

The *KEYNOTER*

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WINTER 2022

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Advent and Christmas are memorable seasons at St. Peter's and there are many activities and events planned. For most you can choose to participate in person following our mask pandemic protocols or participate via the livestream.



Sunday, Dec 11 - **Christmas Caroling** to Homebound Parishioners. Meet in the Parish Hall by 3:45pm – You'll be given a map and music and we'll all leave in a car caravan to a few homes around town for 1.5 hours of Christmas Caroling, with members of the Choir School providing music accompaniment – all are welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - **Children's Christmas Pageant** at 10:15am in the Parish Hall (between the 9am and 11am services). In person and livestream.

MESSIAH ALL-SING at 6:30pm in the church. A community event led by talented singers and instrumentalists. Bring your score and sing your part; scores also available for purchase. An evening of festive, fun music.

Saturday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Festive Eucharist at 5pm** with music to begin at 4:30pm, and a children's procession to the crèche. In-person and livestream.

Christmas Eve Solemn Eucharist at 11pm with music to begin at 10:30pm, featuring St. Peter's Choir. In person and livestream

Sunday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day Eucharist at 10am** – In person and livestream.

Sunday, Jan 1 **Feast of the Holy Name** – Holy Eucharist at 8am and 10am

Friday, Jan. 6 **Feast of the Epiphany** – Solemn Holy Eucharist at 6pm followed a Cajun dinner in the Parish Hall at 7pm and then de-decorating the church. In person and livestream.

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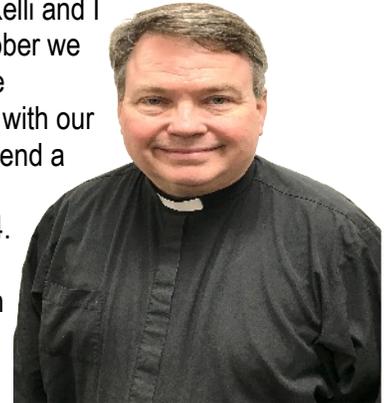
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BISHOP MARRAY VISITS ST. PETER'S JAN. 15th

The XI Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, makes his annual visitation to St. Peter's on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Bishop San will be the celebrant and preacher at our three worship services that Sunday and will be confirming and receiving individuals that are part of the current Inquirers Class. We will also be celebrating our Patronal Feast on that Sunday: The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter. The visit of the Diocesan Bishop is an important annual event in the life of an Episcopal parish. Bishops in our church serve as chief pastors, exercising a ministry of oversight, teaching, and unity with the larger church. Bishop Marray, as our Diocesan Bishop, holds jurisdiction in the Diocese of Easton (all counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland), with particular responsibility for the doctrine, discipline and worship of the church. Bishops preside at ordinations of bishops, priests and deacons; bless altars, fonts, chalices, patens and church bells; consecrate new churches and chapels; and confirm and receive members into the church.

A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

I am full of gratitude to God and to this parish for my sabbatical experience this past fall. Kelli and I were able to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 17 days in September and then in October we went on pilgrimages to Iona, Scotland; Canterbury and Salisbury, England; and spent time exploring churches and sites in the London area. In addition, we were able to spend time with our daughters in Richmond as well as a fall trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains. I was able to spend a lot of time reading, taking walks and spending time in the presence of God. My soul has been refreshed and renewed, and it was a joy coming back to St. Peter's on November 14.



People ask if I will do a presentation on my sabbatical, and I have to say, there is so much to tell you and to show you that one presentation won't cut it. I am planning to convey my experiences in a series of programs throughout 2023, including the current Sunday Well series on the Nativity Narratives of the Holy Land, a Lenten series on the places of Jesus' passion, and a series on pilgrimages and the different types of pilgrimages I encountered during my Sabbatical. From Iona I gained a new appreciation of Celtic Spirituality and hymnody that I'd like to share at some point as well.

As you have heard from my latest sermons, my sabbatical experiences are also coming out in my preaching. After following the footsteps of Jesus I have gained new insights about the familiar scripture stories and look forward to sharing these insights with you. I'm happy to talk with you about any questions you have or experiences you'd like me to share from my sabbatical. It has been a life changing experience for me for which I am very thankful.

