



# *Ring in the* **Good News**

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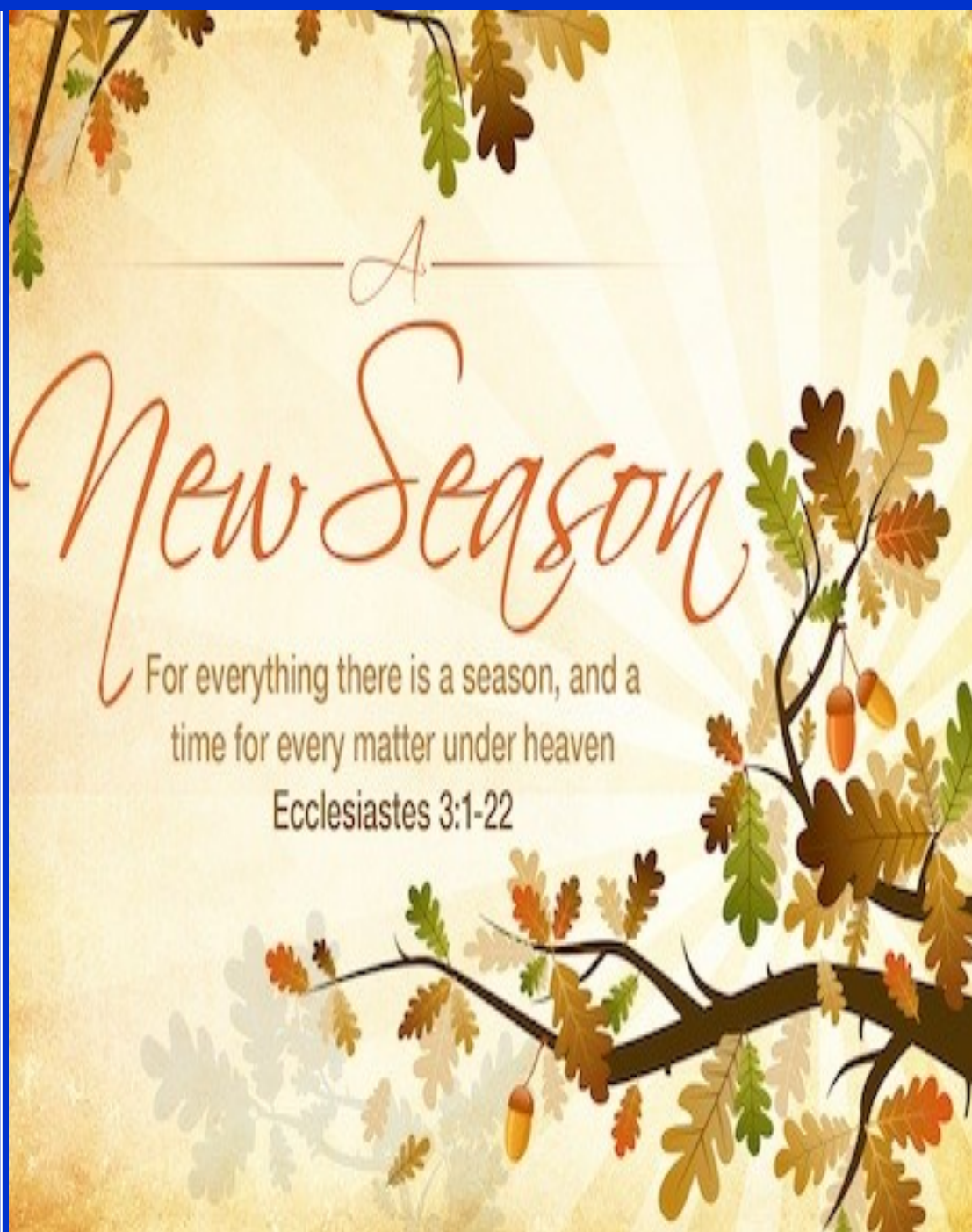
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## From Ephesus to Purcellville

By Fr. Tom Simmons

It is easy for Christians to blend into their social surroundings. Paul wrote to the Christians in and around Ephesus (see map) to make a persuasive case why they - and we - can't do that. God's sovereign work to save us leads us,

instead, to shine with truth and love in a dark world.

We've been discovering how this works in the Sunday readings from Paul's letter to the Ephesians appointed by the lectionary. We are preaching on the texts in the lectionary, as well as the texts in-between those readings. We will be able to cover the whole letter by late-October. With that end in view, I offer some background material on the letter for your reflection.

