

# The *KEYNOTER*

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## ST. PETER'S RETURNS TO FALL SCHEDULE

We return to our regular schedule of services on Sunday, September 11: 7:45am, 9:00am and 11:00am. This is also the Sunday of our Ministry Fair, so coffee and refreshments will be available downstairs in the Parish Hall where our Ministry Fair is being held. Come down after the early service, before or after the 9am service and before the 11am service. We will also be livestreaming both the 9am and the 11am services every Sunday and will upload bulletins for both services on the parish website.

The 11:00 am service on Sunday, September 11 will also be the return of St. Peter's Choir and Choral Scholars for another year, and we will continue with our quartet of singers and musicians at the 9:00am service. We are also planning to restart our children's nursery on that Sunday for the 9am and 11am services, with the hope of filling our nursery attendant position by then. Father David will be on Sabbatical and will be returning on Sunday, November 21. Pastor Greg will be preaching and presiding on Sundays while he is away, but we will be welcoming some guest preachers each month: On September 25 our own Father Ron Knapp will be our preacher; on October 16 we welcome the Rev. Sheila McJilton as our guest preacher – she has just retired as rector of a church on the western shore but began as a parishioner from St. Peter's so we'll be welcoming her home – and on November 6 we welcome the retired Bishop of Easton, James "Bud" Shand as our preacher and presider.

Some highlights of our worship this fall:

**Baptism** at the September 18 11am service

**Youth Sunday** on October 30

**Thanksgiving Day** Holy Eucharist at 10am on November 24 with choir and coffee hour to follow in the parlor.

**Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday** on October 23

**Evensong** with Maryland Boy Choir Friday, November 18 -7pm

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY SET FOR OCT. 23

*Written by Hope Morgan*

Stewardship at St. Peter's – To Know and To Share the Love of Christ

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents and volunteering for ministry and mission.

Stewardship is alive and well at St. Peter's. We are thankful for all that contribute in making us who we are; the impact is truly evident.

Just around the corner is our Annual Stewardship Campaign. This campaign is our primary way to raise the funds to pay for our church operations and building maintenance.

The following is the time line of what to expect:

October 9th will be the stewardship sermon & the appeal letter and pledge cards will be mailed.

October 23 is the date we will be requesting pledge cards to be returned.

Your pledge cards make the difference. The Vestry and Finance Committee use these numbers to prepare our budget. In advance, we thank you for believing in our mission.

We thank you for your continued support.

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# A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

I write this to you as I am preparing to leave on my sabbatical, and while I am frantically trying to tie up loose ends on these last days in the office I am also greatly anticipating my time of rest, of renewal, of learning and experiencing some new places. My time of sabbatical is August 18-November 14. When you read this, if all goes according to plan, I will be 5,800 miles away in Jerusalem at St. George's College with Kelli, learning about and experiencing the Holy Land and tracing the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus in Palestine. What a blessing to have this opportunity!

I would like to thank the Sabbatical Committee—Jeanne Witney, Jeff Cottingham and Hank Phillips—for their guidance and help in putting together my sabbatical. They not only enabled me to dream and fashion a sabbatical that is meaningful and spiritual for my growth, but they also helped to see to it that the parish will be well cared for during my time away. My grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Sabbatical Fund to enable me to fully realize my plans. This sabbatical is an opportunity for both priest and parish to be challenged in different ways, and I think we will be stronger and better off for this experience.



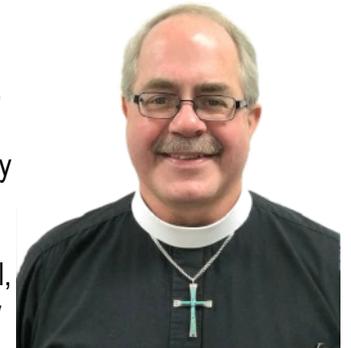
I shall keep you in my prayers during my time away and appreciate your prayers for Kelli and me. May the Holy Spirit protect us and be with us during this time apart and bring us safely back together to continue Our Lord's work.

# GREETINGS FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I do give thanks to the LORD for each of you as well as for our ministry together through St. Peter's Episcopal Parish. I continue to marvel at the blessing you have been to me personally in so many ways. I marvel as well at the ways in which we are a blessing to others both as a community in Christ and as individuals baptized in Him—needy schoolchildren, the un-homed and street people, strangers who worship with us, musical scholars honing their art, people struggling with medical, emotional, gender and spiritual concerns. Here at St. Peter's, uncertainty most often gives way in faith to compassion and mercy for others. This is the Jesus Way!

This week we begin an adventure with one another as Father David enters upon his sabbatical, and the leadership of the parish has been given over to the Vestry, lay leaders and the old guy Assistant Rector. We will, of course, benefit from Father David's diligent and capable work in preparing us all for his sabbatical absence.



So, for the next three months we will walk together in the Holy Spirit continuing and growing in mission and ministry, even as David and Kelli walk other paths. The Vestry's and my primary goal is to keep this ship running a steady course while dealing with any surprises that might arise along the way.

As we do, you will hear my voice frequently in sermons, teaching, liturgy (working to chant well!), but not only my voice. Deacon Laura, Fathers Ron and Sheila, and Bishop Bud Shand will provide at least some Sunday relief. As will our Daily Prayer Worship Leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and others. I know I appreciate that!

I will keep us each and all in prayer, along with Father David and Kelli, and ask your prayers as well, especially for myself as we engage this Christian endeavor. May the LORD bless us and keep us all; in the Name of the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

*Written by Senior Warden, Jeff Cottingham*

I write to you today to detail some very important addendums to agreements that your Vestry has entered into during Father David's sabbatical and to outline the goals for the parish in the coming year.

Deacon Laura will be responsible for Peter's Post, Sunday announcements, maintaining the parish website, and monitoring social media: Facebook, YouTube channel, and Twitter account.