As we prepare once again for the coming of Christ, I pray that your holy observances of Christ's incarnation will be filled with much joy and peace. See you in church!



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Written by Senior Warden, Jeff Cottingham

When Father David asked and the Vestry voted me to be the Senior Warden, I knew it would be a great deal of work. I was newly retired from the school system, so we knew I would have the time. I have to say he was right – being Senior Warden when the Rector is on sabbatical is time consuming. I am not complaining – I am glad I got the opportunity to do the job. I learned a great deal about what our Rector does and about the church in general. As the Senior Warden, I dealt with the “business” of the church such as financial decisions, business contracts, licensing, personnel decisions, setting agendas and running meetings.



I hope that we as a parish learned something about ourselves. What did we do in Father David's absence that worked well? What did we do differently? Can we improve on the way we do things moving forward? The Sabbatical Committee will meet to debrief and discuss with Father David these questions and more in the next few weeks. The sabbatical was as much a time to learn and reflect for the parish as it was for our priest.

Father David works very hard for us, and our parish is extremely fortunate to have him. The job of Rector in a church the size of ours can easily burn out a person. I am glad we were able to provide him with the resources to take this time. I have heard some of the stories and have seen many of the pictures from his trips. In the near future, everyone will get to experience the stories and pictures through sermons and presentations. I hope that we all learn something about ourselves as well.

A LETTER FROM SEMINARY

Written by Elizabeth Phillips

My studies at Virginia Theological Seminary continue to be a rewarding experience with my love of God wrapped in my love of learning.

The Fall 2022 semester has been incredibly formational both intellectually and spiritually. I have been studying the history of the Anglican and Episcopal Church, spiritual theology, liturgy, and preaching. Holy Eucharist in VTS's Immanuel Chapel continues to be a rich source of spiritual formation each day along with Morning and Evening Prayer. My fellow students come from a broad array of different backgrounds and locations and spending time getting to know them has expanded my appreciation for God's creation in our vast human experience. The Bishop Payne Library at VTS has become one of my most favorite places to be. The library was recently renovated with lots of big windows that allow the rooms to be flooded with natural light. It is here that I love to get lost in the thousands of books on Scripture, church history, theology, and religious thinkers from long ago to present time.



My pastoral formation also includes Field Placement opportunities. Over the past 5 months, I have been serving at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin under the mentorship of The Rev. Carl Mosley. There I have learned more about serving at the altar and preaching. My Field Placement assignment will change to Christ Church in St. Michael's beginning on the first Sunday of Advent where I will be mentoring under The Rev. Steve Mosher.

Once again, I am ever so grateful for 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.

STEWARDSHIP EFFORT CONTINUES INTO DECEMBER

This fall's Stewardship Campaign under the leadership of committee chair Hope Morgan raised awareness about the need to support St. Peter's Church in its operations for 2023. Members returned pledge cards of support in October and November. Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card. At its November 30 meeting, the Vestry was informed that due to inflation expenses would be increasing for 2023 but the Finance Committee calculated that pledges would fall short and cuts to our operations, including eliminating the Assistant Rector position and ending the 9am Sunday Service, would need to be made to balance the budget. The Vestry does not want to make those cuts.

The Vestry is asking everyone in the parish to pray for the financial well being of St. Peter's Church, and for those who pledged to consider an increase in their pledge. Those who have not pledged are asked to turn in a pledge card. If \$45,000 in additional funds can be raised these cuts won't have to be made. As of the date of publication 92 pledges have been received for a total of \$323,380. The Vestry has until its December 21 meeting to see what additional funds can be raised to determine what can be funded for 2023. Thank you for any help you can give. For more information, go to St. Peter's website stewardship page: <https://stpeterschurch.net/pledging/>.



ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Written by Daniel Cherrix, Music Director

MESSIAH ALL-Sing Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 pm St. Peter's revives the tradition of a community-wide MESSIAH Sing-A-Long this Advent. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th at 6:30 PM we will offer to our community the gift of a MESSIAH ALL-Sing. Accompanying MESSIAH will be a chamber orchestra led by concert master Bobbie Thamert. Soloist will include Jennifer Hope Wills. Ms. Wills is an Ocean City native and life-long performer who played the part of Christine in Phantom of The Opera over 1,000 times on Broadway (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jennifer_Hope_Wills). Your Music Director, Daniel Cherrix, will conduct. Daniel has been involved in MESSIAH ALL-Sings in Atlanta and Chapel Hill, NC both as conductor and organist.



The event is **open to ALL free of charge**, and we expect people from across Delmarva to attend. Bring your score and sit with your voice part in the nave. If you do not have a score, they will be available for purchase at the door (\$10). The event is underwritten by the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council <https://www.getswac.org/> and through the generosity of the members of The St. Cecilia Guild of St. Peter's Church.

The Choir School Of The Eastern Shore

The Choir School is currently recruiting members for the spring semester of 2022. If you know of a young person between the ages of 7 and 18 who loves to sing, please contact your Music Director, Daniel Cherrix at 410-897-2900 or danielc@stpeterschurch.net. (The Choir School of The Eastern Shore follows the Voice For Life curriculum from The Royal School Of Church Music. The program is non-sectarian and open to young people of all faiths including those not involved in a faith community.)

Here are some Choir School highlights:

- Our choristers had an opportunity to meet and sing with the Maryland State Boychoir at their concert here at St. Peter's on November 18th.
- Our Choir School has been invited to sing Evensong with The Maryland State Boychoir in October of 2023 in Baltimore. The Boychoir and our Choir School will then offer that same service here on Delmarva in November of 2023.
- Our choristers are singing for a ceremony for Wreaths Across America at Parson's Cemetery on December 17th. Many thanks to St Peter's parishioner Rick Fahey for the invitation.
- Our Choristers are "front-row special guests" at the Community MESSIAH Sing-A Long on December 18th here at St. Peter's.
- Our Choristers are providing music for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service here at St. Peter's.
- Grace Ashby, our founding chorister, will return to St. Peter's to be the soprano soloist for the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service. (Grace is currently finishing her first semester studying voice at Shenandoah University.)

If you are wondering how you might be supportive of this ministry of St. Peter's Church you might consider:

1. Providing dinner one Thursday evening.
2. Helping us get the word out about all the incredible opportunities this program presents for young people. Remember this program is FREE to the participants.
3. Renew your membership in the St. Cecilia Guild or become a member for the first time right now!
4. Come down and sit in on a rehearsal one Wednesday or Thursday afternoon between 4:30 and 6:00 pm, and see for yourself what a wonderful gift we are together offering to Delmarva!

5. Above ALL Pray daily for your Music Ministry!!!

GRACE NOTES BELL CHOIR

Written by Megan Fenoglietto, Director

This fall season has been a busy one for Grace Notes Handbell Choir. We combined handbell choirs with Wicomico Presbyterian Church right across Route 50. As a result, we have 11 ringers: enough for a full 3-octave choir. To put that into perspective, we have enough ringers to play 22 white keys on the piano and all the black keys in between. From low to high, our choir's music is sure to fill your ear with a full and enriching sound.

Grace Notes will continue to enhance worship at both St. Peter's and Wicomico Presbyterian as we continue into the winter and spring. Keep an eye out in Peter's Post for the Sundays you can catch us here at St. Peter's. Please pray for our choir as we learn to capitalize on the strengths of all our ringers to make a beautiful sound to glorify God in both churches.

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.

Fall 2022 Sunday School has come to an end. We have learned and done so many fun things. We incorporated the gospel lesson of the week with fun activities like Lego building, painting and Play-doh. We learned about the importance of prayer in our daily lives. Thank you so much to our teachers, assistants and parents who all pitch in to help in many different ways. We appreciate all of your support and help.

For outreach projects, we completed bags for the children at Wi-Middle in September filled with personal supplies and made encouraging cards for the Joseph House and the Blessing Box.

We had an Advent Party before Thanksgiving with food, treats and advent crafts.

There is a lending library in the annex that children may use to check books out to take home. We encourage children to look in the bookshelf to find books they may be interested in reading!

Sunday School children will participate in our Christmas Pageant which we will practice and perform in December. We look forward to picking back up in January. Come and join us in the fun!



