



OLD DONATION
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE *are*
ODEC

Many places. Many stories.
One congregation.



Formation Potluck

30 August, 2026

After 10:00am Worship

Bring a favorite dish & your story.

BELL RINGER

August 2026

**BLESSING
OF THE
BACKPACKS**

Sunday, 23 August ± 10am



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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

From our Interim Rector



Greetings!

Looking back over the past three weeks, I can see that I've learned a lot, but there's a long way to go! And that's OK—we will work together to get that accomplished. Not only that, but God works with us, and blesses that work! For as I sat down to write this, what came to my mind was one of the closing sentences from the Morning Prayer service in The Book of Common Prayer (Page 102):

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Isn't that lovely? And isn't that hopeful? Neither I, nor you, nor the faith community of Old Donation, works alone—we all work together with God, whose creativity and goodness exceeds all of our imaginations. So, we can continue praying, singing, learning, and worshipping with hope, knowing that the God of all creation is with us, loving and guiding us along the way. And after the turbulence of the last several months, may we each find comfort in that knowledge—moving ahead with purpose, allowing God to lead us into the work we have been given to do. And if you still need to process any of that? Contact me! I work Monday afternoon through Thursday morning, and I do my best to be available.

Faithfully yours,

Mimi+

mimilacy@gmail.com

Old Donation Episcopal Day School

School is Around the Corner....

We hope all our families had an AMAZING summer! We are now busy gearing up for the new school year. Our families will receive packets in the mail with orientation details soon.

- We continue fall enrollment. [Contact us](#) for information for the child(ren) in your life!

We look forward to welcoming our returning families and new families in September!



Personnel Announcement!

Hi everyone! My name is Kelsi Galway, and I am so happy to join Old Donation Episcopal Day School as Co-Director. With experience as a preschool teacher, studies in Early Childhood Education, and a bachelor's degree in business administration, I am passionate about creating a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for our young learners. I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and getting to know all of you!

WORSHIP

Effective 13 September!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- ⊕ 8:00AM RITE I CHURCH
- ⊕ 9:30AM CHRISTIAN FORMATION
- ⊕ 10:30AM COMBINED WORSHIP
- ⊕ 5:00PM SUNDAYS@5 OR PPP

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Liturgical Notes by Rev. Mimi

Recently you probably noticed the insertion of two short periods of silence during worship: one after the sermon, and one before the confession. The silence after the sermon is to give listeners time to reflect on where the thoughts presented resonate (or not!) with them. The pause before the confession is to give each of us time to reflect on what may be getting between ourselves and God, and to be ready to then confess it.

You may have also noticed that the person leading the Prayers of the People now reads aloud the names of those being prayed for by the church. These prayers are a way that you--the people--care for and pray for each other. We lift each other up spiritually, verbally, and with great care! It's a privilege we all get to participate in together, and it is important work. My thanks to those who volunteer for this ministry! And as always, if you have any questions, just ask! ~Mimi+

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Formation Potluck: Celebrating Who We Are

Sunday, 30 August, immediately following 10:00am worship

We're excited to begin formal Formation for all ages this fall! As we begin this journey together, we'll gather to share the experiences, places, traditions, and people that have shaped us individually—and the experiences that have shaped us as a congregation.

In celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary, we'll discover just how many states and territories are represented in our own ODEC community!

Bring a Taste of Home

Join us for a Formation Potluck, sponsored by Formation, Parish Life, Historic Traditions, and Buildings & Grounds.

Bring a dish to share:

- A favorite dish from your childhood; or
- Something your state is known for—especially a dish connected to a place where you have lived.

For example:

- PA: Shoofly pie, created in connection with the Centennial era; OH: Buckeyes or Cincinnati chili;
- LA: Gumbo

Along with your dish, please bring an index card with:

- Name of dish ● State or territory ● Number of years you have been at ODEC
- We'll have a map and a chart with pins so we can see, in a fun and visual way, both the commonality and diversity within our congregation.

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Ready to Get Involved?

No need to commit to serving on a commission all year to get involved! Maybe just help with the potluck and learn more about these commissions and the people who work behind the scenes! Contact:

Formation: Dan Ries ● Parish Life: Chris Chandler ● Historic Traditions: Eric Spence
Buildings & Grounds: Tom DeMayo

Come hungry, bring a taste of your story, and help us celebrate the many places and experiences that have formed us!

