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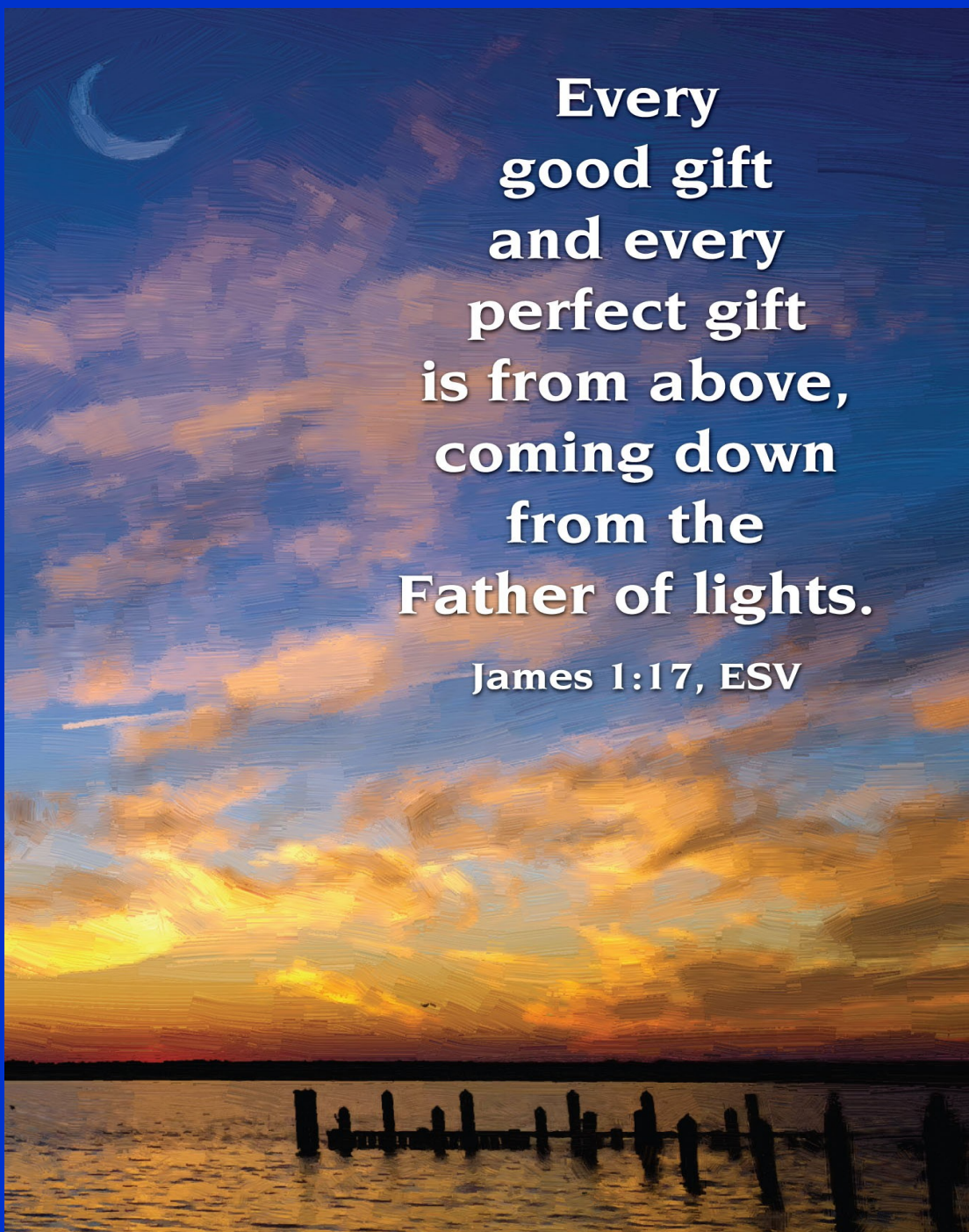
Pentecost Season

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**Every
good gift
and every
perfect gift
is from above,
coming down
from the
Father of lights.**

James 1:17, ESV





God The Giver

By Fr. Tom Simmons

You will be hearing about stewardship this month. Some of you might be wondering what "stewardship" means. Some of you think you might know, but are unsure. Some of you think you know, but are wrong. Some of you know what that means, but need reminding.

That's why I'd like to talk about it now, in advance.



Let's start at the beginning. Scripture tells us that God first placed human beings in a garden to practice stewardship: cultivating, tending, naming, and caring for all God's creatures (Genesis 2:15). From the opening verses of Genesis, God blesses and calls all of creation to be fruitful and flourish.

As God's "stewards," our highest privilege is to use the gifts that God entrusted to us – our resources and relationships – to ensure that all God's creatures reach their God-given potential. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life more abundantly."

So as you can see, **stewardship is not primarily about "giving money to the church."** It's about how we receive God's abundant grace. Just look around you and see. Do you SEE all that he has given you? All we have needed, his hand has provided. And so much more!

So now what? How do we respond to God's generosity?

