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Good News

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Pentecost Season

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HE *who is*
the **blessed**
and only
Sovereign
the
King
of kings



1 Timothy 6:15



A Pledge Card in Hand

By Fr. Tom Simmons

With pledge card in-hand each of us faces a decision this week: How much should we give to God in 2018? It's a very important decision, a key part of your relationship with Jesus.

To make that decision well, consider seven principles to guide you in making up your mind:



1) God's Good Gifts. God loves good things! Just look at the world he has made, the abundance and beauty and wealth and celebration. He gave it ALL for our enjoyment, intending that we enjoy HIM above all. In love, God gave it all to us, and in love we are made to give it all back. "All mine is all yours." One-hundred percent. This is the love you are looking for. But that often gets crowded out by other things on our "To Get" list. What do you feel you need to be happy in life?

2) Beware of Greed. Our problem as human beings, beginning in the story of Adam and Eve, is we push God aside to go for the Stuff. Greed is loving Stuff too much, setting our heart and our hope on the Gift, rather than the Giver. God warns against greed...A LOT. Unlike other sins – like adultery – greed is very tricky. An adulterer knows he's in someone else's bed. But NOBODY thinks they're greedy! Right? We all think our "To Get" list isn't greed...it's NEED. But will it really satisfy? We know the answer, right?

3) The fountain of true Joy. Mick Jagger conducted an extensive experiment in Greed and, in the end, he published the results: We "can't get no satisfaction" from Stuff. We can try. And try. And try, like Mick did. But in the end, we know the ONLY source of true joy. It is divine intimacy: being eye-to-eye with The Guy. True joy is receiving his gifts and giving them back with equal abandon. Nothing held back. Jesus called this being "rich toward God" (Luke 12:12). God is continually calling us into that kind of intimacy, calling us away from the lie that Stuff satisfies. How will you respond to that call?

4) Give money. Jesus was brimming with insight into the human heart, especially in relation to money. He said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Our heart follows money. One of the best way to turn our heart to Jesus is to commit our wealth to him. Consider Jesus' conversation with a rich and influential young man. He told him to, "Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Luke 18:22). How's that for an opening bid?! But if you owe God EVERYTHING, how much of your money should you pledge?

5) Giving a Tithe. The answer from the Bible and Christian theology is: the tithe (from Old English. "a tenth" or 10%) as in one for God, nine for me. It's the start, the financial down-payment of our 100% self-dedication to God. In the Old Testament, believers were required to give away 10% of their gross income (see Deut 26:1-2, 4-11). In the New Testament, however it's not clear what that proportion is. Christians have assumed that the Old Testament standard continues in the New...with a twist. Have you reached a tithe, or are you aiming for it incrementally?

6) Giving a Sacrifice. Jesus' only endorsement of the tithe is in Matthew 23:23, where he commended the Pharisees for scrupulously tithing every little thing, even the produce of their gardens! But he noticed that after they mechanically checked the "Tithe" box, they moved on, unwilling to see people's needs and extend themselves to meet them. Jesus calls us to go beyond the tithe to meet specific needs around us. Paul commended the impoverished Macedonians for "they gave beyond their abilities" (2 Cor 8:1-9). They lowered their lifestyle for the good of others. Mother Theresa defined True Love: "Give until it hurts." What have you given up in the last year, to give to others?

7) Giving until it Feels Good. There is a growing body of research that explores the relationship between giving and happiness, showing strong correlation between them. Those who give their money for others were happier than those who spent it primarily on themselves. We are wired by God to live in community, to give our lives for others... not just our own consumption, lifestyle and prestige. And there is immense reward in doing so! Jesus knew it: "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken

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together, and running over.” (Luke 6:38). So did Paul: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Your generous giving is an investment. It invests “treasures in heaven” in deeper intimacy with God, greater impact for good in the world, and a richer sense of satisfaction and well-being as part of our community. I share these principles with this primarily purpose : your joy as a friend of Jesus. I hope that these principles inspire you to ask God to guide your giving in the year ahead, so you can experience that more deeply . What fun! And if one outcome is the ministry of St. Peter’s being more abundantly funded...well then, that’d be nice too!

God bless you good people!



Dear Diocesan Family,

Nearly seven years ago, the Rt. Rev. Edwin "Ted" Gulick returned to his native Virginia to become the Assistant Bishop of this Diocese. During that time, he has brought his boundless energy to everything he has touched.