### A Stormy Sea of Different Ideas

Paul was concerned that the Christians in Ephesus were in danger of believing and behaving in ways contrary to the gospel. They were being "tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians

4:14). He was worried about false teachers who mislead God's children with ideas: silly ideas, bad ideas, dangerous ideas. Ideas have consequences because what we believe has huge influence over how we behave.

This was a recurring theme for the Ephesians. In Acts 20, when Paul bid farewell to the bishops of the church in Ephesus, he warned them, "I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away the disciples after them. So be on your guard" (Acts 20:29-30).

Paul knew the Ephesians were not yet skilled in the art of discernment, the ability to tell a counterfeit from the genuine article, and to choose the path of faithfulness in a complex world. So in his farewell address in Acts, Paul urged them to vigilance. Years later, in his letter to the Ephesians (see below for author, date and background information adapted from ESV Study Bible), Paul was emphasizing the need to, "speak the truth" (Ephesians 4:15).

That is how you build the church - both then *and now*. In our age these same issues challenge us. Our society is awash in ideas, imagery, mythology and ideologies seeking to capture the imagination and allegiance of the masses. Sometimes these explicitly rival faith in Jesus, more often they are subtly subversive to it.

The message-makers and image-shapers of our society have honed the tools of propaganda into "weapons of mass *deception*." If Christians are to keep a steady course in these gale-force "winds of doctrine" we can't accept at face-value the easy sound-bite answers of the conventional wisdom. Paul helped the Ephesian Christians see that we march to the beat of a different drummer. We live a different narrative. We have a deeper source of identity and allegiance. Therefore, Christians must learn to rigorously seek the truth together and winsomely and courageously "speak the truth" to one another, and to others seeking anchorage in our storm-tossed world.

### Not So Fast, Crusader-for-Truth Dude!

The neat thing about Ephesus is we get to see how this turned out for them. The Book of Revelation (which likely followed the same postal route as Paul's letter among the churches of Asia Minor, see below) shows Jesus speaking directly to seven churches, starting with Ephesus. He commended the Ephesians

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for their devotion to orthodox doctrine: "I know that *you cannot tolerate* evil men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles and have found them false" (Revelation 2:2).

It seems the Christians in Ephesus had taken Paul's warnings to heart and protected the Church from truth-challenged teachers and doctrines of dumbness. Jesus even appears to value certain forms of intolerance. They were speaking the truth...with GUSTO!

*Too much gusto*, it turns out. Jesus went on to say, "I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. Remember the height from which you have fallen" (Revelation 2:4). Ah yes, Paul had urged the Ephesians to "speak the truth...*IN LOVE*." It seems they had forgotten how to do that. They were able to stop false doctrine cold. But in the process they *became* cold. They lost their love.

So Paul pleads with us – he literally begs us - to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with *all humility and gentleness, with patience*, bearing with one another in love, making *every effort* to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2,3). You see, the Church works only when "each part is working properly and promotes the Body's growth in building itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

Remember the formula? Love = IM4U. Each of us must learn to look at each other in the Church and mean it when we say, "I am for you." This love fulfills the second great commandment, which Jesus so eloquently demonstrated when he stretched out his arms on the hard wood of the cross.

What Paul is saying is really relevant for us. Christians today often operate as though we have to choose between truth and love. We are tempted in today's world to relativize the truth, or to minimize its scope, in the name of love (or lesser virtues like diversity, inclusion and tolerance). Or we want to push back against the mush and are tempted to grasp so tightly onto the truth that we lose our grip on love. Paul's point is that neither is acceptable. But Paul is saying we can't separate truth and love and still "live in a manner worthy of the Lord." In the tossing seas, Christian communities require BOTH robust truth and gentle love. At the same time. It's hard. But when did Jesus ever say it was going to be easy?

### Painting the Big Picture

That drama unfolds in Paul's letter against the big picture backdrop of the cosmic redemptive work of the Messiah. Paul shows Jesus' work results in the unity of the church among diverse peoples, and proper conduct in the church, the home, and the world. There are three main themes of Ephesians: (1) Christ has reconciled all creation, and (2) he has united people from all nations to himself and to one another in the church. (3) The work of God – Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit – inspires and empowers Christians to lives that are a fitting tribute of gratitude to their great Lord in the midst of the confusion of the pagan world around them.

All this unfolded in ancient Ephesus a city fascinated with magic and the cult of Artemis (a.k.a. Diana) (see Acts 19:19, and below). So Paul focused on the power of God over all heavenly authorities and on Christ's triumphant ascension as head over the church and over all things in this age and the next. The Ephesians needed this vision, and we do too, in order to remain resolute in their allegiance to King Jesus as the supreme power in the world, in the face of many competing allegiances.