Pastor Greg will function as the Rector in all sacramental, administrative, and Christian formation capacities with the following exceptions: the Senior Warden shall handle all meetings and interactions with the Vestry - the Assistant Rector is invited to participate in the Vestry meetings with voice, but no vote; in regards to the budget, the Treasurer shall coordinate the budget process; in regards to personnel, any personnel actions shall be undertaken in coordination with the Executive Committee through the Senior Warden; in regards to entering into contracts, the Senior Warden, as presider of the Vestry during this time, signs all contracts. Pastor Greg's work week during the time period will be 40 hours per week. Additionally, arrangements have been made for a break from giving a Sunday sermon once a month, as three guests have agreed to come and preach.



The Vestry will compensate Pastor Greg with additional pay during this time, provide him with the Rector's office, a computer, use of the Rector's Discretionary fund and provide pay for substitute clergy on the three Sundays. The Vestry will compensate Deacon Laura for 8 hours per week to accomplish the above tasks & provide an office and a computer to use.

At the August meeting the Vestry approved three goals for this year as developed at the Vestry retreat in June. Some are shorter term goals and others will stretch over several years. They were written in SMART format and are outlined below.

## **GOAL #1: Establish and implement a strategy to minister to our online community**

- o Subgoal: **Specific:** A task force is formed to develop a strategy for online ministry that is approved by the Vestry.
  - § **Measurable:** Task force undertakes research and publishes findings on who our online community is, and what are best practices for churches to engage with them in worship, education, fellowship and stewardship. Findings are presented to Vestry. Task force then develops strategy to minister to the parish's online community and what resources would be needed. Identify at least 20 households that participate online in this year, initiating communications and documenting their use of online services and livestreaming.
  - § **Assignable:** Task Force on On-line Ministry
  - § **Resources:** purchase tracking and engaging software; staff and volunteers to research successful techniques and write up findings.
  - § **Timeline:** Research this fall; present findings to Vestry by December, develop strategy by February; implement in Lent and Eastertide 2023

## **GOAL #2 Financial Sustainability: Balance the Budget and Grow the Endowment to \$1 million+**

- o Subgoal: **Specific:** Create and sustain a Planned Giving Program
  - § **Measurable:** Educate the congregation about planned giving through all parish communications, website, and presentations; designate two Planned Giving Days a year, create the 1768 Society and have at least 20 members in a year.
  - § **Assignable:** Planned Giving Committee
  - § **Resources:** staff and volunteers developing materials and web presence; assistance from Episcopal Church Foundation; funds allocated for event expenses
  - § **Timing:** Milestones in Planned Giving Strategy
- o Subgoal: **Specific:** Plan and implement a multi-year Endowment Campaign
  - § **Measurable:** Develop and present campaign plan to Vestry; write and produce case statement; organize and carry out asks; set deadline for pledges; receive at least \$400,000 in pledges.
  - § **Assignable:** Endowment Campaign Committee, chaired by Junior Warden Bryan Newton

## *Letter from Senior Warden continued from page 3*

- § **Resources:** volunteers recruited for committee and asks; seed money funds case statement, part time staff, kick off event, materials.
- § **Timing:** Develop plan in 2022; implement in 2023
- o Subgoal: **Specific:** 2022 Stewardship Campaign raises additional pledge funds for 2023 to fund current staffing and operations.
  - § **Measurable:** Needs are communicated to the parish, past pledgers increase their pledge and there is an increase in new pledges; total pledged provides needed income to at least continue staffing and operations, but hopefully provide funds to cover increase in ministries
  - § **Assignable:** Stewardship Committee
  - § **Resources:** funds from Stewardship line item, staff and volunteers to create materials, track pledges, make follow up calls.
  - § **Timing:** Stewardship month in October; Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 23, 2022, pledges received by Nov.14; Vestry reviews budget Nov. 30; final pledges in and Vestry passes budget December 21.

### **GOAL #3 Foster and engage virtually and in-person faith formation for children and youth, families/households**

- o **Specific:** Engage with a consultant (Ministry Architects?) to develop a plan for faith formation using both in person and virtual means.
- o **Measurable:** Track household hits for online offerings; track attendance.
- o **Assignable:** Education Committee
- o **Resources:** Funds to hire consultant; seek grant money to help subsidize project. Funds for software and web applications
- o **Timing:** Consultant hired by January; working with Committee and parish to develop plan in the spring. Implement the fall of 2023.

I believe that this sabbatical period will be as much a time of growth, learning, and renewal for us as a congregation as it is for Father David. Please get involved. Ask how you can contribute in a positive thought, word, or deed.

I ask that you pray for Pastor Greg, Deacon Laura, your Wardens, and Vestry members as we navigate through this exciting time.

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I may not have the answer, but I can find someone who does.



**ST. PETER'S MINISTRY FAIR**

connecting with each other through Christ

**Sunday, September 11th in the Parish Hall**

# A LETTER FROM SEMINARY

*Written by Elizabeth Phillips*

My studies at Virginia Theological Seminary are underway, and I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for this opportunity to further my ministerial formation with this rich experience.

I am attending VTS to earn a Diploma in Anglican Studies which will supplement my existing Master's in Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School. Together, the degree programs will fulfill the theological education requirements for ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. I am on track to graduate in May of 2023, with God's grace. During this upcoming academic year, I will be studying the history of the Anglican and Episcopal church; the history, meaning and practice of the liturgy and worship; the practice of preaching; the history and use of sacred music in worship; and various other biblical study classes. Each day begins with the Morning Prayer and concludes with Evening Prayer and/or Compline. At least one Eucharistic service is celebrated each week in addition to our traditional Sunday worship. Seminary professors and clergy join students for meals on most days, and these casual encounters allow students to engage in conversations on a broad array of topics and issues of our church and world. In the quiet space in-between the busyness of the academic life, I escape to walk the lush green grounds of the campus and sit in quiet prayer in the chapel. When I think of all the individuals who have walked these grounds before me since 1823, I am humbled and honored to be in this place. This time is truly a gift!



