

Pohick Episcopal Church • September 24, 2023 • 8:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite I

Procession

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Reader A reading from Exodus (16:2-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
 - 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
 - 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
 - 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
 - 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
 42. For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
 - 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
 - 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
 - 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
- Hallelujah!

Reader A Reading from Philippians (1:21-30)

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is

evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1-16)
People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon The Very Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

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Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray especially for The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as he recovers from surgery.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those, including those listed in our prayer list, who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for the victims of violence and of natural disasters worldwide.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee, Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

In the Episcopal tradition, all are welcomed to the Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

All baptized Christians may receive communion. You have these choices:

- *You may hold out both hands to receive bread and drink from the cup;*
 - *Or you may pinch two fingers over one hand and the Celebrant will intinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands.*
 - *If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.*
 - *You may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.*
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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant *(Sentence of dismissal)*
People *Thanks be to God.*



Those Who Serve

Celebrant and Preacher	The Very Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Seminarians	Aaron L. Ross, <i>Youth Minister</i> Ted Renaud, <i>Seminarian</i>
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Calvin Pilgrim and Angela Edgemon
Acolyte	Will Elston
Ushers	Don Cooke and Tony Harriman

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Bland Girten, Joan Parsons, Craig Floyd, D'Andrea Wooten, Skip Schultz, Harry Petrie, Caleb Caesar, Janet Morgan, John Slater, Haydee Sparks, Patricia DeYoung, John Delaune, Bill Hosp, Jim Murphy, Otis Elam, Brian Johnson, Wren Norwood, Susan McHargue, Rodger and Vera Jones, Tom Ronaldi, Bill Bland, Rev. Martin Smith, Joe and Florance Davis, Susie Allen, Sara and Nick Coburn, Dr. Ann Mertens, Tammy Goodman, Mary Hoffman, Amanda Choi, Dr. Judy Abiodun, Dr. Edith Summers, Femi Ayorinde, Ruth Yeatts, David Kern, Maggie Gomez, Jan Hover, Kathy Bray, Barry Bell, Carol Schiering, Sandra McCullough, William Poad Jr., Rebecca Fry, Ken Knight, Tom Harding, Joan Egan, Allen McBride, Chuck Tonkin, Jim Foster, Neil Stevens, Jake Crawford, Victoria Albert, Joshua Albert, The Miraj Family, Don Hurst, Pam Botts, Norma Rodriguez Giroux, Jen Tallman, Erika Brantner, Buck Gastrell, Paul Chatelier, Dave Bennett and Patti Davis.

We pray for The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who is recovering from cancer surgery.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Ellie Crump, Doris Folen, Nicholas Alfieris, Virginia Banchoff, Charles Bradburn, Julie Elston, Riley Blankenship, Kyle Edgemon, Emmett Mullins, AJ Randall, and Leigh Alfieris.

We pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine, and for the safety of our deployed troops. We pray for all who are displaced, fearful, hungry, and wounded.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Katie Weber, Kyle Gibson, and Gabby Rolland.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.



Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of my parents, Jack and Jackie Cavanagh. You are missed.

--Carol Heintze

- **Welcome newcomers!** We are so delighted you've joined us for worship! At Pohick, the wearing of masks is optional. We encourage all to be vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, we trust you to wear a mask and practice distancing. Nursery Care is available from 7:45 am to 11:45 am. All are welcome to the table at Communion! Come meet our warm and friendly community during our receptions in the Parish House after the 8 am and 10:30 am services today.
- **Sunday Services are 8 am (Rite I Eucharist) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist). Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 in the Parish House.**

Fall Kickoff:

- **Community of Hope Pastoral Care training as a Potomac Region Initiative:** Pohick Church together with St. Aidan's and St. Luke's will coordinate a twelve-week in-person Pastoral Care Training Program based on St. Benedictine Spirituality. Training sessions are held on Sunday evenings (6:30 pm-9 pm) through Sunday, December 3. Those in Pohick's class: Community of Hope Training: Carney McCullough, Nancy Sage, Doug Comer, Lorraine Parrish, and Tanya Reams.
- **Apple Butter weekend** is September 29 – October 1. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall. More details to come. Contact Stew Remaly (remalyse@gmail.com) or John Pasour (john.pasour@gmail.com) for more information.
- Pohick's **APPLE BUTTER STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE** at Parish Office, 703-339-6572.
- **Get your favorite Apple Pie recipe ready for the Apple Pie Contest at the Country Fair.** Applications/information available on table outside the Church Office or on the Communications Center in the Common Room. Return forms to the Martha Guild mail slot in the Church Office by Oct. 4. Questions --- contact Connie Myers.
- **Pohick Country Fair is Saturday, October 7, 10 am to 3 pm.** There will be food, music, games, and more for all to enjoy! Please contact Chris Brown (cgbrown50@gmail.com) for information.
- **SUPPORT THE POHICK FAIR** by donating fresh baked cookies, breads, jelly, jam, and other goodies to the Country Store. Items should be individually wrapped or sealed in zip lock bags. Your donations can be dropped off in the Parish Hall kitchen the Friday before or at the Country Store booth the morning of the fair. Any questions, contact Angela Edgemon at angelaedgemon@gmail.com or Wendy Remaly at wendy.remaly@gmail.com.
- **Country Fair Car Show!** Are you a gear head? Do you have a car or motorcycle that you think is worth showing off? At this year's Pohick Country Fair we will have our very own Car Show. It is open to any parishioner with a vehicle of interest: Sports cars, classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods and motorcycles. Please contact Paul Leon (PSVA.01@gmail.com) for information.
- **The Golden Dove Gift Shop will be open in the Vestry House. Come see us on Fair day!**

- **Blessing of the Animals, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** Sunday afternoon, Oct 8 at 4 pm at the Dogwood Chapel, below parking lot.
- **Families of Pohick - You are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship at Pohick on Friday, October 13th at 6pm** (or whenever you can get everyone together and to the church). Childcare will be provided for families of little ones. Group activity/games provided for the teens. Bring your own dinner (it's a carry out/no cook night) and your beverage of choice and plan to spend some time enjoying fellowship with other parents of Pohick! It's a great place to meet other Pohick families and a place to reconnect with families you see in passing on Sunday. Questions? Call or email Jen Crump-Strawderman at 703-469-6740/h8meats@gmail.com or Aaron Ross at 978-626-6393/aross@vts.edu
- **George Mason's Gunston Hall: Storytime Oct. 15 and 18, 10:30-11:15 am!** Program for preschool-age children and their families, includes hands-on-activities and read-aloud story. Visit gunstonhall.org or call 703 550-9220 for tickets. Gunston Hall requires at least one adult to attend for every two children participating in the program. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Hall (rebecca.hall@gunstonhall.org) or Emily Elston (emily.elston@gunstonhall.org).
- **The next Pohick Church history refresher session will be held on Saturday, October 28, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Parish House Annex.** Lunch will be provided. There will be a virtual link available. Please RSVP with a contact email for virtual or in person attendance to Fred Crawford at fr Crawford205@comcast.net or 703-994-5236.

Funerals:

- Funeral for Col. William Wentworth at Arlington National Cemetery, Wednesday, Sept 27.
- Committal of Former Pohickian Anne Cannon. You are all invited to attend the committal of Anne Cannon, Thursday, Oct. 12, at 11 am, at Quantico National Cemetery.

Capital Campaign:

- **Christian Hospitality through Accessibility.** Thank you for attending our kickoff Adult Forum about raising capital to build our new accessibility ramp and playground! Look for your brochure and capital campaign pledge cards and please return the pledge card by Dec. 15. You can specify payments over a period of time. Thank you!