He has helped many congregations work through conflicts to become thriving ministries. He has been a leader in ecumenical relations on behalf of The Episcopal Church. He has devoted himself to supporting Shrine Mont to ensure that generations of young people have the kind of mountain-top experience that shaped his youth in the 1960s.

Now, Bishop Gulick has announced his plans to retire at the end of this year. Thankfully, he and his wife, Barbara, will continue to live on their Fauquier County farm, so their contributions to the life of the Diocese will continue.

It has been my honor to serve beside such a remarkable servant as Ted. I thank God for his friendship. I know the people of the Diocese share my profound gratitude for his inspiring ministry.

With Bishop Gulick's impending retirement comes the need to assess our capacity in diocesan ministry and leadership. After thoughtful consideration, it has become clear to me that we need to return to a third full-time bishop.

The Standing Committee has offered its consent and the Executive Board has unanimously endorsed my request for the Annual Convention to call for the election of a second Bishop Suffragan in 2018. A resolution from the Standing Committee will be submitted this week to that effect and will be considered by the Convention on November 4.

A number of factors have driven this course of action:

We have the need. In his "part-time" position, Assistant Bishop Gulick has consistently worked overtime. There is simply too much for our third bishop to manage on a part-time basis. A diocese of our size -- one of the largest in The Episcopal Church -- must equip itself for ministry in the way that other, similarly sized dioceses have found to be necessary.

We have the vision. I believe it is a more appropriate course to elect this bishop, rather than to appoint one. An elected bishop will have more of a mandate, reflecting the will of the people of our Diocese.

The ministries for which our second Bishop Suffragan will be responsible will be outlined before the search process begins, so that we can choose from a field of candidates who feel called to those ministries. This will ensure the best match for the needs of the Diocese.

This second Bishop Suffragan will live in Northern Virginia and will hold hours in our offices there, as Bishop Gulick has done.

We have the opportunity. When Bishop Gulick steps down from his position on December 31, the time will be ripe to make such a change. We will have to fill that vacancy one way or the other, so now is the time to move ahead.

History shows how well three full-time bishops can minister for the Diocese of Virginia, as they did in the 1990s, and we need that strength as we face the ever-changing challenges to faith communities in the 21st century.

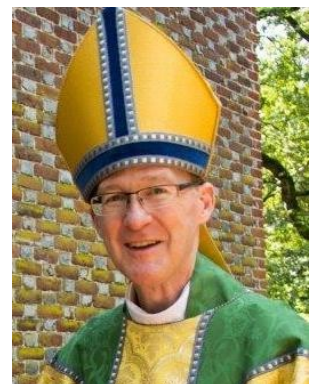
We have the means. With the current realities of our diocesan budget, we can employ a second Bishop Suffragan with minimal impact on our present diocesan staff. Together with a more creatively structured staff, a third full-time bishop will improve our ability to serve the whole Diocese, both clergy and laity.

When the need, vision, opportunity and means converge, we must act on it with confidence. I ask that you keep this request and, if approved by the Annual Convention, the ensuing search for our second Bishop Suffragan in your prayers.

Faithfully yours,



The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
Bishop of Virginia



Thanksgiving Together

By Dell Nunaley, *Director of Tree of Life, Ministries*

In a celebration of thanksgiving for the Love of Jesus Christ, and the coming together of our local community in western Loudoun, St Peter's hosts its third annual Thanksgiving Together meal in partnership with the Tree of Life Ministries, on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. This special time of year enables our church community together with volunteers throughout our community to serve those who can most appreciate a family served Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings in an environment of love and fellowship.

There are many volunteer roles for those who wish to participate, from decorating and setting up the fellowship hall for the meal, to cooking turkeys and sides and delicious pies for the meal, to serving the many guests at dinner, to delivering meals to shut ins and community service centers, to greeting guests and sharing stories, to tear down and clean up afterwards. It's a great way to share the spirit of volunteerism with the whole family on Thanksgiving Day, so be looking for the sign up genius list of many volunteer roles on the tolministries.org web site. You'll be part of a whole community coming together to serve those in need!

The Thanksgiving meal will start serving at 12:00 noon until 1:30 PM, with a much recommended Thanksgiving praise service following immediately in the church sanctuary. It will end at 2 PM and there will be plenty of dessert items for you to enjoy right after the service.