FORMATION

What is Formation?

Formation, commonly called Sunday School, is a "lifelong process of growing in knowledge, service, and love of God, shaped by Scripture, Tradition, and Reason, and occurring in community and through various experiences."

Children and adults are engaged in lessons and action within their designated classes.

**Formation begins
13 September!**

Formation Kick off!

Ice Cream Social



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**Sunday
6 September**

Where's Jesus? 🔍

**For
All Ages!**



**After 10am
Worship**

2026/2027 Registration

Nursery ✚ Children's Chapel ✚ 3rd - 5th Grade
Rite 13 ✚ J2A

Click to register your child(ren) for Sunday School!

Click to complete the Formation Surveys for 2026!

Youth Formation Survey

We want to hear from you!

Adult Formation Survey

We want to hear from you!

Journey to Adulthood (Rite13 and J2A)

A two-part program for MS and HS school youth focusing on three themes as they mature as Christians:

Spirituality: Loving God
Society: Loving Our Neighbors
Self-Awareness: Loving Ourselves

The program is based on a long-term commitment of Christian learning in community which often culminates in a group pilgrimage in the HS years. A keystone of the program is consistent attendance by the youth, a commitment by the parents to support the Rite13/J2A youth community, and adult mentors who will be with the youth for their journey over several years.

ODEC youth and adult mentors have participated in Rite13/J2A for over 20 years. **Interested in your child(ren) participating or willing to become a mentor?** Contact **Dan Ries** 757-277-1907 cell.

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BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY



Sacred Ground at Old Donation is back! Join over eighty parishioners who have shared this life-changing experience in a spirit-filled and informative film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith.

Meetings are scheduled every two weeks for eleven sessions. We have a Fall Circle every other Monday starting 21 September at 6:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are interested in participating in this program contact **Dan Ries** at 757-277-1907. For more information on Sacred Ground click [HERE](#).

Children's Chapel

Provides a Sunday School environment using the Sparkhouse curriculum during the first part of our 10:30am worship.

Additional volunteers are needed to present this program so there are enough teachers so no one misses the first part of our service every Sunday.

Grade 3-5 Sunday School Teacher Needed

The program utilizes Sparkhouse curriculum based on the Episcopal Church Common Liturgy. This program supports our grade school children with solid Christian formation as they move to their teen years to build community in Rite13 and J2A.



Cursillo weekend 1-4 October Chanco Camp and Conference Center

Cursillo is a spiritual movement within the Episcopal Church that encourages us to grow in faith through spiritual disciplines, Christian leadership, and community. Throughout the weekend, a team of lay people and clergy share talks and lead participants in exploring these practices in a welcoming and supportive setting.

This fall, Ann & George Butler, Marti Jones, and the Rev. Mimi Lacy will be part of the Cursillo team. If you've been considering making a Cursillo weekend and would appreciate having some familiar faces there, this October would be a great time to go!

Have questions about Cursillo—including how to pronounce some of those unfamiliar words? 😊 Please ask Ann, George, Marti, or Rev. Mimi. You can also find a list of ODEC Cursillistas on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Come learn more, ask questions, and consider whether Cursillo might be part of your own journey of faith and formation.

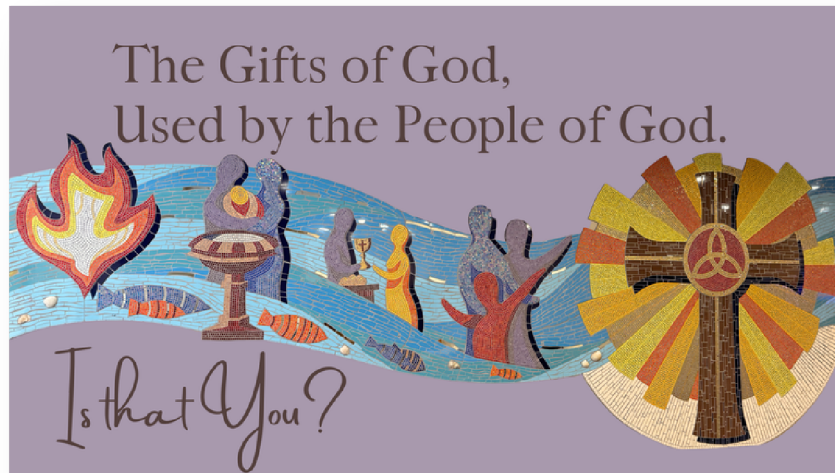
STEWARDSHIP

The Gifts from God Used by the People of God – Is that You?

