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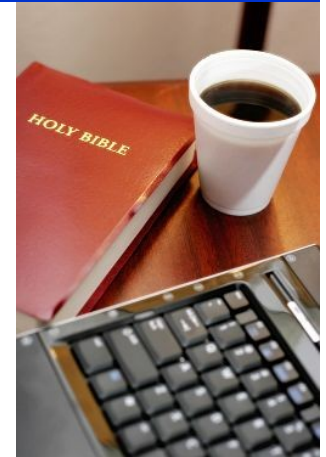
Pentecost Season

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Welcome to REALM!

Have you ever wanted to view your giving to St. Peter's? See where you are with your pledge? Tell us your new phone number or address? Find a way to contact a ministry leader or parishioner? Set up secure automatic giving? Thanks to a recent software upgrade, you can now do all this, and more!



St. Peter's has recently upgraded to the new **Realm church management software**. Unlike our previous system, this one allows everyone connected to St. Peter's to securely log in and see and update information, make or add a pledge, and set up one-time or recurring automatic giving. You can also control how much (if any) of your contact information is available to anyone beyond the church staff.

You should soon be receiving an email inviting you to set up your secure access to the Realm system. Please keep an eye out for this and respond as soon as you can. You should receive your invitation no later than October 15th, but if you have not seen one by then, please contact the church office - we'll get you connected.



From the Sr. Warden—Tom Coate:

The new Realm software costs us about \$75 less per month than the previous system. That means more money for our ministries! Many thanks to Wanda and Diane for all their hard work moving to the new system so that we can have all these features and reduce expenses.



Jesus' Strangest Miracle

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Peter was feeling the pinch. The tax man was on-hand demanding his pound of flesh. Times were tight and Peter didn't have enough money to cover his financial obligations.

Jesus told Peter where he might find some cash in Matthew 17:27: "Go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

Do you know what it's like to feel the pinch? If so, this strange miracle points us in a hopeful direction: our Lord provides. When we feel the pinch of scarcity, Jesus commands abundance and makes sure we have what we need.

It helps me to remember that in the current season at St. Peter's.

We are certainly feeling the pinch. The last year and a half has been hard for us. We have seen many in our congregational family **move away** (the Clavelli, O'Hara, Psaltos, Smith, Snyder families, Peter Forbes, Lydia Holt, Dave Tocki, David Weiss, Muriel Truax, Jesse Brown). We have seen several notables **pass away** (Esther Kilgour, Jane & A.D. Bogle, Fred Shier, Alfred DiZerga, Harry Lane, Rick Clark). And we have watched as many **walk away** (the Erich, Frichtl, Hegener, Israel, Lee and Miller families). All together, these people represent 10% of our congregation, and their empty pews remind us of their absence. These people's generosity also represents \$65,000 in revenue that we lost, with them.

That loss accounts for much of the current \$56,000 deficit we are currently struggling with. Furthermore, when budgeting for 2016 we stretched ourselves, in faith, in order to hire our Youth Minister at 15 hours per week. These facts indicate that, in the short term, this deficit will not fix itself. It is structural.

At this point we face some choices:

- 1) Ignore. We could carry on, hoping it will go away.
- 2) Retrench. Cut staff, and get used to being a smaller church.
- 3) Get hot. Surge forward, and raise a lot of money.
- 4) Inquire: what if God designed this situation to lead us to a good turning-point as a congregation?

Well, friends, after a season of doing 1, we are vigorously opting for 3, while beginning to contemplate 2. Our congregation will need to be very committed, creative

and concerted as we "get hot" to bridge the budget gap in the months ahead. You'll be hearing a lot about that in the months ahead. (See box.) But I'd like to take some time here to talk about 4 with you. When times are tough we grow the most. How is God trying to shape us as a people...THROUGH this situation we are in?

How would he like to change ME as pastor of St. Peter's?

How would he like to change US as leaders of St. Peter's?

How would he like to change us as the PEOPLE of St. Peter's?

I'd love to hear your thoughts. Like Peter learning to trust Jesus in the financial pinch, we usually take our biggest strides of insight, growth and progress when we feel the pinch too. It's going to take all of us together to Get Hot and Reflect, because Ignore is no longer an option...at ALL.

Going forward, we've got so much to work with...I've been here 14 years and I believe we've never been better positioned to thrive.

We've got the **very best vestry leadership team** since I've been here. God has blessed us with a vestry that combines some highly seasoned and committed pros (like Dell, Traci, Tom, Linda, Peter, Tanya as Treasurer) with some very energetic and committed people relatively new to vestry leadership (Jon, Ron, Jim, Joe). This crew has showed their commitment by meeting weekly for the first two months of their term to complete our Hedgehog work. They have climbed on board with the reality of our structural deficit and are getting hot to address it with creativity and optimism. What a magnificent bunch!

