#) to order one! \$8.70 each

## Yellow Pages for Parishioners

Sometimes we need to find someone who can do some legal or electrical work for us but prefer to hire someone within the parish when possible. That is exactly what the ODEC Yellow Pages is for: to list various services and products offered by people in our parish family.

If you want to list your service or company, just write up 4-5 lines with all the pertinent information that you'd like me to include, and send it to me. Because I hope to get this up and running and available as soon as possible, please get your information to me by the 15th of May. No box ads, please, just 4-5 lines of print.

~ Judy Kuhns [jkuhns809@cox.net](mailto:jkuhns809@cox.net)

## Oyster Roast Jam!

Time to make Strawberry Jam for sale at the Oyster Roast. Come join us in the church kitchen on Saturday, 13 May between 1:00pm and 5:00pm.

We need pint and half-pint jars. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the parish office. We are excited about making small batches of new flavors. We will let you know about watermelon rind pickles and peach jam later in the summer.

If you can help call Shelby Wilber (284-4610) or Betts Werbiskis (434-2557).

**Have you included Old Donation in your Estate Planning?**



## Day School News

**Our first ever ART Auction ~ Wine Tasting** event, benefiting scholarships for Day School children, is Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm – 8:00pm. The silent auction will have child created and adult art...plus many themed baskets to bid on! Please come on out to the grand event.



Our 2's - kindergarten will be honoring their Mothers at a tea this month. They will serve muffins and fruit and sing songs filled with love and admiration! This school year is winding down but enrollment for next year continues! We have openings for 2½ year olds, two 4-year-olds and kindergarten. Thank you for spreading the news! ~Janet Brown & Jody Baker

TICKETS: \$15 & INCLUDE A  
GLASS OF WINE

FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2017

5:30-8:00 IN THE EVENING



OLD DONATION  
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

ODEDS@OLDDONATION.ORG

## ART AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE JULIA  
TUCKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



### Christian Formation Team

This year, we had a group of amazing teachers, mentors, and presenters who dedicated an immense amount of time and dedication to help form our parish - children, youth, and adults alike. Words aren't enough to thank them, so I hope you'll join us all on Sunday, May 21st in the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:15 for a celebration of their ministry. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship as we gather to honor those who have led us in Formation!

#### Adult Formation Presenters:

Mary Poteet  
Tom Cantrell  
Anne Butler  
Linda McGraw  
Sharon Payne  
Nancy Ries  
Kipper deGavre  
Debbie Quam  
Joe Tucker  
Carol Gurioli

#### Adult Formation Guest Presenters:

Fr. Jim Parke  
Rabbi Ellen Jaffee-Gill  
John Riofrio  
Nigel Mumford  
Stephen Cook

#### Sunday School

##### PreK-1st Grade:

Christina Hanawalt  
Melanie Waggoner  
Carolyn Weems

#### 2nd-4th Grade:

Rhoda Ballance  
Meg Warneke  
Mairin Genova

#### 5th-6th Grade:

Jenn Putzig  
Holly Schulz  
Janet Neumann  
Jo Bach

#### Rite 13

Audra Snowden  
Tom Gerace  
Stacey Howeth

#### J2A

Anna Sas  
David Beach  
Jim Bulleit

#### Confirmed

Keith Houtwed  
Shelby Wilber  
Zach Neumann

## Legacy Society of 1637

“FEED MY SHEEP” - John 21:15-16

A prayer of Thanksgiving was said for you at nine different family meals on Saturday April 1. There was happy chatter from at least eleven children as they cheerfully devoured their beans and rice. Can you feel their joy as these nutrients refreshed their bodies and souls?

The first Saturday of every month the doors of the church open from 9-11am to distribute packages of Beans and Rice to anyone that arrives. The Rev. Drew Foisie developed this Outreach Ministry during his pastoral care. Parishioner Beth Markham was an original volunteer recruited by Fr. Drew. She has nurtured this Outreach Mission Beans and Rice program since Fr. Drew left in July 2014. Beans and rice are purchased by Beth at a restaurant supply company.

Parishioner Cindy Paré was on duty April 1, distributing 45 pounds of white rice and 30 pounds of beans. Three pounds of rice and two pounds of beans are packaged in Ziploc bags.

Eduardo was the first visitor on 1 April. He has two children and was known to Cindy from a prior visit. He noted the large new sign on the outer door, made by parishioner Martha Wilson, as with a prior visit he did not know where to go. The second male visitor asked for two bags for himself and his ill father. The third and fourth women visitors came together, having seen the Beans and Rice sign by the side of the road. Another woman, Angela, said her VB social service worker had given her a flyer. Another women, Eunice, had seen the Beans and Rice flyer at the library. Each visitor expressed their gratitude. Cindy said there have been occasions when no one came and the highest number was 25 visitors. Today there were seven visitors. Sandra was the last visitor just before 11 o'clock. She asked for three bags, for herself, her daughter, and a neighbor. She had seen the Beans & Rice sign as she was on her way to the doctor's clinic across the street.

This year the Old Donation Endowment Fund provides \$97,200 to the ODEC General Operating Budget. Your generous bequests and the estate gifts already received from sixteen members of the **Legacy Society of 1637** are part of why we can do ministries like Beans & Rice.

Everyone has something to share. Whether a lot, or a little, gifts from an estate plan can continue supporting Old Donation Episcopal Church 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.

