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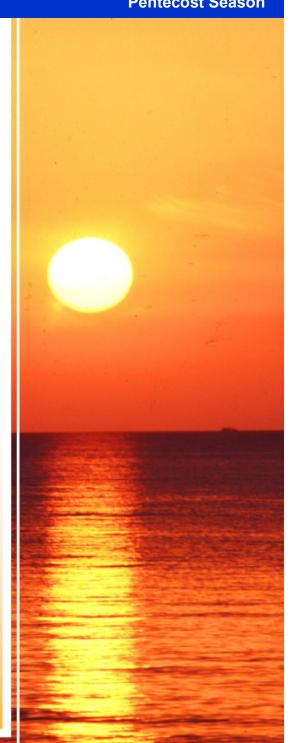
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Building Project Poetry

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Mark Twain said, "History doesn't repeat itself. It rhymes."

It's striking to see the way family DNA and culture shape successive generations in metrical patterns through the years. It's true in churches too. A study of the history of Saint Peter's reveals that cadence in our parish rhyming through the generations, since the late 1800s. That past is instructive for us as we make big decisions about the future of our facilities.

I'd like to tell you that story. It is positively poetic!

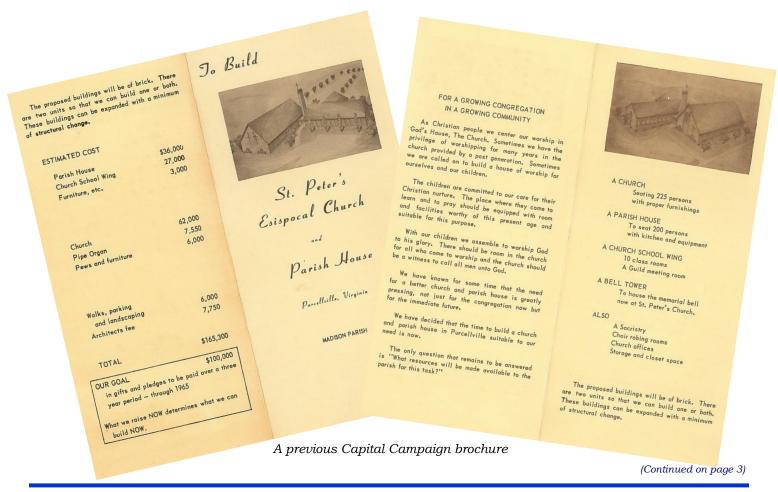
Jenks Hobson's father was rector here 1960-1969. He remembers from his childhood what St. Pete's was like as a growing congregation cramped in small quarters on Main Street.

"With us boomers booming in, Sunday school was held in the church basement and all over the rectory. We hung partitions in the open undercroft of the old church for Sunday school classes and for the choir robing rooms, then took them down for the weekday meetings and the kindergarten that rented the space during the week."

Notice the issues of overcrowding in the old facility: classroom partitions in the undercroft, hosting classes offsite, and rearranging space to welcome outside organizations during the week. The people of St. Peter's had outgrown their spot on Main Street and needed more room to grow. We know that feeling now. They were struggling in the 1950s with the same problems we have 50-years later. These are good problems to have.

The people of Madison parish were intent on addressing them back then. We are tool

Our remarkable momentum planning our this project demonstrates that the time is right to move forward.



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The 1960 plan called for building a fellowship hall, education wing, sanctuary, and bell tower. It was ambitious at the time and the capital campaign was able to raise only part of the total needed to complete it. St. Peter's leaders broke the project into phases according to the congregation's priorities.

The first phase included building the parish hall and the classroom wing with a temporary chapel upstairs, which were completed in 1963.



The people of St. Peter's worked hard to pay for the new building, employing one of St. Peter's most enduring strengths - the gift of hospitality to turn the economic engine. The new kitchen in McCray Hall was certified "commercial" by the county health department at that time. For many years the ladies of the Mount Calvary Guild utilized that asset to prepare hot meals twice a month for the 47 members of the Lions Club to raise funds.

In 1978 the congregation paid down the debt and celebrated by burning the mortgage. The Rev. Harry Hoffman was delighted to declare, "All these obligations were paid down in 15 years! The women of the church were mainly responsible for the retiring of the mortgage early by their long and hard work serving dinners to the Purcellville Lions Club."

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Harry Hoffman and Phil Bolen and Deke Hobson Burning mortgage in McCray Hall

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By the mid-1980s the population in and around Purcellville was growing and so was our congregation. It was clear that St. Peter's once again required more space to welcome new members on Sunday mornings. 1987, we gathered our resolve and resources and took a giant step, building the nave in which we currently worship.

With so much at stake for the future our people did what they do best. They led. They served. They banded together to do ministry. They grew, spiritually and numerically. They were "Building Christians for Service". They were building facilities to serve the community.





By 2000, people of Saint Peter's were ready for more. They once again mustered the vision, initiative and resources to build our beautiful 35 foot bell tower to house the historic Loudoun Bell.

This crowned the vision conceived 40 years earlier. It took 15 years to undertake the nave phase in the late '80s. And, like clockwork (or should I say "poetic meter"?), about 15 years after that, St. Peter's completed the tower phase.

And here we are at it again, 15 years later, expanding our facilities to assimilate the new growth of the last decade and serve our neighbors in the Loudoun Valley for coming decades. The beat goes on. Our current facilities have served well for the last 50 years. We are now gathering our resolve and resources to build again, for the next 50 years.





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ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHEME C - CONCEPTUAL MASTER SITE PLAN



In Thanksgiving for the Life of The Rev. Harry Lee Hoffman, III

By Fr. Tom Simmons

The Rev. Harry Hoffman passed away this August 1. He served as 19th rector of Saint Peter's, from 1968-1986, succeeding the Rev. Jennings "Deke" Hobson in the role. Harry was known for connecting pastorally with the congregation, and doing good ministry on the golf course. He was also distinctive for his dedicated service as chaplain to the Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, of which he was an early member. Eugene Scheel, member of Saint Peter's and well-know local historian and cartographer, remembers Harry well.