We also have our **best staff team**. Our Lord has blessed us with Chris Daniels as our part time Facilities Manager. He and the rest of the staff has very competently done the brain and brawn work needed to bring Good Shepherd Montessori school successfully into our facilities. The year we had Dr. Andrea Lee as our consultant for Youth Ministry yielded great insight to improve our youth ministry. With Jon Coate as Director of Youth Ministries we are moving forward. By all signs the kids love him and a great Christian community is growing again among our teens.

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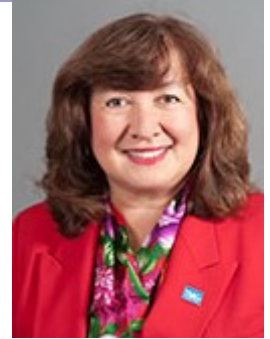
Treasurer's Corner—Tanya Matthews

Thank you for increasing your giving, and for more and more people signing up for e-giving. We have had a 20% increase in "on line" giving. Several people have contributed to the budget deficit, for which we are all thankful. I've sent out "thank you" notes to people who have taken this step.

Our shortfall continues to increase. There have only been a couple of Sundays when we've collected the amount we budgeted. Our annual stewardship campaign will launch shortly under Linda Stoutenburgh's able leadership (*see page 4*). In addition, Steve Schultz has formed a fund-raising committee, and it's beginning to take some creative steps to find new revenue sources (*see page 7*).

The budget cycle will start in November and we anticipate approving a budget for 2017 in December.

Thank you for helping with the financial issues; we will get through them together!



Tanya Matthews

Use Our Website Link & Amazon Gives Money to Church

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with four main categories: Monthly Newsletter, Weekly Newsletter, Support, and Sermons and More. The 'Support' category is highlighted with a yellow circle and a yellow arrow pointing to it. Below the 'Support' link, there is a list of links including 'September 2016 Good News', 'August 2016 Good News', 'July 2016 Good News', 'June 2016 Good News', 'May 2016 Good News', 'April 2016 Good News', 'March 2016 Good News', and 'February 2016 Good News'. The 'Support' link is located between the 'Weekly Newsletter' and 'Sermons and More' sections. Below the 'Support' link, there is a list of links including 'St. Pete's Weekly | September 25, 2016 | 19 Pentecost', 'St. Pete's Weekly | September 18, 2016 | 18 Pentecost', 'St. Pete's Weekly | September 11, 2016 | 17 Pentecost', and 'St. Pete's Weekly | September 4, 2016 | 16 Pentecost'. The 'Sermons and More' section is located to the right of the 'Support' link and contains a list of links including '2016-09-18 | Pray & Pay the Mission Forward | 18 Pentecost', '2016-09-11 | Children's Ministry | 17 Pentecost', '2016-09-04 | Slave No More, Part 2 | 16 Pentecost', '2016-08-21 | Pray That Door Open | 14 Pentecost', and '2016-08-14 | Slave No More, Part 1 | 13 Pentecost'. The 'Stay Informed' section is located below the 'Support' link and contains a link to 'Sign up for St. Peter's news and announcements by email'. The 'Serving Schedules' section is located below the 'Support' link and contains a list of links including 'October 2016 Serving Schedule', 'November 2016 Serving Schedule', and 'December 2016 Serving Schedule'. The 'Monthly Newsletter Archive' section is located below the 'Support' link and contains a link to 'Monthly Newsletter Archive'.

Please, if you choose to purchase anything on Amazon, do so using the Link on the bottom of St. Peter's Website home page www.stpetes.net - under the heading: "Support". By simply using this link on our website to get to Amazon, it gives St. Peter's a 6% (or more) cut of your purchase price—at No Cost to you.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Go to www.stpetes.net
- 2) Scroll to the bottom of the home page to the dark blue box (see above)
- 3) Under the heading, Support, you will see an icon of a shopping cart.
- 4) Click on Amazon - Support St. Peter's when you click here to shop on Amazon
- 5) Shop as usual. 6% or more of your purchase price will be automatically sent to St. Peter's - and it costs you nothing!

(NOTE: Using the link on our website to shop at Amazon gives the church a higher percentage than using Amazon Smile, but we'll take that, too!)

Here is some data on our Amazon results. Since we signed on in 2008, we've received a total of \$1,402.23 from Amazon. That's not a huge sum, but it's not bad since it's only been the result of a small number of people.

We are currently receiving 6% on most products. (There are special rules for certain types of 3rd party items, specific media items, etc, but the 6% applies to most purchases.) The percentage varies depending on how much is sold through our account each month. For example, if we have 23 more items purchased by the end of September, our September payout will rise to 6.5%.