WHAT DOES A DEACON DO ANYWAY

Written by Deacon Laura

A few weeks ago, I led Communion from Reserve Sacrament (commonly referred to as a “Deacon’s Mass”) at a Wednesday Noon Healing Service. The Gospel passage was from Luke 17:11-19. Here is an excerpt from that homily.

“Today, we find Luke sharing an episode in which Jesus is approached by 10 lepers. This band of 10 had nothing to offer others; nothing to offer Jesus when they saw him coming. They cried out: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” Jesus did not hesitate in his response. He did not back off or require the lepers to confess faith in God. He did not inquire about whether they were worthy. He did not ask anything of them. Jesus saw them and said simply, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” They immediately left his presence to go to the priests and while they were walking, they were made clean. One of the men, a Samaritan, behaved differently from the other nine. He looked down at himself as he walked and saw that he was healed. Instead of continuing with the other men, he turned around and went back to Jesus, falling at his feet and praising God.



“I think about the people we encounter in our outreach to the homeless and food insecure in our community, particularly through our Blessing Box. We generally see the people who visit the box from afar and often don’t have a chance to talk to them. The few interactions I have had have been positive. Unfortunately, there have also been occasions where some folks have taken more food than their fair share. I don’t know if those people are sharing their food with others, are hoarding because they don’t know when they’ll have a chance to find food again, or if they are selling it.

“Humans tend to make their interactions “transactional.” That is, they expect something in return: ‘if you do this then I will do that for you.’ ‘If you don’t do/ behave in a way I think is acceptable, I won’t do that.’ We don’t know if the man who took a bunch of food gave it to his 98-year-old grandmother. We don’t know if the father who may have been sharing most of his food with his children, finally had a chance to put food in his belly. We don’t know if the young family who is living in their car, gives thanks to God and St. Peter’s when they say their prayers at night.”

My prayer is that we as a church don’t let someone else’s inability to show gratitude keep us from following the example of our Lord Jesus in caring for the outcasts, marginalized, and unloved in our community. Outreach to those in our community can, at times, be disappointing especially when people act in a way that I personally wouldn’t act. But the fact of it is...I would still do it anyway.

A FEW SCENES FROM ADVENT LESSON & CAROLS



ALTAR GUILD

Written by Kathy Fahey

Advent is the first season of the church year, a time to pause and wait with joyful anticipation for Christmas. While the outside world may be singing Christmas carols and decorating trees, the church waits patiently for the coming of Christ. During this time, the altar guild has a special opportunity to help reinforce the message and beauty of Advent.

We replace the green hangings and vestments that have graced the altar and sanctuary since Pentecost with hangings and vestments of deep blue, the liturgical color of Advent. Blue is the color associated with Mary, and the deep blue is the color of a clear winter sky before dawn. It symbolizes the expectation and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. We hang wreaths on the parish hall and church doors, and we place the Advent wreath with its five candles in the nave to mark the weeks as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. And, of course, we take great joy in the greening of the church for Christmas Eve as we prepare to celebrate the most wondrous birthday of all.

The altar guild wishes you all a blessed, joyful Advent and a very merry

ONLINE WORKSHOP TASK FORCE

Written by Kristin Mallory

One of the Vestry goals established for 2022-2023 is to establish and implement a strategy to minister to our online community. To address this goal, a small task force has been meeting and collecting data and information to help inform the church of the online community characteristics.

From mid-September to mid-October, worship participants were asked to complete a brief survey regarding online preferences and experiences. Thank you to those who completed the initial survey. The work of the taskforce is continuing through evaluation of the survey results and additional research on best practices for engaging the congregation in online worship.

The taskforce will submit a report to the Vestry during the December meeting outlining accomplishments to date and additional questions and areas to evaluate. If you have anything you would like to share with this taskforce regarding online worship, preferences, and suggestions, please email Kristin Mallory at kleemallory@hotmail.com.