"We first visited about 1968. St. Peter's rector, Harry Hoffman, was a few years older than we, but we were part of the same generation. I recall that about that time he opposed the war in Vietnam and at the time so did I. Harry (he liked to be called that – without any title) even spoke to a group voicing his objections. That was a heady act then, as the only other prominent person (in my memory) to speak against the war was newspaper publisher Arthur Arundel. I admired Harry Hoffman's guts. He was a very frank individual, involved in secular affairs with the town's fire department, of which he was chaplain. Harry had a loud, clear speaking voice, and his sermons lasted not over twenty-five minutes."



Obituary

The Rev. Harry Lee Hoffman, III, 87, of Sykesville, Maryland, died Friday, August 1, 2014, at Fairhaven Health Care Center, surrounded by loving family members.

Born July 13, 1927, in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of the late Harry Lee Hoffman, Jr., and Charlotte Feast Hoffman. His sister, Charlotte Hoffman Wheeler, predeceased him. He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Mary Louisa Primrose Hoffman, his sister Martha Hoffman Stegner, his children, Alice Hoffman Middleton, William (Bill) Ellicott Hoffman, and Charlotte Hoffman Van Duser, his grandchildren Natalie, "Wes," "Jennie," and Tyler, along with one great-grandchild, Camden.

Harry graduated from Friends School of Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. He worked with his father, first at Ivy Hill Forest (now part of Oregon Ridge Park), and later as a junior account executive at H. Lee Hoffman Advertising.

In 1954, after receiving a higher calling, Harry attended Virginia Theological Seminary, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1957. His first formal ministry position was with St. John's Episcopal Church in Relay, Maryland, where he served as Vicar. He married in 1958, and served two churches in Powell and Lovell, Wyoming. In 1963 he returned to the East as Assistant Rector at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia. Harry served as Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Purcellville, Virginia from 1969 to 1986. He then served as Assistant Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, Maryland, until his retirement.

Harry enjoyed a wide variety of activities throughout his life. He was an avid amateur photographer, a talented musician (sang for many a church choir and played guitar) was an early computer whiz (contributed to and served on the Editorial Board of "Inkling," a literary magazine at Fairhaven). In addition, he had a love-hate relationship with the game of golf, enjoyed travel (particularly to the Lake Champlain/Adirondack region of New York), amassed quite a collection of postage stamps, and was a big fan of the Baltimore Orioles. Harry was also a volunteer for the local Lions Club and Fire Department and Rescue Squad during his years in Purcellville.

Most importantly, in his own words: "Looking back over my life, I see that it was blessed by God and reasonably successful. I was never famous and never did great things, but I did the best I could to be of help to people, especially in their time of crisis and need. I have tried to practice what I preached, particularly about our need to give of our time, talent and treasure for charitable causes."

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, August 17, at the Fairhaven Auditorium, with a reception following. If you would like to make a memorial contribution the family suggests the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY, 10018 or online at support.pdf.org



By Kathleen Voss

It is my privilege and honor to add the role of Youth Leader to my duties at St. Peter's. As many of you know, this is an age group I have significant experience with! I have worked in College Enrollment Management for the past 20 years and my primary audience has been young people between the ages of 15 and 18. If you have ever had the chance to work with teenagers, you know that in addition to keeping you on your toes, they also keep you energized and enlightened!

Today's teenagers have so much on their plate! The young people that I meet when I visit area high schools are somehow able to balance schoolwork with multiple extracurricular activities while working part time jobs and meeting obligations to family and friends! My colleagues and I often wonder, "When do these kids sleep?" Many times, they don't!

Think back to when you applied to college. Now go and check the admission's website for that school, chances are, you would not meet the admission's requirements if you applied today. When you think back to your high school years, we remember the pressure, the fun, the mistakes... now imagine if those "mistakes" were posted on Facebook for the world to see! According to Great Britain's Nuffield Foundation, while there has been a decrease in alcohol/drug abuse and sexual activity in today's teenagers, there has been significant increase in anxiety and depression.

Is it a wonder why? Unlimited access to information. A polarized political culture. Intolerance toward Christians within government and on campus. In an April 2014 article published by US News and World Report, Mercedes Schlapp writes; " Today, our children in public schools are faced with the increasing reality that not only is there is no room for their faith at school, but that some feel there is no room for people of faith either. Advocates for Faith and Freedom, a non-profit organization in California, reported an increase in reports of school teachers and officials bullying Christian students in public schools for their religious beliefs. The organization's general counsel, Robert Tyler, stated, "The disapproval and hostility that Christian students have come to experience in our nation's public schools has become epidemic." Do we really need to wonder why kids between the ages of 17 and 19 "drop out" of Church?

Recently, Dell Nunaley sent me a great article. In it, the author explains that "dropout" doesn't need to be the key word, "when teenagers see an active, practiced faith in their parents and other positive examples at church, they will stop being dropouts and start being disciples. If your student ministry is a four year holding tank with pizza, don't expect young adults to stick around."

St. Peter's has been without a Youth Leader for 2 years and it will take some time to get back on track. Luckily, I do not think that we are far off course. After meeting with Father Tom and the teachers in the Youth Program, my goals for the next year are as follows:

1) To Empower our Teachers! Carl, Tait, Nissa and Dave have done an amazing job over past 2 years, WITHOUT the help of a Youth Director. They should be thanked and congratulated for their efforts. I plan to work with them and support them in all ways possible and I ask the congregation to do the same, through prayer and hands on assistance. Parents, please communicate with your teachers. Sit in on a class! I will be sending out weekly emails, as I do for the Sunday School students, explaining the lesson of the day and asking you to reinforce the lessons showing your teens how they are relevant day to day. That's where the rubber hits the road.