### Key Themes to Look For:

1. All people are by nature spiritually dead, transgressors of God's law, and under the rule of Satan. [1:7; 2:1–3, 5, 11–12]
2. God chose his people for redemption and holiness in Christ according to the free counsel of his will. [1:3–14; 2:4, 8–9]
3. God's rich mercy in Christ has saved sinners; this free gift is by grace through faith alone. [1:7–8; 2:4–14]
4. Christ's work of redemption was part of his cosmic reconciliation and exaltation in this age and the next. [1:15–23; 3:1–13]
5. Christ's reconciliation entails uniting all people, whether Jew or Gentile, into his one body, the church, as a new creation. [1:23; 2:10–22; 3:1–21; 4:1–6]
6. Christ's people are renewed to new lives of holiness in thought, word, and deed, and must reject their old, sinful lifestyles. [4:1–3, 17–32; 5:1–20]
7. Holiness of life entails submission to proper authorities, and loving and considerate care for those in submission. [5:21–6:9]
8. Christ has given powerful gifts to his church to bring about her unity, maturity, and defense against the onslaughts of the devil and his allies. [4:7–16; 6:10–19]

### Life in the Big City

An important port city on the west coast of Asia, Ephesus boasted the temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Just a few decades before Paul, Strabo called Ephesus the greatest emporium in the province of Asia Minor. However, the silting up of the harbor and the ravages of earthquakes caused the abandonment of the harbor city several centuries later. Today, among the vast archaeological remains, some key structures date from the actual time of the New Testament.

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The grandiose theater, where citizens chanted “great is Artemis of the Ephesians” (Acts 19:29–40), had been enlarged under Claudius near the time when Paul was in the city. It held an estimated 20,000 or more spectators. The theater looked west toward the port. From the theater a processional way led north toward the temple of Artemis, the many-breasted fertility goddess that ruled the city. In the fourth century b.c. the Ephesians proudly rebuilt this huge temple with their own funds after a fire, even refusing aid from Alexander the Great. The temple surroundings were deemed an official “refuge” for those fearing vengeance, and they played a central part in the economic prosperity of the city. Inscriptions mention a guild of silversmiths and even give the names of specific silversmiths (cf. Demetrius the silversmith, mentioned in Acts 19:24) who built cultic artifacts for Artemis worshippers. Today very little remains of that once great temple beyond its foundations and a sizable altar, although the nearby museum displays two large statues of Artemis discovered in Ephesus.

In Paul’s day (c. A.D. 62) Ephesus was a wealthy port city in the Roman province of Asia. It was a center of learning and was positioned near several key land routes in western Asia Minor. Paul probably wrote his letter to the Ephesians while under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28). Ephesus would later become the home of John the Apostle, and by tradition, Mary mother of Jesus. It is thought that John was exiled to the remote island of Patmos from Ephesus, where he later wrote his Revelation, which followed the same postal route as Paul’s epistle.

After the NT period many other monumental structures were added, including some important gymnasia and the famous Library of Celsus. Remains of the giant Byzantine Church of Mary remind one that this former pagan town later hosted an important church council (the Council of Ephesus, A.D. 431).

## Who REALLY Wrote Ephesians?

That Paul wrote this letter was universally accepted until modern times, when theories arose that it was written in Paul’s name by a follower or imitator of Paul. These are two main reasons for doubting Paul’s authorship: (1) the letter’s style and thought seems different from Paul’s usual; and (2) the author of Ephesians does not seem familiar with the letter’s recipients (see 1:15; 3:2; 4:21), which seems odd given Paul’s extended stay at Ephesus (Acts 19:10).

However, there are sound reasons to affirm that Paul did, indeed, write Ephesians. First, the letter explicitly claims to be Paul’s (1:1; 3:1), which should weigh heavily in the debate unless there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. The early church—which rejected other spurious letters—unanimously accepted this letter to Ephesus as being written by Paul, which was notable as Ephesus was famous for discerning false apostolic claims (Rev. 2:2). Letters in antiquity were usually hand-delivered by a trustworthy person known by both author and recipient(s). This courier guaranteed the original copy’s genuineness and was able to elaborate on its details. It is striking to note that the letter to the Ephesians was conveyed in this way by Tychicus (see Ephesians 6:21–22).

Second, as for apparent stylistic differences between Ephesus and Paul’s other letters, with the aid of computer analysis further careful study has shown that Ephesians has more similarities to Paul’s accepted style than was earlier recognized. In addition, recent research suggests that secretaries often played a significant role in the composition of ancient letters. Slight differences in word choice and phraseology can be accounted for by the possibility of a secretary’s hand (perhaps Tychicus himself) in the composition of the letter.