I am by no means any kind of Stewardship guru, in fact up until around 21 January, when I took on the Stewardship Liaison “gig,” I was always puzzled (but never enough to do anything about my ignorance) why a ministry that basically required an act of pledging money was called “Stewardship.” Well, thanks to some on the job training from some of our experts I now have a much better, although still rudimentary, understanding of the true meaning of stewardship and, like any convert (and full disclosure: the Stewardship Vestry Liaison), now I want to spread the word.

In contrast to recent years, the Stewardship Campaign 2027 (Stewardship 2027) began in April with the intention that this, unseasonably, early start will generate space to consider Stewardship in all of its glory. Stewardship is not just about the act of pledging money, albeit an important part of the ministry, this act is not, and never was, the “be all and end all” of the matter.

Stewardship, perhaps better thought of as discipleship (the intentional, relational process of following Jesus Christ, learning his teachings, and becoming more like him in character and action), is about recognizing everything we have is a gift from God, be that love, family, wealth, health, talent, etc. If we recognize this, then we most certainly must be grateful for our gifts, and so it follows that we should use our gifts as God intended. With this in mind, the theme for the Stewardship Commission in 2027 is:



So why do I highlight the April as the start date for Stewardship 2027? Well, to set the tone for 2027 Rick Vinson gave a talk in Sunday Christian Formation that he called “So, You Hate Stewardship, Too!” It was, of course, a refreshingly unconventional look at the subject.

And there was more - in April we also held our spring “Ministry Fair” with over 25 tables set up by commissions and ministries all staffed by enthusiastic parishioners' intent on explaining to the passing crowds what ODEC's commissions and ministries are doing. Were you there? Did you dwell a pause to consider the opportunity for you to use your gifts from God, and answer the question – “is that you?”

~David Beach

Year to Date July 2026:

Pledge and Plate: \$396,063
Pledge and Plate Budget: \$334,869
Budget Received Difference: \$61,194
Number of Pledges to General Fund 2025: 134

Building Fund: \$5,595
Clergy Discretionary Fund: \$4,645
Worship: \$2,674
Outreach: \$2,286
Memorial Fund: \$7,700
Rachal/Repairing the Breach: \$1,923

Fine Arts & More!

We are thrilled to welcome world-renowned jazz pianist Justin Kauflin to Old Donation as part of our Fine Arts series!

Justin Kauflin is an award-winning blind pianist who has released 10 recordings and toured more than 25 countries. He worked with legendary producer Quincy Jones for over a decade, and his friendship with Duke Ellington's trumpet player Clark Terry was documented in the 2014 film "Keep on Keepin' On".

Justin graduated from Salem High School in Virginia Beach and was the valedictorian of the Governor's School for the Arts in Norfolk, where he is now a faculty member, as well as a Yamaha artist and Jazz Ambassador for the U.S. State Department.

Kauflin's playing is virtuosic, but unshowy. As Downbeat Magazine remarked, "Kauflin's execution, his ability to ripple waves of notes flawlessly and evoke colorful meadows of sound is unequivocally superb". The lyrical beauty of his playing spans jazz standards, classic hymns, Beatles songs, and original compositions. He plays with a clarity and passion that is immersive and mesmerizing. As Quincy Jones noted, his playing is, "Simply beautiful...you can feel it in every note he plays."

We hope you will join us **Sunday, September 27th at 6pm in the Great Hall** for what promises to be an intimate and unforgettable musical experience.



Canterbury Room - Men's Breakfast Fellowship Sips Coffee

It's true! We only have coffee (no breakfast!) when we meet every Wednesday at 8:00am—9:00am in Canterbury Room, but it's the world renowned ODEC church coffee. All men of ODEC are warmly invited for conversation and fellowship about our lives. We rotate a weekly program series, ranging from secular to sacred. Recently, our programs have included a review of the book "Breath" (how the human species has lost the ability to breathe properly); effective types of organizational leadership; wit, puns, and humor; the role and worship of the Black Church in America; touring Cambodia and Thailand; our rector transition. The latter has been an engaging topic, as part of ODEC parishioners wider conversation.