2) Raise-up More Teachers! I'd also like to expand the Sunday morning team with some new leaders. If you have an important lesson or idea to contribute that will benefit our youth, please contact me. In addition, I will be contacting many of you, to act as guest speakers for our youth. "It takes a Church to raise a committed young adult."

There's more to Christian community than Sunday morning, so we will get together for fun, adventure, and service. We will begin with the Camp Highroad Ropes Course on September 6th from 9AM - 1PM. Please mark

your calendar and rsvp to dcm@stpetes.net. Over the year ahead we'll find out what our teens want to do... and then we'll do it! Once or twice a month we'll go out for roller Skating, movies nights, hikes and skeet shooting. What else would you like to do?

4) To Close the Gap! There seems to be a disconnect between our Sunday School and Youth programs. I have found through events such as, VBS and the Christmas pageant that our Youth can be our greatest resource! I hope to get our older students engaged in events meant for our children. It is a wonderful way to give back and to hone talents and skills that can be carried on into adulthood.

5) To Help our Youth See the Church as Relevant in their Lives! While I think the primary objective is ensuring that our young people are equipped with the armor of God, it is also my hope that when our young people leave for college or work, they know that they have a safe haven in the Church. That no matter what mistakes they might make, they can return to Jesus, that they can return "home."

I look forward to working with the young people of our congregation. Please pray for us as we begin this journey together.

Children and Parents

It is hard to believe how fast the summer can fly by! Here we are at the beginning of a new program year for Children's Ministries!

Sunday School will begin on September 14th at 9:20am starting with music in the Sanctuary. **Music** is an important facet in the Christian education of young people and children should have the opportunity to actively participate. We sing to rejoice and proclaim God's word! Upon the conclusion of Music, students will be escorted to their classrooms. Parents are asked to pick up and sign out their children in the classrooms at the end of Sunday School (10:15AM).

Registration forms are available on the Church website. Please be sure to register **or re-register your child by September 7th.** This year we return to Year 1 of our curriculum, *Weaving God's Promises*. We are thrilled with the support given to us by the parents of our Sunday School students and as always, appreciate your input and suggestions.

Questions? I will be available at the **Ministry Fair** on **September 7th**. Please stop by our table if you have any questions or concerns. As always, there is a need for at least 2 more teachers and Sunday School Aides, in all of the classrooms. If we have enough people volunteer, we will be able to coordinate a schedule that can work for everyone! Please considering helping out, it is incredibly fulfilling. You can reach me at dcm@stpetes.com.



Playground Dedication 10am September 14!

Please join us as we celebrate and dedicate our wonderful new playground—generously donated to St. Peter's from our friend and neighbor, **Dan Kaseman.**

Children's Chapel is another long standing tradition at St. Peter's. I would like to continue this wonderful program which focuses on teaching children the Gospel, as well as our Liturgy. However, without volunteers the program can't happen! Let's make 2014-2015 the year we make it happen! Stop by the Ministry Fair table and we can look at the calendar together!

The annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **Wednesday, December 24th** at the **5pm** service. Please mark your calendars and be on the look-out for more information in the near future.

The Children's Ministry Committee (CMC) will meet Quarterly, in the Library. All interested members of St. Peter's are welcomed to join us! Please feel free to stop by the Ministry Fair on September 7th to find out more about this important Ministry.

As always, I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the St. Peter's community and more specifically, the children and Youth of St. Peter's. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your suggestions and concerns. I am looking forward to an exciting new school year.

-Kathleen Voss

Nursery News

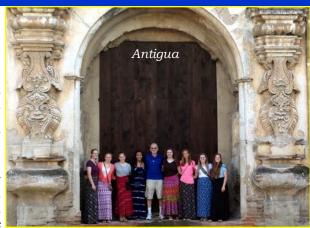
We have been blessed to welcome many new families to St. Peter's over the past few months! Now that the summer is winding down and we are returning to our old routines, the Nursery staff and I thought it would be a good time to highlight Nursery procedures.

- The nursery is available from 7:45 AM until 12:15 PM for children up to age 4.
- We ask that all parents fill out a registration card for their child. These are available in the binder at the door of the nursery. Allergies, medical conditions or special instructions can be listed on this card.
- The safety of the children is our number one priority and we have two caregivers available at all times.
- If a child is upset, the nursery staff will comfort the child, if after ten minutes the child is unable to be consoled, we will contact the parents and ask for their assistance.
- If a child is injured, or if a child injures another child, an incident report will be completed and parent(s) will be informed immediately.
- The staff will set limits that are developmentally appropriate and consistently enforced. We want to work with families regarding discipline. If you have a certain routine that works well for your child, please inform Ms. Sandy and Ms. Danielle and we will try to keep a similar routine. "Time outs" are used as a means of discipline, offering the child time to think about their actions and regain control in order to rejoin the group safely. If a child is unable to regain control, a staff person will seek the assistance of the parent(s).
- We are open to and welcome suggestions and feedback. Please direct all comments and concerns to **Kathleen Voss** at dcm@stpetes.net

Guatemala Mission—2014

By Bob Loker

On Saturday, June 21st our eleven person short-term mission team departed Dulles Airport for a week in Guatemala. The team consisted of six St. Peter's Church members augmented by five Spanish language students from Kelly Cockrill's Loudoun Valley High School Spanish classes. St. Peter's members included Kelly Cockrill, Elizabeth Wagstaff, Bridget Wagstaff, Samantha Pearson (Pat Pearson's granddaughter) and me. Our Spanish students included Anna Broshkevitch, Maryjean Gillis, Bria Lloyd, Karlee McHenry, Samantha Morency and Rachel Snyder. A total of four Loudoun churches were represented. Life is tough in the mission field. I got to lead a team of ten lovely women!





We stayed in a small hotel in the colonial capital of Antigua and supported Todd and Maureen Erickson who work with Redeemers House, a ministry in the nearby village of Santiago Zamora. Their vision is "to join with God in breaking the chains of poverty and transforming lives through the love of Christ." They build holistic relationships with at-risk families.