Third, the question of Paul’s apparent unfamiliarity with his readers can easily be explained. Ancient archaeological evidence has shown that Ephesus controlled a large network of outlying villages and rural areas up to 30 miles (48 km) from the city. Indeed, Acts 19:10 reveals that reports of Paul’s preaching during his stay at Ephesus had radiated out to “all the residents of Asia.” In the same way, there is evidence that Paul’s letter to the Ephesians was a circular letter to several Asian churches in the region that Tychicus was visiting in the course of his journey to Colossae, along with the letter to the Colossians (Col. 4:7–9). Paul had never been to those parts so, naturally, there were no personal greetings. Ephesians was meant for a much larger audience. Because Paul mentions his imprisonment (3:1; 4:1; 6:20–22), this letter should be dated to c. A.D. 62 when Paul was held in Rome (Acts 28).

## 4 Reasons to Stay in Children's Ministry

by Mimi Bullock

Children's ministry is so rewarding but like all ministries, it can also be very demanding. Ministering to more than a handful of children each week can be wearing, physically and spiritually, no matter how much you love Jesus. Add in personal struggles, personal relationships and other stressors and you have plenty of reasons to walk away from ministry. I know it's hard. I've been working with kids for almost twenty years. How many times have I said, "That's enough. No more." More than a few, I promise you. So no condemnation from me!

Let me say before we go any further that there are legitimate reasons to leave ministry. Sometimes you just have to take a break. I highly recommend regular sabbaticals! However, there are times when it's the enemy who's pushing and pulling on you. (Yes, he's still on the job, looking for whom he might devour. 1 Peter 5:8) Even if you aren't struggling with sin, you can still be a target of his discouragement. You might be wondering, "Why should I stay in children's ministry?" I can think of at least four reasons for you to stay in children's ministry.

### 1. You are making an eternal impact on a child's life.

What you do is immeasurable. It can't be measured by a man—only God sees the extent of what you do. If you stay in children's ministry, you'll make an even greater impact!

### 2. You'll be a better student of the Bible.

Naturally curious, children will make you study. "Why did Samson's hair make him strong? What color was his hair? Did he really wear it in a braid?" Serving children will force you to know the word for yourself.

### 3. Children's ministry reminds us to be humble.

I've seen kids giveaway their prizes, snacks and even their own shoes to someone who needed them or asked for them. Children are God's perfect examples of compassion and sharing. We all need those kinds of examples. No matter how old we get.

### 4. You have something to offer.

Your unique life experiences, your views, your heart is like no one else's. God's love, filtered through your hands and feet can change the world.

You can do it! We need you!

**Contact: Kathleen Voss**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR  
**A PLACE  
TO SERVE?**

## 20 Reasons to Serve in Children's Ministry

1. You were created to serve. (Ephesians 2:10)
2. Jesus modeled serving for us. (Mark 10:45)
3. Kids are the greatest mission field. (Matthew 9:37)
4. God blesses people who serve in children's ministry. (Matthew 10:42)
5. Jesus ministered to children. (Mark 10:13-15)
6. Easier to build boys than repair men.
7. Serving will help you get connected to other people.  
*Service creates community.*
8. God uses children to reach parents.
9. Serving bring glory to God. (1 Peter 4:11)
10. Kids are the most receptive to the Gospel.
11. Serving is a key component of spiritual growth.  
*Growing Christians are serving Christians.*
12. Kids need godly role models.
13. Kids can serve God for a lifetime when we disciple them.
14. We are called to pass on the faith to the next generation. (Psalm 78)
15. Serving helps kids and families discover new life in Christ.
16. Serving kids brings glory to God. (Matthew 5:14-16)
17. When you serve kids, you are serving Jesus. (Matthew 25:40)
18. God has given you gifts to be used for the furtherance of His kingdom.
19. It keeps you young at heart.
20. It's a blast!



