

# The *KEYNOTER*



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## ST. PETER'S ASSISTANT RECTOR & DEACON TO WED

In an historic event in the life of St. Peter's Parish, the Assistant Rector and the Deacon who are serving this parish are to be married this Sunday, February 27 during the 11am worship service in St. Peter's Church.

Pastor Greg Harbaugh and Deacon Laura McCarthy will be married as part of St. Peter's regular 11am worship service, officiated by the XI Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray.

Father David Michaud, Rector of St. Peter's, will be the preacher.

Pastor Greg is a retired ordained Lutheran pastor who has been the part-time Assistant Rector of St. Peter's since May of last year. Deacon Laura is serving as part-time Deacon of St. Peter's since her ordination in October of 2020 and also serves part-time as Deacon in Residence for St. Philip's Church, Quantico. Prior to ordination Deacon Laura was a parishioner of St. Peter's for many years.

A modest reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall. There will be an opportunity to congratulate the newlyweds. Refreshments including a sparkling beverage toast to the couple are planned.

After a few days off the couple will continue to serve St. Peter's in their current capacities. Please keep Pastor Greg and



Pastor Greg & Deacon Laura

## LENTEN & EASTERTIDE AT ST. PETER'S

Ash Wednesday, March 2, begins this year's observation of the Season of Lent, a penitential season lasting 40 days (excluding Sundays) in which we are called to repentance and to follow the Way of the Cross. Below are a list of events and activities planned for this season.

### Lenten Events

Ash Wednesday, March 2. Services at 7am, 12noon, and 7pm. All will have the imposition of Ashes, the Litany of Penance and Holy Communion; choir will be leading music at the 7pm service.

Stations of the Cross, Friday March 11 at 7pm and Friday, April 1 at 7pm in the Church. Walk the Way of the Cross – 30 minute service in which participants walk around the church interior and make stops at the 14 stations of Jesus' passion and death.

Feast of the Annunciation Evensong, Friday, March 25 at 7pm. This feast that celebrates the Angel Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a joyful break in the penitential season, with Father David Michaud as the officiant and St. Peter's Choir and musicians providing music.

Remember that St. Peter's has a public service of worship in the church every day of the week. Make attending a weekday service part of your Lenten observance: Mondays at 9:30am, Tuesdays at 5:30pm, Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Healing Service; Thursdays at 5:30pm; Fridays at 5:30pm; Saturdays at 8:30am.

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### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday, April 10: Blessing and Procession of the Palms, reading of the Passion of St. Luke.

Maundy Thursday, April 14: Remembrance of the Last Supper – Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar; foot washing; 7pm in the church

Watch with the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose: Thursday evening through Friday morning, April 14-15. Sign up for an hour.

Good Friday, April 15: Reading of the Passion of St. John, the Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified; 12noon in the church

Great Vigil of Easter, April 16: Lighting of the New Fire, singing the Exultet, reading the prophecies, Holy Baptism, the first Eucharist of Easter; 8pm in the church.

### **Easter Sunday, Easter Season**

Easter Sunday begins the 50-day season of Easter or Eastertide. Easter Sunday Services on April 17 are planned for 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am with a Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 9 am service.

Flowering of the Cross, UTO Ingathering: April 24

Annual Parish Meeting and Commissioning of Vestry: May 1

Senior Graduates Blessing: May 15 at 9am worship service

Rogation Sunday: May 22

Ascension Day May 26: Holy Eucharist at 7pm

Memorial Day May 30: Memorial Eucharist at 9am

Pentecost, June 5: Parish Picnic following 10am service



## **ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. PETER'S**

St. Peter's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 9:30am. At present we are planning on an in-person meeting in the Parish Hall, and the meeting will be livestreamed as well. There will be no 9:00am worship service on that day. We are planning on an all parish breakfast beginning at 8:45am prior to the Annual Meeting. Worship will follow at 11am that day, with the Installation of Vestry members and officers.

Parishioners who have been active at St. Peter's for a year or more are eligible to vote in the elections. There are three 3-year Vestry positions open as well as 3 Delegate and 3 Alternate positions for the 2023 Diocesan Convention. The Nominations Committee will be presenting a slate of candidates that will be publicized at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Those interested in these positions are encouraged to contact the Nominations Committee Chair Hope Morgan. Nominations can also be made on the floor on the day of the Parish Meeting.

Reports will be offered at the meeting by the Senior Warden and the Rector. Reports of St. Peter's committees and ministries will be available in print and on the website for download.

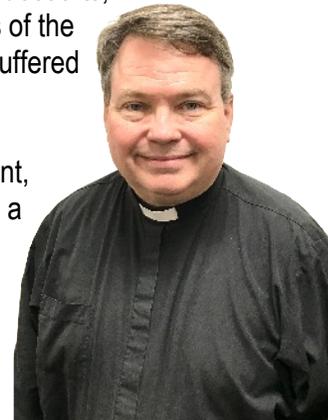
Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Vestry will meet to organize itself and elect officers.

Part of the ministry of the laity is "...to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church" (BCP page 855). Participating in the governance of the church through the Parish Meeting is part of your ministry as a lay member – please plan to attend your parish's Annual Meeting, an integral part of our life together as Episcopalians.

# A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

The Season of Lent is known as a “fasting season” and is a time when we make the decision to do without something. The most obvious fast is to refrain from eating, or from eating certain things. That might be skipping desserts, or that extra helping, or alcohol, or some other food or drink. It might leave us at different times of the day with some hunger pain or yearning, which reminds us of the love of Our Lord and how he suffered for us -- much greater than our fast.