To give St. Peter's credit for your shopping, use the link on the St. Pete's home page. You will not see anything different from your usual shopping experience. Your Prime membership, one-click shopping and all those fun things will all work as usual.

Please keep this in mind for your upcoming Christmas shopping, too!

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We also have our **best-ever plan** to reach our community. Jesus blessed and guided the Hedgehog Team which gathered 40 people working at different times for nearly 2 years to revise the old Strategic Plan and discern our path forward. They've come up with a specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound plan to serve our community in compelling new ways in the next five years, "*Turning strangers into friends into followers of Jesus*". This plan is broad-based within our congregation, is rooted in research out in our community, and was bathed with prayer every step of the way. I believe it offers a blueprint of the long-term structural changes that will bring us out of our current season of loss.

In the short term, we have also welcomed **many new people** to our family. We are blessed to have the Bailey, Casey, Chambers, Daly, Falatko, Grisius, Marsh, Neely, O'Neil, Nikosey, Smith, and Stagg families, Patti

Costantino, Lynne McCann, and Stephanie and Natalie Zullinger joined us in the same period. We look forward to their full integration in the life of our congregation.

Viewed in this light, our current financial pinch is a season full of opportunity. The solution to our structural problem lies in: 1) the Hedgehog plan we have spent two years discerning, 2) the leaders who have crafted and will help us implement it, 3) the people of St. Peter's, both new and old, who are joining arm-in-arm to devote ourselves to one another and to becoming "fishers of men," like old St. Peter, in the Loudoun Valley.

In a pinch, Jesus told Peter to cast his line into the sea and to find his provision there. That's what he's asking us to do in the months and years ahead. Together let's cast our fishing nets into our community in the Loudoun Valley, "*Turning strangers into friends into followers of Jesus*." He will provide in the pinch. And we will be changed in the process.

Money Messages

We will be talking about money in the season ahead, in three basic messages:

1. **Give with Jesus.** It's the stewardship message Linda Stoutenburgh shares below. We give out of gratitude, to become the person God made us to be. You'll be asked to "walk in love" pledging your time, talent and treasure as part of your journey with Jesus in the year ahead.
2. **Make great things happen.** It's the investment message of our ministries and our Hedgehog plan. We give out of eager good will to make an impact in the world around us. You'll be invited to participate in creative fundraisers for ministry initiatives in the year ahead.
3. **Make us whole.** It is the message of "being there" for each other to help in a time of need. We give to pitch in and aid our family feeling the pinch. You will be invited to find ways to give sacrificially to bridge the structural gap in our budget in the months ahead.

An Offering and Sacrifice

By Linda Stoutenburgh, *Stewardship Chair*

"Stewardship season" is upon us – that time of year when we take a concerted look at what Christian Stewardship is, what it means for us and our spiritual lives and practice, and then with hearts and minds freshly reminded and inspired to give, we wrap up our examination of stewardship with the opportunity to make our annual giving pledges to St. Peter's.

To that end, on October 9th we will begin a six-week series of stewardship-oriented bulletin inserts, and "Ministry Moment" presentations at the announcement time. Rather than explicit teaching about stewardship, these Ministry Moments are meant to highlight the many things we can do when we are good stewards of time, talent, and treasure. These moments are meant to inspire, and to show what it can mean to "Walk in Love," which is the theme of the Diocese's stewardship program theme for this year.



"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
(Ephesians 5:2)

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WALK IN LOVE



as Christ loved us
and gave himself for us.

Rector's FAQ

In the midst of recent efforts to address our financial short-fall several excellent questions have surfaced that I'd like to address. I'm eager to share. Many of these questions were forwarded to me with the request that they be anonymous. As eager as I am to answer everyone's questions I wish they didn't come from the shadows of anonymity. I'd like everyone in our church family to feel free to voice their opinions, ideas, objections, and questions in a culture of openness and discussion. How else are we all going to feel included and valued and part of the team? How else are we going to get the best of everyone's input as we figure out our way forward together? Please feel free to share and ask!

Has Tom moved out of the community and what about the rectory?

Ever since we first moved to Loudoun, Tait and I have wanted to own a home, and build equity for the future, rather than live in the rectory. As our family has grown, the need has been more urgent for a house larger than the 1900 square foot Rectory. It's been a long journey but finally, after many prior attempts, we found a house we could afford in the area...in Berryville. With some inheritance money we bought a spacious and beautiful home in summer of 2015, provided basic furnishings, and transitioned our kids in Clarke County Schools. That worked well. It has been difficult, however, for us to move out of the Rectory. The location in Purcellville is very convenient to large parts of our life. And it has taken longer than expected to get everything squared away with the house in Berryville. We basically live as though we have a "weekend home" in Purcellville. Once we consolidate into one home, the rental value of the Rectory will become the housing allowance for the rector.