A tremendous "thank you" to my husband and best friend, Hank, for his unending support and encouragement. He has been and continues to be a source of courage and strength in all that I undertake.

You remain in my prayers each day as my faith community. Thank you for your continued love and support as I travel this sacred journey of ordained ministry.

## THANK YOU FROM THE DYERS

Thank you to all of St. Peter's for your kindness and generosity in helping us to welcome our new daughter, Clara Virginia. The diapers, wipes, beautiful blanket, and delicious dinners have been so helpful in our transition to life as a family of five. We look forward to bringing Clara to church so that you all can meet her. - With love, Nelson & Kate Dyer

## MINISTRY FAIR ON SEPT. 11

St. Peter's annual Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 am until 11:00 am. This is our chance to showcase all the wonderful ministries we have going on and to invite parishioners to join in the fun. This is also the date for children and youth to be enrolled in Sunday School, so you don't want to miss the date! Ministry leaders should have received an email about reserving space for the fair. Each ministry should have one or more representatives available during the 8:45 to 11:00 time frame in order to answer questions. Please contact Cathy Parsons in the church office by Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space(s). She will need to know how many tables (or partial tables) you will need to reserve, so the tables can be set up accordingly.

## GREEN HILL SUNDAY IN REVIEW

On Sunday, August 21, members of St. Peter's Church traveled to the mother church, Green Hill a.k.a. St. Bartholomew's Church for 10am worship and a community picnic with parishioners from the sister churches St. Alban's, St. Mary's, Tyaskin, St. Philip's, Quantico, and St. Paul's Education Center, Hebron along with admirers and friends of Green Hill. Our Deacon, the Rev. Laura Harbaugh, was the preacher and Pastor Greg and other clergy from the sister churches led the service with presider the Rev. Laura Dorsey.

Green Hill Committee Chair Lee Ellen Griffin presented the new preservation plan for Green Hill Church on that day. Participants enjoyed fellowship and some delicious Red Roost Chicken and sides at the picnic after the service. Commemorative Green Hill silver colored tumblers were offered for sale. Green Hill Sunday is one of our cherished traditions, reminding us of our centuries-old heritage of worship and fellowship on the Eastern Shore.

# ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRY

*Written by Daniel Cherrix, Music Director*

## **GRANTS AWARDED TO MUSIC MINISTRY**

Your music ministry applied for and was granted not one but two grants from SWAC (Salisbury Wicomico Arts Coalition). These funds totaling \$2,300 will be used to underwrite costs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MESSIAH All-Sing in December, and to bring world renowned concert organist Marilyn Keiser here in spring of 2023. Thank you SWAC for believing in the quality and investing in the future of St. Peter's Episcopal Church Music Ministry. We are grateful!!!

## **ST. CECILIA GUILD MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are currently in the midst of our annual St Cecilia Guild membership campaign. The St. Cecilia Guild of St. Peter's Church is a booster club for the Music Ministry. The Guild funds all concerts, special events, and most of what you hear and experience in any service throughout the year. Last year the Guild exceeded expectations and comprised membership in over 50 households and raised over \$22,000. Membership information was mailed to the entire parish last month, however, this year we have only heard from 16 households and have raised only \$4,700. The Guild Steering Committee - Bob Souza, Ernie Cornbrooks, Connie Smith, Richard Culver, and Bill Wyatt - implores you to act today by either becoming a member or renewing your membership. However, before you write your check we ask that you do two things: 1. Pray and ask God how he would best have you support this ministry, and 2. Hear this story... One of our former choral scholars recently called our Music Director and expressed his deep gratitude for St. Peter's Church. **This former choral scholar said that his experience within the walls of our church changed him from a non-believer to a believer, and completely transformed his life.** This young man would not have been in church had he not been a choral scholar, and we would not have the Choral Scholars Program without your prayers and financial support of The St. Cecilia Guild. We can only maintain and grow our music ministry with your help. For information please call Daniel Cherrix at 410-829-9736.

## **CHOIR SCHOOL NEWS**

Wow! What a difference a year makes. This time last year we decided to launch the choir school even though we had only one chorister. This year we will begin with 7 choristers, in addition, we have 5 prospective choristers making the total possible enrolment for this semester 12! That is amazing! God is good!

This semester the choristers will travel to Atlanta in November to participate in a chorister festival at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which is being led by world famous choral conductor and chorister trainer Bruce Neswick. They will also have an opportunity to collaborate with The Maryland Boy Choir when they are with us in November. Additionally, the choristers will sing once a month at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services this semester.

Do you know of a musically talented and musically motivated child between the ages of 7 – 18 who would benefit from a high-quality, tuition-free musical education program? If so, please contact Daniel Cherrix at [danielc@stpeterschurch.net](mailto:danielc@stpeterschurch.net) or at 410-829-9736.

## **COMING UP AT ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRY!!**

**November 11-13** - The Choir School of the Eastern Shore will participate in the Chorister Festival at St. Luke's, Atlanta led by Royal School of Church Music guru Bruce Neswick.

**November 18** – The Maryland Boy Choir in concert at St. Peter's.

**December 4** – Advent Lessons and Carols with The St. Peter's Choir, Choir School of The Eastern Shore, GraceNotes Bell Choir, and St. Peter's Brass.

**December 18** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community MESSIAH All-Sing with chamber orchestra featuring soloists from The Maryland Opera and Jennifer Hope Wills, soprano.

**Spring 2023** - Marilyn Keiser, world renowned concert organist

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*Written by Emily Atkin & Jamie Scott*

St. Peter's Children's and Youth Ministries love, inspire, and equip children and youth to be disciples of Christ and faithfully serve their community.

We are looking forward to the beginning of Sunday School for the 2022-2023 school year. We will continue to incorporate the lectionary gospel lesson with fun activities like lego building, painting and play doh. We will also incorporate Old Testament lessons.

Our yearly Leadership Launch will take place in the St. Peter's Education Annex on Saturday September 10th. We will register Sunday School children during the ministry fair on Sunday September 11th. Registration forms will also be available online on our Children's section of the St. Peter's website.