But fasting can also relate to other things in our life that we may choose to do without during Lent, and by withholding them we have an opportunity for a holy replacement. By choosing not to do a certain thing or to go without something you like consider: what good thing could you replace that with? Maybe making a new time for prayer, or meditation, or to volunteer for service ministry? Because Lent is an opportunity not only to do without something, but to take on a holy habit in its place.



How about committing each day to do a Daily Devotion: reading the daily offering in the Forward Day by Day booklet your church provides or going to their website: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/home>. What about taking part in Daily Prayer in the church (or on the livestream) one or more days during Lent? Check out the parish website page: <https://stpeterschurch.net/daily-prayer/> . Episcopal Relief and Development offers some great Lenten daily reflections too: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>.

I encourage you to make your Lenten observance intentional by undertaking a Lenten fast and consider as well a holy replacement. See how your regular attention to this builds up in you a holy habit that can help you beyond the Lenten Season on your spiritual journey.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

*Written by Senior Warden, Hope Morgan*

Snow, an element so essential to life, water molecules carry in their form an allusion to the creation story. The Bible teaches that “the heaven and the earth were completed in all their vast array” over a six day period. May the six-fold symmetry of the snowflake be a reminder of God's mighty hand in the creation story & our lives. This winter has been a great reminder!

After our successful bazaar and support of the delicious oyster sandwiches, Mary Phillips and I thought let's try it again. **SAVE THE DATE! March 12<sup>th</sup> - 11 am – 2 pm St. Peter's Oyster Sandwich Day with the King Bros. FEATURING Oyster sandwiches, soups, chicken salad & BAKE SALE**

We are looking for volunteers to bake for the bake sale. Help make soups and chicken salad on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer to work on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The more the merrier. Please send me an email: [hopeemorgan@aol.com](mailto:hopeemorgan@aol.com) if you have any suggestions or would like to help.



Lots of great things are happening at St. Peter's. The Vestry remains committed to ensure we are moving forward. We recently approved three capital projects; Annex window, tower repainting and the Parish Hall floor project. We are excited seeing new people join our church family.

As one of my last jobs as Senior Warden, I am chairing the Nominating Committee for three Vestry positions and three 2023 Convention Delegates. I will confess, this has been a rewarding 4 years serving on the Vestry. If you have any interest in joining any of these, please email me.

With winter still with us, and snow once again, may every *snowflake* bring *Christ* to mind, and in every bit of white may you find a reason to celebrate anew and a reminder of His love for you.

# WHAT DOES A DEACON DO ANYWAY

Written by Deacon Laura

"You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world." --Book of Common Prayer--Ordination: Deacon, Page 543

## Blessing Box

As a Deacon, it is my job to bring the needs, concerns and hopes of the world to the church and to bring awareness of what is going on outside the walls of the church in our local community. You are asked to listen to the Holy Spirit and respond accordingly as your time, talent, and treasure allows...even if some times that means stepping out in faith. My article for this Keynote is a focus on feeding the hungry.

Did you know we have a Blessing Box? Several years ago, Girl Scout Troop 634 met in the Educational Annex, and they placed a small box on the east side of the Annex where they would leave bags full of toiletry/ personal items, food, etc. for anyone in the community who needed those items. Unfortunately, when the COVID pandemic came, the Troop had to stop meeting in the Annex. Once the country was able to start meeting in groups again, the Troop had moved on to a new location and the Blessing Box remained empty. Late summer/early fall 2021, Linda Abbott brought to the attention of the clergy that the box was still there, and she began stocking it on a regular basis. Inquiries were made of the current Girl Scout Troop leader, and we learned they were no longer going to be able to keep the Blessing Box stocked. The leader offered for St. Peter's to continue using the box. In October, the Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group was contacted, and they agreed to add items to the box on Wednesday mornings. It soon became apparent that it would take more than stocking the box one day a week to keep up with the demand of the community. Unknown to us at the time, there were more homeless/unsheltered people in Downtown Salisbury than we knew, so we were not aware their daily need for nutrition was not always being met.



According to Christine Chestnutt, Housing and Homelessness Manager for the City of Salisbury, there are currently over 100 people identified as homeless/unsheltered in Wicomico County—usually in the winter, there are around 25 people. The local shelters like HALO, Christian Shelter, and Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (formerly CESP), are either full or operating at half capacity. People have lost jobs because of COVID or housing costs have gotten so high, folks are not able to pay their rent or mortgage and are being evicted. Families are sleeping in their cars or tents in the woods, staying in motels, or staying with friends/family for a few days at a time.



Linda Abbott and I have been monitoring the use of the Blessing Box almost on a daily basis since last fall. In January, the legs of the box fell off and parishioner, Phil Shields, built a new, much sturdier stand for it. The food, toiletry, or personal items that are put in the box are being taken rather quickly. Some items go faster than others, especially canned foods that have pop-up lids because they are easy to open and don't require cooking. Linda and I have spent over \$700 of our own money to purchase items for the box—that is not sustainable in the long term. Recently, posts on Facebook have engendered an increase in donated items from St. Peter's parishioners and around the community.

It is clear the current box is not large enough. If we fill the box with food, there is not enough space for toiletry/ personal items; if we add items like toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, etc., or socks and clothing, there is not enough room for food. We have received an estimate from a local cabinetry maker to build and install a new, larger Blessing Box for \$500; and a donor who is willing to finance the cost.

A small task force is being formed to discuss this issue and to develop a plan on how to keep the box stocked to support the needs of the community. In order to move forward, we need the parish and community's help. If you would like to be a part of the task force, please contact me or Linda Abbott. If you personally, or a group you participate within or outside the parish, would like to help keep the box stocked, see the list of suggested items. Most of these items can be purchased at

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the Dollar (and a Quarter) Tree or Dollar General. If you are unable to assist with either, prayers are certainly appreciated! Thank you for your support!