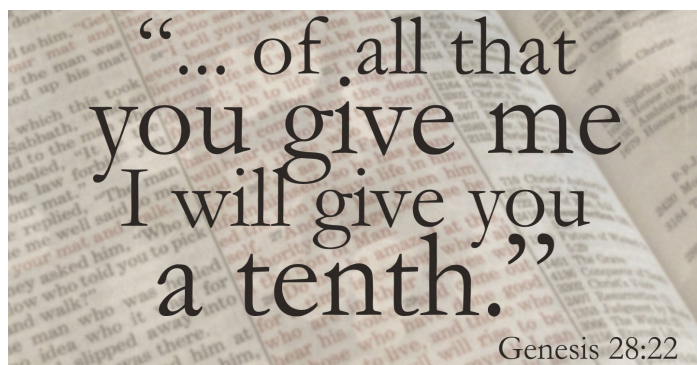
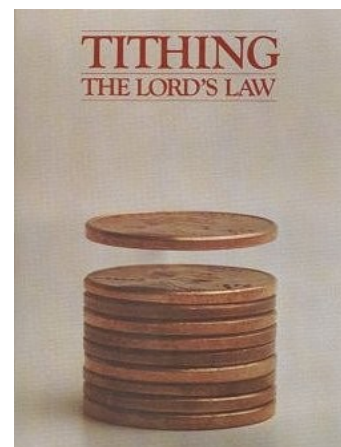
It is easy for us to take God's gifts for granted, and use them only for ourselves. It's easy for us to complain that we don't have enough. It's easy for us to become so focused on the getting of God's gifts that we neglect the Giver of them.

But that's no good, is it? It's not loving. Love gives. Like God. God made us for love: to love him and to love the people and the world around us. He gave us everything so we could give it all back to him and for the good of others. Or think of it another way: God gave it all to us and we owe it all back. Here's where our money comes into the picture.

Maybe you are wondering, "But if I owe God EVERYTHING," maybe you are wondering, **"How much money should I give?"**

The answer from the Bible and Christian theology and history is simple. A tithe is the minimum that's expected. "Tithe" is a word from Old English that means "a tenth" or 10% - as in **one for God, nine for me.**

The tithe is an ancient custom for the people of God. Abraham practiced it (Gen 14:20). So did the Israelites, offering "first-fruits" of their crops, herds, produce, profits and even their time to the priests in the Temple (Lev. 27:30-32; Num. 18:25-32; Deut. 14:22-24). These offerings sustained the worship of God and aided those in need.



Genesis 28:22

The New Testament has little specific to say about the tithe. It simply assumes that the ancient practice would continue in the Church. And continue it did. The practice of the 10% offering was affirmed at several Councils and has been practiced by Christian people in every generation since.

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WE GIVE *because* GOD GAVE FIRST

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

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For Christians the tithe is both a privilege and a responsibility.

We are privileged to be able to say "Thank you Father" as we rejoice in all God has given us and seek to spread the blessings to others. Jesus and St. Paul tell us to give cheerfully and generously, even exceeding the tithe when possible (see Luke 21:1-4; 2 Cor. 9:6-7). We are to be like our Father in heaven and give to others as generously as he has given to us.

We are also responsible to finance the work of the Christ's kingdom. Your investments of time, talent and treasure create ministry here at Saint Peter's that impacts people's lives. We are able to hire staff, like Andrea Lee, our new Youth Minister, and Chris Daniels our Sexton. We are able to enhance and expand our facilities to more commodiously welcome and serve the community.

There is no other way to make it happen. The work of God's kingdom advances through the faithful work, prayer and tithing of all the saints. Thank you for all you have given in 2015!

Wisdom on Stewardship from Sirach:

"Be generous when you worship the Lord, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold."

Sirach 35:10-13

A meager but meaningful donation recently made news at a church in Charlotte, North Carolina. In the collection plate one Sunday was an envelope with 18 cents and this message: "Please don't be mad. I don't have much. I'm homeless. God bless."

Pastor Patrick Hamrick was able to locate the donor to thank him in person. But the man wanted to stay anonymous, saying the gift was between him, the church and God.

The pastor praised the donor's bravery, saying, "We gratefully acknowledge that this individual, out of his poverty, has given all he had to live on." Like the widow's mite in the New Testament (see Mark 12:41-44), the 18 cents was truly a sacrificial gift.



Our Suffering Sisters and Brothers

By Fr. Tom Simmons

One hundred years ago, the last Caliph of the Ottoman Turks launched "the last jihad," which all but annihilated Christian communities in Turkey. Millions were brutally murdered and many millions more were displaced as refugees. It was the first of many genocides of the 20th century.

St. Peter's has been personally touched by that far-away horror. Our rector in the 1920s was Tewfik Hariri, who fled the Turks from Lebanon and came to America (see box). In our congregation today, the ancestors of Paul Giragosian (5 pm service) escaped Armenia, and all four grandparents of the Psaltos family fled from Smyrna, Thessaloniki and Constantinople during that jihad.

Now militants aligned with the Islamic State is picking up in Syria and Iraq and Libya where the Turks left off. Here's an update on the plight of Christians this time around by Debra Heine at <http://pjmedia.com/tatler/2015/09/20/ralph-peters-2000-years-of-christian-civilization-destroyed-on-obamas-watch/2/>

The Islamic State has managed to destroy two thousand years of Christian civilization in the Middle East in just a couple of years.... ISIS has been spreading across the Middle East like a plague of locusts, and as they have spread, they have targeted religious minorities, particularly Christians, for destruction. In Syria, tens of thousands of Assyrian Christians have been attacked and displaced.

They are the forgotten refugees.

A Catholic priest who visited Kurdish Iraq last fall described the wounded souls of the Christians who had taken refuge there. They had been forced from their homes in northern Iraq in the summer of 2014.

"Without question, we are talking about genocide here. Genocide is not only when the people are killed, but also when the soul of a people is destroyed. And that is what is happening in Iraq now," Fr. Andrzej Halemba, head of Aid to the Church in Need's Middle East section, said Oct. 28. "It is the most tragic thing that I have ever experienced."

"I have seen people who have been deeply wounded in their soul. In the various crises in this world I have often seen people who have lost everything. But in Iraq there are Christians who have had to leave everything and take flight three or four times. They can see no light at the end of the tunnel."