Our days typically began with an early morning walk to the town square for coffee, followed by breakfast at the hotel and then a day in the village. Activities included distributing reading glasses donated to St. Peter's by the Lions Club; volunteering at Casa de la Esperanza, a home for severely disabled children; running a soccer clinic and after school program; painting a beautiful mural on a wall of the newly acquired ministry center and a photography project in which we took photos of the children and they placed them in frames they decorated. That may seem like a small thing until you realize that most of the children have never owned a photo of themselves.

In addition to our mission activities we also found time to climb an active volcano, Vulcan Pacaya, and to attend a bilingual mission church service in Antigua and an indigenous service in Santiago Zamora. We ate great meals and no one got sick!

We were exposed to incredible natural beauty, Spanish Colonial buildings, Hispanic and Mayan culture, and grinding poverty. We were inspired by the sacrificial lives of the missionaries we met both at Redeemer's House and Casa de la Esperanza. We saw Christ's people at work.

Post Script: I remained in Guatemala an additional week after the team departed. That week was supported by St. Peter's and

seeJesus, an international discipleship ministry for which I volunteer as a trainer for a course called *The Person of Jesus*. During that week I followed up with pastors and church leaders whom I had trained in 2013 and I did additional training for other groups. I worked in three different geographic areas. Initially I was in Zona 18 of Guatemala City, considered among the worst slums in the city. That was followed by teaching at a tiny Mayan church in the mountains and an Assemblies of God church in the rural town of San Pablo La Laguna about three hours from Antigua. Pastors came from various Mayan churches to learn more about the person of Jesus and how to conduct interactive small group Bible studies. Most had only been exposed to lecture style teaching and were eager to learn fresh ways of presenting the gospel. I also trained American staff and interns from three different missions. It was a rewarding week and I am scheduled to return again next summer.

Appalachia Mission—2014

By Dave Hunt

On June 21st, a team of 13 departed Purcellville for Premier, WV, arriving around 3 pm. As we discovered last year, the area around Welch and Premier is geographically a beautiful area, but economically depressed and forlorn.

On arrival, we met with Lori Osborne, the Director of the Highland Education Project/Premier Learning Center and discussed what projects she would like to have completed during the week. The primary tasks requested were to help with the gardening, planting new areas, setting up a clothing distribution area in one of the storage buildings, and a series of minor tasks, such as making bean bags for an upcoming summer reading camp, drawing farm animal designs on the wall, and removal of a pile of roofing debris left near the dumpster by a prior mission group. We also ran programs each weekday for the mentally handicapped group, as we had done in 2013. By the end of the week, every item on her list, and many more, were completed.

The group spent most of the remainder of the first day moving in, setting up a sound and video system, cleaning the center and cooking dinner and dessert. We had Deborah Cooper work with the team again this year as a local point of contact and cook for the team. Deb had moved out of her home into the center on a temporary basis, as her house was unlivable, having been flooded by recent storms. It was under construction by another team conducting renovations for her.

We found the center reasonably organized on the inside, but a mess on the outside, with piles of debris, random logs strewn about the parking areas, trash and broken items left around. The inside was in need of significant cleaning.

On Sunday, the group was welcomed by a nearby Baptist church, swelling the congregation. We spent the afternoon grocery shopping, repairing a vacuum, cleaning the interior of the center and the kitchen, planning which team members would be managing and supporting the work and developing a schedule for the team's tasks. We enjoyed a movie in the evening on a projection screen with a robust sound system.

The main tasks during the week were the establishment of a clothing distribution area for the center, work on the garden, and cleaning up the exterior of the center/property. Each day we had teams working on these issues. Teams rotated daily cooking and cleaning duties, and most members rotated which projects they would support. Randy led the adult group, with similar program and projects as in 2013.

For the clothing distribution, day one was spent clearing out the shed, to make room for building clothing racks on the exterior wall, and day two was spent in clearing out more of the shed (moving hundreds of boxes of clothing into the other storage shed and the trailer we brought) and building a second set of hanging racks down the middle of the shed. An estimated 100 linear feet of clothing racks were installed.



The center had boxes of hangers and we were able to completely set up a very nicely stocked clothing distribution area. Going through hundreds of boxes of clothing, sorting and trashing soiled or damaged items, took up much of the team's time and this project lasted all week. At the beginning of the week, this task seemed overwhelming, and as day one produced limited results, we added manpower to this project. At one point everyone was involved in opening boxes and sorting clothes.

We were able to "build" on the work done the previous year (building shelving in the sheds), so that the distribution shed had one wall of shelving for displaying items and two full length rows of double height shelving for the clothing. We used the piping from a discarded above-ground pool frame for the clothing rack poles. The kids took great delight in finding and trying on vintage clothing which produced gales of laughter from the entire team. The boys had a "fashion show" with their "finds" one night, which was hilarious.

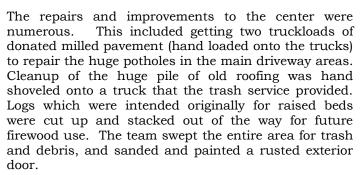
On Thursday afternoon, we held a "grand opening" and invited members of the trailer park, by distributing a written invitation to the trailers for the clothing and games and cookout. Only a few families took advantage of the invitation, which we attributed to a decline in the confidence of the community in the management of the center. Subsequent to our departure, Lori indicated over 35 persons had been provided clothing, allowing them to clear out over 46 more boxes of clothing.

Work on the garden also continued most of the week, and included harvesting some areas, replanting with new crops, and turning an area that had been plowed and tilled into an area with over 40 hills of various types of squash. We provided replacement hoses and hose storage units, as many of the watering hoses had been damaged. Randy spent a lot of time using his

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expertise to develop a proposal for how the center could improve their gardening techniques, and improved the raised beds, which were placed on the parking lot, over gravel, with insufficient soil. Because of this installation, the beds needed watering each day, to prevent the soil from over-drying.