Sunday School lessons will officially start on September 18th with the annual outreach activity of filling bags with supplies for Wi-Middle students. We also plan to make bags for the homeless in the winter to help support the men's shelter program in Wicomico County. We plan to have an ongoing outreach project with the Card Ministry and the Blessing Box.

Our normal Advent party is always a fun way to wrap up the fall, and we will make crafts and enjoy food and fellowship during our annual event.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who each add to our ministry in many ways. We are thankful for everyone who has helped, bought supplies and supported our ministry. We encourage you to have your families sign up for our emails so they can join in our fun.

## YOUTH GROUP

*Written by Atif Gaddis*

**Youth Mission Trip Report: Charleston, WV:** Wow! It's hard to believe that it has already been a month since our Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, WV. If I only had one word to describe the experience, it would be **Amazing!** It was amazing to see how young people from around the country, who had never met before, came together as a team and were able to work together. It was amazing to see their commitment to doing a good job in whatever task they were given to do, whether it was sorting clothes at a local thrift store, organizing resources and materials at one of the food pantries, or repairing trails at the state park. It was amazing to see the respect and care they showed to everyone, to one another and to the people in the community whom they met. It was amazing to see the love the community showed to us, strangers from outside of their community. It was an amazing trip, and we can't wait to share with you all that we did.



Glimpses of the Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, WV



# WHAT DOES A DEACON DO ANYWAY

Written by Deacon Laura

**...Brings the needs of the world to the church...**

*This article was written by Julie Milliken, a member of St. Peter's Feeding Ministry, for Peter's Post on July 27, 2022 and is used by permission.*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as *a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life*. Put simply: food insecurity refers to a lack of available financial resources for food at the individual or household level.

Every community in the United States is impacted by food insecurity. Food insecurity does not discriminate. It affects people of every race, both young and old, employed and unemployed, those living in big cities as well as those in rural communities like Salisbury. Food insecurity can be a temporary situation, or it can last a long time. Although food insecurity is closely related to poverty, not all individuals living at or below the poverty level experience food insecurity. Even those living above the poverty line can experience food insecurity. A single mom may have to choose between paying rent and buying groceries. A young person (e.g., a college student) may have to choose between putting gas in the car to get to school or work that week rather than buying nutritious food. An elderly man may have to buy an essential, costly medication and forego a trip to the grocery store.

Food insecurity does not exist in a vacuum. Many experiencing food insecurity deal with other issues such as chronic or acute health problems, high medical bills, social isolation, unemployment or low wages, and lack of affordable housing. Because of these other issues there is no quick fix for food insecurity. But each of us can help by raising awareness about the issue, volunteering at a food pantry or soup kitchen, advocating for new policies, supporting research into how to end hunger and by providing meals to those in our own communities who, for whatever reason, are experiencing food insecurity. *"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor."* Proverbs 22:9

Source: <https://hungerandhealth.feedingamerica.org/understand-food-insecurity>

## **Footnote from Deacon Laura**

St. Peter's Feeding Ministry, a sub-group of the Outreach Committee, is currently helping to address food insecurity by hosting a Blessing Box and is actively exploring other options. Thank you to those from the parish and community who have made donations for the box—they are much appreciated! Members of the feeding ministry take turns every day to put easy-to-eat foods, toiletries, snacks, small clothing items, and drinks in the box for our neighbors experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. The need is great and the Blessing Box only scratches the surface.

The group has visited two food pantries in the Diocese so far this summer (St. Paul's Episcopal Center in Hebron and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hurlock) to get a sense of what the best practices are to follow. The next visit to Shepherd's Crook, a ministry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea in Ocean City, is scheduled for early September. The group also toured the basement of the Annex Building (what used to be "The Catacombs" for the Youth Group several years ago). Also in early September, we will invite a representative from the Maryland Food Bank to meet and talk about what is feasible in the current space and what we would need to do to make the space workable from a food pantry perspective. We are still in the planning/exploring stage as we determine what makes the best sense to help those in our community given other ministry programs currently operating in our area.



Volunteers, food, and monetary donations are always welcome. To see a list of preferred items for the Blessing Box, please visit this link: <https://stpeterschurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Blessing-Box-Suggested-Items.pdf>. To donate online, please visit this link: <https://stpeterschurch.net/give/>.

# INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PETER'S

## *Want to know more about the Episcopal Church?*

If you are an adult and not yet a member of St. Peter's Church and want to join, there are basically three ways to do this:

1. **I am already an Episcopalian** but my membership is registered in another church. **ACTION:** Contact your previous church and ask for a "**Letter of Transfer**" to transfer your membership from your previous church to St. Peter's. Once the Letter of Transfer is received at St. Peter's, you will be notified and your name and those of any of your family members will be entered into St. Peter's Parish Register. If you need help with this, please call the Parish Office: 410-742-5118.
2. **I am a baptized Christian but not an Episcopalian** and I am interested in being received into the Episcopal Church so I can become a member of St. Peter's Church. **ACTION:** Sign up and attend an **Inquirer's Class** so you can be received by the Bishop when he visits in January – see information below about this fall's Inquirer's Class.
3. **I am not baptized** but wish to be a member of St. Peter's Church. **ACTION:** Contact Fr. David Michaud about the **Adult Baptism Class** which meets January – April. Candidates would be baptized on Easter Eve and would then become Episcopalian and members of St. Peter's Church.

## INQUIRER'S CLASS MEETS TUESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29

Interested in becoming Episcopalian, or just curious about the church? Already Episcopalian but want to know more about the faith? Have some questions about worship, or practices, or beliefs, or something else associated with the Episcopal Church? Sign up and take part in this fall's adult Inquirer's Class, Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We will meet in the Parish Library Room on November 29 and decide how we want to meet as a class for future meetings. This six sessions class looks at worship, the prayer book, church history, beliefs, church organization, practices and more. The class is informal and can be tailored to topics the group wants to explore. A schedule and a list of topics is available on the parish website: <https://stpeterschurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-2022-Schedule-Inquirers-Class.pdf>.