Last spring, hundreds of Assyrian Christians fled to Lebanon after ISIS jihadists stormed their villages in Syria's northeastern province of Hasakeh. Members of Lebanon's Assyrian community did their best to welcome the new refugees, but the displacement had left them traumatized.

The group has seized at least 11 of the 33 Assyrian villages in the region, and kidnapped more than 200 members of the ancient Christian sect, which numbered around 30,000 in Syria before the war ...

"The villages of Khabur are empty now, there is no one left except some fighters," lamented Chorbishop Yatron Koliana, as he oversaw the distribution at his diocese.

"Our people have experienced a great tragedy in Syria," he added with a sigh, saying that many of the new arrivals were traumatized. "They are depressed. Some of them have chronic illnesses. Their lives are difficult."

"How can we be comfortable, living on aid?" asked 50-year-old Simaan, who fled his village Tal Hormuz. He railed against what he called international indifference to the plight of Assyrians under attack by ISIS in Syria and neighboring Iraq.

"The whole world, from the UN to the United States and Russia, is responsible," he said angrily. "They (ISIS) have destroyed our whole civilization...and the world is watching."

In July, 4,000 more Assyrian Christian families were among the 120,000 people who fled Hasakeh to escape ISIS forces who had entered the city looking to carry out a mass ethno-religious slaughter.

Fleeing Muslim persecution, Christian refugees are often targeted and persecuted anew by fleeing Muslim refugees.

An egregious example from last April: 12 Christian refugees lost their lives during a particularly harrowing trip — not due to their boat capsizing, but through Islamic violence.

The **International Business Times** reported:

Italian police have arrested 15 Muslim immigrants in Palermo, for allegedly having thrown Christian refugees off the rubber boat that was taking them to Italy after a fight for "religious reasons", according to media reports.

Those arrested — from Mali, Guinea and Ivory

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Coast – were part of a group of 100 that were rescued off the Libyan coast by the Italian coastguard.

The archbishop of Canterbury recently warned British Prime Minister David Cameron that his government's refugee policy was discriminating against Christians because Christians are not among the refugees being helped in UN camps. They're not in the UN camps because they fear persecution from radicalized Muslim refugees.

The Most Revd Justin Welby reportedly met the prime minister earlier this month with concerns that Christians in Syria will be largely excluded from the 20,000 refugees due to come to the UK over the next five years.

The Government, in line with European Union policy, is committed to taking in refugees from UN camps in Syria and neighbouring countries. It cannot discriminate in favour of any one religious group. But the Archbishop has raised concerns that Christians have avoided refugee camps because of fears of persecution from rogue Islamist groups operating inside refugee camps.

In a speech in the House of Lords last Monday, Archbishop Welby said that "within the camps there is significant intimidation and radicalisation, and many particularly of the Christian population who have been forced to flee are unable to be in the camps." He went on: "What is the Government's policy of reaching out to those who are not actually in the camps?" He then raised the issue with Mr. Cameron in a private meeting. A source said: "Justin Welby spoke to David Cameron about this. He raised his concerns."

The Archbishop's intervention follows concern raised by his predecessor Lord Carey, who wrote in the Telegraph of his concern over the plight of Christians. Lord Carey wrote: "The frustration for those of us who have been calling for compassion for Syrian victims for many months is that the Christian community is yet again left at the bottom of the heap. Mr Cameron's policy inadvertently discriminates against the very Christian communities most victimised by the inhuman butchers of the so-called Islamic State.

"Christians are not to be found in the UN camps, because they have been attacked and targeted by Islamists and driven from them. They are seeking refuge in private homes, church buildings and with neighbours and family."

Refugees who want to come to the United States will also be required to apply through the United Nations....

The Rev. Tewfick David Harari

After World War I, as the Turks were overrunning Beirut, a Lebanese Christian escaped their onslaught. With the help of an American couple, Tewfick David Harari came to the United States. Having learned English as a student at the American University in Beirut, he attended Virginia Theological Seminary. Ordained in 1920 at St. James Church, Leesburg, the Rev. Harari occasionally served the congregations of Madison parish as pulpit supply.

After the Rev. Lloyd's one year term as rector, in 1921 Mr. Harari was nominated as a candidate for the role, but failed to win a majority in the vestry. A year later the vestry voted again. This time the motion carried and the rector's annual salary was set at \$1,000.

The Rev. Tewfick David Harari was an exotic addition to rural Loudoun County in the 1920s. One version of Madison parish history described Mr. Harari as, "the first native of the Bible Land to be ordained and hold an American Charge in this Land."

Humorous stories about Mr. Harari persist to his day. He was famous for his mistrust of automobiles, choosing to make the trek on foot from the rectory in Hamilton to conduct services in Purcellville and Round Hill.

Mr. Harari stood out for the great substance he brought as well. He served eight years, making his tenure the parish's longest to that point. His departure from Madison Parish was much warmer than his arrival.

The vestry wrote at his resignation, "Your ministry here in the parish has been to us of unusual value, notably in the thorough manner in which you have taught and elucidated the Tenets of our Church, as well as diligently imparted to us the great Truths of our religion, plainly and unadulterated."

Harari's gift to St. Peter's was his passion for Christian faith formation and his skill of clearly inculcating...in spite of a heavy Arabic accent...Christian doctrine into daily life for the people of Madison parish. He was "Building Christians for Service." It's part of our DNA.



What I Did On My Summer Vacation

By Barbara Bulger Verdile

It may be known to you that Bishop Johnston's favorite composer is Herbert Howells, and you may recall the occasions of Bishop Johnston's visits to St. Peter's provide an opportunity to hear organ music by Herbert Howells. Bishop Johnston and I have spoken about his love of Howells' music which has resulted in the addition of some of Howells organ pieces to my repertoire. As it happened, these pieces became the focal point of "what I did on my summer vacation" this year.