So, spread the good news within your piece of the neighborhood, especially inviting those who might not otherwise be visited and having a family meal at home. It will be a warm and fun-filled 2 hours of great food, fellowship, and thankful praise for the wonderful community that we enjoy here in western Loudoun.



Thursday, November 23rd
Come and enjoy a **FREE** Dinner

Time: 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Thanksgiving Worship Service from 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Dessert & Coffee to follow

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

EVENT HOSTED BY:

Tree of Life Ministries, in partnership
with St. Peter's Episcopal Church



For more information or to request transportation assistance, please call: 540-441-7920

*Volunteers,
be on the look out for the
Sign-Up Genius.
We will need all hands on deck
for this community event.
It is a wonderful way to celebrate
our church and Thanksgiving Day.
God has provided so bountifully to
us all! Let's share our blessings.*

A Century of Revolution

By Fr. Tom Simmons

This fall we mark the centennial of the Russian Revolution, which kicked off a century of socialist revolutions that killed 100+ million people in the name of "fairness." The centennial gives us a chance to remember those victims and to reflect on how the ideas that animated that bloody spectacle live on today, in mutated form.

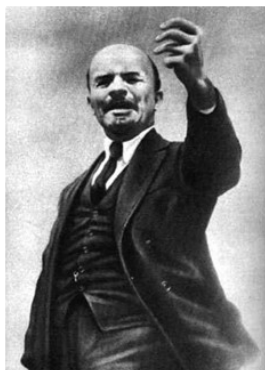
Let's start with some background.

Marx prognosticated that the world was moving toward inevitable revolution. He said in 1848 that in the next European war, the working class ("proletariat") would unite and seize power from the owner class ("bourgeoisie") and usher in a reign of collective equality ("socialism").

The First World War, however, proved otherwise. Instead of sparking revolution, the war strengthened the bonds of national kinship between the classes, uniting them against rival nations. From that faith-shattering experience, Marxists reworked Karl Marx's original theory to adapt it to the new reality.

Marxism mutated into four new forms.

The first was Lenin's. Lenin thought that Marx put too much faith in the proletariat. If the revolution depended on their effort "inevitable" would never come. "The People" needed a radical, intellectual **vanguard** to use agitation and propaganda to radicalize them and spur (even terrorize) them to take collective revolutionary action. He and the Bolshevik Party in Russia did just that, 100 years ago, when "The People" didn't vote the way they should. The Bolsheviks resorted to violent revolution and ended up murdering about 12 million Russians, mostly proletarians insufficiently receptive of the "dictatorship of the proletariat."



The second mutation was Mussolini's. An orthodox Marxist, he learned in WWI that people were more loyal to their nation than their class. He recast the mindset of Marxism away from "the proletariat" to the **nation**. He rebranded his communism, (symbolized by the Worker's hammer and sickle), into what he called "fascism" (symbolized by the

bundle of sticks or 'fasces') bound collectively together by the all-powerful State, which embodies the will of the Nation. Fascism envisioned the same utopian future as communism, and the same revolutionary and totalitarian means of getting there. They also shared the same enemy: the Christian church, constitutionally limited government, and capitalism.

The third mutation was Hitler's. Strongly influenced



by Marxism in his early years, Hitler's collectivist loyalty came to be defined, not by class (communism), or by nation (fascism), but by **race**. Building on Darwin's idea of the

"survival of the fittest," Hitler envisioned the dominance of the Aryan "race" over all others. He believed socialism could only work if the Jews were exterminated and all lesser races were enslaved. The enemy of that glorious future was, of course, Western culture shaped by Christianity (with its emasculating ethic of selfless love), and capitalism (controlled by the Jewish "race"). Against these, Hitler's National Socialist Worker's Party ("Nazi") instigated violent revolution and a totalitarian one-party state to create a racially-pure, socialist utopia.

The fourth mutation was Marcuse's. He and his colleagues in "The Frankfurt School" pinpointed **culture** - rather than class, or nation or race - as the critical factor in revolution. Their Marxist approach to culture is gradual and covert, a slow-motion revolution. Instead of marching in the streets to take power, these Marxists sought a gradual "march through the institutions" that shape culture: education, academia, media, government, corporations, entertainment, and even professional sports. Through these they could condition people of all classes for the gradual imposition of Marxist ideology.