Why does the Rectory look unkempt?

The rectory exterior was last painted in 2008. It is obviously due for another, particularly the black shutters which have begun peeling. The bricks could also use a good pressure washing. To save money, the Simmons family would be willing to do this.

Where was Tom this summer?

The Summer of '16 was different from all others! (See the September issue of *The Good News*.) Used to be I'd take off a week each, after Christmas and Easter, and two weeks at the end of July for vacation, followed by a week on retreat in August. This year, however, we stayed put after Christmas and Easter to welcome visitors who came back the Sunday after the big seasonal services. And instead of two weeks at the beach it was one...in early July!

I spent my annual prayer retreat prepping for my big teaching weekend at Officer's Christian Fellowship in

early August. And there was also that week in June that I spent among the Mennonites in Indiana for my new board role at Coaching Mission International. I've not usually been gone in June. And remember back in April I had the CREDO conference, hosted by the Church Pension Fund, in which clergy carve out a week in a beautiful place with professional faculty to refocus and rebalance and revive our sense of call to ministry? So the timing of the weeks was very different and seemed more frequent this year than in the past. In all, a very different rhythm.

For all that it was a great summer, very insightful. It helped me recreate and get squared away after a challenging year, and after running hard the last five years since my sabbatical in 2011. It was good to change up the schedule, to take the summer at a different pace. I must say, however, it's nice to be back on schedule!

What happened with the potential purchase of the house next door?

First, allow me to provide a little background. In recent years we have been working to better understand our current and future real estate needs. Growth projections for the area make it clear that our facilities will need to support considerably more space for education, fellowship, administration, and parking in the years to come. In 2014, the Vestry and Renovation and Expansion Committee commissioned the architectural firm of Lemay Erickson to provide a conceptual design to expand McCray hall and the education and office wing of the church, and to modernize our facility. This effort made it clear that the current 2.1-acre property is inadequate for any building expansion. We need, therefore, to either acquire land adjacent to St. Peters, or find a new building site for the future.

Figuring that the former will be the preferable path, the Renovation and Expansion Committee made an offer to our neighbor to the north to arrange for the future (within the next 10 years) purchase of his property. The owner is not yet ready to commit to a specific timeline, but indicated that when he would be happy to discuss the matter again. We plan to raise the question with him again in two years' time. In the mean time we will focus on more near-term renovation projects within our existing property, like McCray Hall and the basketball court, as we explore ways to make St. Peter's a "focal-point for families" in Purcellville.



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What happened with Andrea Lee?

Jae and Andrea came to St. Peter's two years ago eager to help. We hired Andrea to serve as Youth Minister, at 5 hours per week, beginning with a one-year trial. During that year she decided that she would limit her service to one year and assume a sort of consultant role, asking, listening and observing the culture and programs and people that compose our ministry with youth. The result was a very helpful, comprehensive analysis and set of recommendations for organizing youth ministry in the future.

Jae and Andrea also decided during that trial year that they would not stay at St. Peter's. The reasons they gave me were: 1) our decision to host a school at St. Peter's conflicted with her commitment to the public school system. 2) There are "socio-political differences" between the values the Lee's hold and that many at St. Peter's hold. Regrettably, for the Lee's, those differences were a reason to move on from our fellowship.

One of the great recommendations Andrea made was to explore the possibility of hiring Jon Coate as our next Youth Minister. We hired Jon for 15 hours a week of work. He has taken to the work with alacrity since July, with Kristin at his side, and results are indicating his effectiveness. The teen Sunday School class is larger than it has ever been and, in the first three weeks has seen barely any attendance attrition.

How much does it cost to have a seminarian?

They say good help is hard to find. With our seminarians, however, the truism does not hold true. For the next two years we will benefit from high quality ministry of Michael Whitnah...at an excellent price!

Each semester we reimburse the seminarian \$600 to cover his prodigious travel expenses. He makes the trip to and from Alexandria roughly six times each month. There's no better deal!

What is the plan for Brother John?

For the last year we have been discerning with John Ogle the possibility of him moving from Richmond to our area and becoming an every-week part of our parish leadership team. As a monk of limited means the challenge was arranging his housing. In the end our financial straits and his own discernment of his life and timing converged to make it clear that he wouldn't be moving up here in the foreseeable future. So we will continue to enjoy Brother John's presence and ministry on Healing Sundays.

Why is the Good Shepherd School using McCray Hall and not the classroom space downstairs?