Bob and I, and sometimes Thea, too, travelled a number of times with the Piedmont Singers for residencies at various cathedrals in England and Ireland and this summer we returned again, to York this time, for a week-long residency at the Minster, the largest gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Bob would sing bass with the choir, while my work included preparing and conducting the singers in one anthem and playing organ for the eight Evensong, Matins and Eucharist services requiring music during the week.

At least 6 months prior to our July departure I began selecting and preparing the organ voluntaries I would play during this residency week. All would of course be chosen from music I play for St. Peter's services. I knew immediately the two Howells pieces that would top the list: "Master Tallis's Testament" and "Sarabande for an Easter Morning". Another certain selection was Simon Preston's "Alleluys". When April and May came along, I was refining my choices, giving them trial runs as voluntaries for our services. All together I needed sixteen. You've heard all of "the chosen", but not in a cathedral setting!

By the end of March, our full trip itinerary had been finalized. Before traveling to England we would spend 10 days in Italy, where, in addition to touring around the Molise region, immersing ourselves in the language and culture, I would be able to continue practicing on an organ in a local church, and also give a recital.

Our church program year ended, the school year finished, I lived and breathed VBS music every morning for another VBS week, camped out at the organ every afternoon, and suddenly we were in Italy, making the 3 hour drive from Rome through the mountains of Molise to the small city of Agnone. The region has a long history. Agnone is in the center of important archaeological vestiges of the old Oscan-Samnite civilization and is sometimes called "the Athens of the Sannio" due to the large number of ancient ruins, some of them from the 3rd century, B.C.

Our bed and breakfast locale was right in the historic center of Agnone, a little town famous all over the world for its Campane Marinelli bell foundry which has a very long history; the first bell was made around the year one thousand. Today it uses the same methods and techniques to make their bells as they used in the Middle Ages. The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia was made in this foundry. Agnone is also home to 14 historic churches, most of them, and their organs, built between three and four hundred years ago, before most of the music I was preparing had even been written!



Arrangements had been made for me to practice in one of these churches and I was not surprised to find there a fully functioning gem of an antique organ. I spent a bit of time playing and listening to the sweet sound of this organ as its music filled the lovely sanctuary space adorned with many frescos and paintings of religious artwork on the walls and altars. However, as you may have already guessed, the music I was preparing to play in York could not be played on these older, antique organs.



As we travelled around Agnone we noticed posters advertising my organ concert! And at noontime each day we heard announcements of the various activities and events, including the organ concert, broadcast on loudspeakers throughout the city, and in Italian, of course. It only took a little exploration

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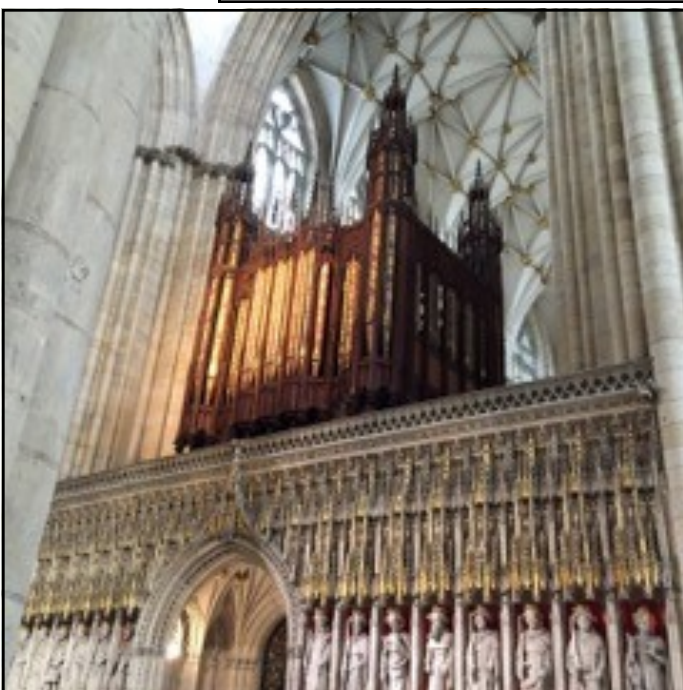
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beyond the historic center to locate the "modern" church, actually built around the same time as St. Peter's and with a similar organ as well. Though it wasn't cathedral sized, its sanctuary was at least double that of St. Peter's and pleasantly modern. Howells 20th century harmonies filled this spacious sanctuary, easily blending with the colored light filtering through the clerestory stained glass windows. The Agnonese are warm, accepting and appreciative and I felt grateful to be able to share these pieces with them.

Finally we were in York. We arrived at our hotel on a Sunday evening just around the Minster's closing, wasted no time, and found our way to the Minster; I was hoping to meet with the organist, as pre-arranged. With this explanation we easily gained entry and I soon found my way into the loft



**Barbara's first moments
at the organ console
at York Minster**



and spent about an hour getting acquainted with the organ and acoustics. By that time the entire Sanctuary was completely deserted! Bob and I walked around trying all of the doors and finding them locked. It appeared we were locked in, a dream from the past come true for me, but we were tired from a full day's travel and hadn't had dinner. Happily, help was on the way soon after contacting other members of our group. Allowing time for messages to be received and delivered, security personnel soon came and showed us the unmarked door that allowed entrance and exit outside of normal hours of operation.

What can I say about the experience of providing the music, a critical element for Evensong services, for a week in the Minster, a place so rich in history, musical and otherwise? During our stay we met so many interesting people. One couple, visiting from the States, knew our area of Virginia having lived here many years ago. Richard Shephard, whose music St. Peter's Choir sings from time to time, read the lessons.