Outreach:

Afghan Ministry Update: Thank you to those who have donated to the Husain family!

Next up: new school clothes or gift cards to allow them to shop for themselves (Target or Visa).

Boys' clothing sizes: 7th grader and 4th grader and 4-year-old- Pants: 14, 12, 6; T-shirts: 12, 10, 5

Girls' clothing sizes: 1st grader-Pants: 6; Dress: 6x-7

Teenage girls would probably like to shop for themselves (gift cards).

Toddlers/Babies – Boys: 2T ,3T and 12 -months

Most importantly, we need volunteers to help with learning English, maybe an hour or two a week, not even weekly if we have several volunteers to rotate. Also, we have been asked by NoVa RAFT to “be the parent” and communicate with the children’s teachers. Five children/teens attend school -2 at William Ramsay ES, 1 at Hammond Middle and 2 at Alexandria City HS. He would like have someone to check in with their teachers and see what is needed. The Alexandria schools are overwhelmed and it’s easy to fall through the cracks. Please contact me if you are willing to help in this capacity. I envision each child/teen has one of us to advocate for them. **Thank you for all your continued support!** Patty Mitchell- pdmitch1@gmail.com

Veterans’ Assistance Fund

- Pohick Church has created a new fund to support the financial needs of veterans and their families. Ministries (such as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew’s or women’s guilds) are encouraged to contribute to this special fund, as well as individuals. Recipients will receive confidential financial aid at the discretion of the Rector. You may send donation checks payable to “Pohick Church” with “Veterans’ Assistance Fund” in the memo. Pohick Church is now a national church-designated “**Friend of Veterans.**”

Newcomers:

- **Newcomer Dinner at the Rectory**, Friday Nov. 17, 6pm. Fall Newcomer Dinner at the Rectory hosted by Rev. Lynn and Tom Ronaldi and the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry.

250th Jubilee Celebration of Pohick’s 250th anniversary (1774-2024). Roster of Events!

- Colonial Christmas Fundraising Gala at the Abrams’, Dec. 2, 2023
- Bell Ringing Ceremony, January 14, 2024
- Pohick Church 250th Jubilee Grand Celebration at Mount Vernon, February 10, 2024 (author symposium and gala dinner)
- Mother’s Day Tea, May 11, 2024
- Reading of Declaration of Independence and Parade, July 4, 2024
- Gala (date, time and place TBD)

For more information contact MicheyL Bartholomew (micheyL@me.com)

Christian Formation (online at www.pohick.org)

Children’s Christian Education:

- **Children’s Chapel:** for preschoolers through 2nd grade; held in classroom D. Parents should drop off their children between 10:20 and 10:30 am. The children will join their parents in church during the Peace.

- **Church School:** Classes are from 9:25 to 10:20. Parents of preschool through fourth grade are asked to pick up their children at the door of the classrooms.
- **The Nursery is in need of help,** 7:45 am to 11:45 am on Sundays.
- Please contact Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education if you have any comments or questions concerning our programs, 703-282-6574.

EYC:

- **EYC will meet TODAY** following the 10:30am service! For more information contact Youth Minister Aaron Ross, Seminarian, at the Parish Office, 703 339-6572.

Adult Christian Education:

- **Ted Lasso Bible Study will meet TODAY at 9 am!** We are viewing 1st season episodes in class, so just come and enjoy and catch the gospel messages! (Also streaming on AppleTV!) Led by Rev. Lynn, with seminarians.
- **Community of the Widowed** meets Tuesdays at 10:30 am in Classroom C. Contact Marleen McCabe for information.
- **The Kiki Coderre Prayer Ministry** meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, from 2 - 3:30 pm in the Vestry House. All are welcome. Contacts are Charlotte Knipling, Carolyn Cockcroft and Mari Harding.
- **Education for Ministry (EfM)** begins its sessions on Mon. Sept. 25, 2023 and will run each Monday through June 10, 2024, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Vestry House. For information, please contact John Egan at jjegan3@aol.com or Denise McHugh at dmchugh@umd.edu.

