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ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 2016

Purcellville, Virginia

Pentecost Season

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at St. Peter's Episcopal Church for
Thanksgiving Together

NOVEMBER 24TH, THURSDAY
Come and enjoy a **FREE** Dinner

Time: 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Thanksgiving Service from 1:00pm - 1:30pm

Location: St. Peter's Episcopal Church
37018 Glendale St, Purcellville, VA 20132

EVENT HOSTED BY:

TREE OF LIFE, in partnership with St. Peter's Church



For more information contact 703-554-3595

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It took a bunch to move a ton...or, a HALF-TON anyway!

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Jim and Wynell Schatz gathered a great group from St. Peter's and the surrounding community to raise a half-ton wooden cross fourteen feet in the air, on the southern slope of Short Hill Mountain across from Harpers Ferry

The drama was ...well...DRAMATIC!

While the gibbet lay still on the ground, we crowded around. This cross was once a tool of Roman imperial power, used to intimidate and coerce. The Roman's message was loud and clear: "You cross us and we'll cross you!" It worked, with brutal efficiency.



Picture that cross prepared for you.

It is the means of your execution. It will likely take two or three days, your body pierced with iron spikes, your skin burned beneath the punishing sun, your nakedness exposed for the world to see. Here your life will slowly end.

See the crowd gathered around? They are your enemies, the squad Roman soldiers who will force you down, nail you to wood, and hoist you to the heavens. The crowd will mock you and then go home to dinner.

Then picture Jesus upon the cross.

There here is, suffering, bleeding, thirsting, writhing, dying in your stead. He took your place on the wood! He did so as the Man provided by God as our substitute. He stepped into our place, and paid our price. He made a propitiation and satisfied God's justice for the wicked things we've thought and said and done. Jesus cried out on the cross: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do!"

Now see the crowd gathered around? They are being reconciled to God! That pole in the hole draws a line from heaven to earth. It connects them, draws them together. Because Jesus is on the cross there's now peace again between God and man.

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St. Peter's Ministry Showcase!

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 2016 Ministry Showcase 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 program 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 at St. Peter's!

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

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

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Notice Jesus' arms outstretched.

He said just days before his crucifixion, "When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). He stretched out his arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that all might come within the reach of his saving embrace. It's the powerful affection he feels for the wicked, the forgotten, his enemies, and everyone else. He wants to get each one back, and he's done all this to do it.

Now see the crowd gathered around? These are now friends of Jesus. The cross beam on pole in the hole draws each of us together as friends, and draws our eyes outward to the world. Jesus said, "If any wish to be my follower, then take up YOUR cross daily and follow."

To follow Jesus, we lay down our life to lift him up so other people can see him.

That night at the Schatz's, at the head of the Loudoun Valley, we cast our gaze upon Madison Parish, between the Catoctin Ridge in the east and the Blue Ridge in the west. These people are our neighbors, our mission field, the people entrusted to our care.

Jesus likes these people. He likes them A LOT! He wants to embrace them ALL. And guess what...he's sending us, the crowd around the cross, gather them, "turning strangers into friends, into followers of Jesus." I guess the big question is HOW? How will we do it?

We've been working on the answer for the last two years of research, prayer, discussion and discernment in our Hedgehog process. It took a bunch to move a ton. Several bunches of us have done a ton of listening and discussion to discover the mind of Christ.

Here's what we've learned HOW:

1. Invite our neighbors to "Famous Events," that attract hundreds of people together for meaningful events to share fun, food, and build connections in our community. These events will show St. Peter's at our hospitable, fun-loving best and begin the process of "turning strangers into friends."
2. Develop effective follow-up, that persuades ten or more people from each famous event to go deeper



with an appealing seminar or support group that will help them deepen their relationship with a spouse, or their teenagers. These follow-up activities will create a community where strangers become friends, and people can be introduced to Jesus.

3. Build a deeply connected church community, where both newcomers and members experience more friendship and care, more opportunities to learn and pray and grow and serve, both one-on-one and in small groups during the week. Saint Peter's, the crowd around the cross, needs to be a place where no one stands alone, or falls through the cracks.