We also met Andrew Carter, known around the world for his musical compositions, arrangements and conducting. Our music making was definitely to the glory of God, and equally a glorious collaborative experience! Of those who came up to speak with us, if not the first question to me, then the second dependably was: where do you play in the states? And I was proud each time to mention St. Peter's and Purcellville by name.

And all who ventured to remark to me about the Howells organ pieces received the response I shared with pleasure about how Bishop Johnston's love of Howells' music led to my own renewed appreciation for Herbert Howells.



Barbara with Andrew Carter

I enjoyed my experiences as a musical ambassador for St. Peter's and sharing my God-given talents in some incredible spaces, and I'm glad to be back making music on St. Peter's organ and with St. Pete's Choir. On November 7th, at 5PM, as the beginning of our parish Beacon Awards evening, we will have our annual Evensong service. I know, for me, my summer experiences will give this always moving service even more meaning.

My recording of "Master Tallis's Testament" by Herbert Howells will be available on St. Peter's website soon.



Sixth Annual Casa Chirilagua Outing to Great Country Farms

By Bob Loker

On Saturday, August 22nd, St. Peter's Church and Great Country Farms hosted our sixth annual outing for Casa Chirilagua, a Christian ministry to the Latino immigrant community in Alexandria. This is always a popular late summer outing for Casa Chirilagua (and for the St. Peter's hosts). Great Country Farms donates free admission, peaches for picking, tractor rides, "cow train" rides and a picnic shelter. St. Peter's provides welcoming hosts and lunches prepared by the Baker family (six years running) followed by ice cream!

Special thanks to the **Baker family** and to hosts **Paul Miller, Carl Sheys, Aubrey and Addie Winger, Deana and Megan Czaban, Rebecca Smoot, Maggie Snyder, Tim Hall and Bob Loker.**



Friends Being Friends [FBF]

By Nancy Baker

A HUGE thank you to all who turned out for our annual FBF autumn picnic. The **2 Rhodies BBQ**, compliments of **Pam and Todd Johnston**, was another big success and we had just enough side dishes to satisfy everyone's ample appetite. We were blessed to have **Johnny Kasum** share his amazing talents on the guitar for the entire dinner. The best part, though, was witnessing William sing two cowboy songs with Johnny's accompaniment. Wow! It brought tears to my eyes.

Please mark your calendars to bowling on October 28 at Village Lanes!

While most folks are thinking of pumpkins and fall festivals this time of year, the Friends Being Friends Group at St. Peter's is looking ahead to **our annual Christmas party** for residents of the county's group homes for those with mental/developmental disabilities. It's a great time of food, music and, of course, gifts. If your company or employer sponsors a charitable giving campaign during the holidays, please consider donating gifts to the Friends Being Friends group's annual Christmas party. We are expecting 50 clients and caretakers to attend. Individual gifts are under \$20 and range from scarves and mittens to DVDs and toiletry kits -- small tokens that remind our friends that they are loved and cherished in our community. If you would like to donate gifts, please **contact Mark, Nancy or Hayes Baker at friendsbeingfriendsgroup@gmail.com**. Thank you for your consideration and God bless!

 redeemer's house

ORPHAN PREVENTION

The Village of Santiago Zamora

FIGHTING MALNUTRITION | PLANTING HEALTHY CHURCHES | ENRICHING EDUCATION | CREATING SAFER HOMES



Christian Hernandez
9 years old
3rd Grade

About the Village

Santiago Zamora is a village located outside of the historic city of Antigua, Guatemala. It is a small town where people work in the industries that support the economy in Antigua. Many people have a small plot of land for farming, and provide limited food for their families. The school in Santiago Zamora only offers classes through the 6th grade. RHI offers nutrition and education enrichment programs for the children of Santiago Zamora. We also offer scholarships to local children enabling them to consistently attend school.

Christian's favorite color is red and he hopes to be a professional soccer player.

Please prayerfully consider becoming Christian's sponsor and helping RHI in our Orphan Prevention work.

You can sponsor this family for just **\$35/month**. To create an online recurring donation, visit www.redeemershous.org/give & select Orphan Prevention.

Look for the Missions table in the fellowship hall for three Sunday's in October offering the opportunity to sponsor kids involved in Redeemer's House ministries in Guatemala or contact Bob Loker.

Textile Sale for Redeemer's House

Thank you, St. Peter's.

We raised over \$800 for Redeemer's House in Santiago Zamora, Guatemala, during our Textile Sale on Sunday, September 13th!

—Bob Loker



Kelly Cockrill helping at the sale

Welcome! You are invited to embark, over seven weekly Friday nights **starting Oct 2nd**, on a wonderful adventure concerning love and respect in marriage. Consider the following:

A Simple Message

A wife has one driving need - to feel loved.

When that need is met, she is happy. A

husband has one driving need - to feel

respected. When that need is met, he is happy. When either of these needs isn't met, things get crazy. Love & Respect reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily and biblically.



A Message That Works

Based on over three decades of counseling, as well as scientific and biblical research, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs and his wife, Sarah, have already taken the Love & Respect message across America and are changing the way couples talk to, think about, and treat each other. The St. Peter's Marriage Mentor team is happy to bring this conference to couples in our community, using a video formatted workshop approach. If you want peace in your marriage, to feel close, to feel valued, and to experience marriage in the way that God intended it to be, then why not try some Love & Respect?

A Message Answering 3 Major Questions

Why do we negatively react to each other?