We contacted a local repair company and paid for the repair of the heating and air-conditioning system, serving one half of the building, and removed and stored the window A/C units which had been in use. Other improvements included installing clocks in the bunk rooms, shelving in the laundry room, replacing moldy caulking in a shower unit, and painting the glass windows in the bunk rooms for privacy (replacing aluminum foil and ratty curtains, which had been used).

We cleaned up the area under the gazebo and cleaned out the charcoal grill, using it for a cookout on our final night. We purchased new chainsaw blades and cut up additional piles of logs left in the parking lot area.

In addition to filling the huge stake bed truck from the trash company, we loaded up the dumpster and took two loaded pickup trucks to the landfill with discarded clothing and other trash.

Randy led the group that provided projects and fun for the adults who came to the center each day. Usually two or three others supported that project, and we rotated who was on that team each day. The people who came to the center were very appreciative of the work our team conducted each day for their enjoyment.

In addition to the work that was done, the team made time each day for relaxation, and time at dinner for conversation. Everyone worked diligently all week in very hot and sweaty conditions. Thursday night we tie-dyed t-shirts and other items as a fun team activity. On Friday afternoon, we traveled to a water park area

for a few hours of swimming and camaraderie. That evening we had a steak dinner, and two members of the team had created "awards" for each team member, lampooning issues that arose during the week. It was a wonderful evening with a lot of laughs. Jen worked on the blog posting each day, incorporating many of the pictures that were taken.



The team focused our efforts on permanent improvements to the center. Items that literally were bolted to the wall, or improved the ability of the center to serve the community.

We were also able to provide a check to the center of \$1000 for compensation for our use of the center, which provided them

funds to pay for the water, electricity, trash service and other items we used.

It was obvious to the team that the management of the center has been focused more on the center supporting Lori's family, than on serving the community. Examples include the use of the center's food pantry to store Lori's daughter's belongings, in anticipation of a move to a house in the near future. Lori has three family members employed at the center, at very meager salaries, and they spend much of the day sitting around drinking coffee and smoking, with a few hours each day devoted to the gardening, and other minor tasks. All of what we completed during the week could easily have been done, over time, by the employees there, given sufficient direction and motivation. As a result, there are few programs run by the center, and very little interaction with the community. This is clearly not what is intended by the Diocese of WV, which provides the majority of the funding for their work.

The community seems to feel that the center has lost direction, and based on numerous conversations, I believe that the diocese is aware of this situation. Should the diocese choose to make a change in leadership, I strongly support St. Peter's returning to Premier to further support this local ministry. However, if the diocese does not make a change, I feel we may be able to better use our efforts in another location. We will monitor this situation during the year and can make a decision early in 2015.

The mission team's efforts were spent in improving the center in ways that would benefit any future management, to make sure the building and grounds are suitable for the work that can be undertaken there. The clothing distribution is one way the center can make a big impact, and they do continue to receive clothing donations from around the region.

Mission Participants: Mary Barratt, Jen Coate, Bradford Downing, Caroline Duchemin, Jacqueline Duchemin, Chris Hunt, Dave Hunt, Lauren Hunt, Jonathan LaPre, Ian Sicking, Randy Stoutenburgh, Kate Stoutenburgh, Charlie Trochlil.





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to Benefit School in Liberia

Saturday, September 13

8:00am—2:00pm



Come to St. Peter's on Saturday, September 13, for our Autumn Plant Sale and Festival from 8am-2pm! In addition to offering a wide variety of plants for sale, Debi Parry is organizing a Bake Sale, and Todd & Pam Johnston will be providing their famous BBQ! We'll also have a flower arranging demonstration, fun activities for kids, and more, so bring the whole family!

This fundraiser sponsored by St. Pete's Outreach Team, will benefit St. Peter's School in Caldwell, Liberia. After helping build the new elementary school on the St. Peter's campus last year, we now have the opportunity to help provide new desks for the children as our brothers and sisters in Caldwell prepare for full occupancy of the new building this fall. For only \$10 per desk, we can not only outfit the whole school with new desks for as little as \$2,500, but also provide good work for some Liberian craftsmen. If you'd like to help out, please see the sign up sheets posted in McCray Hall or contact one of the people listed.

Fall is a Great Time for Planting and for Dividing Perennials!

We are asking for bulbs, cuttings, and divisions from your gardens to sell at the Plant Sale. After dividing them, place them in containers and pack moist

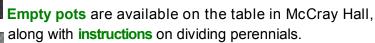
soil around the roots. Water them and keep them in a cool, shady spot.



- To propagate them
- To check their spread into areas where they aren't wanted
- To promote the health and longevity of the perennial







Drop off your plants at St. Peter's anytime now in the fenced area behind McCray Hall.











Changes—Choices—Challenges

By Barbara Bulger Verdile Director of Music & Organist

For the past few months we have been evaluating the needs of our Parish as we gather thoughts and ideas for the "Space for Our Space" project. We have filled out forms, answered questions on questionnaires, gathered for interesting and intense discussions and recently looked at designs which show us a collective representation of our individual thoughts worked together in a physical plan and presented for our consideration and assessment. No matter the outcome this will be an exciting and strengthening opportunity for us, one with great potential to draw us together "in the spirit's tether." And in order for this to go forward, and most certainly in order for this to be completed, it will bring change.

There has always been abundant change in our churches. For example for many of us of a certain age we are only too familiar with changes to the services and the music. It used to be four hymns, chanted psalms sung to anglican chant, canticles, children in Sunday School, adults in church. Then came Songs of Praise, Renew, Rite 1 and 2, guitars. And within other denominations, Family Service, Youth Service, Taize, projector screens, evangelism, drama, dance, and testimony. For

MISSING LETTERS

Can you complete the word in the lines of the following hymns chosen from our "most favorites"?