PASTORAL CARE

Written by The Rev. Greg Harbaugh

The Pastoral Care Committee continues to serve our Lord through ministries within St. Peter's parish and beyond. Our thanks to the Hearts and Hands Knitting group for supporting our homebound and hospitalized members as well as the un-homed, children in need and elderly nursing home residents. Thanks as well to our caring ministries through greeting and birthday cards, grief booklets and more. Our Transportation Team has been busy providing rides for those who want to attend church, but are unable to drive as well as those who need transportation to appointments. The New Baby Ministry supports parents and families of newborns while our Eucharistic Visitor Teams offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to homebound and hospitalized members as well as families in transitional situations. Our renewed Shepherding Ministry will offer opportunities for us to re-connect with each other.

Many thanks to our members who supported these ministries during the year and especially during Father David's sabbatical. As we move forward in our mission for Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, these ministries will continue and, we hope, expand. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please contact Deacon Laura, Pastor Greg, Bravard Cornbrooks, Betsy Hanulak, Shawn Braccato, Betty Evans, Lori Butler, Linda Abbott or Marc Duncan (Vestry).

SHEPHERDING TEAM

Twelve Shepherds

Each with

Twelve Households

Shepherd makes contact with a Household:



Greeting

Check in

Invite-Inquire

Pray

Team Support

Twelve Shepherds

**Eager to help care for St.
Peter's**

Flock for Jesus' sake

Training Scheduled for January 8th

12:30 PM

In the Parish Hall, lunch provided

OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Written by Deacon Laura Harbaugh

Over the summer months, a small group of parishioners involved in St. Peter's Feeding Ministry Task Force met with three Diocesan Food Pantries, as well as talked to/met/researched local City and community resources that serve the homeless/food insecure population in Salisbury in an effort to determine what kind of outreach St. Peter's could provide to the Downtown Salisbury neighborhood. During that research we discovered there are many sources of food via food pantries or other feeding ministries throughout the wider Salisbury area, but only a few within a mile or so from our church. We also discovered that most of the food resources operate sporadically during the week, but only HALO also operates on the weekend. We also discovered there are limited resources for the homeless to get their clothes washed or for them to get a shower on the weekend (unless they are currently housed in a shelter).

To that end, the Feeding Ministry Task Force proposed to the larger Outreach Committee that a new ministry providing a "day shelter" on Saturdays to offer access to showers and laundry services and providing a light lunch like sandwiches or soup be explored. The day shelter is proposed to be housed in the Annex building basement. The Outreach Committee provided their comments and support to move forward. Next came a meeting with the Property Committee in early November to discuss our ideas. Members of the Property Committee provided good feedback and offered ideas as to what the next steps might be and who to contact to obtain more information. Additionally, Fr. David was updated and is also supportive.

The idea of a day shelter is in its infancy and more needs to be done including finding funding options, developing capital and operational budgets, determining how to staff the day shelter, and more. There are months and maybe years of work to do. We will also ask for feedback from the parish and neighboring businesses and tenants in nearby apartments as we move forward. In the meantime, please pray for the Outreach Committee and smaller Feeding Ministry Task Force that we may hear what the Holy Spirit is calling for us to do to serve those in need in our neighborhood.



HEART & HAND KNITTING MINISTRY

Written by Becky Kerrigan

The Hearts and Hands Knitting/Crochet ministry at St. Peter's is going strong. We are a group of makers that meet on the second Monday of each month in the church parlor at 5pm. Our main goal is to provide each other with a sense of fellowship while we knit and crochet.

Projects that we are always working on are prayer shawls/blankets to those in need in our church community and beyond, winter hats and washcloths for the men's homeless shelter, and hats, headbands, and scarves for students at Wi Middle School.

We welcomed a new member to our group last month, Lynn Tomczak. It is always fun adding new folks to the group. And we can teach you how to knit. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please contact:

Becky Kerrigan- beckyk5700@comcast.net or Lori Butler- jlb5637@msn.com

HOLIDAY BAZAAR A SUCCESS

Written by Hope Morgan

Our 2022 Bazaar was a success! Currently, the net income is \$5,905, which surpassed our goal. There are a few basket sale proceeds yet to be collected, so that number will increase a bit.