It takes a bunch to move a ton! YOU are needed to make this dream a reality. Your passion and skills, your faith and effort, your time and money, your vision and personal touch, your friends and neighbors, your willingness to say, "YES LORD! Use me. I lay down my life, to lift you up!"

This month you will have three ways of stepping out on that strong intention:

- On November 6 at our Ministry Showcase! (see p. 3)
- On November 13 at our Pledge Ingathering. (see p.6.)
- On November 24 at Thanksgiving Together (see cover)

Photos courtesy of Rebekah Ehrich

Music Survey

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Your opinion is REALLY important here at St. Peter's. Thank you for offering it so generously! In mid-September we sought your opinion on our Sunday music by distributing a quick survey at Sunday services. Eighty of you responded! Out of 175 that's a 46% response rate, which is outstanding.

Here's what you said:

When asked if more folk music would enhance our worship, 56 people said they thought it would and 24 said it wouldn't. Of those in favor, 24 said they believe that "strongly."

When asked if more instrumental music (in addition to the organ) would enhance our worship, 65 people said they thought it would and 17 said they thought it wouldn't. Of those in favor, 27 said they believe that "strongly."

When asked if more music selections in addition to hymns would enhance our worship, 57 people said they thought it would and 23 said it wouldn't. Of those in favor, 27 said they believe that "strongly."

Respondents had a chance to describe their ideas for improving our musical worship. We got lots of good ideas from you, many of which fell into patterns, which are grouped below:

- More "contemporary" music – 16 people suggested this, often with the caveat that it not be sappy or shallow.
- More "instruments" in addition to the organ – 7 people suggested or expressed appreciation for the piano and other instruments.
- More "familiar" music – 5 people asked for music they can recognize and even sing from memory.
- More "simple" music – 4 people asked that our music selections be more "sing-able."
- Like it as-is – 4 people declared their contentment with our musical worship.
- More choir – 4 people expressed their desire to have more people and/or more excellence in the choir.

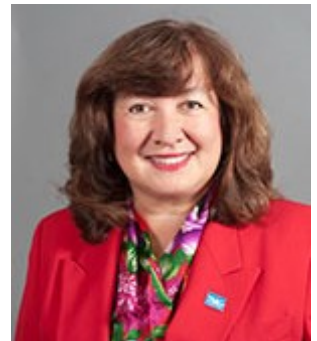
You may have noticed some changes already since we took the survey...more piano, a violin accompaniment, etc. Obviously some of the words used above mean different things to different people, so Barbara and I will welcome your ongoing input as we work to improve our music as you have suggested. Stay tuned!

Treasurer's Corner—Tanya Matthews

New Payables Approval Process

Financial stewardship has many facets. One of them is to have accountability on each expense. Therefore, we are instituting a new process for the approval of payables at the church. There is a stamp that will be placed on each invoice and check request. This stamp requires two signatures for all expenses, with a budget cost code for each expense. This should be thought of as "two person integrity" where two people approve all expenses, and where these are cost-coded against budget line items. It will help to make sure we do not over-spend on individual line items and that every expense is cost-coded. It will also help us to identify if something is being invoiced without a budget against which to charge.

Thank you in advance for your able assistance in approving expenses in an accountable fashion.



Christmas Shopping on Amazon.com?

Jim Schatz reports: *"I just made a purchase this way - super easy. We should all be doing this. FREE MONEY for StP's."*



By simply using the link on St. Peter's website to get to Amazon, it gives St. Peter's a 6% (or more) cut of your purchase price - at No Cost to you.

Visit www.stpetes.net, the Amazon link is under "Support".

Walk in Love: Step by Step in Financial Stewardship

By Linda Stoutenburgh, Stewardship Chair

As our stewardship program quickly approaches Pledge Sunday (November 13), I want to share with you some more thoughts on our theme of "Walk in Love".

What is walking, in the grand scheme of things? As people, it is our universal way of getting around. When all other transportation fails, feet will get you there! Walking is a way to travel for the long haul – day in and day out, one foot in front of the other.