The school is occupying McCray Hall because it is the optimum space for their education method and their staffing situation. The Montessori education method is hands-on rather than desk-bound. It involves multiple work areas where children learn by doing, at their own pace. That requires a lot of space for each child, in contrast to traditional education which largely confines children to work at a single desk. As for the staffing situation for Good Shepherd School, at this time they only have one teacher and one aide. These two remarkable women must manage the group of children together at all times. This requires a single space large enough to accommodate all the learning stations. In other words, it requires McCray Hall, rather than two classrooms downstairs. The school hopes to add more grades and more staff, which will enable them to expand into the downstairs spaces.

Excitement for St Peters

The Vestry has created a Fundraising Committee to help address the current deficit. Led by Steve Schultz, others serving on the committee are Jim Schatz, Paul Donohue, and Regina Brzozowsky. *(We put the FUN in FUNdraising!)*

New and exciting things will be taking place at St. Peters starting this October. Each month, two people will be given the opportunity to win some extra cash. That's right, cash! How are we going to do this?

**50/50
raffle**

We will be holding a monthly 50/50 raffle drawing, winners to be drawn at the last Wednesday service of the month. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!! At each coffee hour, there will be a jar or box for people wishing to participate. For each ticket you enter, a \$2 fee is given, three tickets for \$5. You may enter as many times you wish over the course of the month. THE MORE THAT IS IN THE JAR, THE MORE YOU CAN WIN. We will track each week to let you know the amount that is in the jar so far for the month. At the end of each month, St. Peter's gets 50% and the two names drawn split the other 50%.

What is neat is that you can win more than once and you know that the 50% going to St. Pete's will go for good causes. We hope you enjoy this and GOOD LUCK!!!!!!



Steve Schultz

Missions Corner—Orality in Guatemala 2016

By Bob Loker

Before writing was developed, cultures passed along their cultural traditions, including their history, identity, and religion, through their stories. These included proverbs, poems, songs, riddles, etc. These are all oral art forms; that is, they are spoken, sung or chanted. They were (and still are) often woven into ceremonies, dramas and rites of passage. Purely oral societies pass along everything that matters from one generation to another without putting anything into writing. The word for this ancient phenomenon is orality. It continues to the present. (<https://orality.imb.org/basic/>)

Oral learners also include people from all walks of life and all levels of education who learn primarily or exclusively through oral, not textual means. While some oral communicators learn this way out of necessity because they cannot read or write with understanding, others simply prefer non-print forms of communication. This is true of rural Guatemala. Studies have shown that 80% of the world's populations are oral learners - that is approximately 5.7 billion people!

The International Orality Network (ION) is an affiliation of agencies and organizations working together with the common goal of making God's Word available to oral learners in their native language in culturally appropriate ways. ION is part of the Lausanne Movement and grew out of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism in 2004. ION has since grown to be a global network of over 2,000 organizations. These include such major ministries as Wycliff Bible Translators, Christian Missionary Alliance Church, Pioneers, The Seed Company, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, WYAM, and Cru (previously known as Campus Crusade for Christ). (<https://orality.net/>)

Last spring I took a Cru training course to learn how to develop oral Bible stories and how to train others to share them. We developed story sets from Matthew through Revelation that presented the gospel in a way that is Biblically accurate, naturally told, and appropriate to the culture. We have found that young children can learn these stories, sometime faster than adults.



For the past two years St. Peter's has partnered with seeJesus ministries in sharing the gospel with oral learners through story telling in Guatemala. Last summer I spent one week with a team from St. Peter's and a second week working alongside and training missionaries to tell stories from our seeJesus curriculum. To reinforce the Bible stories we used such aids as crafts, drama, puppets, hand motions and "statues". ("Statues" involves having a series of participants "freeze" like a statue illustrating an action or emotion as the storyteller narrates a Bible story, thus creating a sequential line of living statues which helps the audience remember the sequence of the story.) The photos illustrate some of the storytelling techniques we have used in Guatemala.

Statues: Jesus & the bleeding woman



Puppets: Simon & the sinful woman



Skits, Raising the Son of Widow of Nain



Missions Corner—Graduations at Bromley, Liberia

By Tim Hall

Bishop Hart spoke at the graduation and is pictured with the graduates. St. Peter's mission trip to Bromley was in November 2009 and we continued to provide scholarship and supply support for many years. We also revisited the campus in 2012 and 2014 on subsequent trips to Liberia.

Bishop Hart's quote on his post:

"GRADUATIONS at the Bromley Episcopal Mission School for Girls where all 14 Seniors who passed the West African Exams celebrated the end of High School. To God be the Glory."



BTW, passing the West African Exams is a really big deal !!

Redeemer's House 5th Anniversary Celebration – Thanks for Being Awesome!