## Portraits of St. Pete's—Andrea Lee

**Rector's Note:** *We welcome St. Peter's new Youth Minister! Though it was a real challenge to schedule a time for the Search Committee to meet with Andrea, making a decision in her favor was not difficult at all. The Committee offered unanimous and enthusiastic support for Andrea to serve as our Youth Minister, effective immediately. She is starting in the job at 5 hours per week through the Fall. Assuming things work well this Fall, I'd like to echo the Search Committee in recommending that we find a way in the budgeting cycle for 2016 to increase those hours to ten for the coming year.*

*She's coming in at a propitious moment. We just graduated our biggest Rite 13 class ever: thirteen thirteen-year-olds now prepping for confirmation in two years. She'll be able to build that group into the core of our new youth group. It's propitious in terms of our Hedgehog Concept, as well. The biggest need that came to the surface in our community research is for teen ministry in the Loudoun Valley, especially tied to after-school activities. Andrea's faith and demeanor and professional expertise as a teen and family counselor make her extremely well suited not just to caring for our kids, but also building an excellent program that can reach out to teens-in-need and their families in our community. Please join me in welcoming Andrea Lee!*



Dr. Andrea Lee

My name is Andrea Lee and I am excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself and my new role as part-time Youth Minister at St. Peter's. Growing up in western Loudoun, I benefitted from a strong youth group experience at St. Francis de Sales. Fellowship at youth group played a pivotal role in my Christian formation, particularly given faith was a divisive topic in my family of origin. I hope my role at St. Peter's will offer another level of programming to our youth, praying that it can be meaningful and applicable to youth at various points in their own journeys.

I understand it is common to share some personal background as part of "The Portraits of St. Pete's." As previously mentioned, I grew up in Loudoun and I am a proud graduate of Loudoun Valley High School. I completed my Bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia, where I majored in Spanish and Psychology and met my husband-to-be, Jae. We lived in northern California before transitioning back to the East Coast so I could complete my doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Jae and Andrea Lee

Jae and I married halfway through my doctoral program, and he patiently supported my additional work abroad evaluating law and policy impacting service availability and delivery to children and youth. After my post-doctoral work at Duke University Medical Center, I had the privilege to develop and implement a pediatric psychology program at a community-based hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina while Jae completed his MBA at UNC-Chapel Hill (we like to joke we spent a lot of time in school, but always stuck with the ACC).

Upon Jae's graduation, we were blessed with the opportunity to relocate to northern Virginia and settle into "small-town life" in Purcellville. I currently work as a clinical psychologist in my own private practice in Purcellville, affording me the privilege of doing the work I love while being a more present part in my family and community. Jae enjoys challenging and dynamic work in McLean, developing products and services for a large company.

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Jae and I balance our professional endeavors with fellowship at St. Peter's, good food, fun with family and friends, reading, a lot of exercise, and gratitude for the blessings of this life. We are blessed to share a lot of our time with family, including my mother and stepfather, and my brother, his wife (fun fact: Steve and Anne Schultz's youngest daughter is married to my brother!), and their children. Our dog has learned to share our nurturing affections with our two nieces and a nephew...although, one does have to wonder if our dog believes he reserves rights as our only child.

Jae and I were initially drawn to St. Peter's by holiday celebrations when we were visiting family. We enjoyed the focus on relationships and using our God-given talents to better this world. My fervent desire is to foster more opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth amongst our youth, knowing how important youth group was to my own journey and believing that every one of our youth deserves a place to grow in his/her walk with God.

Before closing, I'd like to ask for your prayers and involvement. More specifically, I'd like to ask you to pray for our youth's growth and development, as well as wisdom for our church's leadership. Please pray for St. Peter's as we embark on defining our role in our community and elucidating how to foster strong relationships. If you are interested in being involved in the youth ministry, please reach out to me. Finally, do not hesitate to communicate to me about your goals, dreams, and concerns regarding development of an even stronger youth ministry at St. Peter's. I trust and believe that this development process will require all of our attention, wisdom, and intercession. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our youth, and thank you in advance for any and all efforts towards this next step at St. Peter's.

## Flagpole Prayers – September 23, 2015

Each September for the past 25 years, young Christians across America have gathered around school flagpoles to pray. See You at the Pole (SYATP), which began at three schools in Burleson, Texas, is now an international event, with about 3 million participants annually.

Students organize prayer gatherings, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Teachers, parents and youth pastors often join them. The theme verse for this year's event, which occurs September 23, is Acts 1:14 — "They all met together and were constantly united in prayer" (NLT).

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.



## Classes and Bible Studies for Adults—Fall 2015

### St. Pete's 101

**We offer our "Path In" to the life of St Peter's on Sunday mornings, 9:30am, in McCray Hall.**

If you have recently come to St. Peter's you know that starting new is hard to do. Do you have questions about living as a Christian or the distinctive way we do it here at St. Peter's? We will help you explore what we are about here at St Peter's and how we live and work together as a congregation.

**Topics Include:**

- What's the Story?
- Where have we come from?
- Where are we headed?
- How to make St Peter's my home?