Walking is slow. Walking is not glamorous. Walking is not particularly exciting. It doesn't require any special equipment or special skills to do it. Nevertheless, walking is how we get around most of the time. And walking gets us where we need to go. If you have ever done any long-distance hiking, then you know just how far feet can take you! And you also know just how slow your progress may seem at times.

In a similar fashion, our spiritual disciplines – and financial habits! – will take us places, too! Often the progress feels too slow and boring – drudgery, in fact. But our study and prayer and worship and love and giving – those things take us places, too. To the extent that we practice them, they change us. Slowly, to be sure. But patient practice changes us. Just as walking, with patience and diligence, can carry you from one side of a continent to another, so the steadfast practice of spiritual disciplines will change us, too. Especially when it comes to financial giving.

Most new Christians don't go immediately from no giving to giving 10 percent of their income overnight. For the majority of us, learning the discipline of giving financially to God through his church is a journey – a long walk from one way of thinking about money to another. We all have the ability to reach the point of giving 10 percent (a "tithe" or "tenth" of our income) to the church. But like a walking journey, it takes perseverance, and may at times seem an impossible goal.

But every journey starts with a single step. And whether you have been on the journey of financial giving for long time, or you are just starting out, here are some "steps" you can consider:

- If you have not been contributing from your

finances, now is a great time to start! We need everyone's help to keep the lights on, our staff paid, our programs funded, and our vision of reaching out to our community alive.

- Know how your giving compares to your income. Divide your typical giving to St. Peter's by your income for the same period (say, a week or a month) to find what percentage your giving represents. For example, if your income is \$500 and you give \$5 to St. Peter's, 5 divided by 500 is 0.01 or 1%.
- Make a pledge! Knowing that your pledge has been recorded will help you be accountable to your intentions, and you can track your progress anytime on REALM. (Worried you may have a job/income change and can't meet your pledge? You can always contact the church office to request that your pledge be updated.)
- Give online! St. Peter's now has online giving through our REALM system, where you can set up one-time or recurring giving. You'll never need to worry about overlooking your offering. And we now have cards hanging in the pews that online givers can put in the plate to participate in the offering during worship, too.
- Start giving proportionally! Don't just pick a number that "seems right". Decide what percentage of your income you want to give, do the math, and pledge that amount. In our times, Christians give an average of 2.5% of their income, but during the Great Depression of the 1930s, they averaged 3.3%. Can you start by considering pledging at least 3% of your income?
- Work your way to giving 10 percent. If your giving is less than a tithe/10%, then increase your giving/pledge each year until you reach the goal of tithing.
- Been tithing for years? Consider whether God is prompting you to give even more, either as a one-time gift, or on an on-going basis.

I encourage you to try one or more of these steps as you pray and consider your giving to God through St. Peter's Church for the coming year. Like walking, disciplined and sustained giving will change your position in life. It will change your relationship to God as you learn to trust in him rather than relying solely on yourself. It will invest you in this body of Christ. It will enable us together to do the work God has prepared for us to do, right here in Purcellville, for our friends and neighbors.

Walk in Love, my friends!

2016 Stewardship Program

We have speakers lined up for each Sunday to tell you about how the ministry they are part of shapes and grows them as they follow Jesus. Maybe their stories will help nudge you into serving/ministering through St. Peter's in a new and different way. Please take home the "Living Generously" inserts in the bulletins to read and reflect upon.

You also should have received a letter recently further introducing our stewardship theme of "Walk in Love", and highlighting upcoming events in our parish. Next week, we'll be sending out an invitation to pledge along with a pledge card for you to complete and bring with you to worship on November 13 or Pledge Online (see next page).