On September 15th Redeemer's House International celebrated our 5th anniversary. It might be our anniversary, but we are throwing a party in your honor. The theme for the party is - Because of You.

We are so grateful for our partnership in Orphan Prevention.

Because of You:

She will receive the nutritious meals enabling her to fight chronic malnutrition and thrive physically & emotionally.

He will have a home that is safe and secure and provides protection from the cold & rain.

She will have barriers to education removed and graduate high school.

He will have tuition and transportation covered for vocational training and have steady work that provides for his family.

They will get to hear the good news of Jesus Christ every week and be reconciled to God.

She will know her human rights and be equipped to fight racism and sexism freeing her from oppression & exploitation.

Much Love & Gratitude,

Lee Radford
Founder & Team Leader

**Join us for St. Peter's
5th Annual
Plant Sale
Bake Sale
BBQ Lunch**

**Saturday, October 8th
9:00am—2:00pm
St. Peter's Church**

**Proceeds benefit
St. Peter's
Mission & Outreach
Ministries**

Blessing the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis

On Sunday, October 2nd, St. Peter's will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a special outdoor liturgy at 10:30am (weather permitting) at which we will be joined by our furry, feathery, squirmy and scaly friends.



St. Francis is well known, among many other things, for his devotion to animals. If you share Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring them to this liturgy for a special blessing and to express how much we are blessed by them. All creatures great and small are invited, even stuffed animals if you wish.

Just be sure that small or vulnerable animals are in a proper container for their own protection and large or aggressive animals are properly restrained for everyone's protection. Please come prepared to clean up after your animals.

St. Peter's Annual United Thank Offering Collection, sponsored by the Mt. Calvary Guild, will be on Sunday, October 30.

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.

UTO mite boxes have been set home with the children enrolled in Sunday school. This is a rewarding way for our children to express thanksgiving to God as they give their treasure for the needs of others.



Please pick up your UTO mite box or envelope in the narthex and return it in the offering plate on October 30th. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's with "UTO" on the memo line.

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.

THANKSGIVING TOGETHER

St. Peter's is once again partnering with Tree of Life Ministries in hosting **THANKSGIVING TOGETHER** this year! We will be delivering meals to folks in the community in the morning and **welcoming diners to McCray Hall from 12-2pm for a free Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday, November 24.**

We will also have a **Thanksgiving Worship Service** in our sanctuary at 2:00 pm.

Much organizational and leadership help is required, along with cooking, serving, delivery, and clean-up. ***Please look for upcoming sign-up sheets and Sign-up Genius.***



The Bulletin Board

Hallelujah Corner!

Jesus is changing lives through the people and work of our congregation. Here's a hallelujah story from one parishioner which I received after delivering my sermon on September 11. (By the way, did you know the sermons are available to read on our website at www.stpetes.net?) — Fr. Tom

Father Tom,

Let me start by saying I really missed being part of the St. Pete's family the past few months. It's great to be back and I can't begin to tell you how much today's mass made an impact on our family. I could feel the Lord speaking to me through you and almost every interaction I had with the great people at our congregation this morning. My wife, the kids and I all sat down after services at our kitchen table and talked through some issues we were having with the children for more than an hour. Our Sunday ended with each of us having a lot of respect and admiration for one another. Thank you so very much.

Altar Guild and Anyone interested in joining Altar Guild

Join us for a floral arranging demonstration by three Altar Guild members, on **Sunday, October 16th from 12-2pm in McCray Hall**. Una, Jean, and Tamara will be our demonstrators, and it'll be fun and a learning experience for all of us!

We are inviting anyone who is interested in joining altar guild to attend also.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Bobbie Wilhelm
Co-Director of the Altar Guild

St. Peter's Annual Ministry Fair

**Sunday, November 6, 2016
9:15am-12:30pm in McCray Hall**

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Come to St. Peter's Annual Ministry Fair to discover all the possibilities for you to use your time, talent, and treasure and become an active participant in the Christian community at St. Peter's. Learn what's planned for the year ahead and the strategic direction that St. Peter's is taking to turn strangers into friends, and to invite friends into the community of Christ. It's a great time to explore how you can be a part of the exciting ministries here!

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!

- Famous Events to turn strangers into friends
- Community Seminars and Relationship Studies
- Missions
- Community volunteer activities

Consider how you can help St. Peter's!

- Communications
- Stewardship
- Office assistance

Engage in fellowship opportunities!