Cherubim and ____p ___ falling down before thee

Joyful, joyful, we __o __ thee

We've no less __y _ to _ i __ God's praise

Now the __l ___ Now the peace

Praise him _ b___, ye heavenly host

Thy strong word did c ____ the darkness

Morning has ___ k __ like the first m _____

Lord of lords in _ u ___ vesture

When I fall on my _ n ___ with my face to the rising sun

T____ o'er the wrecks of time

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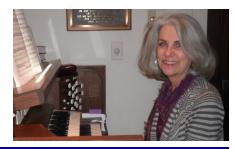
Episcopalians the focus is now on the Eucharist and... what happened to Morning Prayer and Evensong? It's been an interesting journey.

For all of us, changes are at the very least a disruption, or perhaps (let's describe it in a manner less harsh) change brings interruption. It is interesting that both "disruption" and "interruption" have the same Latin root: "rupt," which means "break". For me, my immediate reaction to the word "break" conjures up images of a scary thing with rough, sharp edges that can cut and do harm. Well that is a little extreme, but change makes us feel vulnerable. Oh no! My car won't start! And I have so much to do today! Even my dog goes on a hunger strike when his routine is disrupted. I imagine he feels helpless having to change or adapt to a new routine. I, on the other hand, can quickly catch myself, use common sense and realize that a threatening outcome is hardly likely- I call for a jump start and drive off to complete my tasks.

We all react to change in our own way, depending on circumstances and who we are. Some jump right in with a plan and move forward and this is how growth occurs. Others just feel vulnerable and move on and away. Yes, "God moves in a mysterious way" which can be unsettling.

So where do you fit in this continuum as it applies to St. Peter's? And while you consider that question, consider this as well: the Ministry Fair is upon us. St. Peter's has many wonderful and worthwhile ministries, some serving St. Peter's immediate needs, others serving the community, and all needing its people's time and talent. Did you know last year the sign up sheets for the Choir, Choristers and Choral Scholars were untouched, blank? And the

Music Ministry's sheets weren't the only ones left in that condition. Will you be grabbing a pen, staying involved and committed to helping St. Peter's changing present and changing future? And by the way, I hope you will give serious thought to singing with the Choir, or having your child or youth sing with the Choristers or Choral Scholars, or both! While generating the ways and means to accomplish the "Space for our Space" project we need to be committed and working together to regenerate within all facets of our parish.



With a voice of singing,

Barbara

(9) knees (10) towering

(1) Seraphi (2) adore (3) days, sing (4) silence (5) above (6) cleave (7) broken, morning (8) human

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St. Peter's Annual Ministry

Fair

Sunday, September 7
9am-12:30pm
in McCray Hall

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Come to St. Peter's Annual Ministry Fair to discover all the possibilities for you to become more involved at St. Pete's. Learn what's planned for the program year ahead and explore how you can be a part of our exciting ministries!

Learn about education and formation offerings for all ages!

Children

Youth

Adults

Discover how you can participate in Worship!

Choir

Lectors

Intercessors

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Guild

Acolytes

Ushers

Explore how you can reach out to others!

Newcomers to St. Pete's

Locally

Nationally

Globally

Consider how you can care for others!

Prayer Teams

Casserole Team

Visitation

Engage in fellowship opportunities!

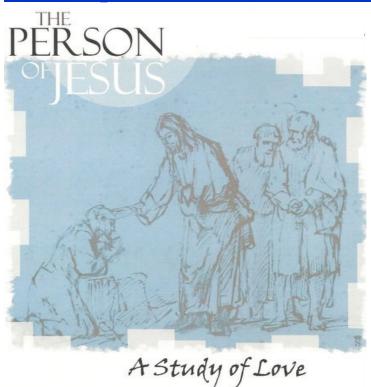
Women's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship

This just skims the surface! Come see it all at the Ministry Fair! Talk to people who are involved already. Ask questions.

Catch the vision!

Adult Spiritual Formation Classes Starting in September



The Person of Jesus Study

McCray Hall
Between Services

September 14-November 23

The person of Jesus may be the most overlooked and understudied part of our faith. Many Christians are so aware of Jesus' divinity that they have forgotten he's a *person*.

Reintroducing people to their first love through an interactive method of Bible study, the Person of Jesus study invites attendees into the crowd that followed Jesus. They see first hand Jesus' compassion the widow of Nain. uncomfortable honesty towards Simon the Pharisee, and how he loves a woman with a reputation. The Person of Jesus shows them the warmth of the only perfectly loving human being, and rekindles their joy in knowing him. Slowly the implications of the gospel are introduced as people look to Jesus as a model for love.

Led by Bob Loker and Mike and Maggie Snyder (No classes October 5th & November 2nd.)

Basic Spiritual Skills 2014 McCray Hall, 9:30am Starts September 14

The Basic Spiritual Skills class teaches four basic spiritual skills which form the foundation for solid Christian formation in our hearts.

Basic Spiritual Skills will teach you

- how to seek God in such a way that you will, without fail, find Him. Proverbs 8: 17
- to develop the spiritual skill the Bible calls "hearing". Hearing is the agent of faith formation in the human heart. Faith grows spontaneously in our hearts when we develop skill in hearing the Word of God. Romans 10:17
- to learn to continue to maintain your daily connection to God's Word. The Basic Spiritual Skills class will teach you how to do that.

 John 8:31—32
- to rest—the skill that makes our spiritual growth sustainable for our entire lives.
 Matthew 11: 28—29

If you are interested in participating in the Basic Spiritual Skills class, contact **Bill Geiger**.

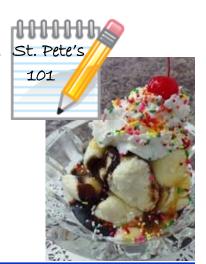
Sundaes on Saturday!

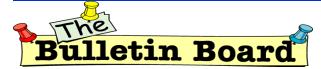
We're doing something different this Fall by offering St. Pete's 101 on Saturday evenings immediately following our 5:00pm Holy Eucharist. We call it Sundaes on Saturdays! That's right, sundaes. So bring your favorite ice cream sundae topping and stick around after the service for sundae bar and good discussion.