St. Peter's Church and Loudoun Missions Foundation

By Bob Loker

For the past several years the Missions Committee of St. Peter's Church has been heavily involved in the work of the Loudoun Missions Foundation (LMF). The mission of the foundation is "to collaborate together to build up the body of Christ both local and worldwide." LMF hosts a quarterly "Round Table" where we invite speakers to address mission related themes; we receive reports from short term mission team members; and we pray together for God to bless our missions. The foundation also acts as a clearinghouse for advertising short-term mission trips and local mission activities. In addition, the foundation offers scholarships for individuals raising funds for short-term missions and offers grants to missionaries for special projects. This past summer the foundation provided \$15,000 in support of 45 short-term missionaries from 7 local churches for 11 different mission trips.



Todd and Maureen Erickson from Redeemer's House in Guatemala speaking the Round Table in January 2016


Three St. Peter's mission participants to Guatemala last summer received scholarship assistance from LMF. Also, in the last few years, the foundation has provided \$1000 each to three missions St. Peter's supports in Guatemala. They provided funds for Redeemer's House to purchase a motorcycle for a local missionary so he could travel around the country. They provided funds to make some structural changes at the Hope for Home ministry for disabled children, and they provided funds to renovate a training center for Servants4Him, a discipleship ministry. All these funding requests were initiated by St. Peter's.

St. Peter's supports the foundation in several ways: We provide monthly financial support to the foundation. We host one Round Table meeting each year; and I serve on the board and coordinate the Round Table events.

Round Table meetings are open to all members of Loudoun County churches and we especially encourage members of church mission committees to attend. **Our next meeting is at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 24th at Purcellville Baptist Church.** The speaker will be Barry Staley. Barry is with Independent Missionary Network in Guatemala and he and his wife, Marquita, hosted me on my mission trip to the Guatemalan coast last summer. He maintains a home in Loudoun County, constructed the original sets for the annual Loudoun Passion Play, and is well known to many at St. Peter's. We hope to see you there!

Pledge Online!

To set up a pledge

1. Log into the site
2. Click Giving on the main menu.
3. Click  , enter your pledge information and save.

Completion of Pledge

You will be sent an email once you meet your pledge



To track your pledges

1. Log into the site
2. Click **Giving** on the main menu.
3. If you have active pledges, they will display on the page.

To print your pledge data

Follow the steps in To print your giving statement. Pledge information is included at the bottom of printed giving statements.

<https://onrealm.org/StPetesnet7307/SignIn>

Friends Being Friends

By Nancy, Mark, & Hayes Baker

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who brought food, volunteered and helped the Friends Being Friends Group put on a magical evening on Wednesday, September 28 at St. Peter's for residents of the county's group homes for adults with mental/developmental disabilities. It was one of our largest turn-outs, in spite of the nasty weather.

The FBF group was especially blessed by the musical talents of James Curry, who traveled all the way from Chesterfield, VA with his family to entertain our group. By the end of the evening, he had us out of our seats and dancing. It was a heart-warming scene.



James Curry & Fr. Tom

A special shout-out to Dell Nunaley for slogging to Leesburg in the pouring rain to pick up the fried chicken and deliver it piping hot just minutes before our guests arrived! It was one of our best meals yet.



Hayes & Nancy

We'd like to recognize and thank Pat, Jean, Wanda, Clarissa, Tina, Buddy, Pam, Todd, Krista, Addy, Aubrey, Tom, Tait, Dell, Sophiann, and Amanda and Brian Daly and kids Callista, Aidan and Scarlett, who provided food and volunteered from St. Peter's, as well as Katrina Cole and pals from Friends of Loudoun Mental Health, who are our biggest supporters.



Another shout-out to Sarah and Thayer, who were our best and littlest greeters and all-around helpers! A final and biggest shout-out to Chris, our sexton, for coming in on his day off to pack up and reassemble the Montessori school, so we would have enough room to accommodate our guests.

If anyone would like to help with the Friends Being Friends Christmas party at St. Peter's on Wednesday, December 14, please contact us at FriendsBeingFriendsGroup@gmail.com. It's our most festive event of the year.

Guiding our Friends to Jesus

Do we love Jesus? Do we want others to know Jesus? We probably really do but often don't know where to begin. Do you feel paralyzed when it comes to helping others know Jesus? Do you feel like if you may drive people further away?

This course will help!