It is a class for anyone who has a question about the church, anyone who is interested in being Episcopalian, and those interested in being confirmed or received as adults in the church.

This class is required for any adult wishing to be confirmed or received by the Bishop of Easton when he visits St. Peter's on January 15, 2023, although you don't have to be a candidate to take the class.

Because there are materials that need to be ordered, those interested in taking the class are asked to **register in advance by November 14**. Contact Cathy in the Parish Office, giving your name and contact information and saying you are interested in attending the Inquirer's Class: 410-742-5118. There is no charge and anyone is welcomed to attend. The class will be led by the Rector, the Very Rev. David Michaud.



# ALTAR GUILD

*Written by Betsy Hanulak*

Here we are again making an attempt to bring you an update on Altar Guild's present and future activities. I won't list all the activities for our end of summer and approaching fall, instead I will urge you to always check our Sunday Service programs for our weekly and pending events.

Our biggest change and challenge (my famous words I use quarterly in the Keynote) is preparing ourselves to maintain, as best we can, our normal routine of commitments to our ministry. Teamwork will make our responsibilities seem effortless but rewarding. Revs Greg and Laura Harbaugh will need all the support from Altar Guild during Father David's sabbatical and to continue smoothly our routine fulfilling our ministry. Speaking of ministry, please check out our booth at the Ministry Fair on September 11th. More the merrier members make our duties more meaningful!

God bless Father David and Kellie on their journey abroad. We pray for a successful and meaningful trip and a safe return to St Peter's.

## SAFE CHURCH, SAFE COMMUNITIES

**Safe Church, Safe Communities** is the new abuse-prevention program designed by the Episcopal Church to provide policies, procedures and training for the protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults. As such, all Episcopal Church organizations are subject to compliance with all **Safe Church** screening and training requirements.

**Safe Church** replaces the former **Safeguarding God's Children**. Here is some of what is new:

- Abuse prevention is now expanded to include vulnerable adults; meaning, parishes without children's programs are now required to comply with all applicable **Safe Church** policies and procedures.
- Two new model policies have been provided by the National Episcopal Church: one for the protection of *Children and Youth* and one for the protection of *Vulnerable Adults*. The model policies are to be reviewed and tailored to the needs of the individual diocese. Diocesan staff are currently reviewing these policies with expected publication by the end of the year.
- All training is now online through the learning platform, [Praesidium Academy](#), allowing individuals to take courses at their convenience. The program also allows administrators to more easily track completion and compliance of individuals in their respective parishes.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry establishes the basis of Safe Church, Safe Communities in our Baptismal Covenant by honoring each individual in our community for their uniqueness as created by God. "In Christ, we embody our Baptismal Covenant when we live justice, peace and love for one another." (See training video entitled, "Introduction and Theological Background" for more of Bishop Curry's talk.)

What's next for St. Peter's? The diocesan policies and screening protocols will be coming soon; however, in the meantime, individuals can register in Praesidium to begin training. Contact Pastor Greg for more information.



# PASTORAL CARE

*Written by The Rev. Greg Harbaugh*

**A Renewed Focus for Pastoral Care Committee - Revitalize Shepherding Groups!** At the most recent meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee, we reviewed the ministries of our various groups—New Baby Ministry, Hearts and Hands Knitting Ministry, Transportation Ministry, Eucharistic Visitors Teams, Comforters Prayer Ministry, Caring Team—all of which continue to serve both congregation members and those from the community-at-large.

In the course of conversation, we realized (Holy Spirit work?) that as we re-gather following both a long season of pandemic and Eastern Shore summer, this might be a good time to revitalize our **Shepherding Team** and re-connect with our congregation members.

Returning to regular worship, connecting with or joining in with various ministries (Fall Ministry Fair September 11<sup>th</sup>!), praying for one another, finding out who might need ministry—all of this can be helped by **Shepherding Teams** who make phone calls and talk with members.

So, Pastor Greg will oversee the redevelopment of these teams. We ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and, if so moved, that you volunteer as a **Shepherding Team** member. Please contact Pastor Greg either at [gph1952@icloud.com](mailto:gph1952@icloud.com), [gregh@stpeterschurch.net](mailto:gregh@stpeterschurch.net) or 814-777-6289.

A training event (either in person or Zoom or both) will be arranged in the near future.



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

*Written by The Rev. Greg Harbaugh*

**“THE WELL” Weekly Adult Forum Returns to St. Peter’s Library beginning  
Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 AM**

Our first gathering of “**THE WELL**” Weekly Adult Forum will take place on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:15 AM (following 9 AM service and a brief visit to the Coffee Hour). Pastor Greg will facilitate conversation around topics chosen by those in attendance. So, this first gathering will include meet and greet time along with selecting topics for upcoming weeks. **You are invited** to join in the gathering and conversation. **All are welcome!**

**FALL TUESDAY EVENING SERIES: “THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”**

**A 6-Week Series Beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:15 PM - (9/27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/1)**

The Holy Spirit or, sometimes, just Holy Spirit is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity and often under-represented in churchly conversation and even in churchly teachings or dogma. This series will consider both the “who” and the “what” of the Holy Spirit as well as His works within the Triune God, the Church and the creation. The class is open to adults and confirmed youth. A Zoom component is being considered. Please watch Peter’s Post for further details for our first session

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:15 PM.**

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Written by Deacon Laura Harbaugh*

St. Peter's continues to support a number of ministries in the Salisbury area thanks to the generosity of our parish. Earlier this summer, the committee approved the purchase of \$300 worth of food to help The **Joseph House** re-stock its food pantry and the Rev's Harbaugh donated books for their ongoing workshop courses. We continue to supply 45 bagged lunches to their clientele monthly.