**Starts Sunday, September 20.**

**Led by Fr. Tom Simmons and Tom Coate.**

### Living the Psalms

The Psalms relate a story of a people knitted to the reality of God— tales of dependence, anguish, suffering, joy, and longing—all told through worship and prayer.

Often we think of the Psalms as single threads, but the Psalter is actually arranged to be the liturgical prayer book of Israel. It is a tapestry that tells the corporate story of Israel. It is a story that points and orients us to Christ.

- What can we learn from looking at the Psalter anew as we look at it holistically?
- What can we learn as we think of ourselves as a corporate worshipping and praying people who are part of a bigger story?

**Starts September 27th, 9:30am, McCray Hall.**

**Led by Jon Corbett.**



**The weekly Sunday Night Bible Study group offering held at the Nunaley's home will start back up on September 13 at 5 PM and run each week, Sunday night at 5 PM. All are invited to attend and become part of our study of the book of Isaiah.**

**The weekly Wednesday Night Bible Study group will resume meeting on September 16 7-9pm.**

**Led by Bob Loker, Maggie Snyder & Michael Snyder**

**Meetings usually take place at the Snyder's home, but occasionally at other participants homes.**

**Join us!**



## Happening in Fall 2015

**Saturday  
Holy Eucharist  
Services  
Resume  
Saturday  
September 12  
5:00 pm  
in the  
Chapel**



**Mission Trips  
Summer 2015  
Presentation  
&  
Guatemalan  
Handcraft Sale  
Sunday, September 13  
during both  
coffee hours  
in McCray Hall**

***CHOIR rehearsals will begin soon so it's time to start tuning up your pipes!***

Singers are needed on all parts, everyone is welcome.

- Adult Choir begins Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Choristers and Choral Scholars begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

**Rehearsals are held in the Choir Room.**

For more information check out the church's web page, talk to a current choir member, or talk with **Barbara Verdile**.



**St. Peter's, in partnership with Tree of Life, is hosting THANKSGIVING TOGETHER this year!**

We will be delivering meals to folk in the community in the morning and welcoming diners to McCray Hall for a free **Thanksgiving dinner from 12 to 2pm**, followed by a Thanksgiving **Worship Service in our sanctuary at 2pm.**

Much organizational and leadership help is required, along with cooking, serving, delivery, and clean-up.

**Please see sign-up sheets in McCray Hall and/or talk to Tim and Judy Hall**



## The Bulletin Board

### SAVE THE DATE!

We are giving you advanced notice to block out the date of **October 10th** to attend what will be a new St. Peter's tradition. Promised to be a night to remember and you will be part of it!

What is it? That's part of the surprise. More to come in the following weeks. Just think of fun, food and acknowledgments!

I will give a little hint. Watch for the name "Beacon Awards".

Mark on your calendars October 10th. More to come.

--Steve Schultz, Chairperson

*Mosaic-Virginia (pregnancy care center) invites you to their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala "The Voice of Truth" on Tuesday, October 6, at Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. Seating begins at 6:30pm, Dinner & Program 6:45-9:30pm. Guest Speaker: Lila Rose. Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to make a financial contribution will be extended. Register to attend at <http://mosaic-virginia.org/gala> or call 703-729-1124.*

**A Marriage Enrichment class for couples will start again in October, most likely October 3rd at the Carver community center.**

**Contact:  
Dell and Sophiann Nunaley**

**Watch for more details in the St. Pete's Weekly and the October Good News.**

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** is a group of moms of children from newborn to kindergarten who together find friendship, community resources and support. At the meetings, moms enjoy speakers, coffee and breakfast, discussions, and arts and crafts.

They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school year from 9:15 - 11:15am at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 711 W Main St, Purcellville. The first meeting is September 16th.

Childcare is provided through a program called MOPPETS that includes supervised playtime and a snack.

Registration has begun for the 2015-2016 year. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.purcellvillemops.com/> or email Joanna Serth at [Joanna.serth@gmail.com](mailto:Joanna.serth@gmail.com) or Shawn Marie Carnall at [shawnmariecarnall@gmail.com](mailto:shawnmariecarnall@gmail.com). We hope to hear from you soon!



# PLANT SALE & FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY 8:00AM - 2:00PM

### SEPTEMBER 26

Come to St. Peter's on Saturday, September 26, for our Autumn Plant Sale and Festival from 8am-2pm! This year's sale will benefit two projects in Liberia... the new library at Canterbury High School, which is sponsored by Fr. Michael Sie's St. Augustine Episcopal Church, and to provide desks and chairs for the teachers at St. Peter's Episcopal Church School in Caldwell. **BBQ Lunch by 2 Rhodies BBQ!**



**Fall is a Great Time for Planting  
and for Dividing Perennials!  
Contact: Jean Kuhns**



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. There are three reasons to divide perennials:

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

**Empty pots are available** in the fenced area outside of McCray Hall.

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

*Dividing*  
**PERENNIALS**







## After-School snack


Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!