It will free us from these fears by giving us a new way of thinking. We will be walking with a more natural approach. For too our approach to sharing our faith has been wrong--we think of it as a moment. But the reality is the act of coming to faith is a journey. How can we help others get on the right journey?

This course is based off of two books that question how Evangelism has been done. We are to regard evangelism as a process and not as a moment. There are five thresholds that people need help crossing prior to a decision to follow Christ.

A forced decision in the moment leads us to think of Evangelism as only us giving a monologue. Seeing it as a process leads us to a different posture. It

should be a dialogue--the act of skillfully asking questions to get people to think about spiritual things as it relates to their daily lives, listening, and having the answers when appropriate.

The course will last for four Sundays. We will cover the ideas contained in each book, as well as have 2 Sunday mornings where we have workshops on how to ask questions and how to give a personal testimony.

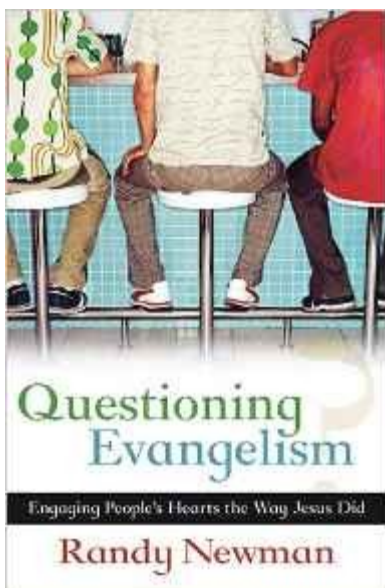
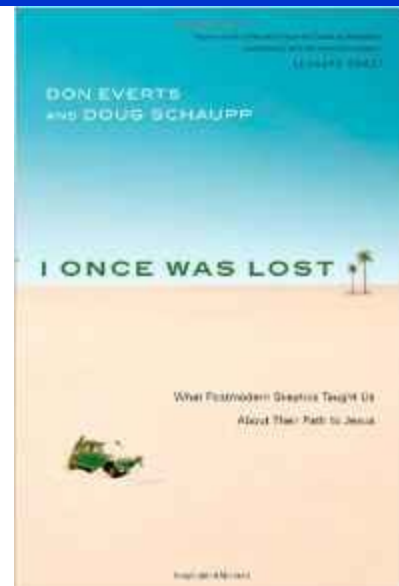
Hope to see you there! **In McCray Hall beginning November 13, 9:30-10:15am, led by Jon Corbett.**

For those interested, the books are (Purchase isn't necessary for class attendance):

I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us About Their Path to Jesus. Everts, Don and Doug Schaupp. Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did. Randy Newman. Grand Rapids, Mich: Kregel, 2004.

They are linked via the St. Peter's Website if you'd like to purchase through Amazon.



Advent Begins Sunday, November 27th

The Hanging of the Greens—Sat., November 26th—9am—in the Nave

Advent preparations, at St. Peter's, begin with the Hanging of the Greens. These decorations are intended to remind us of what we are waiting for during advent. Evergreen branches are intertwined in a circular shape to symbolize God's love, which has no beginning and no end. Evergreens, which flourish when all else is brown and dead, are obvious symbols of the eternal life Jesus offers everyone who believes in Him. Holly is also a symbol of immortality and a symbol of the crown of thorns worn by Jesus, the red berries representing the blood.

Advent Wreath Making—November 27th—12pm—in McCray Hall

Begin Advent by making an Advent Wreath for Your Home. The season of Advent is a time to prepare ourselves to fully receive the gift of our Christ at His birth. Advent wreaths are a beautiful way to prepare for this blessed event with your family.

Please sign up in McCray Hall so we are sure to have enough materials available. There is a \$12 materials fee per wreath.

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environment
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and
lifeless?***

Thanksgiving Day for All Eternity

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."

Ephesians 5:16-20

In Ephesians 5, we're told that when the Spirit of God fills our lives, we'll be thankful to God always... and the exciting part is - that's exactly what we'll be doing throughout eternity!