Lenin, Mussolini, and Hitler you know, but you've probably not heard of Herbert Marcuse. Why is that?

It's because his Marxist mutation has not yet been defeated. Unlike the others, it is still actively pursuing its revolutionary aims. William Lind, in an essay called "The Poison and the Antidote" in the August issue of *Chronicles Magazine*, calls this fourth mutation of Marxism "an ideology that has been and remains a large cause of America's cultural and moral decline over the past half century." I quote from Lind's piece extensively below.

It is an ideology whose origins, history, and goals are

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known only to a few academics, and it is an ideology that prefers not to be named. Indeed, it refuses to name itself. Known most commonly as 'multiculturalism' or 'political correctness,' it is in fact Cultural Marxism—Marxism translated from economic into *cultural* terms... [After WW I] they said that Western culture and the Christian religion so blinded the working class in Western Europe to its true class interests that communism was impossible until both could be destroyed ... They proclaimed a program of 'cultural terrorism' knowing that if they could destroy a country's sexual morals, they would take a large step toward destroying its culture as a whole. Toward that end they "began a series of 'Studies in Prejudice,' which argued that every aspect of bourgeois society was based on one or more 'prejudices' that had to be criticized relentlessly ('critical theory'). These studies provided the intellectual basis for the various 'studies' departments that now litter the campuses of what were once serious universities."

They "cross[ed] Marx with Freud to declare that in Western culture everyone lives in a constant state of repression, from which they must be 'liberated.' The results of their efforts began to become apparent in the 1960's... Marcuse said the revolution would come from a coalition of young people, blacks, feminist women, gays, etc., the sacred 'victim groups' of political correctness. In a famous essay written in the 1960's, Marcuse argued for what he called 'liberating tolerance,' which he defined as tolerance for all ideas and movements coming from the left and intolerance for all ideas and movements coming from the right. When the left today calls for 'tolerance,' that is what it means.

Marcuse injected the Cultural Marxism of the Frankfurt School into the Baby Boomers, and it remains the ideology of much of that generation today. You cannot defy it and be a member of the elite. Cultural Marxism's death grip on education, both in the public schools and in the universities, ensures that it has been pumped into succeeding generations as well.

Because "the proletariat" in the West are so prosperous and comfortable, traditional Marxists couldn't radicalize them. So, Marcuse replaced "economic oppression" with more subtle "social repression." Such repression can take many forms. It's the sexual repression of monogamy, the gender repression of domestic motherhood, the racial repression of unequal economic outcomes, the repression of "binary gender identity" (i.e. biological maleness and femaleness), the repression of any prejudice and an ever-growing list of minor offenses now codified as "micro-aggressions" in today's politically-correct doctrine.

Marcuse's strategy has enjoyed breath-taking success. We're to the point where people are claiming that ANY limitation by which they might feel victimized is "repression" and even "hate." There are vigorous protests (and often violence) against statues, names of schools and streets, holidays like Columbus Day and Halloween, cake bakers and business owners, the flag and anthem and other national symbols and institutions, and individual citizens holding politically-incorrect views. ANYTHING that offends is now repression or "white supremacy" is seen as cause to overturn our society. This is the fruit of Marcuse's strategy to radicalize Americans and condition them for revolution to conform every aspect of society to Marxist doctrine of "fairness."

What are Non-Marxists to do? Lind recognizes that the "march through the institutions" has been largely successful, and the left is loath to yield ground they've gained. So he advocates a counter-intuitive strategy:

In war, when an enemy position is too strong to take, the best approach is usually to bypass it. There is a way to bypass the Cultural Marxists' control of almost all mainstream institutions: Retroculture.

Retroculture is simply living again in the old ways, the ways in which most Americans lived up through the 1950's. From lifetime marriage and family meals to regular churchgoing and proper dress, from hanging out the wash and cultivating a big garden to regularly visiting the art museum and the symphony with the children.

Retroculture is the opposite of an ideology. It is concrete, not abstract. It deals with Cultural Marxism not by confronting it but by ignoring it. It says to all ideologies, "We're not listening to you anymore. We're just going to live in the old ways again, because we know those ways worked. The new ways, those developed from the 1960's onward, have not worked. Goodbye." Click.