### **Blessing Box Suggested Items**

Food Items - Beef jerky, Canned vegetables, fruit, Meats, etc., with pop-top lids, Drinks (water, juice, Gatorade), Individual servings of fruit, Granola/breakfast/ Protein bars (soft), Mints, Packs of crackers, raisins, craisins, other dried fruit, Trail mix

Miscellaneous Items - Can opener, Notebook & pen, Utensils,

Personal Hygiene - Band-aids/Bandages, Chapstick, Combs and brushes, Dental floss, Deodorant (travel size), Feminine products, First-aid kit (compact, Lotion, Mouthwash, Nail clippers, Q-tips, Socks (Dark colors) Tissues, Toilet paper (single rolls– put in plastic bag), Tooth brushes, Tooth paste, Waterless shampoo, Wipes (hand/face)

Seasonal Items - Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Hand/foot warmers, Sunscreen

## A JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT

*Written by Elizabeth Phillips*

Thank you for your prayers and support as I travel this journey of discernment of Holy Orders to the priesthood in the Episcopal church. It is truly a gift to be here at St. Peter's among such a loving faith community and in the Diocese of Easton for this stage of my journey.

God's voice spoke into my heart as a soft whisper many years ago, calling me into a life in ministry. I was a single-mom at the time trying to make my way raising my daughter alone with limited resources and support. The challenges of those years served as fertile ground for my relationship in Christ to take root and grow. In the Old Testament, God often came to His people in a cloud. New Testament Scriptures tell us how Christ is a true and real presence in the darkest of hours. My life is a witness to these truths. I am grateful and humbled to discern this call to serve Him in this way: grateful for all God has done for me and humbled because I really am not worthy. Only by His grace and mercy are any of us really able to stand and say, "Here I am, Lord, send me." As my journey of discernment continues to unfold, I feel more and more assured that serving Him as a priest is God's will for my life.



I was admitted as a Postulant to Holy Orders by Bishop Santosh on December 15, 2021. The next step is attending Virginia Theological Seminary in August 2022 to earn a Diploma in Anglican Studies, which will be completed in May 2023. I earned my Master's in Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School in May 2019, so the Anglican Studies program will go towards rounding-out my existing degree with the remaining educational requirements needed for ordination in the Episcopal church.

Your prayers and words of encouragement are much appreciated and held steadfast in my heart. You are a gift. May God's peace be with all of you now and forever more.

**Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper**

YOM!  
YOM!  
YOM!

March 1<sup>st</sup> 5-7PM  
in the Parish Hall  
featuring  
pancakes & sausage.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Donations gladly accepted.

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7AM, NOON & 7PM

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - 115 ST. PETER'S STREET SALISBURY

# ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRY

*Written by Daniel Cherrix, Music Director*

**"He who sings prays twice"...** says St. Augustine. As we move into Lent I wonder if there are those of you who would make a commitment to the St. Peter's Choir for the season. Would you consider joining the choir from Thursday, March 3 through Easter Day? We promise that you WILL have fun, and you need not be able to read music. If you can hear and hit a pitch then you are qualified! We always have room for more members, and this is the perfect way to deepen your prayer life, your spiritual and interpersonal connections, and perhaps to experience a new and refreshing journey through Lent to Easter Day.

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

March 25, 7:00 pm - Evensong for the Feast of The Annunciation sung by The St. Peter's Choir and The Choir School of The Eastern Shore

May 15, 2:00 pm - Spring Concert featuring The St. Peter's Choir, GraceNotes Bell Choir, and The Choir School of The Eastern Shore

May 26, 7:00 pm - World premiere of an Ascension Day anthem by David Halls (Music Director at Salisbury Cathedral, UK)

## **Choir School News**

GOOD NEWS!!! The Choir School Of The Eastern Shore is growing even in the face of COVID. We have added four students to the school since January. The school is taking a field trip to St. Peter's, Lewes on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> to meet and hear the Choir School of Delaware. Our Choir School will sing at the 11:00 service on March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and on Easter Day (April 17<sup>th</sup>). On March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm they will sing Evensong with the St. Peter's Choir. On May 15<sup>th</sup> they will participate in the Music Ministry Spring Concert, and on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm our choir school will join the Choir School of Delaware for a song or two at the Delaware Choir School's concert here at St. Peter's, Salisbury.

We are always looking to add more students, and we hope that you are praying for your choir school students, leadership, and board members. If you know of a musically inclined young person between the ages of 7 and 18, please contact Daniel Cherrix at 410-897-2900 or [danielcherrix@gmail.com](mailto:danielcherrix@gmail.com).

## **Spring Concert**

Please plan to attend a Music Ministry Concert on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We will be featuring The St. Peter's Choir, Choral Scholars, GraceNotes Bell Choir, and The Choir School of The Eastern Shore. Music will include solo and ensemble pieces from sacred and secular repertoire.

This is a perfect opportunity for YOU to invite your friends and neighbors to see all the great things that are happening right now at OUR church.

## **World Premier of Ascension Day Anthem**

During our annual Ascension Day service, this year to be hold on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, we will host the world premiere of an Ascension Day anthem by the Music Director of Salisbury Cathedral, UK. The premiere is part of the Sister City celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of Salisbury Cathedral, UK. The celebration of the cathedral will take place that week here in our Salisbury, and will include musical events, lectures, and a virtual organ recital by the composer himself, David Halls. Stay watchful for more information as the time draws nigh.