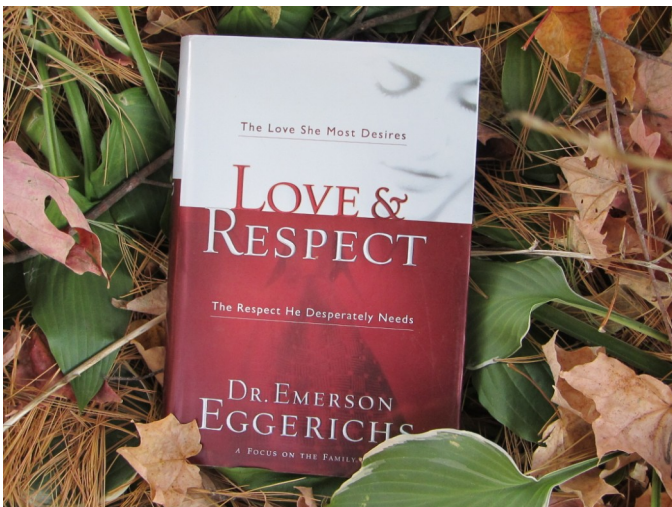
How do we motivate each other?

What if my spouse isn't responding?

We explain The Crazy Cycle.

We study The Energizing Cycle.

We learn about The Rewarded Cycle.



The Marriage Mentor team will host these sessions at the Purcellville Carver Community Center, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday evenings starting October 2nd.

Our hospitality will include complimentary desserts and beverages for participants. Married couples, engaged couples, and those couples exploring marriage are all invited to the workshop.

Come and join us as we explore the BIG idea that has blessed many a marriage over the years!

Dell & Sophiann Nunaley

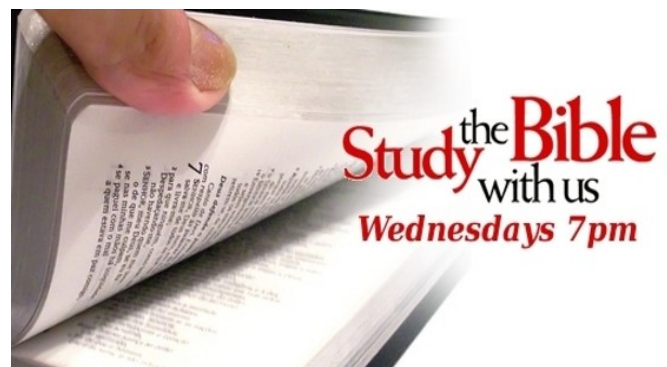
Have you been looking for a small group Bible Study, but just have not been able to get connected to one?

We are starting a brand new small group that will meet Wednesday Nights at 7:00 to 8:30 starting October 7. David Tocki will host and Jon Corbett will lead. We will discuss and decide what book of the Bible we'll study then as well as other parameters.

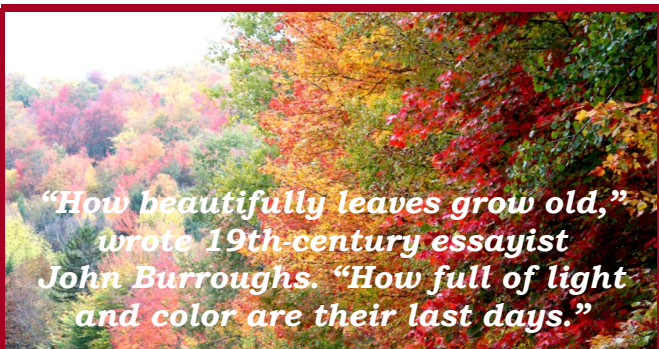
For directions or to let us know if you would like to attend please contact David Tocki.

For any more specific questions contact Jon Corbett.

All are welcome!



The Bulletin Board



Society doesn't think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults' wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in him: "In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright" (Psalm 92:14-15, NRSV).

The aging leaves of autumn can prompt us to look for beauty in the seniors among us, to notice the light and color that still abound. From all the fruit they still produce — service, prayer, love — may we learn about living faithfully until our own last days.

—Heidi Mann

Hike with Hope



October 3, 2015
11AM to 2PM
Rotary Pavilion
Franklin Park
Purcellville

Fun for the whole family!

Gather with family and friends. Enjoy a picnic, good company and hike the scenic country trail.

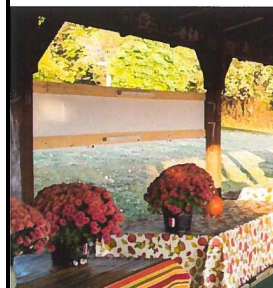
Help raise awareness to support recovery and end the stigma of mental illness

No registration required. Snacks will be available. Donations are welcome to support our homeless

prevention program, *A Place To Call Home*.



At the hike, help us raise awareness by posting a note on our **Mental Health and Recovery Recognition Wall** to tell your story, celebrate recovery and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.



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The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. In participating, you are sharing your offering with ministries that are concerned with the needs of others and the mission of the Church.



You may wish to involve your family by having each member place an offering in a UTO mite box as they thank God for the specific needs that He has met in their lives.

Please pick up your UTO box or envelope in the narthex and return it in the offering plate on October 11. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's with "UTO" on the memo line.

The Mt. Calvary Guild will present St. Peter's UTO offering at the Episcopal Church Women 125th Annual Meeting & UTO Ingathering.

To learn more about The United Thank Offering see the information packet next to the basket of UTO boxes and envelopes on the table in the narthex or visit www.ecusa.anglican.org.