- Hospitality dinners and potlucks
- Men and Women Fellowship Groups
- Small Groups including a strategic direction to form additional small groups



Mosaic Virginia®
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"The Future is Life"
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, Belmont Ballroom
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FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend

What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.
What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
_____ than _____: to _____
one's _____ for one's _____."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

Blessing of the Animals



**Sunday
October 2
10:30am**

St. Peter's OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

2016		Oct 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
		20 Pentecost	21 Pentecost	22 Pentecost	23 Pentecost	24 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Bryan Field	Erin Schellhase	Calvin Smith	Drew Lavan	William Lawrence
	Late	Jon Corbett	Kyle Voss	Liz Tuohy	Mark McKinley	Traci Eddinger
LAY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Peter Schellhase, Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews, James Hall	Terry Duhring, Sophiann Nunaley	Paul Donohue, Tanya Matthews	Peter Schellhase, Judy Hall
	Late	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh	Jonathan LaPre, Dave Hunt	Tom Coate, Dan LaPre	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh
SUB DEACON	Early	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Buddy Andrews
	Late	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Dave Hunt
INTERCESSOR	Early	Peter Schellhase	Dell Nunaley	Terry Duhring	HL	Sophiann Nunaley
	Late	NA	Randy Stoutenburgh	Marty Thompson	HL	Randy Stoutenburgh
ACOLYTES	Early	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker	Josh, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker
	Late	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Krista & Don Winger, Patty Costantino, Marina Liburdi	Gary Simpson & Paula Reardon, John & Debby Caulfield	Tim & Judy Hall, Rick & Tricia Smith, Justine Phelan	Rick & Kelly Cockrill, Debbie Pappas, Nora Young	Zan Shah, Martha Ballinger, Alexis Didoha, Judy Didoha
	Late	Mark & Katie McKinley, Dan & Una LaPre	Jon & Charlotte Corbett, Kurt & Melissa Nordstrom	Harold & Ann Neely, Brian & Amanda Daly	Sven Johnson & Pat Long, Billy & Nancy Dillon	Paul & Sherri Kakol, Deana Czaban
USHERS	Early	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Mark & Nancy Baker	Bill & Beth Gibson	Todd & Pam Johnston	Paul Miller & Lauraine Landolt
	Late	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Mark & Katie McKinley	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Tred Parry, Billy Dillon	Steve & Anne Schultz, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan, Tred Parry, Jimmy Eddinger	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Mark & Katie McKinley
GREETERS	Early	Bill Gibson	Rebecca Smoot	Ron Clark	Mark Baker	Joe Matthews
	Late	Steve schultz	Jim Heim	Eamon & Jenn Coy	Traci Eddinger	Steve Schultz
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	TBD	Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Rick Tyler, Mike Nikosey
ALTAR GUILD		Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lauraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lauraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan

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:

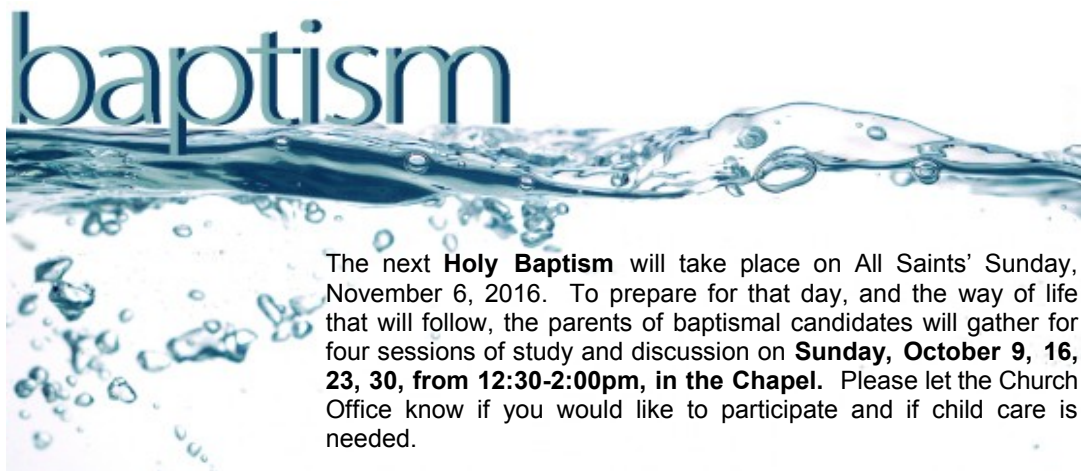
10-1 Peter & Erin Schellhase
 10-7 Kyle & Kathleen Voss
 10-9 Billy & Nancy Dillon
 Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
 10-11 Dave & Debra Grommons
 10-12 Michael & Katie Marsh
 10-22 Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh
 10-23 Jen & Paul Casey
 10-24 Jon & Kristin Coate