# GRACE NOTES BELL CHOIR

*Written by Megan Fenoglietto, Director*

**History of Handbells (continued from Winter Keynote)** - After bells became more apparent around 550 AD, the use of handbells began to spread to Great Britain by monks and friars coming to join religious orders. By 750 AD, they were common enough for The Archbishop of York to order all priests to toll their bell at certain times. St. Dunstan, the then Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury, hung bells in all churches under his care during the late 10<sup>th</sup> Century St. Dunstan outlined specific rules for their use.

To see our handbell choir in action, join us at the 9am service on March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>. The choir is truly blessed to have individuals of all ages interested in playing and learning to play handbells. If you or someone you know would like to try handbells, musical experience not required, please contact Megan at [meganfeno@yahoo.com](mailto:meganfeno@yahoo.com) or message the facebook page. Beginners are always welcome! Follow Grace Notes Facebook page @GraceNotesHandbellsSby

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*Written by Emily Atkin & Jamie Scott*

Thank you Kate Dyer for directing the 2021 Christmas Pageant; it was heartwarming and fun. Hope Morgan and family did a wonderful job setting up the pageant background. Thank you to Daniel Cherrix for the piano music. The kids did a wonderful job, and we are very proud of them. The pageant was streamed on Facebook and is still available for anyone interested.

After taking time off in December for pageant practice, we are back having Sunday School lessons in the annex focusing on the gospel lesson of the week.

During the visit with the Bishop, we made dignity bags for the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness shelter. We filled 32 bags with new t-shirts, socks and underwear. The men were very appreciative of the new items.

We hope in the future to be able to have a Children's and Youth Director on staff to continue the Christian education of our children and youth. This was our goal from 2017 when Ministry Architects came to help us coordinate our Children and Youth Programs.

We look forward to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th. Thank you as always to our parents and everyone at St. Peter's for supporting our ministry.

## YOUTH GROUP

*Written by Atif Gaddis*

In a few months, another group of young people will be moving on from high school and on to the next phase of life. This year six young people who will be making the transition to adulthood.

They are: Shannon Cottingham    Sophia Price    Robyn Fielding-Jones  
Charlie Potterton            Holden Stewart    Grace Ashby

Let's keep them and their families in our prayers as they navigate this last semester of high school. Please join us on Senior/Awards Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> during the 9AM worship service as we honor the graduates.

**Mission Trip** - After a 2-year hiatus, we are planning another mission trip this summer and hope many youth will be able to participate! The Youth Group is planning on going to Harrisburg, PA from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As a reminder, in order to secure a place there is a \$50 non-refundable fee due on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The balance of the participation cost is due on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Contact me at [atifgaddis@gmail.com](mailto:atifgaddis@gmail.com) with your questions about anything related to the trip. I will answer them as best as I can. As the mission trips get finalized by Youthworks, we will receive more information. In the meantime, visit the website: <https://youthworks.com/> which has quite a bit of information about the kinds of trips they run.

The diocese is also organizing a mission trip through Youthworks to Charleston, WV and if there are youth who can't participate with us, but would like to go on a mission trip, they would be able to go with them. Let me know, and I will provide you with the diocesan contact information.

**Calendar** - The calendar is out! We have some fun activities planned. I hope our young people will be able to join us.

Sunday 2/27/2022 Youth Gathering 12:30pm to 2pm Education Annex  
Sunday 3/6/2022 Youth Gathering 12:30pm to 2pm Education Annex  
Saturday 3/12/2022 Service @ Maryland Food Bank 8:30am to 11:30am Maryland Food Bank  
Sunday 3/20/2022 Youth Gathering 12:30pm to 2pm Education Annex  
Sunday 3/27/2022 High School Breakfast 10:00am to 11:00am Panera Bread  
Sunday 4/10/2022 Youth Gathering 12:30pm to 2pm Education Annex  
Sunday 4/17/2022 Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am to 10:30am Downtown Plaza  
Sunday 4/24/2022 Sunday Fun Day 10:30am to 2:00pm Baja Amusements Ocean City, MD  
Friday 4/29/2022 to Sunday 5/1/2022 Youth Summit Camp Wright  
Sunday 5/15/2022 Senior/Awards Sunday 9:00am to 10:15pm St. Peter's Church



# HANDS & HEARTS ENDING HOMELESSNESS

*(formerly C.E.S.P.)*

*Written by Deacon Laura*

St. Peter's week to serve the guests at the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness shelter was from Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. We had a good showing despite COVID! Thanks to Mary Bargion, Bill Day, Pastor Greg Harbaugh, Deacon Laura McCarthy, Lynne Peverley, John Sharpe, and Bob Souza, we were able to fill all the first shifts for sign-ins and some of the overnight shifts. (Shown right are Lynne Peverley & Bill Day.)



Thanks to Leah & Dick VanGelder; Deacon Laura McCarthy & Lydia Filgueras; Sarah Bounds; Atif Gaddis & the Youth Group; Nancy Belfsky; Hope Morgan & the Vestry; Sarah Fielding & Robyn Fielding-Jones; Bravard Cornbrooks, Elizabeth Phillips & Mary Phillips; and Linda & Chris Hurley, we were able to provide hot meals for all the dinners and some snacks and desserts. (Shown, left, is a chicken & rice casserole made by Sarah Fielding & Robyn Fielding-Jones. They also served green beans, and dessert.)

Thanks to donations totaling over \$800, we were also able to purchase “staple items” like bottled water, Sunny D, decaf coffee, ice tea mix, tortilla chips & salsa, assorted snacks & desserts, bread, lunch meat, cheese, bagged salads, and fresh fruits for the week.