This was truly a team effort, and we couldn't have done it without you all. MANY, MANY THANKS to everyone who:

- helped set up and take down and made food for Pete's Pantry and Bake Shop
- donated items for Pete's Attic Treasures and made baskets or donated items to Pete's Auction Alley
- donated items for St. Nick's Workshop and served soup, chili, chicken salad for Pete's Cafe
- helped in all the booths and helped with check-out
- helped with advertising and promoting our event and with anything that made this event a success

As you can see, there are lots of things that go into making this Bazaar a success, and everyone's participation and help is greatly appreciated and needed! Thank you again for helping with St. Peter's 2022 Bazaar and Marketplace. Blessings for a happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you St. Peter's 2022 Bazaar and Marketplace Committee: Hope Morgan, Mary Phillips, Hank Phillips, Marc Duncan, Lori Butler & Bravard Cornbrooks

EVANGELISM/FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

The Evangelism/Fellowship committee put on a Thanksgiving dinner that was a wonderful evening of good food and fellowship. Many thanks to those who brought food, to Linda Abbott for the beautiful decorations, and to Marc Duncan for the hours he spent roasting the turkeys. Also, thanks to all who helped with the clean-up. Plans are underway to have an Easter dinner with hams and all the fixings. We also learned from the sabbatical committee that "off campus" parties can be a lot of fun. Fr. David's reception carried on to Bordeleau Winery after the gathering in the parlor. We plan to do something like this again in the near future. Stay Tuned.

We are always looking for help, so if you would like to join this fun committee, please contact Linda Abbott, Jeff Cottingham, or Nancy Burdett. Thank you!

Join us In Person & Livestream

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Service Schedule: 5PM & 11PM

(including Christmas Music Prelude at 4:30PM & 10:30PM)

Join us in the serenity and peace of this night
as we anticipate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Our services will be filled with celebration
and worship featuring The St. Peter's Choir, Choral
Scholars, The Choir School of the Eastern Shore,
and a String Quartet and seasonal scripture reading.

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PARSONS CEMETERY

Written by Rick Fahey

Parsons Cemetery will hold its 6th Wreaths Across America event on December 17th. At this event we honor the veterans buried at Parsons by saying their names and placing a wreath at each of their graves. In 2017, we had identified approximately 600 veterans in the cemetery. Through the diligent work of our volunteers, we now have identified 1330. Over 300 people will gather at the entrance of the cemetery and parade to the ceremony area. Music for the ceremony will be provided by our own Choir School of the Eastern Shore. Gathering begins at 9:00am, and the parade starts at 9:30am.

Although donations of wreaths have now closed, you may still donate for next year's event by going to the Wreaths Across America website and choosing Parsons Cemetery for your donation. Even if you have not donated, please join us for this fun and moving event. It happens Rain or Shine.

You may also support Parsons Cemetery by donating to our Friends of Parsons Cemetery fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (WIPCS)

Written by Sharon Clark

It has been a challenge and a pleasure to serve for many years as your *Keynoter* reporter on the stewardship of our creation in the community. Many agencies have been involved in helping St. Peter's become established in downtown Salisbury as an environmental leader. This effort now will be carried on through the leadership of Deacon Laura Harbaugh and the Faithful Green Team.

We have worked with the Interfaith Partnership for the Chesapeake, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the City of Salisbury, the Lower Shore Land Trust, One Water Partnership, Wicomico Environmental Trust, Salisbury University and many other online communities, such as Creation Justice Ministries, for effective training and support. St. Peter's now is viewed as a leader in our community by these agencies. We have, and will continue to be, called on to share our commitment and learning with others who feel inspired to get involved at their places of worship. St. Peter's always has honored this Prayer Book commitment to protect creation. To the community, the new parking lot and pollinator garden are outward demonstrations of this. If you wish to view the archival album, let me know.

Thanks to the Green Team (Father David, Linda Abbott, Sean Fahey, Bob Souza, with Jeanne Whitney and Linda Smith) for your steadfast efforts.



Christmas Day
at St. Peter's Church

10AM
Holy Eucharist
In-Person & Livestream

We invite you to join the celebration as we proclaim the birth of Our Lord to all the world.