## Women's Kairos # 43

May 6th-9th

It's Kairos time again, and this time it is for **the women** at the correctional facility in Goochland. Even as I prepare to go in next

week, how do I thank this body of believers enough?

My Old Donation brothers and sisters in Christ, your untiring support is what helps float the

boat and puts wind in the sails of these weekends. Wow! Not only I, and the team with which I serve, but the 24 women who will be blessed by God on this weekend shout, “THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!” You are truly the hands and feet of Christ and I am humbled to represent you on this journey. I leave with a generous monetary contribution of \$1,000 made possible by our outreach committee and your hard work, a full plastic bin of freshly baked cookies (thanks, bakers), precious agape hand-crafted by our children (thank you, wee ones), and most importantly the covering of your prayers (thank you, warriors)!!! Without your prayers, our time inside would be but an empty shell waiting to be crushed. So again, THANK YOU! [This is the link](#) for the online prayer vigil sign up, or hand sign the one on the parish hall table.

*“I was hungry and you fed me... I was naked and you clothed me... I was in chains and you set me free! Thanks be to God...”* Matthew 25:35-36

Also, check out this [YouTube video](#) and watch Kairos grads share their story in sign!

Blessings in His Name and for His Sake,

~ Frankie Ring



**pentecost**  
*All of them  
were filled with the  
Holy Spirit and began  
to speak in other  
tongues.*  
Acts 2:4

**Pentecost Sunday  
June 4**

The Coming of the Holy Spirit!

On this Sunday The Gospel is proclaimed in multiple languages simultaneously.

Let us know what foreign language you speak so you can join in!

**Wear RED!**

## Birthdays

- 1 Kyle Long  
Cleve Liverman  
June Meyer
- 2 Doris Mace  
Paul Wise  
Anne Rio  
Joel Urquidi
- 3 Sharon Payne  
Sydney James
- 4 Jason Adams
- 5 Sheila Coleman  
Jacqueline Verburg  
Nicole Battersby
- 6 Brayden Stanley
- 7 Kathryn Robbins  
Josie Wayles Haynes
- 8 April Improta  
Reilly Loflin
- 9 Lee Gordon
- 10 Beth Weeks
- 11 Brian Miller  
Trent Dudley  
Marisa Walpert
- 13 Kelly DeGrave
- 14 Bruce Sterzing  
Jeannie DeDominick  
Keith Stanley
- 15 Hank Luhring, III  
Aidan Anderson  
Beth Markham
- 17 Jim Need
- 18 Taylor Ball

## May Celebrations

- Robert DeGrave
- 19 Laura Taylor
- 20 Tom DeMayo  
Joe Putzig  
Nathaniel Larrieux
- 22 Darlene Castellano  
Steve Gross  
Andrew Wilson
- 23 Steve Brown  
Carolyn Weems  
Demi Davenport  
Peter Huntley
- 24 Sally Eaton  
Clyde March
- 26 Larry Brittain, Jr.  
Greg Rennekamp  
Mary Jane Taylor  
Bryan O'Donoghue
- 27 Jim Rose, Jr.  
Julia Brown  
Nina Rodriguez  
The Rev. Kipper deGavre  
Tony Putzig
- 28 Harry Jeroy
- 29 Jay Wright  
Judy Kuhns  
Karen Anderson
- 30 Flossie Chandler  
Scott May  
Scott MacDonald
- 31 DiAnn Friedrichsen  
Ava Hurley

## Anniversaries

- 1 Rich & Linda Kuhr
- 3 Michael & Kelly Good
- 5 George & Ann Butler
- 6 Dick & Judy Lee  
Keith & Anna Houtwed
- 7 Mitch & Shelly Bean
- 12 Scott & Leticia May
- 14 Troy & Helen Heselius
- 16 Jim & Debbie Rose  
Susan & Tom Crockett
- 18 David & Robyn Waltrip
- 19 Don & Sue Wilson
- 21 Matt & Tracy Jackson  
Dave & Kristen Carter
- 22 Mike & Linda McGraw  
Molly & Jerry Grubb
- 23 Katie & Ryan Parker
- 24 Brian & Sherrie Coyle
- 26 Michael & April Improta  
Lindsey & Robert McCarty
- 27 Scott & Eve Poteet  
Betsy & John Morris  
Rebecca & Ronny Barrio
- 31 Bill & Gail Varnecky

### Welcome!

We welcome our newest  
Baptized Members:

Savannah Elizabeth Gribble  
Charles Garcia Randall

### Rise in Glory

Earl Edwards  
Pat Wilson



### Recognition!

**Melissa Waide** was awarded "Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year" at CHKD. WOW! Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work. Did you know that **Bobbie Gribble** was one of the featured persons on Antique Road Show on PBS this week?

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	Christian Formation	2019
Laura Horvath	Parish Life	2019
Chip Saunders	Evangelism	2019
John Sherman	Building & Facilities Planning Process	2020
Michelle Stephenson	Historic Traditions/Communications	2020
Bill Waide	Outreach	2020
Eliza Aydar	Youth	2018

### Weekly Worship Schedule

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

### 2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00pm Paws, Prayers & Praise

### Thursday

10:00am Holy Eucharist  
11:00am Bible Study

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Ages 2, 3, 4 and Kindergarten

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Monday - Friday

Early Drop Off & After School until 2:20 pm

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