The Marxist track-record would lead us to believe that this most recent Marxist mutation will self-destruct, as the others did...we hope and pray, without such effusion of blood! In the meantime, St. Peter's is our own thriving little center of Retroculture right here in Loudoun County. Under the din of the culture wars - the protests and the agitation and the propaganda and the violence - our congregation is rich soil where we can sink roots in local community, tune our lives to the ancient rhythm of the liturgy and church calendar, and lock arms with our neighbors to serve our community and get the job done, praying "Thy Kingdom Come!"

Enjoy! Serve! Eat and drink! Worship! "And may the peace of the Lord be always with you!"

Guatemala Missions Trip, October 2017

By Bob Loker

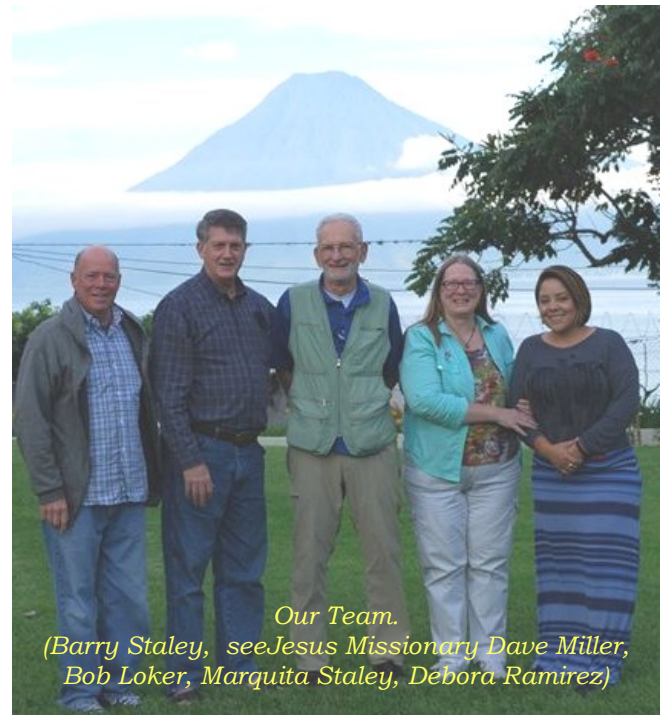


Training Site in Paqip, Central Highlands

I spent nine days in October in the Guatemala highlands leading a mission team which focused on teaching rural pastors, church leaders, and teachers to share the gospel and disciple oral learners. Some of the people we taught were oral learners themselves (poor readers who prefer to learn through listening). We used The Person of Jesus



Lunch in Paqip



*Our Team.
(Barry Staley, seeJesus Missionary Dave Miller,
Bob Loker, Marquita Staley, Débora Ramirez)*

training material which we adapted for oral learners and we taught five different groups of students. The trip was sponsored by seeJesus Ministries but many of the team members and trainees were people I had met through our St. Peter's trips to Guatemala over past years. Logistical support was provided by Independent Missionary Network (IMN) missionaries Barry and Marquita Staley who hail from Lovettsville. Debora Ramirez, a bi-lingual Guatemalan missionary, was our excellent lead trainer.



*One of Our Classes for Kaqchikel speaking Mayans
(Spanish is their second language.)*



*Using Pipe
Cleaners to Tell
the Story*

Using Drama to Tell the Story of The Good Samaritan



**We are planning a St. Peter's
Mission Trip to Guatemala from
16 through 23 June 2018.**

**Please contact me if you think you may
have an interest in applying to be part of
the team (bobloker@gmail.com).**

Hardwired for Gratitude

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us!

Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later. Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (New York Magazine).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chron.16:34, for example).

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? "Thank you, God, for this brand new day!" "Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you." Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for us as well as for those we thank?

Grateful for Our Small Group & Leader—Bob Loker

St. Peter's encourages all of our members to join one of our small groups "for the deliberate purpose of spiritual care as related to the life of the church." Contact Jon Corbett or Ron Clark if you're interested in getting involved.