OUTREACH



What I did on My Summer Vacation by your Outreach Commission

Perhaps you went on a road trip to visit family members you don't often see this summer. Maybe you traveled out of the country on a plane or a boat for an amazing trip to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary. Did you go to the beach, Busch Gardens, host guests, spend hours reading amazing books or planting in your garden? Sounds like you had a wonderful time. The Outreach Commission has been busy feeding people with food insecurities and helping kids at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School get ready for back to school this month.

Your Outreach Commission has not been on vacation this summer and we have met to discuss ways ODEC can help those in our community needing food, clothing, or shelter. In June, July and August, we provided/prepared 210 meals for hungry people in downtown Norfolk on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays for our Feed My Sheep ministry. Members of our commission shop for groceries, pack food bags, make side dishes, and deliver meals. Interested in helping with these activities? Contact **Melissa Waide**.

In June, we prepared 160 to-go meals for hungry people in Va. Beach for our involvement with JCOC (Judeo Christian Outreach Shelter). This facility is located on Va. Beach Blvd block from the oceanfront and has been under renovation for the past several years. The new facility offers temporary housing in 38 apartments on-site, coordinates a cooked meal for 150 people daily, stock a food pantry, help with housing and job skills. ODEC is scheduled to cook and serve a meals again on Saturdays 12 September and 17 October. To be part of this important ministry, please reach out to **Eugene Snowden**. That brings the total meal count provided during the summer months to 730! That is a lot of fried chicken, sandwiches, baked pasta with meat sauce, green beans, rolls, and treats!

Throughout July, Outreach sponsored its annual supply drive for the students of Pembroke Meadows Elementary School (PMES). This July tradition has been part of our summer outreach for several summers and is always greatly appreciated by the PMES community. Many ODEC members supported the effort by using the convenient Amazon shopping list option. The drive was also coordinated with VBS at ODEC, and kids/families were encouraged to contribute needed school and recess supplies, including notebooks/paper, composition books, markers, pencils, crayons, highlighters, back packs, erasers, glue sticks, pens, headphones, sidewalk chalk, puzzles and balls for recess activities. Janette Crumley made two deliveries of donated supplies to the school and was greeted with many grateful smiles. If you would like to help with outreach activities involving PMES, please contact **Janette**!

Another important ministry ODEC provides for PMES is "Beach Bags," a city-wide project aimed at sending non-perishable food items home in bags with children meeting criteria to have breakfast/lunch/snacks on the weekends. ODEC outreach provides 2 bags for 55 students twice monthly—that's 220 bags per month. The City of Va. Beach provides the bags for the other two weekends each month so children in need go home every weekend with food. These bags are

packed monthly by volunteers on Thursdays after the morning Eucharist/Bible Study and will start again in September. If you would like to participate, please contact Maureen Jacques or Barbette Timperlake.

Stay tuned to future ODEC communications for more information regarding outreach ministries—names, dates, times, places, explanations and contact resources if you want to be a part of these life-changing ministries.



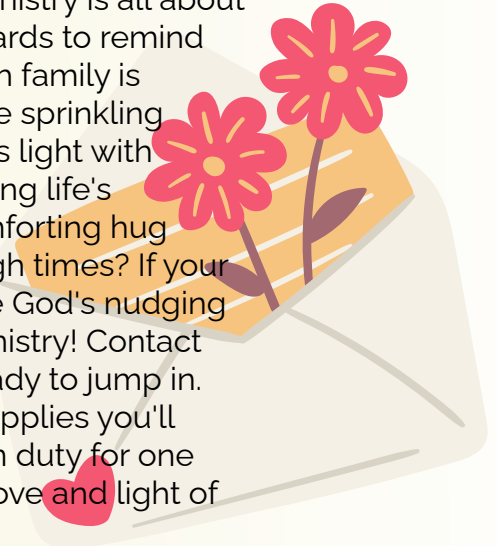
Congregational Care

Congregational Care is a group of ministries at ODEC that offer prayers, meals, healing, and spiritual and emotional support in times of need. We comfort the sick, stressed, sad, and depressed, both for parishioners, and their families or friends experiencing loss. We are here to humbly serve and care for others with the love of God.