The Sunday School children provided 30+ dignity bags filled with t-shirts, socks, underwear, and toiletries and the Hearts and Hands Knitting/Crocheting Ministries provided hand-made scarves and hats. (See photo, right.)



And a special thank you to Linda Abbott who helped with sign-ups for the check-in/overnight shifts and meals as well as spending a lot of time shopping for bargains to keep our expenditures to a minimum!

Well done good and faithful servants (named and unknown)!

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (WIPCS)

*Written by Sharon Clark*

**Your Green Team is grateful** to you for participating in the fulfillment of the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant for “Restoration and Outreach.” Officially, the paper work and obligations are over. Father David Michaud, Hank Phillips, Linda Abbott, Sean Fahey, Bob Souza, Jeanne Whitney and Linda Smith have served; our consultants, Matt Heim, with the One Water Partnership, and Suzanne Ketcham, with the Lower Shore Land Trust, have been invaluable sources of necessary information; the City of Salisbury representatives, Amanda Pollack, Alyssa Hastings and Laura Soper have been available as needed; our contractor, Eric Senkbeil, has been unflappable despite unexpected stress, and Sean Fahey, Peninsula Roofing, who saw the need to waterproof the church wall and did what was needed just at his cost, deserves a lot of credit for his insight and generosity. Even the sign maker, Signs By Tomorrow, has done remarkable work, at remarkably reasonable expense. It truly does require “a village” to implement such a huge project.

**In presenting our “environmental case” to the public community**, I must thank Dr. Mike Lewis and Dr. Tom Horton for giving their expertise and time without expense, Josh Cohen, intern with the One Water Partnership, for making a helpful video about the project that was shown at the Tom Horton event, and Matt Heim working with Fr. David to register the events and publicize them using all the newest technology. Their technological skills have made it possible for the team to meet via Zoom, without which communication would have been nearly impossible.

**To those of you who responded to our survey**, thank you, as that provided data proved our effects, as needed, and your support was encouraging.

**Earth Day** is April 22, and the following Sunday, April 24, is the Second Sunday of Easter, when we flower the cross. We will celebrate on that day by inviting you to the coffee hour to see all our documents, photos, and answer any questions that you may have about this project. Please join us then!

# PASTORAL CARE

*Written by The Rev. Greg Harbaugh*

The Pastoral Care Committee has been continuing to support St. Peter's mission to share the love of Jesus through various ministries. **Eucharistic Visitors** carry the Lord's Supper from the Eucharistic Liturgy to those who are homebound or in nursing homes or hospitals; **Hearts and Hands Knitting** group provides prayer shawls for the elderly and those in special circumstances, as well as for special recognition. In addition, they have provided hats and scarves for homeless members of our community. Our **Transportation Ministry** is currently providing transport for several persons to attend church services at St. Peter's. **The Comforters** offer intercessory prayer for numerous persons and concerns that are brought to their attention. **The Men's Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer** group provides fellowship and learning as well as intercessory prayer. **The Caring Team** provides meals for those returning home after hospitalization as well as to families of members who have died. The team also provides members with transportation to doctors' and other appointments. **The New Baby Ministry** provides support and supplies to parents of newborn or newly adopted children. And our **Meals Coordinator** assists in providing lunches or other meals following funerals.

Please let Father David or Pastor Greg know if you or someone you know of will be entering or is taken to a hospital, nursing home or other care facility, so that we can provide pastoral care. Also, if you or someone you know is restricted to their home or a longer-term care facility, please let us know so that we can provide pastoral care. **Both Priests, Deacon Laura and our Eucharistic Visitor teams are available to visit and provide Sacramental ministry.**

In addition, during these winter months Pastor Greg has given special attention to the homeless men who often share in our worship services, as well as joining with the Outreach Committee to support the HHEH shelter and the Blessing Box (located on the far side of the Annex Building).

Our Committee is looking for additional interested persons to help with these ministries, serve on the Committee and/or develop new ministries. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Greg Harbaugh, [gph1952@icloud.com](mailto:gph1952@icloud.com) or our website.

## S.P.A.C.E. Adult Christian Education

*Written by The Rev. Greg Harbaugh*

As we look toward emerging from Covid-19 restrictions, our committee has sought ways to continue the ministry of learning for adults at St. Peter's. **Father David** continues to offer a **9 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom** (to access that Bible Study go to: <https://stpeterschurch.net/s-p-a-c-e/> . **"The Well,"** which meets at **10 AM** (after 9 AM Liturgy), has been one venue for such learning. **Beginning Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>,** **"The Well" will resume in the Parish Hall with "The Gospel According to Luke: Themes and Trajectories" with Pastor Greg.** We anticipate also offering the Luke course via Zoom or Livestream. **The Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings 8-9 AM** in person and is open to parishioners and non-parishioners who might like to attend. If you are interested in a particular course offering or in teaching an adult group, please contact Pastor Greg, [gph1952@icloud.com](mailto:gph1952@icloud.com).

As we finish our initial offering, **"Racial Healing and Justice with Catherine Meeks,"** please watch for more information regarding programs for racial justice and reconciliation, in line with Vestry goals. The videos of Catherine Meeks' presentations are available at [www.dioceseofeaston.org](http://www.dioceseofeaston.org) under **"Fall Summit.** Additionally, we will be offering the programs **"Difference"** and **"Sacred Ground,"** supported by The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Easton. More details will be forthcoming including times and places.

## ALTAR GUILD

*Written by Betsy Hanulak*

We made our way through to the end of 2021 with all the excitement and preparations one can muster for the seasons. We have overcome this small setback to our normalcy that we all want to achieve today.