Additionally, the committee approved the purchase of \$100 worth of food (with multiple parishioners pitching in) to assist The **Christian Shelter** replenish its food stores that were recently lost when their large commercial size walk-in cooler failed.



As we have done in the past, we are collecting school supplies and clothing for **Wicomico Middle School** with our "Christmas in August" program. Parishioner Hope Morgan of Mortgage Network, Inc., is spear-heading a **Backpack Drive** to give to WiMiddle students. WiMiddle has 50-100 students who are currently experiencing homelessness or are living with friends/relatives or in a hotel and do not have the resources to buy their own backpacks, clothing, or school supplies.

We will also participate in "**Wicomico Goes Purple**" once again during the month of September and show our support by lighting our tower in purple. See below, flyers of events that will take place during September. Our own Assistant Rector, Pastor Greg will read scripture during A Night of Hope on September 30th.

## Wicomico Goes Purple Calendar of Events

<b>08/27/22</b> <b>Tri-County Goes Purple Kick-Off</b> Arthur W. Perdue Stadium Salisbury, MD 6:30pm-until	<b>08/31/22</b> <b>Tri-County Overdose Awareness Day</b> Winterplace Park Salisbury, MD 5:00pm-8:00pm	<b>09/10/22</b> <b>Shatter the Stigma Walk</b> Wor-Wic Community College Salisbury, MD 9:30am-11:30am
<b>09/16/22</b> <b>Third Friday</b> Downtown Salisbury, MD 5:00pm-8:00pm	<b>09/28/22</b> <b>Tony Hoffman</b> Wor-Wic Community College Salisbury, MD 5:00pm-7:30pm	<b>09/30/22</b> <b>Night of Hope</b> Salisbury City Park Salisbury, MD 6:00pm-7:30pm

Please join us for one, or all of these events as we raise awareness and shatter the stigma of addiction!  
 Questions -call (413) 977-7991 or visit our Facebook page

## Wicomico Goes Purple Toiletry Drive for Recovery

COLLECTIONS ACCEPTED 9/1/22-9/30/22 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

WICOMICO COUNTY TOURISM-WELCOME CENTER DAILY 9AM-5PM 8480 OCEAN GATEWAY, DELMAR	CIVIC CENTER BOX OFFICE M-F 9AM-3PM 500 GLEN AVE, SALISBURY	GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING M-F 9AM-3PM 125 N. DIVISION STREET, SALISBURY
UNITED WAY OF THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE M-F 9AM-4PM 803 N. SALISBURY BLVD, SUITE 2100 SALISBURY	ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH M-F 8:30AM-4PM 1401 CAMDEN AVE SALISBURY (SOUTH ENTRANCE)	

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AWARENESS STARTS AT HOME

# PLANNED GIVING

*Written by Bryan Newton*

The Planned Giving Committee continues its work to develop planned giving at St. Peter's. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact Bryan Newton at [brylaw4936@yahoo.com](mailto:brylaw4936@yahoo.com).

The committee continued to discuss the formation of *The 1768 Society*, a legacy society to recognize people who have made a provision for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in their estate, no matter how large or small. An enrollment form has been created and approved, and it will be available on the website soon. To become a founding member of *The 1768 Society*, return the form to me or to Cathy Parsons, Church Secretary.

The committee also planned for upcoming events. On September 11<sup>th</sup> stop by the Planned Giving table at the ministry fair. Information will be available, and it's a great time to complete your enrollment form for *The 1768 Society*. On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will hold our second annual Planned Giving Sunday. The morning will include a brief presentation at each service, and we will host the coffee hour.

If you need more information or just want to talk more about planned giving, contact one of our Planned Giving Shepherds – Linda Hurley, Bryan Newton or Bill Wyatt. Each of them can put you in contact with resources to help you as you plan your estate.



## ATTEND THE DIOCESE OF EASTON'S MISSION SUMMIT 2022

The Diocese of Easton is hosting an all-day Mission Summit on Friday, October 7 at St. Alban's in Salisbury which repeats the next day at Holy Trinity, Oxford to train Episcopalians in ways to help their parishes grow and thrive. Entitled "Invite-Welcome-Connect," the summit will be conducted by Mary Parmer, one of the keynote speakers from the 152nd Diocese of Easton Convention. Mary Parmer is the founder of Invite Welcome Connect, a transformational ministry that equips and empowers congregations and individuals to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging.