Card Ministry

Nestled under the cozy umbrella of Congregational Care, this ministry is all about sending cheerful greeting cards to remind parishioners that their church family is thinking of them. Do you love sprinkling sunshine and sharing Christ's light with others? How about celebrating life's milestones or offering a comforting hug through the mail during tough times? If your heart's nodding "yes," maybe God's nudging you to join this delightful ministry! Contact Sue Stephenson if you're ready to jump in. We've got all the info and supplies you'll need. Each card sender is on duty for one month, helping spread the love and light of God.



- Bring hope and healing to those experiencing a challenge.
- Be a Christian friend who listens, cares, encourages, and prays.
- Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting.

Become a
Stephen Minister



- Are you compassionate and a good listener? Called to help?
- Enroll in our training classes, held on Wednesday nights, starting in September.
- Interested? Contact Rev. Mimi, Barbette Timperlake, or Carol Gurioli.

Praying For & With Each Other

It can be difficult to know how to pray when in mental, emotional or physical pain, or for a loved one. ODEC offers help with praying for needs: surgery, medical testing, life changes, or ongoing concerns.

The parish prayer list enables our church community to know about your need at services including Noonday Prayer. Email Gretchen to add a name.

Laying on of hands is offered during Communion at all services, including Thursday mornings. A designated healing prayer minister prays into the expressed need based on Jesus' assurance that He is present "when two or more are gathered in My Name."

St. Brigid's chapter of Daughters of the King takes private requests for prayer that are placed in a secure box by the doors of the Church & Great Hall. Requests are anonymous, and are not shared with others.

Through these multiple pathways to prayer, ODEC members participate in the Body of Christ, living into Paul's exhortation to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks..." (1Thes 5:16)

More You Need to Know

OYSTER ROAST IS COMING!



SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER AND IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PREPARE!

Do you have canning and preserving skills? Consider making extra of your summertime specialties to add to the Bake Sale. Jams, jellies, and pickles of all flavors are welcome.

Questions? Desire more information? Contact [Shelby Longmire](#) 757-284-4610

SCOPE Invites

Singles + Couples + Parents +
Episcopalians of any age to
attend our twice monthly
meetings...and an occasional
weekend add-on. With a
blend of formation, friendship
and food, there is something
for everyone here.

Questions? [Email AnnaMarie!](#)



Old Donation Episcopal Church

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop
The Rev. Mimi Lacy, Interim Priest
Bill Waide, Senior Warden
Chris Chandler, People's Warden
Gretchen Hood, Director of Administration
Kelsi Galway & Jody Baker, Day School Directors

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Your 2026 Vestry

Bill Waide, Senior Warden
Chris Chandler, Parish Life & People's Warden
Dan Ries, Christian Formation
Charlotte Zito, Welcoming & Belonging
Mike Ginder, Day School
Tony Richardson, Becoming Beloved Community
Eric Spence, Historic Traditions
Beth Steinbruck-Phillips, Congregational Care
David Beach, Stewardship
Leslie Brunick, Outreach
Tom DeMayo, Buildings & Grounds
Frankie Ring, Welcoming & Belonging
Noah Larsen, Youth Representative



Do you feel like you're missing out, or have FOMO, and don't know where to find information about what's happening at ODEC?
You can always be "in the know"!

Communications at Old Donation

We use lots of avenues to keep you informed. → → → → →
Now it's your turn to do your part and intake what you receive!

If you're new-ish to ODEC we'd love to get to know you. Have you been welcomed? If not, please email [Gretchen](#).

Emails

Chimes
Sunday Scoop
EYC Youth
Bell Ringer
Rest in Peace
Important Announcements

Social Media

Facebook
Instagram
YouTube
Flickr

Chimes

Weekly Wednesday e-news with current announcements

Facebook

Livestreams
Email Blasts
Photos
Current Events

Sunday Scoop

Weekly Saturday morning email that has everything happening on Sunday at ODEC.

Website

Mission & Ministry
Identity & Organization
History
Links for Current Emails
Links for Social Media
Calendar

EYC Youth

Weekly Thursday email with everything you should know about our Youth events.