Our anticipation for the Harbaugh and the McCarthy wedding will be the biggest happening at St Peter's church with our Bishop Santosh uniting them in marriage before our congregation on February 27, 2022. God bless Laura and Greg with our love, prayers and many best wishes.

Now is the time for us to prepare our lives for the season of Lent. A time for helping those in need (think of our blessing box at St Peter's), a time to give up yesterday's worries (what is past is past) and a time to move on in a prayerful manner with calm, peace, love and joy, with God's help, for a new beginning on life's journey in 2022.

# VISIT GENERAL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER IN BALTIMORE

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is the highest temporal authority in the Episcopal Church. Consisting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, it meets once every three years and makes decisions that affect how we worship, how we operate as a church, and what positions we take on the topical issues of the day. All 110 Dioceses are represented in this legislative body, which consists of over 1,000 members. The House of Deputies is chaired by the Rev. Gay Jennings, and the House of Bishops is chaired by the Most Rev. Michael Curry. Both houses have to agree on a resolution for it to become an Act of Convention.

The 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention will take place July 4 through July 14 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Never in our lifetimes will the convention be as close to us as it will be this convention. Take advantage of this by making plans to visit the Convention while it's in session this July. Anyone can register as a visitor for one or more days and is then able to observe sessions in both Houses, attend committee meetings where debate and testimony on resolutions is given, attend daily Convention worship services and visit the exhibit area where dozens of exhibitors are offering a range of religious books, materials, vestments and merchandise for sale, and ministries throughout the Episcopal church are offering exhibits that display the width and depth of what the Episcopal Church is doing nationally and around the world.

If you would like to be an actual participant in General Convention, you can be part of the corps of volunteers that helps put on the General Convention. There are openings for one day and multiple day jobs. The Diocese of Maryland is coordinating the volunteers program and will be in touch with the Diocese of Easton in the next couple of months about how to sign up. Look to future issues of Peter's Post for that information.

For more information on the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention, including a schedule, go to the General Convention website: [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org).

Parishioner John Phillips is an Alternate Deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of Easton, and he will be attending Convention as part of the diocese's deputation. Our Rector, Father David Michaud, has been a consultant for the General Convention Office since he did an internship with them when he was in seminary in 2006. At this Convention he is co-leading the training of Secretariat staff at their "boot camp" at the end of May and will be working as a volunteer in the Secretariat and on the House of Deputies platform during the entirety of Convention this July.

"Prior to General Convention I plan to offer to the parish some information sessions on General Convention and talk about some of the issues it will be dealing with," said Father David. "I'll give folks an inside look at what to expect. Look for an announcement of that in a spring edition of Peter's Post."

Mark your calendar and plan to experience the General Convention July 4-14.



**All Holy Week Services are in-person worship and Livestream**

<b>Maunder Thursday</b> 7PM Service	<b>Good Friday</b> Noon Service	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8PM Service	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM Services
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**Holy Week at St. Peter's Church**  
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# THANKFULNESS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO AREA SHELTERS

*Written By Linda Abbott*

There are not words to describe how grateful I am for all of the parishioners that supported my mission of giving to needy in these difficult times.

The crate at church was filled so many times with warm jackets and coats, scarves, hats, sweatshirts, socks and gloves generating many trips not only to HALO but also the Christian Shelter.

Numerous hats and some scarves were hand knitted by Hearts and Hands Knitting Group and a new member of the group, Ana Filgureras, handmade small, colorful Christmas stockings filled with candy for the children at both places. These items were placed in Christmas gift bags along with crayons, coloring books, books about Jesus and small puzzles that I added and delivered to both places. I made 17 trips to deliver a Jeep full of these items.

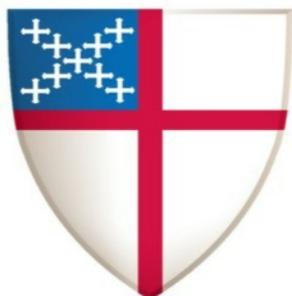
Knowing that at Christmas time there were 103 unsheltered men, women and children that eat at the HALO shelter dining room, I purchased many chickens, turkeys, hams, vegetables and fruits to help with the food supply. Chickens were also provided by the Salvation Army for the hungry at a later date and I picked up some there also for delivery.

Most recently, Doris Hughes contacted me about the needy children at the Christian Shelter. She asked for their sex and age which I provided. She contacted me soon after letting me know she had purchased items for each child and did she ever! Another Jeep full of items for the Christian Shelter. Thank you, Doris.

My heart is full of all the generosity and kindness. I will continue my mission and hope others will join me as they have in the past.



A sampling of the many items donated to HALO & The Christian Shelter.



## *St. Peter's Church* **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30AM**

*BREAKFAST @ 8:45AM*

Reports will be given and elections held for Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegates. Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall.

The commissioning of the new Vestry members & officers will take place during the 11AM service.