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155th DIOCESE OF EASTON CONVENTION

Written by Deacon Laura Harbaugh

The Diocese of Easton 155th Convention will be held the first weekend of March 2023 at St. Peter's. This will be the first in-person Convention since 2020. The weekend will start with Holy Eucharist on Friday, March 3rd and continue on Saturday, March 4th beginning with registration at 8:00 am followed by morning worship. There will be a full day of business including a second vote on the revised DOE Constitution (which passed a first vote last year), Bishop Marray's address, and a Keynote address from Melissa Rau entitled "Invite, Welcome, Connect with Rising Generations." St. Peter's will recognize Melissa Rau with her Ministry Architect work a few years ago. St. Peter's Planning Committee (Daniel Cherrix, Jeff Cottingham, Bravard Cornbrooks, Deacon Laura Harbaugh, and Fr. David Michaud) will meet soon to work through its "To Do List" and will share volunteer opportunities with the parish soon after. Stay tuned for more information!

PLANNED GIVING

Written by Bryan Newton

We held our second Planned Giving Sunday on September 18th. The day was an opportunity to highlight planned giving at St. Peter's, inform parishioners about the ways in which they can give and introduce members of the committee who can help answer questions and provide information.

It was also an opportunity to highlight the new 1768 Society. The 1768 Society is a legacy society for people who have made a provision for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in their estate, no matter how large or small. The 1768 Society is meant to recognize your extraordinary contributions to St. Peter's and to bring awareness to the church's planned giving program. To become a member, please complete The 1768 Society Enrollment Form found on the website and place it in the metal box located on the wall outside the Parish Secretary's office.

The coffee hour was provided by the committee on September 18th, and an informational display with handouts was available for those interested in learning more. On September 11th, members of the Planned Giving Committee worked St. Peter's ministry fair to speak with parishioners about the benefits of planned giving.

Linda Hurley, Bryan Newton, and Bill Wyatt are commissioned as Planned Giving Shepherds for St. Peter's. If you have any questions, please contact them.

*Begin the New Year with us
In-Person & Livestream*



Holy Eucharist
Feast of the Holy Name

Sunday, Jan. 1 - 8am & 10am

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Check our website for updates & parish news - www.stpeterschurch.net

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 August, September, and October, 2022:

August, 2022:

- Vestry unanimously approved a Housing Resolution for Deacon Laura to have all of her salary go toward housing.
- Vestry approved a gift from the Phillips family for the stained-glass window project (removing plexiglass, cleaning, sealing, and putting new plexiglass on all stained-glass windows) to be dedicated to their parents, Ann and Lay Phillips.
- Vestry unanimously approved the new cleaning service for the remainder of the year.
- Vestry unanimously approved the three 2022-23 Vestry goals: 1) build up endowment; 2) target youth and family engagement; 3) establish and implement a strategy to minister to online participants.

September, 2022:

- Vestry unanimously approved to authorize the Executive Committee to write a letter to the Diocese saying St. Peter's will not include the Diocese's assessment of our additional money received from PPP during the pandemic as part of our 2023 apportionment.

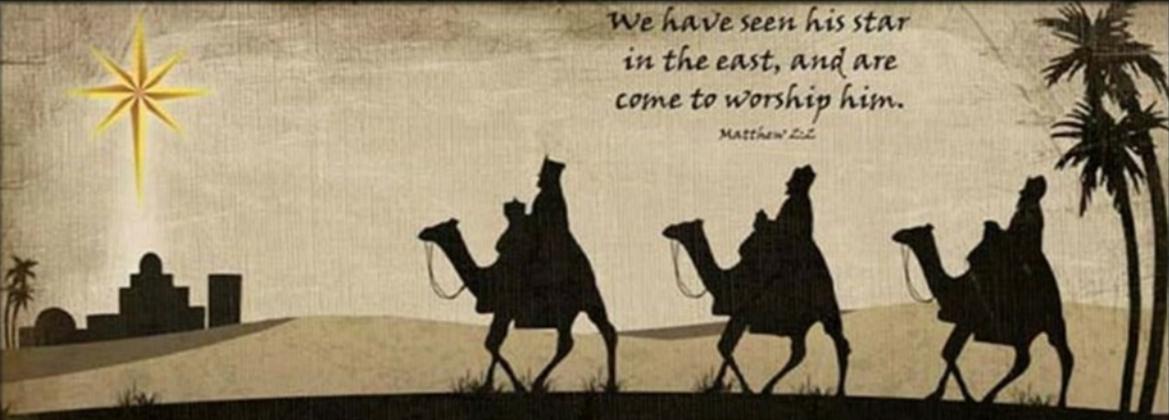
October, 2022:

- Vestry unanimously affirmed the presentation of the John B. Adkins Award that was presented to Sarah Hughes.
- Vestry unanimously accepted the 2021 Audit report from our CPA, who was complimentary of our cash position and how it has been managed.
- Vestry unanimously approved giving the Treasurer permission to authorize our accountant to file returns for St. Peter's to get an employee retention credit to receive \$41,000 (minus \$5,000 accounting fee).

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

Join us In-Person & Livestream

"The Feast of the Epiphany" Solemn Eucharist



*We have seen his star
in the east, and are
come to worship him.
Matthew 2:2*

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

Friday, Jan. 6th – 6PM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA 2022



Instructions: All orders for Christmas Poinsettia are to be paid in advance. When you have completed the order form, place check & order form in the Alms Basin or mail to the parish office. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church.
(Indicate Poinsettia/Greens on memo line)

Or you can now pay online at the following link: [St. Peter's Online Pay](#)

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, December 18, 2022

Cost per Poinsettia: \$10

I am paying by check..

check box

Payment of \$_____ for _____ plants.
quantity

Your name _____ Your phone number: _____

I am paying online via [St. Peter's Online Pay](#)

check box

Payment of \$_____ for _____ plants.
quantity

Your name as it appears as payee for online pay _____

Your phone number: _____

In Memory of:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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In Honor of:

_____	_____
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_____	_____

Given by: _____

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ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Reported by Hank Phillips, Treasurer

9/30/22

	2022			2021
	9 Months YTD Actual	12 Months Budget	9 Months YTD Budget	9 Months YTD Actual
INCOME				
Total Offerings	261,943	378,300	283,725	266,862
Total Other Sources	63,133	31,500	23,625	21,454
	<u>325,076</u>	<u>409,800</u>	<u>307,350</u>	<u>288,316</u>
Outside Investments				
Community Foundation Income	8,700	8,700	6,525	0
Hodgson Trust	4,453	4,500	3,375	3,436
Withdrawal from Endowment	18,000	64,208	48,156	0
Grants Income	3,000	0	0	0
	<u>34,153</u>	<u>77,408</u>	<u>58,056</u>	<u>3,436</u>
PPP Stimulus Money - obtained in 2020 & 2021	0	0	0	53,465
TOTAL INCOME	<u>359,229</u>	<u>487,208</u>	<u>365,406</u>	<u>345,218</u>
EXPENSES				
Church Staff Compensation	91,962	124,838	93,629	81,776
Clergy Compensation	125,780	168,986	126,740	117,997
Diocesan Apportionment	38,921	51,895	38,921	38,790
Outreach & Mission	32,026	37,500	28,125	23,310
Overhead	85,448	104,798	78,599	72,272
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>374,137</u>	<u>488,017</u>	<u>366,013</u>	<u>334,146</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME - with PPP Stimulus (if applicable)	<u>-14,908</u>	<u>-809</u>	<u>-607</u>	<u>11,072</u>

Year-to-date 2022 Offerings are still 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 (Community Foundation and Endowment) this year. As noted in last quarter's Keynote, YTD Expenses in certain Outreach & Mission and Overhead categories are running over budget. As a result of the above, YTD Net Ordinary Income is running at a deficit. Historically, the 4th quarter sees improvement in Income relative Budget. The Vestry and Finance Committee have reviewed and approved the above financial information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 18 Children's Christmas Pageant - 10:15AM
Community Messiah All-Sing - 6:30PM
December 24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist - 5PM & 11PM
December 25 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist - 10AM
January 1 Feast of the Holy Name Eucharist - 8AM & 10AM
January 6 Epiphany Solemn Eucharist - 6PM

For a complete & up to date Church Calendar, visit the Parish website @ www.stpeterschurch.net



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