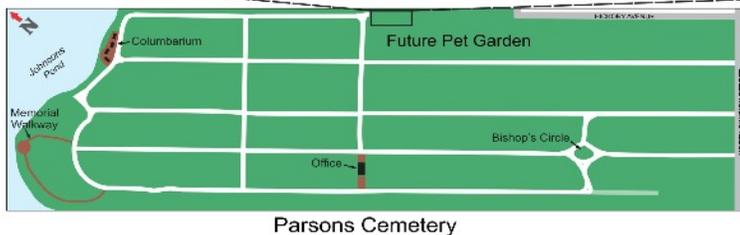
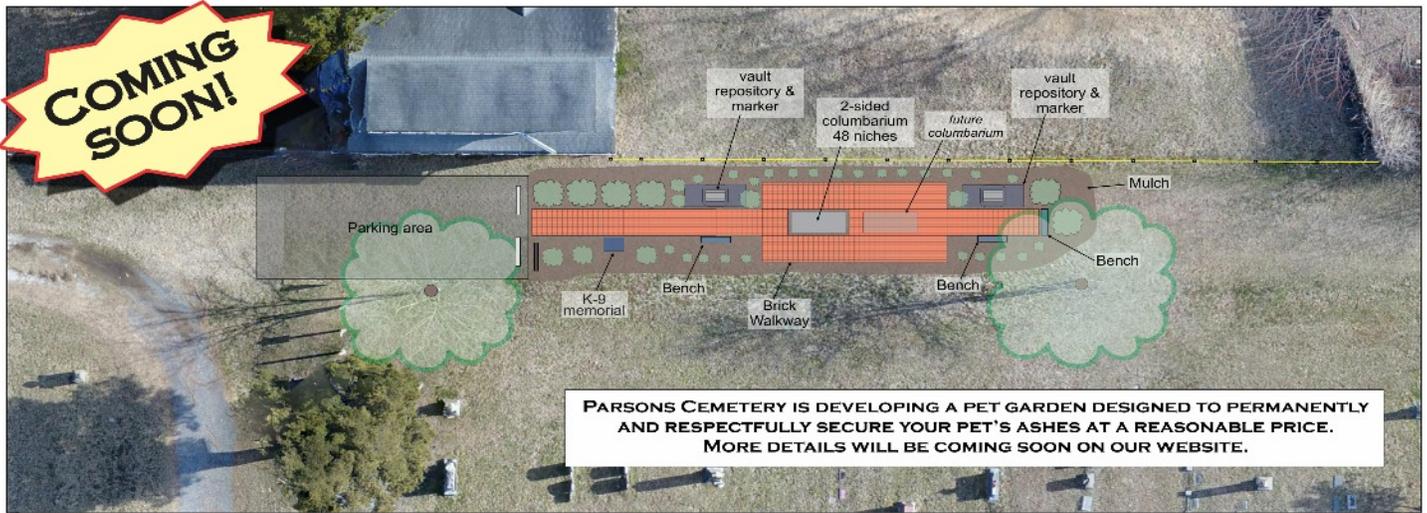
The training runs from 9am to 4pm at St. Albans on October 7. If you can't make that Friday session, it repeats the next Saturday, October 8 at Holy Trinity in Oxford. To each person attending the training, Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry would say, "You are about to embark on a journey of Invite Welcome Connect, a ministry designed to help Episcopalians engage in the deep work of evangelism. How do we define evangelism? I think Mary Parmer and her ministry of Invite Welcome Connect have given us a way forward....Mary Parmer has found a way for God to guide people in sharing their stories in ways that are authentic and genuine." (Foreword, p.ix, Invite Welcome Connect book).

The training is being provided by the Diocese at a significant discount of only \$20/person (includes lunch). Registration is required to provide an accurate number count for lunches and materials. For more information and to register go to: <https://dioceseofeaston.org/missionsummit/>.

# PARSONS CEMETERY

Written by Rick Fahey

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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (WIPCS)

Written by Sharon Clark

The parking lot and pollinator garden project is complete and has improved our life at St. Peter's Church! We have placed the photograph album that documents your Green Team's activities, throughout the application and implementation, on the table in the library. Feel free to look through it.

While the initial idea and assistance in applying for the grant from CBT came from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) through Wicomico Interfaith Partnership for Creation Stewardship, assistance subsequently was picked up by the One Water Partnership, an initiative of IPC. When the Lower Shore outreach coordinator, Matt Heim, resigned, it was directed during the interim by Susan Parker (Wicomico Environmental Trust, WET) until a permanent replacement, Mollie Rudow, was hired by IPC. We will continue to stay in contact with them as well as with WET and with the Diocese. Information that is pertinent to these projects and groups will be available on the church website.

The Vestry of St. Phillip's Church, Quantico, under Deacon Laura's leadership, invited a few of us in May to describe and explain this project at St. Peter's. Susan Parker, interim coordinator of the One Water Partnership; Suzanne Ketcham, representative of the Lower Shore Land Trust; and I appeared before their Vestry to share a video and the archives album and to answer questions. After the meeting, the three of us walked the property to better understand the property needs of the parish. Suzanne followed up by sending information that will be useful to the St. Phillip's Vestry for future use.

For anyone who is interested, the annual Wicomico Environmental Trust Annual Dinner, Awards, & Silent Auction will be held at SU Academic Commons on November 11. The featured speaker will be Dr. Don Boesch, President Emeritus, U. of Maryland Center for Environmental Studies, and Vice Chancellor for Environmental Sustainability, U. of Maryland System. Contact WET at [susan@wicomicoenvironment.org](mailto:susan@wicomicoenvironment.org) (\$60), or call Susan Parker at 443-783-1190.

The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is a major breakthrough. It will provide funds to support needed climate and clean energy investments. The members of the Vestry at St. Peter's signed a pledge to continue its awareness of, and involvement in, environmental issues, since that is a part of our commitment (*Book of Common Prayer*) as Episcopalians.

You may be interested in activities being sponsored by various groups with similar goals. Here are some links:

[www.wicomicoenvironment.org](http://www.wicomicoenvironment.org) [info@interfaithpowerandlight.org](mailto:info@interfaithpowerandlight.org) [info@creationjustice.org](mailto:info@creationjustice.org) [www.interfaithchesapeake.org](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org)

# Fall Study Series with Pastor Greg beginning Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

## The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit



This series will consider both the “who” & “what” of the Holy Spirit as well as His works within the Triune of God

**TUESDAYS – 7PM**

Meeting in the Parish Hall

## Inquirer's Class

*interested in becoming an Episcopalian? just curious about church? want to know more about the faith?*

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# VESTRY NOTES

*Written by Bravard Cornbrooks, Registrar*

The Vestry has made a number of decisions concerning the life of St. Peter's over the last several months. Here are the highlights of the Vestry's decisions at meetings in February, March, April, May, and June 2022:

February, 2022:

The Parsons Cemetery 2022 budget was unanimously approved by the Vestry.

March, 2022:

The Vestry unanimously approved the 2021 Parochial Report.

The Annual Vestry Retreat was scheduled for Saturday, June 25, at Green Hill Country Club.

Special meeting in March, 2022:

The Vestry unanimously approved the Property Committee's recommendation to spend \$11,600 to put a new HVAC unit in the choir room because it no longer works and cannot be repaired.

April, 2022:

Vestry unanimously approved the Property Committee's recommendation to establish an account with the remaining funds from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant (\$6,436) to be used to maintain Parish grounds.

Property Committee's recommendation to install a new HVAC system in Father David's office (\$9,663) similar to one in the choir room was unanimously approved.