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
 Patty Costantino
 Nancy Dillon
 10-13 Mark Staggs
 10-15 Riley McKinley
 Clarissa Staggs
 10-16 Matthew Walsh
 10-18 Susan Collins
 10-22 Nancy Sheys
 10-23 Levi Coy
 Mason Field
 10-26 Marie Heim
 10-27 Grace Falatko
 Mary Hoeltzel
 10-28 Shiloh Field
 10-30 Nora Young

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 1 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Hike with Hope 11am
 Oct. 2 Blessing of the Animals 10:30am
 Oct. 4 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
 Oct. 5 Mission Team Mtg. 5pm
 Oct. 7 Set Up for Plant Sale 5pm
 Oct. 8 Plant Sale 9am
 Youth Group Corn Maze 6pm
 Oct. 9 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Seminarian Lay Committee 12:30pm
 Youth Group 7pm
 Oct. 11 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm
 Oct. 15 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Literary Guild 5pm
 Oct. 16 Altar Guild Flower Arranging Demo 12pm
 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Oct. 17 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
 Oct. 18 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
 Oct. 20 TOL Dinner 5pm (hosted by Next Step Community)
 Oct. 23 Newsletter Deadline
 Healing Liturgy
 Baptism Class 12:30pm
 Youth Group 7pm
 Oct. 25 Pastoral Care Team 5pm
 Oct. 26 Friends Being Friends Bowling 6pm
 Oct. 28 Youth Movie Night 7pm
 Oct. 29 Casa Chirilagua Outreach 10am
 Oct. 30 Baptism Class 12:30pm



The next **Holy Baptism** will take place on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2016. To prepare for that day, and the way of life that will follow, the parents of baptismal candidates will gather for four sessions of study and discussion on **Sunday, October 9, 16, 23, 30, from 12:30-2:00pm, in the Chapel**. Please let the Church Office know if you would like to participate and if child care is needed.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for OCTOBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
2	St. Francis	Genesis 2:4-9, 19-20	148:7-14	NA	Matt. 11:25-30
9	21 Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	66:1-11	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
16	22 Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34	119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
23	23 Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32	65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
30	24 Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's Breakfast Hike With Hope
2 HOLY EUCHARIST & Animal Blessing Choir & Choristers Bible Study	3	4 Vestry Ministry Mtg	5 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Bible Study	6 Next Step Community	7 Set Up for Plant Sale	8 Plant Sale Bake Sale BBQ Lunch Youth Corn Maze
9 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Choir & Choristers Baptism Class Seminarian Comm. Bible Study & YG	10	11 Vestry Exec Mtg	12 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	13 Next Step Community	14	15 Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild
16 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Choir & Choristers Altar Guild Demo Baptism Class Bible Study	17 Mt. Calvary Guild	18 Vestry Mtg	19 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	20 TOL Dinner Next Step Community	21	22
23 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy SS/SF Choir & Choristers Baptism Class Bible Study & YG	24	25 PC Team Mtg.	26 HOLY EUCHARIST FBF Bowling Bible Study	27 Next Step Community	28 Youth Movie Night	29 Great Country Farms Outing with Casa Chirilagua
30 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Choir & Choristers Baptism Class Bible Study	31	Saturday Evening HOLY EUCHARIST will resume November 12 at 5:00pm in the Chapel				

KEY: CS=Choral Scholars; FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life; YG=Youth Group



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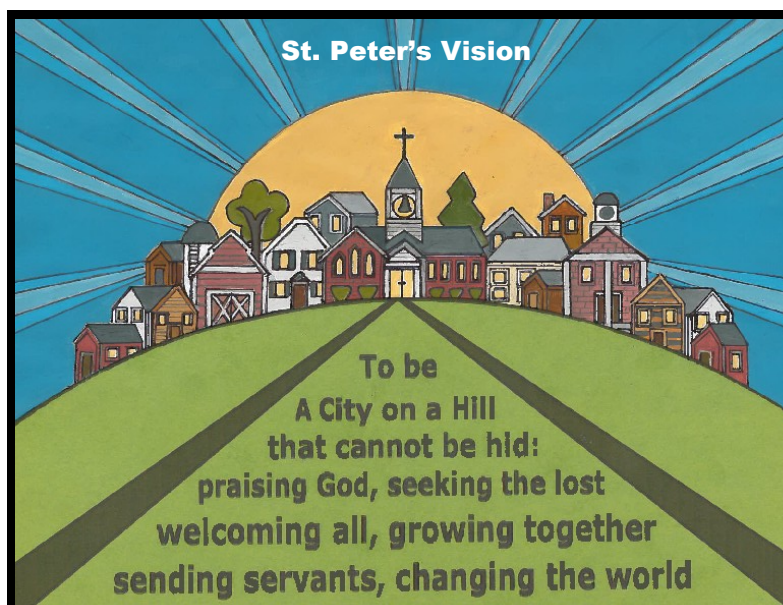
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