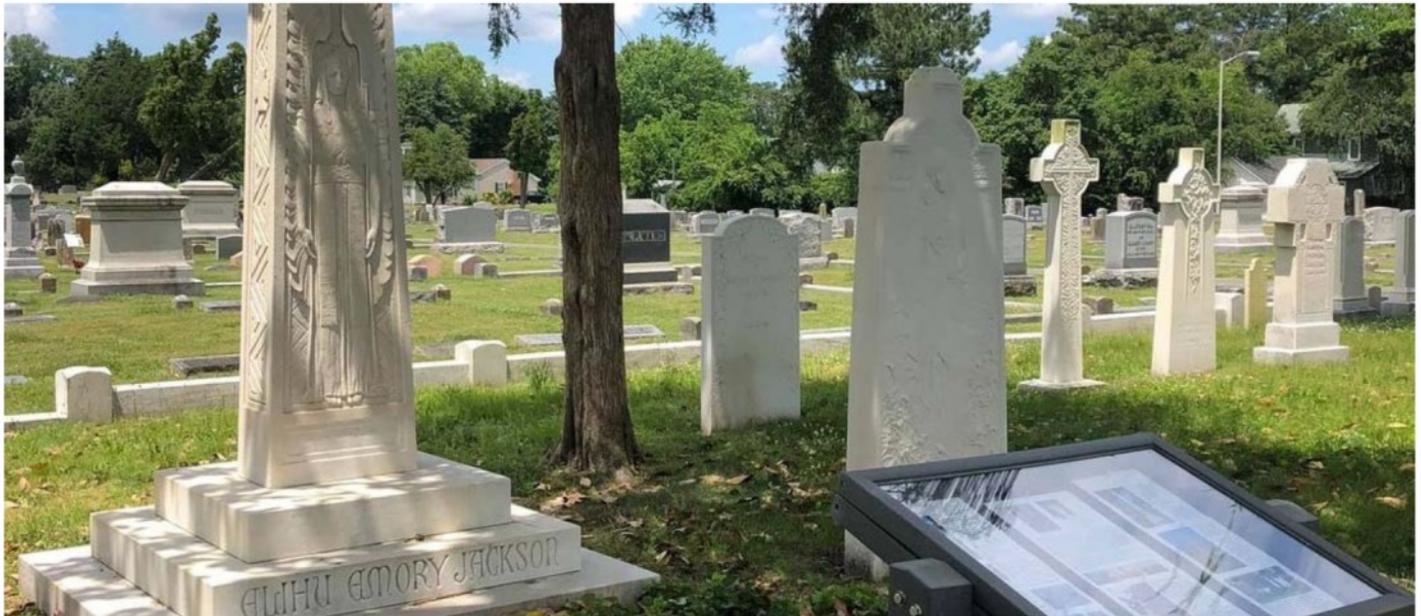
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Holy Eucharist will be at 7:45AM & 11AM.

# PARSONS CEMETERY

*Written by Rick Fahey*

**PRESERVING HISTORY, REMEMBERING LIVES**



Parsons receives grant to perform ground penetrating radar survey

Thanks to a grant from the Trader Foundation, Dr. Brent Zaprowski gave his Salisbury University students some valuable real-life experience in archeology and geology by having them assist in our ground penetrating radar survey. It certainly takes experience and research to be able to interpret the radar signatures, but we can now distinguish between brick and concrete vaults, buried markers, what were probably once wooden caskets, and what are tree roots. Each unmarked grave we find is physically probed to verify the burial and then marked so we can update our records. We also cross reference our data with Find-A-Grave and other sources. The originals of our written logs, dating back to the mid-1800's, are being preserved by Salisbury University's Edward H. Nabb Research Center in the Parsons Cemetery collection.



## Upcoming Events at Parsons

February 2022— Annual Giving Appeal

March 12, 2022—Spring Cleanup Day

September 11, 2022 First Responder Tribute

December 17, 2022 Wreaths Across America

Because of grants, bequests, and contributions to our Friends of Parsons Cemetery (FOPC) fund, we were able to make many improvements in 2021 and continue to grow our endowment funds. Several of the projects are ongoing and we plan to do more in 2022. Please follow our Facebook page and website to see updates on all these projects. continued on pg. 13

## *Parsons Cemetery continued from page 12*

**Improving Access** Thanks to a bequest from *Silvia Givens*, we were able to pave most of the roads that did not have permanent paving. The bequest came in phases, and in 2022 we plan to use the remaining funds to pave Lane 1 from the office building to Bishops Circle. With some funds from the FOPC, fund we were also able to add additional curbing along the roads near Bishops Circle.

**Assisting our Families** Thanks to a grant from the *Beach to Bay Heritage Area*, we added signage to help visitors find their way around the cemetery. The project required some matching funds from the FOPC fund as well as volunteer labor and donations to cover the cost of some materials.

**Recognition of Veterans** Over the past several years, Parsons has worked to identify and honor the many veterans buried here. *Dr Brent Zaprowski* has volunteered many hours of his time and has directed student and other volunteers in identifying over 1,300 veterans buried at Parsons. In 2021, we received a grant from the *Trader Foundation* to rent a ground penetrating radar to help us identify unmarked graves that may contain veterans. Through his research, we now know that we have veterans who fought in every conflict since the revolutionary War. Recently, we identified a soldier who was in the *battle of Fort McHenry* that served as the inspiration for our national anthem. With funds from our *Jackson-Humphreys* monument maintenance fund, we were able to raise over 700 veteran markers, so they are visible to all.

**Sharing our Heritage** Parsons has partnered with *Wicomico Tourism* to provide informational tours that share the rich history of those buried at Parsons with not only visitors from other areas, but adults and children of our own community that want to learn more of their history. The FOPC fund has allowed us to place informational kiosks throughout the cemetery. The fund is also allowing us to upgrade our website to both help those looking for a place to bury their loved and to share our history. In 2022 we will have interesting self-guided tours with links to videos telling of the lives of those buried here.