Narthex Monitors

Current Events
Informational Graphics

Bell Ringer

Almost-monthly newsletter with in-depth, long-range information

Worship Bulletins

Announcements for the upcoming week



August & September Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 1 Marcella Lindsey
Frankie Ring | 2 Nancy Koch
Val Byrnside-Casey |
| 2 Davilyn Piluden
Cullen Bennett | 3 Tom Cantrell |
| 4 Jacquelyn Baxter
Marilu Dixon | 4 Jo Lupton |
| 5 Janet Forbes | 5 Ed Butts
Joe Campbell
Monica Larsen |
| 6 Jenn Rennekamp
Kenzie Saindon | 6 Meg Warneke |
| 7 John Guthrie
Debbie Ross
Mavrick Metz | 7 Patsy Harris
Maureen Jacques |
| 8 John Sherman
Blair Hood
Jo Beach
Elizabeth Malcom
Sherry Caruana | 8 Christina Caro
Eric Martin |
| 9 Mary Charles Burt
Ginny Campbell
Paula Raines | 10 Sally Dudley |
| 10 Carvell Taylor | 11 Patrick Swanson |
| 11 Ricki Schmidt
Drew Midgett | 12 Ginny Burt
Lisa Teeling
Sally Gordon
Liam Malcom
Holden Crocker
Rick Vinson |
| 12 Charlotte Johnson
Anna Garvin
Jenna Crumley
Stan Walchock | 13 Mal Higgins |
| 14 Kathleen Heck | 14 Cara Hall
Abigail Myers |
| 15 Audrey Schulz
Addie Garvin
Alyssa Bennett | 15 Gretchen Hood
Jan Donovan |
| 16 Chaille Lindo | 16 Megan Wilson
Luke Farrell |
| 17 Cliff Lewis | 17 Marguerite Duncan
Erol Aydar
Peggy O'Neill
Rachel McHugh |
| 18 Joan Crockett
Hunter Enoch
Margaret Gilchrest | 18 Hampton Miller
Joe Tucker
Becky Suchy |
| 19 Nancy Ries
Haven Smith-Hyman | 19 Lee Ann Kwiatkowski
Olivia Holewinski |
| 20 Marti Jones
Ned Piluden | 20 Cole Aydar |
| 21 John Duncan | 21 Beth Jones
Betts Werbiskis
Carolina Gilmore
Virginia Renehan
Chips McCallum |
| 22 Eleanor Irvin
Gabriel Mayorga
Giovanni Mayorga | 22 Josh Bennett |
| 23 Michael Improt | 23 Dick Kreassig
Grant Midgett |
| 23 Dorothy Freeman
Ian Gallardo | 24 Mark Strickland
Brett Dudley
Doug Piston |
| 24 Carolyn Gerace | 25 Rachel Higgins |
| 25 Paige Martin | 27 Leslie Fenter
Emmaline Genova
Connor Shih
Zach Moats |
| 26 Caraline Strickland
Mike Gilchrest | 28 Melissa Waide |
| 27 Lily Burroughs
Nancy Cantrell | 29 Brooke Wilkinson
Meredith Rice |
| 29 Michelle Bardeen | |
| 30 Jenn Oakley | |
| 31 Bill Waide | |

Anniversaries

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| 1 Kim & Dave Rush | 6 Heather Heying & Brian Reed
Mairin & Patrick Genova |
| 4 Betty & John Sherman
Jo & David Beach | 7 Jennifer & Ricki Schmidt |
| 6 Rachel & Brendon Ash | 8 Barbara & Frank Schweiger |
| 8 Stacy & Drew Midgett | 15 Jackie & Will Bennett |
| 10 Shelby & Gary Longmire
Terri & Doug Piston | 20 Carl & Julie Sterzing |
| 14 Holly & John Michael Payne | 21 Marti & Mike Jones
Donna & Tony Richardson |
| 15 Domonique & Josh Bennett | 23 Laura & Michael Hicks |
| 18 Charlotte & Ari Zito | 26 Marianne & Brian Caro |
| 19 Katherine & Brian McCullough
Lori Blaisdell & Gene Black | 28 Sydney & Will Drews |
| 20 Cheryl & George Hummer | |
| 22 Dottie & Bill Dudley | |
| 24 Ned & Judy Kuhns | |
| 26 Barbara & Errol Lifland | |
| 28 Leslie & Andy Gallop | |
| 29 Elise & Hunter Enoch | |

Newly Baptized

Brodie Casey
Rosie Saindon



Rise in Glory

The Rev. Julia Tucker
Tom Crockett
The Rev. Peter Hogg