Starts September 13

St Pete's 101

is part of our
"Path In" to the
life of St Peter's.
Led by
Fr. Tom Simmons
and Tom Coate





Taking care of the deep, hard to reach maintenance at St. Pete's

Michael Volpone has been working hard on many various projects around St. Peter's, including:

- Painting & caulking the exterior window and door trim on the Nave
- Refinishing the exterior Nave doors
- Painting the soffit
- Cleaning the gutters
- Replacing worn out light fixtures (notice how much brighter it is now in the stairwell?)
- And many assorted tasks

Look around and say thanks to Mike next time you see him!

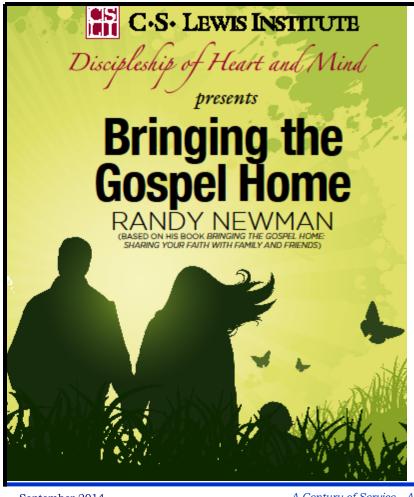




A Big Shout Out to Boy Scout Troop 39

for the wonderful gift they gave St. Peter's on August 23, weeding and mulching the front garden beds! Led by Patrol Leader Jeremy, who planned and organized the event, they didn't even let the rain interfere creating rain gear out of trash bags!

Well done, Scouts!



Bringing the Gospel Home

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 27, 9-11:30AM LEESBURG COMMUNITY CHURCH

To register please go to www.cslewisInstitute.org

> Sharing the gospel with a family member can be an exciting experience and often a long, painful, and confrontational one. Randy Newman recognizes it can be more difficult and frustrating to witness to a family member than to nearly anyone else. In Bring the Gospel Home, he delivers practical and holistic strategies to help ordinary Christians engage members, and others, on topics of faith. A messianic Jew who has led several family members to Christ, Newman urges Christians to look to the Bible before they evangelize.

REMINDER BOARD

Start off the school year right by making this ://wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

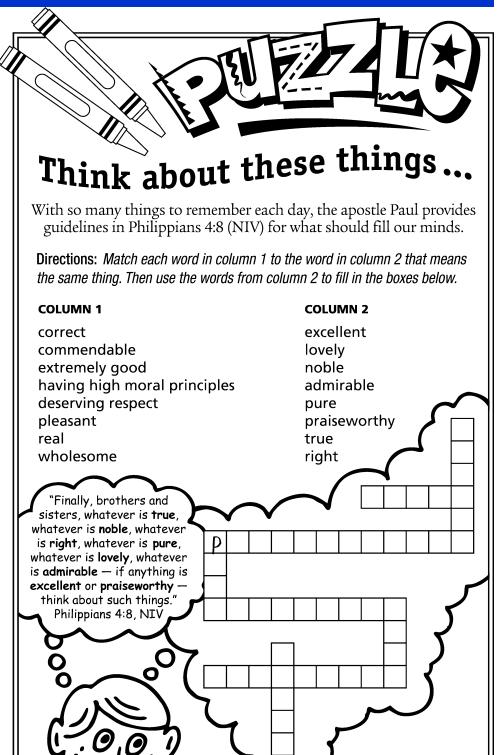
What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

- 1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
- 2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
- 3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame.

 Then attach the pen to the frame.
- 4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.



Sunday School
Online registration
http://sunschool.stpetes.net



St. Peter's SEPTEMBER ROSTER 2014

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		13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost		
LECTOR	Early	Corrine Hegener	Dell Nunaley	Jesse Brown	Mark Baker		
	Late	David Weiss	Patti Flowers	Kyle Voss	David Weiss		
	Early	John Burden,	Buddy Andrews,	Tim Hall,	Judy Hall,		
EUCHARISTIC		Jean Kuhns	Tanya Matthews	Peter Schellhase	Terry Duhring		
MINISTERS	Late	Dave Hunt,	Linda Stoutenburgh,	Dave Hunt,	Linda Stoutenburgh,		
		Shane Ayers	Randy Stoutenburgh	Shane Ayers	Randy Stoutenburgh		
SUB DEACON	Early	Mark Riley	Mark Riley	Mark Riley	Mark Riley		
	Late	Mark Riley	Mark Riley	Mark Riley	Mark Riley		
INTERCESSOR	Early	Kelly Cockrill	Sophiann Nunaley	John Burden	Healing Liturgy		
	Late	Bill Geiger	Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger	Healing Liturgy		
	Early	Michael, Katherine &	Joshua & Megan	Ciara, Kimberly &	Adam Gibson,		
ACOL VITES		Bridget Wagstaff	Smith,	Colin Donohue,	Mark Matthews,		
ACOLYTES	Lete	Dee L-D-	Eric Gibson	Isabella Tucker	Hayes Baker		
	Late	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers,	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre,	Chris Hunt, George & Henry	Dan LaPre,		
		Lauren Hunt.	Henry Psaltos	Simmons	Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt.		
		Peter Forbes	Henry Esaltos	Simmons	Peter Forbes		
		Linda Turner,			reterrorbes		
		Colleen Duffy,	Bill & Beth Gibson.	Buddy Andrews,	Paul Miller &		
		Chris Lafferty.	Peter & Erin	Drew Lavan &	Laurraine Landolt.		
	Early	Eckard & Keri Holdorf.	Schellhase	Nancy Wise	Dick & Bobbie		
		Doug & Elizabeth Wagstaff,	oonemase.	runoj misc	Wilhelm		
		Mike & Maggie Snyder,					
COFFEE		Sonny & Mary Hoeltzel,					
HOUR		John & Debby Caulfield					
HOSTS		Mary Barratt, Liz Tuohy,					
	Late	Susan Collins,	Dave & Gail Hunt,	Randy & Linda			
		Deana Czaban,	Keith & Regina	Stoutenburgh	Ollie & Betsy North,		
		Jimmy & Traci Eddinger,	Brzozowsky	Dan & Una LaPre	VOLUNTEER		
		Tred & Debi Parry,			NEEDED		
		Nick & Leigh Psaltos					
				Rick & Kelly			
	Early	Todd & Pam Johnston,	Doug & Elizabeth	Cockrill,	John Sleeter,		
		Bill & Beth Gibson	Wagstaff,	Paul Miller &	Dick Wilhelm,		
			Mark & Nancy Baker	Laurraine Landolt	Mark & Jack Novak		
USHERS				David Weiss,	Susan Collins,		
	Late	Ben & Anna Curtis,	Ed & Georgia Poe,	Tred Parry,	Sandy Wehr,		
		Eamon & Jenn Coy	Bill & Renee Geiger	Jimmy Eddinger,	Marty & Erica		
1				Billy Dillon	Thompson		
	Early	Jesse Brown	John & Debby	Bill Gibson	Tim Hall		
GREETERS	Lete		Caulfield				
	Late	John Israel	Steve Schultz	Dave Tocki	Dan LaPre		
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, Rick Tyler	Pat Long & Sven Johnson		
	\vdash	Pat Pearson.	Nancy Dillon,	Nancy Dillon,	Nancy Dillon,		
ALTAR		Linda Evans.	Judi Novak,	Judi Novak,	Judi Novak,		
GUILD		Debi Parry,	Judy Hall,	Judy Hall,	Judy Hall,		
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If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:					
9-3	Ben & Katlyn Frichtl				
9-9	Darrell & Susie Furr				
9-16	Marty & Jane Thompson				
9-17	Brian & Kirsten Jenkins				
	Rick & Tamara Tyler				
9-18	Bill & Beth Gibson				
9-19	Dell & Sophiann Nunaley				
	Jim & Maggie Heim				
9-24	Joseph & Nissa Clavelli				