Thanksgiving isn't going to end when heaven begins. Praise and thanksgiving will just continue into the future. We won't have a Thanksgiving Day in eternity because every day will be Thanksgiving. Every time we see our Lord and every time we think of our redemption, we'll just break into praise.

Think about it—we're going to fill heaven's corridors with the sound of praise and thanksgiving throughout the endless, joyous, never-ending eons of eternity. Psalm 89:1 says, *"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever."*

Memorize one of the thanksgiving verses below, teach it to your children, share it with your friends. Practice it, and begin giving the Lord real praise and genuine thanksgiving every morning and night, whenever you awake, at every meal, and with every word and deed, whenever you pray, at all times now—and forever. We want God to know we adore Him.

So praise the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name forever!

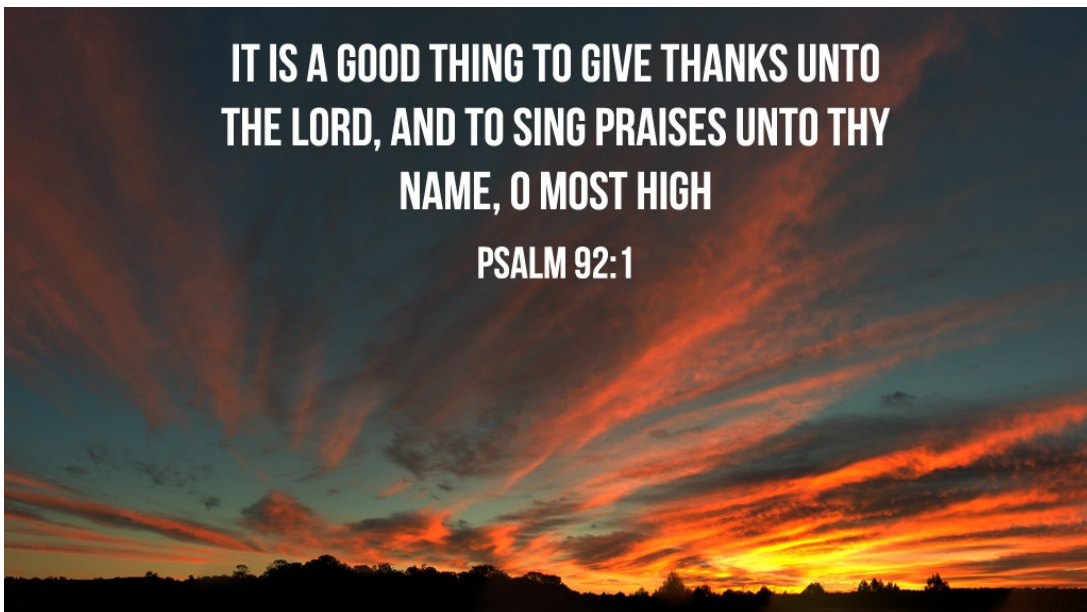
"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name... to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night."—Psalm 92:1-2

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."—Colossians 4:2.

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."—Colossians 3:17

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PSALM 92:1**



THANKSGIVING TOGETHER—Volunteer Opportunities

A FREE meal for Everyone! If you are alone, working or looking to share in the joy of coming together for a traditional meal, please join us for a Thanksgiving Feast. Families welcome! Meals can also be delivered to homebound individuals in Western Loudoun area.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 24th, 2016 - Thanksgiving Day! Time: Meal served from 12 - 2:30pm, with a Thanksgiving Service from 1:00-1:30 at St. Peter's.

Tree of Life is sponsoring this event (in partnership with St. Peter's) and can be reached at 703-554-3595 with any questions or to set-up a meal delivery. If you are unable to volunteer your time - monetary donations are welcome and much appreciated.

Sign up to help at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0444ABA82FA46-thanksgiving1

Contact: Dell Nunaley, Tim Hall, or Traci Eddinger.

HALLOWEEN CANDY SURPLUS?