Vestry unanimously approved the Property Committee and Finance Committee's recommendation to use Memorial Funds as follows:

- o Carol Ailes -- \$750 for new bench outside Parish Hall entrance
- o Jan Adams -- \$1,050 for planters at the Parish Hall entrance next to bench
- o Combine Curt Massey, Lisa Harbaugh, and Rex Gravenor Memorial funds to purchase a moveable video camera for adult education classes.
- o Ann Purnell -- remaining funds from her memorials (\$482.05) to be moved to Music Fund

Father David's Sabbatical plan was unanimously approved.

Unanimously approved to use church credit card points to pay for part of Father David's travel on his Sabbatical.

May, 2022:

Motion carried (with one abstention) to look into ways for the Parish to financially contribute to Elizabeth Phillips' education at VTS.

Vestry unanimously approved the Outreach Committee's motion to take Pete Richmond's Memorial Fund monies (\$748.49) and transfer them to Outreach Fund for use at the Joseph House, per the request of Jean Richmond.

June, 2022:

Vestry unanimously approved to accept the SWAC Grant proposal for the Messiah Concert.

Property Committee's motion to purchase a new dishwasher (\$4,500) was unanimously approved.

Vestry unanimously approved motion to not have a Vestry meeting in July unless there was urgent business to take care of.

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

# PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Your Property Committee has been working on several projects this spring and summer.

The source of the leak which had affected the parish hall floor, causing it to collapse by the kitchen entrance, has been identified as water coming from the exterior wall and the alley. Peninsula Roofing sealed up the alley which stopped the leak. The wooden floor has been patched. The entire Parish Hall floor will be refinished on September 12.

Repair work was done this spring on the kitchen stove and steam tables. The dishwasher will need to be replaced and the Vestry okayed a new dishwasher to be installed by the end of September.

The Tech Upgrade capital project has been completed. All A/V equipment has been relocated to the Broadcast Room in back of the organ and is now functioning well. Filters were installed to address noise issues on the livestream. Computers in the Parish office have all been upgraded, including two new laptops, one for use in the Education Annex and the other for use in the Parish House. New big screen TVs have been installed in the Parish Hall and library and a rolling TV has been purchased for occasional use in the church. The office is in the process of moving from a local server system to a cloud server environment.

A new cleaning contractor was hired in the spring, BTS Cleaning, and a recent review by the Property Committee found their work is superior to previous cleaners. The new contractor is cleaning more since we have fully opened up and the use of our facilities has increased. The higher cleaning expenses will put us above our budgeted amount, but Property Committee and Vestry feel the added expense is justified.

This past spring the brickwork on the tower was repointed and a window in the tower sealed, which should address the leak problem we have been experiencing in the tower room.

A coil on the Parish Annex's HVAC unit failed this summer. It has been a struggle to get the part and schedule work to fix the unit. The tenant in Suite D who has no air conditioning has been patient and understanding, and we have provided office space for the tenant in the Parish Offices when needed. This is part of the geothermal HVAC system that heats and cools that building.

This summer a new HVAC unit was installed in the Rector's office, providing a more comfortable environment for Father David and the guests he meets with in the office.

At their August 17 meeting the Vestry accepted a generous gift from Bravard Cornbrooks, Hank Phillips and Tom Phillips in memory of their parents, Ann and Lay Phillips, to finance the stained glass windows capital project. Slated for late fall or winter, the Willet-Houser company will take out the old plexiglass covering on our 50+ stained glass windows, recaulk and repair and then cover them with new coverings. We should see a noticeable brightness in the church once the project is completed. It should also address the issue of occasional leaks into the church. The Property Committee will oversee this project.



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# ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

*Reported by Hank Phillips, Treasurer*

7/31/22

	2022		2021	
	7 Months YTD Actual	12 Months Budget	7 Months YTD Budget	7 Months YTD Actual
<b>INCOME</b>				
Total Offerings	199,566	378,300	220,675	216,224
Total Other Sources	19,949	31,500	18,375	16,990
	<u>219,516</u>	<u>409,800</u>	<u>239,050</u>	<u>233,214</u>
Outside Investments				
Community Foundation Income	8,700	8,700	5,075	0
Hodgson Trust	3,937	4,500	2,625	3,436
Withdrawal from Endowment	18,000	64,208	37,455	0
Grants Income	3,000	0	0	0
	<u>33,637</u>	<u>77,408</u>	<u>45,155</u>	<u>3,436</u>
PPP Stimulus Money - obtained in 2020 & 2021	0	0	0	53,465
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>253,153</u>	<u>487,208</u>	<u>284,205</u>	<u>290,115</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Church Staff Compensation	72,647	124,838	72,822	64,332
Clergy Compensation	96,470	168,986	96,575	92,863
Diocesan Apportionment	30,272	51,896	30,272	30,170
Outreach & Mission	27,146	37,500	21,875	17,601
Overhead	67,165	104,798	61,132	62,645
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>293,701</u>	<u>488,017</u>	<u>284,677</u>	<u>267,612</u>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME - with PPP Stimulus (if applicable)</b>	<u>-40,548</u>	<u>-809</u>	<u>-472</u>	<u>22,504</u>

Year to date 2022 Offerings are below budget and prior year. In order to replace the PPP Stimulus monies we obtained in early 2021, we have made earlier use of budgeted Outside Investments this year. YTD Expenses in certain Outreach & Mission and Overhead categories are running over budget. The Vestry and Finance Committee have reviewed and approved the above financial information.

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

**Begin your holiday with us at 10AM**

# Thanksgiving Day

*Holy Eucharist*

*"in every thing give thanks"*

**Join us as we give thanks for the goodness of our Lord through prayer, song & worship.**

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 11 Ministry Fair  
October 30 Youth Sunday - 9AM  
October 23 Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday  
November 18 Evensong w/Maryland Boy Choir - 7PM  
November 24 Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist - 10AM

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



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