The participants of the **Monday Night Bible Study** (formerly the *Wednesday Night Study*) count our small group as one of the blessings we thank God for regularly—and especially for our "fearless leader," **Bob Loker**. Though Bob has shared the leadership of the group over the years with **Maggie & Michael Snyder**, and now **Monica Gill**, his gentle, wise, humble leadership guides our small group. We are so grateful for Bob and his loving investment into our lives. The first study Bob introduced the group to was *The Person of Jesus*, by Paul Miller, which is a fabulous, interactive, in-depth look at Jesus as a *person*, not just a divine being. Through this study of Jesus' life on earth and how he loved and interacted with people, we were challenged to compare our own lives and see how we might need to change to become more like Jesus. But it wasn't just the study we learned from, as you can see!

*The Person of Bob - a study on how to become a faithful servant of God. In this study you will meet Bob Loker who enjoys helping people, meeting needs, and doing ministry. "You will learn what it means to 'serve the Lord with gladness'," writes reviewer Apostle Paul. Also recommending this study are **the Caulfields** who say "Bob has shown us that when you love the Lord and are grateful for his grace, service to the Lord is the highest use of life."*

Having grown up knowing that "Jesus Loves Me" I never fully understood the total involvement in that love until I met Bob. Helping everyone he can just seems to come naturally for Bob. He takes folks to doctor's appointments, makes strangers feel at home in new situations, organizes missions, and so much more, yet I've never heard him say- "I'm too busy". Quiet and unassuming I can "See Jesus" in Bob! Thank you .

*Thank you, Bob, for your amazing leadership and your transparency over the years. You share your heart with our group and I believe that has united us and brought us closer together. You have been a blessing to me! **Anne Schultz***

*In early 2009, shortly after Bob lost Becky to cancer, we recall one evening when Bob ruminated about trying to make the best of "his remaining years." At age 70, Bob speculated, he hoped to have about "ten good years" in which to try to do some good and make a difference. This included, of course, continuing with the *Person of Jesus Bible study* he had been doing with Becky. Bob was otherwise not specific about what he planned on doing. Not a word about knowing Spanish, much less about mission trips to South and Central America. Very little about increased involvement with Paul Miller's *See Jesus* ministry. Everybody now knows his story. What a story! The bible study has flourished under Bob's, and Maggie's leadership and is the longest running study we've been in ever. At least 8 or 9 trips to Guatemala and some to other countries in South America. "Bike with Bob" rides that Bob orchestrates and uses to connect old, and newer, friends. Service as chair of the *See Jesus* board of directors. Being a connector of various, distinct ministry leaders in Guatemala, including many with limited education. Serving as Chair of the Loudoun Missions Board and serving as a volunteer at Tree of Life Ministries. Bob's impact is simple: He's a living witness of how to "Finish Well." How to do "retirement." A model of how to live joyfully and passionately in the service of others, and in the service of the Lord. Of staying connected to people and projects that really matter to him. He's close to the hoped for "ten more years", but nowhere near the end of the ten more to come!*

John and Mary White

TOPGOLF – A RANGE OF FUN



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It was so much fun last time that we are doing it again!

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FUN & FELLOWSHIP at Top Golf in Ashburn, VA
Sunday November 12 4:00—7:00 PM**

For more info & to register, visit www.stpetes.net

Registration Deadline: November 6

Planning for a Lifetime Seminar A Learning Seminar for All Ages

As we age, as we face the end of life – are you fully prepared with plans for care giving, end of life issues, and funeral planning?

From 8:30am-12pm, November 4, at Leesburg United Methodist Church, experts from organizations will provide answers for you. Afterwards, a time to receive helpful resources and specific planning answers.

Speakers from:

Capital Caring Hospice
Elder Care
Loudoun Funeral
Stephen Ministry
Pastoral Care

Topics include:

How to Care for Loved Ones
How to Plan a Memorial Service
How to Organize Finances
How to Obtain Emergency Services

Reservations helpful but not required: 703-777-2056

*St. Peter's shares
Tree of Life's vision
to reach out to the poor
and needy in our community
with the love of Jesus Christ
by participating again in
Tree of Life's*

Christmas for Others

*Visit the Donation Board where
you will find a number of items
to choose from to purchase and
bring back for local folks
in our community.*

*Return back date is
Sunday,
December 3*



Jim Schatz Memorial Trail 10K

Formerly known as the Loudoun 10K Trail Run

Sunday, November 12th, 2017

9 a.m. from Camp Highroad

21164 Steptoe Rd. ~ Middleburg, VA 20117

\$45 Registration

**Unique awards for top 3 Male & Female
and Oldest & Youngest Finishers!**

This course is a beautiful mix of woodland and open meadow trails, with some challenging hills!