The Brzozowsky Family has been supporting deployed sailors through AnySoldier.com for several years. Many sailors get no mail and care packages are always appreciated. If you have candy leftover from Halloween, please place it in the box in the entryway. The sailors are also in need of personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine products), games, books, and DVDs. Include letters and your address, however, do not expect a letter back; these fine people are busy keeping us safe! See the list in McCray Hall for suggestions directly from the sailors.

Contact: Keith or Regina Brzozowsky*

Answers to the puzzle on the Kidz Page



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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"All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God."
Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



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"All _____"

_____ 28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

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Friends,

It may be hard to believe but it is time to start thinking about the annual Saint Peter's **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!** The pageant is held at the 5:00 PM service on Christmas Eve. We are looking for students interested in both speaking and non speaking roles. Please let me know if your child is interested. We will be holding an **Informational Meeting for parents, Sunday, November 13** between the services in my office. Our rehearsal schedule is very manageable.

I look forward to hearing from you!!! — **Kathleen Voss**

St. Peter's **NOVEMBER** SERVING SCHEDULE

		Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
		All Saints	26 Pentecost	Last Pentecost Christ the King	Advent 1
LECTORS	Early	Dell Nunaley	Kelly Wyatt	Erin Schellhase	Drew Lavan
	Late	Jon Corbett	Randy Stoutenburgh	Linda Stoutenburgh	Liz Tuohy
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Tim Hall, James Hall	Terry Duhring, Sophiann Nunaley	Paul Donohue, Tanya Matthews	Buddy Andrews, Peter Schellhase
	Late	Jonathan LaPre, Dave Hunt	Tom Coate, Dan LaPre	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh	Jonathan LaPre, Dave Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	Michael Whitnah	Tim Hall	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah
	Late	Michael Whitnah	Linda Stoutenburgh	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah
INTERCESSOR	Early	Parents	Kelly Cockrill	Paul Donohue	NA
	Late	Parents	Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger	NA
ACOLYTES	Early	Isabella Tucker, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Josh, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker
	Late	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Cindy Coffey, Buddy Andrews	Eckerd & Keri Holdorf, Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt	Mark & Clarissa Staggs, Peter & Erin Schellhase	Bill & Beth Gibson, Paul & Gail Donohue
	Late	Jim & Maggie Heim, Joe & Rebecca Babb	Ryan & Amanda Walsh, Lauren Hunt, Mary Paul Jones	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Steve & Anne Schultz	Eamon & Jenn Coy, Tom & Mary Coate
USHERS	Early	Jim Schatz, Dick Wilhelm	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Mark & Nancy Baker	Todd & Pam Johnston
	Late	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Tred Parry, Jimmy Eddinger	Steve & Anne Schultz, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Mark & Katie McKinley
GREETERS	Early	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot	Ron Clark	Joe Matthews
	Late	Jon Corbett	Traci Eddinger	Dan LaPre	Tom Coate
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Tanya & Joe Matthews	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Wynell Schatz	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Wynell Schatz	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Wynell Schatz	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi, Sharon Pumell

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!

November Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 11-1 Jimmy & Traci Eddinger
- 11-10 Howard & Linda Evans
- 11-17 Kent & Annie Bailey
- 11-18 Eckard & Keri Holdorf
- 11-21 Tanya & Joe Matthews
- 11-27 Jim & Jaqueline Whalen



BIRTHDAYS:

- 11-2 Wynnell Schatz
- 11-4 Avery Coffey
- 11-5 Buckley Moore
- 11-6 Jane Mitchell-Baugh
- 11-8 John Caulfield
- 11-9 Lynne McCann
Kathleen Voss
- 11-10 Esme Field
Marty Riddle
- 11-11 Pam Pierce-Johnston
- 11-12 Jean Kuhns
- 11-19 Ginny Jenkins
- 11-21 Mark Baker
- 11-22 Katie Marsh
- 11-23 Joan Baldi

Mark Your Calendar!