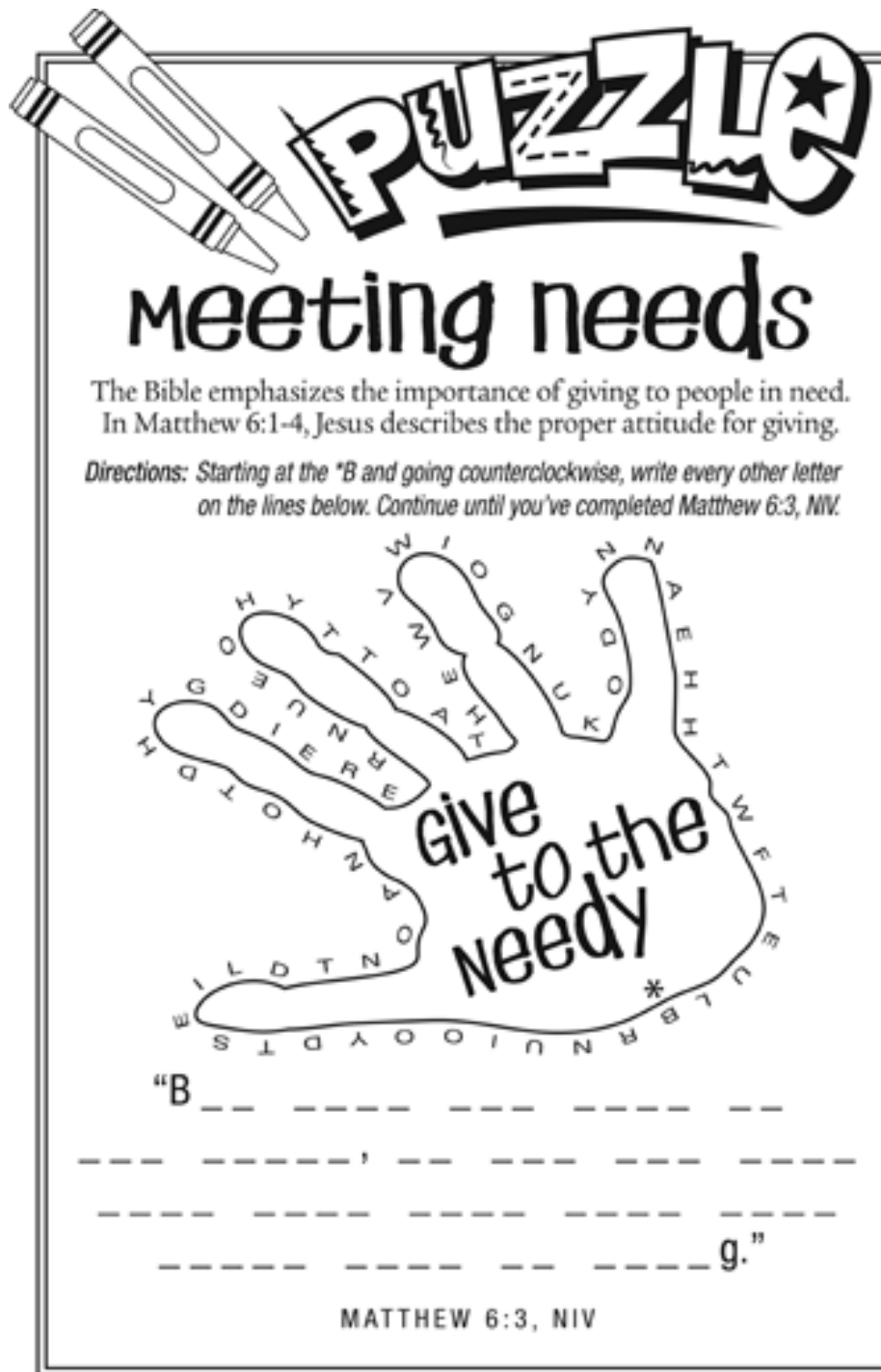
BAGS

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.



Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing," Matthew 6:3, NIV

Sunday, October 4, 2015

10:30am

All creatures great and small are invited,
even stuffed animals if you wish.





St. Peter's OCTOBER ROSTER 2015

OCTOBER		Oct. 4	Oct 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
		19 Pentecost	20 Pentecost	21 Pentecost	22 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Dell Nunaley	Gail Donohue	Drew Lavan	William Lawrence
	Late	Jon Corbett	Eamon Coy	Mark McKinley	Liz Tuohy
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Sophiann Nunaley, Tanya Matthews	Tanya Matthews, Peter Schellhase	Peter Schellhase, Judy Hall	Tanya Matthews, Buddy Andrews
	Late	Tom Coate, Randy Stoutenburgh	Dan LaPre, Dave Tocki	Randy Stoutenburgh, Linda Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt, Dave Tocki
SUB DEACON	Early	Buddy Andrews	Paul Donohue	Tim Hall	Tim Hall
	Late	Linda Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt	Lauren Hunt	Tom Coate
INTERCESSOR	Early	Kelly Cockrill	Dell Nunaley	Peter Schellhase	HL
	Late	Shane Ayers	Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker
	Late	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Henry Psaltos	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Tim & Judy Hall, Paul Miller & Lauraine Landolt	Rick & Tricia Smith, Justine Phelan, Terry Kingsley	Martha Ballinger, Marina Liburdi, Debbie Pappas	Don & Krista Winger, Mark & Nancy Baker
	Late	Susan Collins, Dave Tocki, Deana & Steve Czaban	Shane & Teresa Ayers, Joe & Nissa Clavelli	Steve & Patti Flowers, Kurt & Melissa Nordstrom	Eamon & Jen Coy, Dan & Una LaPre
USHERS	Early	Rick & Kelly Cockrill	Paul Miller & Lauraine Landolt	Mark & Nancy Baker	Todd & Pam Johnston
	Late	Eamon & Jenn Coy, Ben & Anna Curtis	The Clavelli Family	Mark & Katie McKinley, Marty & Erica Thompson	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Steve & Anne Schultz
GREETERS	Early	Bill Gibson	Rebecca Smoot	Dell Nunaley	Mark Baker
	Late	Traci Eddinger	Jae & Andrea Lee	Jon Corbett	Peter Forbes
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, TBD	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie & Jim Heim, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Maggie & Jim Heim, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lauraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Wynell Schatz	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lauraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Wynell Schatz

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!