**Engaging our community** Since 2017, we have participated in *Wreaths Across America* where wreath donations and volunteers allow us to place wreaths on the graves of every veteran in the cemetery as well as assist other cemeteries with logistical support for their wreaths. This has turned into a two-month long event. For weeks ahead of the event, volunteers solicit the donation of wreaths and organizations such as *Asbury Cub Scout Pack 151* use matching funds as fundraising for their own organizations. The *Elks club and VFW* are particularly generous with their donations

Prior to the event, volunteers including the *4-H Club of Worcester County*, clean the markers of our veterans. A week prior to the event, volunteers including teens from *Somerset County* pre-mark the veterans' graves. On the day of the event, over 300 volunteers place the wreaths on the graves and say each name. *Groups such as the Brothers at Arms, the Miata Club, and NASA Wallops* bring many volunteers to help. A month after the event, volunteers again join us to remove the wreaths to be respectfully burned at *Wrights Market*. Many, many thanks to *Jeff Merritt of Operation We Care* for the many hours he spends coordinating this event.

**Protecting our Environment** For some years, we have been concerned about erosion of the hill that overlooks Johnsons Lake. This is both an environmental concern, and a concern that it could undermine some of the structures built along the bank. We were able to secure another grant from the *Hampton Roads Community Foundation* (who also funded the renovation of the front wall in 2017). Engineering and permitting is being done by *George Miles and Buhr*, and the first phase of the project will be completed in 2022. The grant was not large enough to do everything we would like but covers the most critical concerns. The grant also required some matching funds which came from volunteer labor, in-kind contributions from GMB, and funds from the FOPC fund.



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

*Written by Ted Stocking*

The Property Committee was hard at work this winter, all our members pitching in. After waiting out the supply chain, Sean Fahey delivered our bespoke downspouts, which had previously been stolen. With the help of Linda Abbott's bulb detective work: Bill Day, Teddy Stocking and our 20 foot ladder replaced a few additional lights in the chancel and the spotlight for the baptismal font. The property committee proposed a few projects to the Vestry for 2022, these include:

1. Resolving water intrusion warping the Parish Hall floor
2. Reappointing bricks to prevent water intrusion in the Bell Tower: Repoint brick on west side
3. Repairing and replacing Parish Annex Windows, respecting the building's historical status.

As always, if you notice any issues with our property, or would like to get involved in care for our church and grounds, please contact Teddy Stocking.

## VESTRY NOTES

*Written by Bravard Cornbrooks, Registrar*

The Vestry has made a number of decisions concerning the life of St. Peter's. Here are the highlights of the Vestry's decisions at the December and January meetings:

### **December, 2021**

The Vestry unanimously voted to approve Linda Abbott to be on the Outreach Committee.

The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to accept the proposed 2022 budget with the understanding that financial costs for the 2022 budget are not sustainable without continued growth in the Parish income.

The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the Rector's 2022 housing allowance.

### **January, 2022**

The Vestry unanimously approved three property projects to be done with a ceiling amount to spend. The items in order of priority are:

1. Repair sagging floor in Parish Hall next to the sink where there appears to be a leak that needs to be checked into.
2. Have bricks pointed on the west wall of the tower entrance to prevent more leaking into the tower. This will be done in the spring.
3. Replace windows in the Annex, particularly the large windows going up the stairs.

The Vestry unanimously approved the proposed COVID policy for staff.

The Vestry unanimously agreed to suspend coffee hour until further notice as we navigate through Omicron.

The Vestry unanimously approved to purchase another Altar Book using the funds from Chet Hanulak's Memorial Fund.

As always, if anyone has questions about any of these issues, feel free to talk with a member of the Vestry.



# ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

*Reported by Hank Phillips, Treasurer*

12/31/21

	2021		2020
	<u>12 Months Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>12 Months Actual</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Total 1100 · Offerings	360,786	324,900	340,799
Total 1300 · OTHER SOURCES	<u>54,929</u>	<u>35,300</u>	<u>46,356</u>
Total 1000 · BUDGETED INCOME ***	415,715	360,200	387,155
1200 · OUTSIDE INVESTMENTS--			
1210 · Community Foundation Income	5,000	5,000	10,001
1220 · Hodgson Trust	4,306	4,000	1,941
1230 · Withdrawal from Endowment	10,000	44,850	0
1242 · Grants Income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total 1200 · OUTSIDE INVESTMENTS--	19,306	56,850	11,942
1400 - PPP Stimulus Money - obtained in 2020 & 2021	53,465	53,465	53,465
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>488,487</u>	<u>470,515</u>	<u>452,562</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Total 6000 · CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION ***	112,611	113,646	97,480
Total 6100 · CLERGY COMPENSATION	161,789	164,563	167,213
Total 6200 · DIOCESAN APPORTIONMENT ***	51,720	51,720	56,726
Total 6300 · OUTREACH & MISSION ***	36,883	41,321	36,593
Total 7000 · OVERHEAD ***	<u>103,836</u>	<u>101,083</u>	<u>102,060</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>466,840</u>	<u>472,333</u>	<u>460,071</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income (Including PPP Stimulus)</b>	<u>21,647</u>	<u>-1,818</u>	<u>-7,509</u>

In 2021 St. Peter's experienced commendable financial performance relative to budget and prior year with notably strong Offerings, Gifts and Fundraiser Income coupled with access to a second round of PPP Stimulus Loan monies (all now fully "forgiven") and limited use of Endowment funds.

\* Presented for informational purposes only, not intended as an official document.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 1 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5PM
- March 2 Ash Wednesday Services - 7AM, Noon & 7PM
- March 25 Feast of the Annunciation Evensong - 7PM
- April 10 Palm Sunday - 7:45AM, 9AM & 11AM
- April 17 Easter Sunday - 7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15AM
- May 1 Annual Meeting & Commissioning of Vestry - 9AM
- May 15 Senior Graduates Sunday - 9AM

*(All services & service times are subject to change due to COVID regulations)*

*For a complete & up to date Church Calendar, visit the Parish website @ [www.stpeterschurch.net](http://www.stpeterschurch.net)*



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