BIRTH	IDAYS:	9-16	John Arnold
			Connor Collins
9-2	Tom Simmons	9-19	Nick Moore
9-4	Ethan Ballinger		Georgia Poe
9-5	Eric Bush	9-21	Robert Purnell
	Ella Coffey		Sherri Kakol
9-7	Mary Kay DeMarce	9-23	Mike Snyder
9-8	Laurraine Landolt	9-25	Melissa Novak
	Barbara Verdile		Joshua Smith
9-9	Paul Miller		Bob Verdile
	Krista Winger	9-27	Olive Johnson
9-11	Sophie Smith	9-28	Shane Ayers
9-14	Marvin Banton	9-30	Kimberly Donohue
9-15	Justine Phelan		Mary Dye
	Charlotte Tuohy		

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 2	Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
Sept 3	Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm
	Wednesday Bible Study Resumes 7pm

- Sept 6 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Set Up for Ministry Fair 8:30am
 Youth Ropes Course 8:30am
 HOLY EUCHARIST 5pm
- Sept 7 **Ministry Fair** 9am-12:30pm Sunday Bible Study Resumes 5pm
- Sept 9 Vestry Exec Mtg. 7pm
- Sept 13 Plant Sale 8am **HOLY EUCHARIST** 5pm

 Sundaes on Saturdays 6pm
- Sept 14 Program Year Begins
 Sunday School K-5 9:20am
 Sunday School 6-12 9:30am
 Adult Formation 9:30am
 Choristers & Choral Scholars 12pm



Sept 15 Mt. Calvary 10am

Sept 16 Vestry Mtg. 7pm

Sept 18 TOL Dinner 4pm Choir Resumes 7pm

Sept 20 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am Literary Guild 5pm **HOLY EUCHARIST** 5pm

Sundaes on Saturdays 6pm

- Sept 21 Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 23 Pastoral Care Team 5pm Outreach Team 6pm
- Sept 27 **HOLY EUCHARIST** 5pm Sundaes on Saturdays 6pm
- Sept 28 Healing Liturgy



Marriage Alpha
Coming in
October!

Details on www.stpetes.net

Be In-The-Know!

You can be the first to receive important announcements, the *St. Pete's Weekly*, and the *Good News* by signing up on our website. Under "Signup Opportunities" click on "Signup for St. Peter's announcements and news" and enter your name and email address. It's as simple as that!

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for SEPTEMBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
7	13 Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14	149	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 18:15-20
14	14 Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31	114	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:21-35
21	15 Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15	105:1-6, 37-45	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 20:1-16
28	16 Pentecost	Exodus 17:1-7	78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 21:23-32

Mon

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	1	2 Vestry Ministry Mtg	3 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg MSSG Bible Study	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast Youth Ropes Course Set Up for Fair HOLY EUCHARIST
7 HOLY EUCHARIST Ministry Fair Bible Study	8	9 Vestry Exec Mtg	10 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG Bible Study	11	12	Plant Sale & Festival HOLY EUCHARIST Sundaes on Saturdays
14 Begin Program Yr HOLY EUCHARIST Sunday School Choristers/CS Bible Study	15 Mt. Calvary Guild	16 Vestry Mtg.	17 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG Bible Study	18 TOL Dinner Choir	19	20 Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild Mtg HOLY EUCHARIST Sundaes on Saturdays
21Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST Sunday School Choristers/CS Bible Study	22	23 PC Team Outreach Team	24 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG Bible Study	25 Choir	26	27 HOLY EUCHARIST Sundaes on Saturdays
28 Healing Liturgy HOLY EUCHARIST Sunday School Choristers/CS Bible Study	29	30	O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand: Fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer, in obedience to thy will; and grant that thus loving thee, we may become daily more like unto thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love thee; through Jesus Christ our LordB. F. Westcott			

KEY: CS= Choral Scholars; MSSG=Men 's Spiritual Support Group; PC=Pastoral Care; TOL=Tree of Life



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