OCTOBER Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

10-1 Peter & Erin Schellhase
 10-7 Kyle & Kathleen Voss
 10-9 Billy & Nancy Dillon
 Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
 10-11 Dave & Debra Grommons
 10-12 Michael & Katie Marsh
 Marty & Erica Thompson
 10-22 Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh

BIRTHDAYS:

10-1 Brad Kilgour
 Jordan Smith
 10-2 Chris Duhring
 Reagan Field
 Luke Harris
 10-4 Sarah-Jane Corbett
 Mary V Simmons
 10-6 Eckard Holdorf
 Marty Thompson
 10-7 Ollie North
 10-8 Una LaPre
 Michael Walsh
 10-9 Sophie Brzozowsky
 Nancy Dillon

10-12 Robert Nunaley
 10-13 James Israel
 10-14 Lynn Kanen
 10-15 Aidan Bidgood
 Riley McKinley
 10-16 Matthew Walsh
 10-18 Susan Collins
 10-19 Nissa Clavelli
 10-22 Nancy Sheys
 10-23 Levi Coy
 Mason Field
 10-26 Marie Heim
 10-27 Mary Hoeltzel
 10-28 Shiloh Field
 10-30 Nora Young

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 2 Love & Respect Workshop 6:30pm
 Oct. 3 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals 10:30am
 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Oct. 6 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
 Oct. 7 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm
 Bible Study(2) 7pm
 Oct. 9 Love & Respect Workshop 6:30pm
 Oct. 11 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Oct. 13 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm
 Oct. 15 TOL Dinner *(hosted by Next Step Community)*
 Oct. 16 Love & Respect Workshop 6:30pm
 Vestry Visioning Retreat

Oct. 17 Vestry Visioning Retreat
 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Literary Guild 5pm
 Oct. 18 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Oct. 19 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
 Oct. 20 Vestry Mtg. 7:15pm
 Oct. 23 Love & Respect Workshop 6:30pm
 Oct. 25 Newsletter Deadline
 Healing Liturgy
 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Oct. 27 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 5pm
 Oct. 28 FBF Bowling 6pm



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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for OCTOBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
4	19 Pentecost	Genesis 2:4-9, 19-20	148:7-14	NA	Matthew 11:25-30
11	20 Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
18	21 Pentecost	Isaiah 53:4-12	91:9-16	Ephesians 6:1-9	Mark 10:35-45
25	22 Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:7-9	126	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 10:46-52



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—OCTOBER 4 @ 10:30AM 				1 Next Step Community Choir	2 Love & Respect Workshop	3 Men's Breakfast HOLY EUCHARIST
4 HOLY EUCHARIST & Blessing of the Animals Choristers & CS Baptism Class Bible Study	5	6 Vestry Ministry Mtg	7 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg MSSG Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2	8 Next Step Community Choir	9 Love & Respect Workshop	10 HOLY EUCHARIST
11 HOLY EUCHARIST SS & SF Classes Choristers & CS Baptism Class Bible Study	12	13 Vestry Exec Mtg	14 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2	15 TOL Dinner Next Step Community Choir	16 Love & Respect Workshop Vestry Visioning Retreat	17 Vestry Visioning Retreat Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild HOLY EUCHARIST
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25 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy SS & SF Classes Choristers & CS Baptism Class Bible Study	26	27 PC Team Mtg	28 HOLY EUCHARIST FBF Bowling MSSG Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2	29 Next Step Community Choir	30 Love & Respect Workshop Men's TGIF	31 HOLY EUCHARIST

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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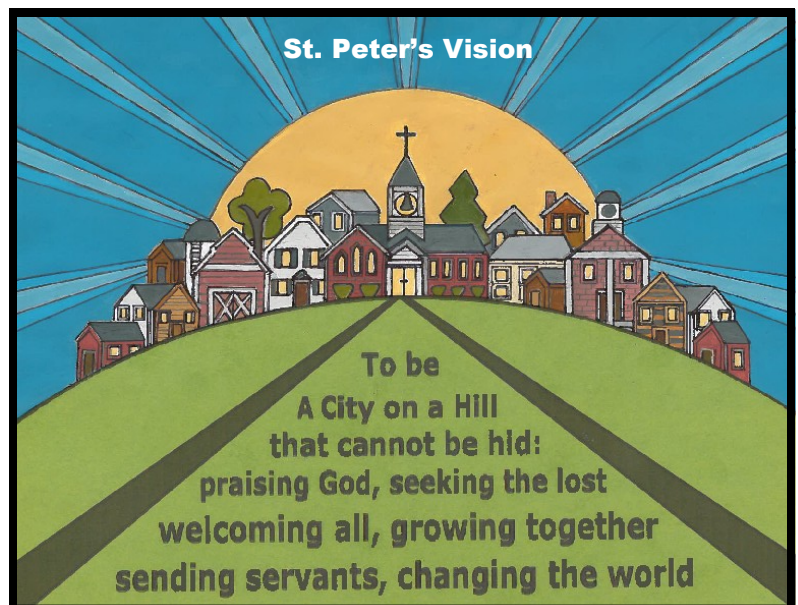
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