- Nov. 1 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
- Nov. 2 Mission Team Mtg. 5pm
- Nov. 3 Evening Prayer 7pm
- Nov. 4 Youth Group Corn Maze
- Nov. 5 Men's Breakfast 7am
Set Up for Ministry Fair 8:30am
- Nov. 6 Holy Baptism
Ministry Fair 9:15am-12:15pm
Youth Group 7pm
- Nov. 8 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm
- Nov. 12 HOLY EUCHARIST 5pm
- Nov. 13 Pledge Ingathering
- Nov. 15 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
- Nov. 17 Evening Prayer 7pm
- Nov. 18 Family Fellowship Dinner 6pm
- Nov. 19 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
Literary Guild 5pm
- Nov. 20 Newsletter Deadline
Youth Group 7pm
- Nov. 21 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Together 12-2:30pm
THANKSGIVING SERVICE 1:00pm
- Nov. 26 Greening of the Church 9am
- Nov. 27 Guatemala Craft Fair 9:15am-12pm
Advent Wreath Making 12pm

St. Peter's Church now has its own Online Community and would like YOU to join.

By now you should have received your email invitation and set up your secure access to the REALM system.

If you did not see your invitation, please check your spam folder and if it is not there, go to:

<https://onrealm.org/StPetesnet7307/Register>

or contact Wanda or Diane in the church office.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
6	All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
13	26 Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25	Canticle 9	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
20	Last Pentecost Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Canticle 16	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
27	1 Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

NOVEMBER

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Saturday Holy Eucharist Resumes November 12		1 Vestry Ministry Mtg	2 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Bible Study	3 Next Step Community EVENING PRAYER	4 Youth Group Corn Maze	5 Men's Breakfast Set Up for Ministry Fair
6 DST Ends HOLY EUCHARIST & Holy Baptism Ministry Showcase Choir & Choristers Bible Study Youth Group	7	8 Vestry Exec Mtg	9 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	10 Next Step Community	11	12 HOLY EUCHARIST
13 Pledge Ingathering HOLY EUCHARIST Choir & Choristers Bible Study	14	15 Vestry Mtg.	16 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	17 Next Step Community EVENING PRAYER	18 Family Fellowship Dinner	19 Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild HOLY EUCHARIST
20 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST Choir & Choristers Bible Study Youth Group	21 Mt. Calvary Guild	22 PC Team Mtg	23 HOLY EUCHARIST	24 THANKSGIVING TOGETHER THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE	25	26 Greening of the Church HOLY EUCHARIST
27 1 Advent HOLY EUCHARIST Guatemala Craft Fair Choir & Choristers Advent Wreath Making Bible Study	28	29	30 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	<div> CELEBRATE <i>Advent</i> Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus </div>		

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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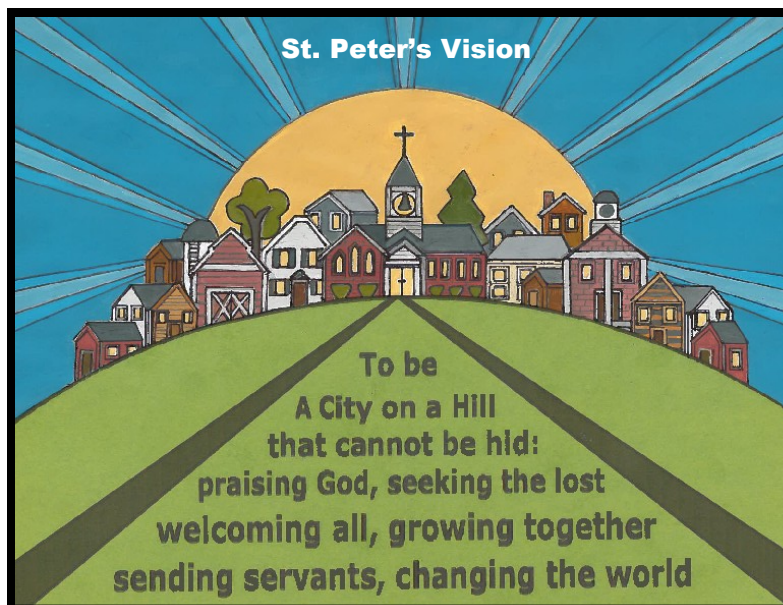
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