Music Ministry:

- **Cherubs Music:** early childhood music class for ages 4 to 7. This interactive music theory class are for parent and child together. The children learn their treble clef notes by name both on the staff and keyboard and basic rhythms using games, singing, movement and fun!
- Does your child like to sing? They may be interested in our **Children's Choir or our Try-it class.** Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- **Weekly rehearsals in the Parish House Music Room:**
 1. Cherubs Choir Tuesdays 4:30 pm
 2. Chime Choir Tuesdays 5:20 pm
 3. Junior Choir Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:30 pm
 4. Bell Choir Thursdays 6:15 – 7:15 pm
 5. Choir of Pohick Thursdays 7:30 pm – 9 pm
 6. Teen Choral Ensemble Sundays 11:45 am

- **Potomac Region Events**

- Dean's Meeting Thursday Sept. 28, in Fredericksburg.
- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours**—Coffee Hour is after both the 8 am and the 10:00 am Church services every Sunday. See the signup sheet in the Common Room for the details. Contact Connie Myers: 703-201-2204 or jetskiing@hotmail.com with any questions.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301. We hope newcomers will request and wear nametags too!
- **New Security Cameras Improve Our Security.** You may have noticed security cameras at the main entrance to the Parish House and at the Common Room door. You will find others in the Church and inside the Parish House. We now can see inside the Church during visiting hours and at night. The security cameras at the doors will support new doors that were recently installed.
- **Common Room Door Replacement.** FQ Doors installed the **new Common Room door** we mentioned at our Annual Meeting. Our keys will no longer work on this exterior Parish House door; keys will still work on other buildings and inside the Parish House. See the Sexton for access to the Parish House via a fob or a cell phone application to support your ministries if you don't already have that kind of access.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop**—hours Sundays-8:45-10 am, First Saturdays-1-3 pm during Docent Tours

FAIR DAY, Oct 7th-9 am – 3 pm
10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Oct 22nd- 9 am-Noon in the Courtyard
Christmas Event Sunday December 3, 9 am to 12:30 pm, in the Common Room
Get some great deals before the summer ends—we have lots of sale items!
We appreciate your support and all who volunteer! Please join the team; we'll train you and only ask for minimal hours at the shop. See Pamela Nelson or Donna Crawford for more information.
- Pohick Church welcomes the **Down By the Riverside Group of AA, Tuesdays at 8 pm** in the Annex room. Contact the Parish office for information.
- **Docent tours!** Guided Tours by members of the Docent Guild are available each Sunday after the 10:30 am service. **Guided Tours are also available on the first Saturday of every month from 1 pm to 3 pm.** Please meet the Docent at the Great Font for a tour. Self-guided tours are always available when the church is open, weekdays 9 am to 4 pm.
- **Group and special tours can be scheduled** by contacting Nancy Sage: nbsage@aol.com, or John Egan: 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net. Pohick historical questions? Contact Dick Hamly: 703-928-8184 or dickhamly@aol.com.

Vestry of Pohick Church

Rector: The Very Rev. Dr. Lynn Ronaldi *Worship*
Sr. Warden: Mike Elston *Stewardship*
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Treasurer: Glenn Larkin *Resources*
Register: Steve Harding *Communications*
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Chris Brown *Outreach*
Beth Cooke *Christian Ed.*
Will Elston *Christian Ed.*
Kathy Kirkland *Pastoral Care*
Connie Myers *Fellowship*
Jeff Schavland *Policy & Procedure*
Sarah Turk-Hoffman *Young Adult*
D'Andrea Wooten *Invite Welcome Connect*

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Sexton: Clint Herbert
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Cemetery Warden: Sandra Caesar
Communications Manager: Deborah Hennig

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, and receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry.

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the 8 am and 10:30 am services in the Parish House.

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