# STAY NOURISHED



Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."


*Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.*



all body eyes evil crops fear health honor wise love your with



Do not be  in your own  ;

 the  and shun .

This will bring  to your 

and nourishment to  bones.

 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

## Registration for Sunday School is open!

Register your children online at <http://sunschool.stpetes.net>  
or visit our website.

## Sunday school Starts September 20!



September

# St. Peter's SEPTEMBER ROSTER 2015

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		15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost
<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>Early</b>	William Lawrence	Corinne Hegener	Dell Nunaley	Mark Baker
	<b>Late</b>	Liz Tuohy	Kyle Voss	Jon Corbett	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>Early</b>	Judy Hall, Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews, Tanya Matthews	Terry Duhring, <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Peter Schellhase, Sophiann Nunaley
	<b>Late</b>	Randy Stoutenburgh, <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Lauren Hunt, Tom Coate	Randy Stoutenburgh, Dan LaPre	Dave Tocki, Shane Ayers
<b>SUB DEACON</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Paul Donohue	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews
	<b>Late</b>	Linda Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Paul Donohue	Terry Duhring	<b>HL</b>
	<b>Late</b>	Randy Stoutenburgh	Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger	<b>HL</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>Early</b>	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker
	<b>Late</b>	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Henry Psaltos	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Henry Psaltos
<b>COFFEE HOUR HOSTS</b>	<b>Early</b>	Peter & Erin Schellhase, Jim & Wynell Schatz	Colleen Duffy, Chris Lafferty, Todd & Pam Johnston	Eckard & Keri Holdorf, Bill & Beth Gibson	Gary Simpson & Paula Reardon, Hank & Corrine Hegener
	<b>Late</b>	Travis & Rebekah Ehrich, Jon & Charlotte Corbett	Ryan & Amanda Walsh, Nick & Leigh Psaltos	Tom & Mary Coate, Joe & Rebecca Babb	Marty & Erica Thompson, Ben & Anna Curtis
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>Early</b>	Mark & Nancy Baker	Todd & Pam Johnston	Zan Shah, Dick Wilhelm	Bill & Beth Gibson
	<b>Late</b>	The Clavelli Family	Mark & Katie McKinley, Marty & Erica Thompson	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Steve & Anne Schultz	Nick Psaltos, Tred Parry, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>Early</b>	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot	Mark Baker	Corinne & Hank Hegener
	<b>Late</b>	Traci Eddinger	Peter Forbes	Jae & Andrea Lee	Steve Schultz
<b>TELLERS</b>		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, <b>TBD</b>	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>		Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie Heim, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino

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  
 9-5 Terry & Neil Kingsley  
 9-17 Brian & Kirsten Jenkins  
 Rick & Tamara Tyler  
 9-18 Bill & Beth Gibson  
 9-19 Dell & Sophiann Nunaley  
 Jim & Maggie Heim  
 9-20 Ron Clark & Theresa Beeton  
 9-24 Joseph & Nissa Clavelli

## BIRTHDAYS:

9-1 Robert Ayers  
 9-2 Tom Simmons  
 9-5 Ella Coffey  
 9-7 Bree Babb  
 Mary Kay DeMarce  
 9-8 Laurraine Landolt  
 Barbara Verdile  
 9-9 Paul Miller  
 Krista Winger  
 9-10 Gauge Young  
 9-14 Marvin Banton  
 9-15 Justine Phelan  
 Charlotte Tuohy

9-16 Connor Collins  
 9-19 Georgia Poe  
 9-21 Robert Purnell  
 Sherri Kakol  
 9-23 Michael Snyder  
 9-25 Josh Smith  
 Bob Verdile  
 9-27 William Bocek  
 Olive Johnson  
 Conor McKinley  
 9-28 Shane Ayers  
 9-30 Kimmie Donohue  
 Mary Dye

### Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 1 Hedgehog Research Team Mtg 7pm  
 Planning Team Mtg. 7:15pm  
 Sept. 2 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm  
 Sept. 5 Men's Breakfast 7am  
 Sept. 6 **Backpack Blessing** (both services)  
 Sept. 8 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm  
 Planning Team Mtg. 7:15pm  
 Sept. 12 **Saturday HOLY EUCHARIST Resumes**  
 Sept. 13 Mission Presentation & Sale  
 Sept. 15 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm  
 Sept. 17 TOL Dinner (by Men's Breakfast Group) 5pm  
 Sept. 19 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am  
 Literary Guild 5pm  
 Sept. 20 **Newsletter Deadline**  
**Program Year Begins!**  
**Sunday School Begins 9:30am**  
 Sept. 21 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am  
 Sept. 22 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 5pm  
 Planning Team Mtg. 7:15pm  
 Sept. 23 *See You at the Pole*  
 FBF Cookout 6pm  
 Sept. 25 Men's TGIF 8pm  
 Sept. 26 Plant Fair 8am  
 Sept. 27 Healing Liturgy  
 Sept. 28 Outreach Team Mtg. 5:30pm

Bring your  
**Backpack to  
 Church**  
**September 6th**  
 for a  
**special blessing**



Backpack Blessing

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## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for SEPTEMBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
<b>6</b>	15 Pentecost	Isaiah 35:4-7a	146	Ephesians 4:17-32	Mark 7:24-37
<b>13</b>	16 Pentecost	Isaiah 50:4-9a	116:1-8	Ephesians 5:1-14	Mark 8:27-38
<b>20</b>	17 Pentecost	Jeremiah 11:18-20	54	Ephesians 5:15-20	Mark 9:30-37
<b>27</b>	18 Pentecost	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	19:7-14	Ephesians 5:21-33	Mark 9:38-50



# September

History

Science

English

Holy Bible

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Hedgehog Research Team  Planning Team	2 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Mission Team Mtg Bible Study MSSG	3 Next Step Community	4	5 Men's Breakfast
6 Backpack Blessing  <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>  SF Class	7 <b>Office Closed</b>	8 Vestry Exec Mtg  Planning Team	9 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>  MSSG	10 Next Step Community	11	12  <b>Saturday HOLY EUCHARIST Resumes 5:00PM</b>
13 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Mission Presentation & Handicraft Sale SF Class Bible Study	14	15 Vestry Mtg	16 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>  MSSG  Bible Study	17 TOL Dinner  Next Step Community  Choir	18	19 Men's Leadership Mtg  Literary Guild  <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
20 Newsletter Deadline <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS & SF Classes Choristers/CS Bible Study	21 Mt. Calvary Guild	22 PC Team Mtg  Planning Team	23 <i>See You At the Pole</i> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> FBF Cook-out MSSG Bible Study	24 Next Step Community  Choir	25 Men's TGIF	26 <b>Plant Fair</b>  <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
27 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST &amp; Healing Liturgy</b> SS & SF Classes Choristers/CS Bible Study	28 Outreach Team	29	30 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>  MSSG  Bible Study	Coming October 4th  <b>Blessing of Animals</b>		

**KEY:** CS=Choral Scholars; FBF=Friends Being Friends; MSSG=Men's Spiritual Support Group; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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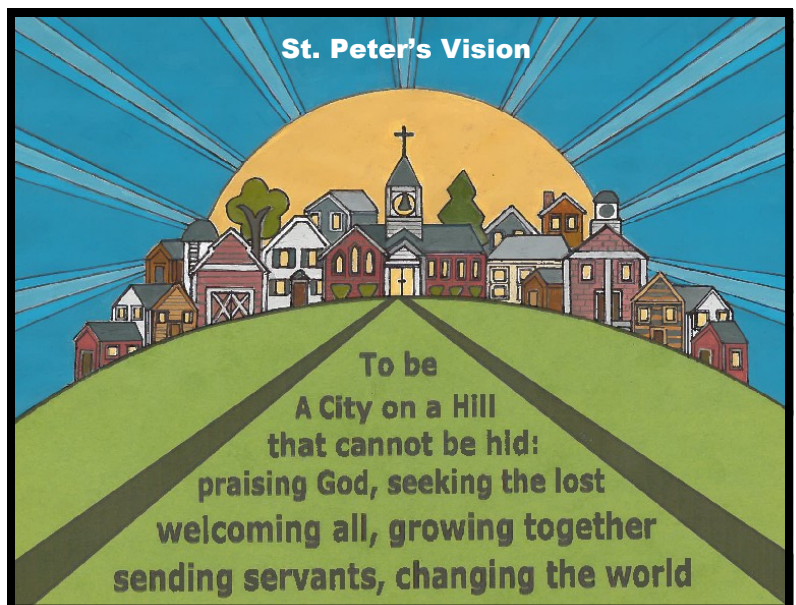
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