The race benefits Boulder Crest Retreat, a wellness retreat for Veteran and Military Families.
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For more info and to register, go to

<http://www.loudounroadrunners.org/jim-schatz-memorial-trail-10k.html>

69th Annual Emmanuel Christmas Shop

November 2nd, 3rd & 4th • 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

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- Santa Fox
- Music
- And more!

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Middleburg, VA

**\$5 per person
or
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All proceeds benefit Emmanuel's outreach programs and the upkeep of our historic church, open 24 hours a day.



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- Afternoon tea & sweets
- Coffee

www.emmanuelmiddleburg.org/christmas-shop



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

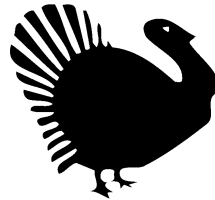
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,

K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,

S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____ 16 18 1 9 19 5

_____ , _____ name in _____ 19 15 14 7

and _____ 7 12 15 18 9 6 25 _____ 8 9 13 with

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Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV



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

		Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
		All Saints	23 Pentecost	24 Pentecost	Last Pentecost Christ the King
LECTOR	Early	William Lawrence	Calvin Smith	Bryan Field	Mark Baker
	Late	Randy Stoutenburgh	Dan LaPre	Liz Tuohy	Randy Stoutenburgh
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Tanya Matthews, Jaq Whalen	Buddy Andrews, Terry Duhring	Judy Hall, Tim Hall	Tanya Matthews, Jaq Whalen
	Late	Randy Stoutenburgh, Tom Coate	Dave Hunt, Dan LaPre	Jonathan LaPre, VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh
SUB DEACON	Early	Buddy Andrews	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Tim Hall
	Late	Dave Hunt	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Tom Coate
INTERCESSOR	Early	Dell Nunaley	Paul Donohue	Peter Schellhase	HL
	Late	Jon Coate	Marty Thompson	Peter Schellhase	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Mark Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, James Nunaley, Colin Donohue	Josh, Megan, & Olivia Smith, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews
	Late	Dan LaPre, Jon Coate, Lauren Hunt	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger, Claire Falatko	Dan LaPre, Jon Coate, Lauren Hunt
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Martha Ballinger, Patty Costantino	Sonny & Mary Hoeltzel	Mark & Nancy Baker	Paula Reardon & Gary Simpson
	Late	Mark & Katie McKinley	Thomas & Heidi Grisius	Jon & Charlotte Corbett	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky
USHERS	Early	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Todd & Pam Johnston	Paul Miller & Lauraine Landolt	Dick Wilhelm, Zan Shah
	Late	Steve & Anne Schultz	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Billy Dillon , Jimmy Eddinger	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan
GREETERS	Early	John & Debby Caulfield	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot
	Late	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jon Corbett	Tom Coate	Debi Parry
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko
ALTAR GUILD		Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell	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

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
11-2 Phillip & Pam Smith
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

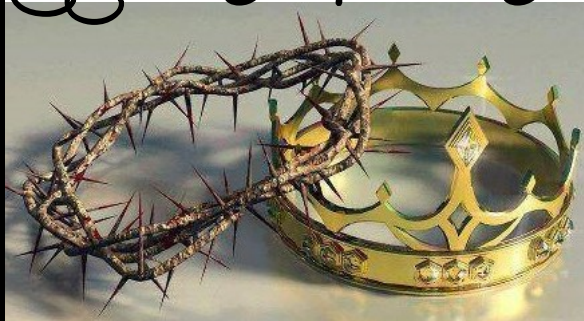
11-2 Wynell Schatz
11-4 Avery Coffey
11-6 Heidi Grisius
Jane Mitchell-Baugh
11-8 John Caulfield
11-9 Lynne McCann
Kathleen Voss
11-10 Esme Field
11-11 Pam Pierce-Johnston
11-12 Jean Kuhns
11-19 Ginny Jenkins
11-21 Mark Baker
11-22 Katie Marsh
11-23 Joan Baldi
11-24 Michael Whitnah



Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 1 Mission Mtg. 5pm
Christianity Explored 7pm
Nov. 4 Men's Breakfast 7am
Nov. 5 *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
No Sunday School or Nursery
Youth Group 7pm
Nov. 6 Thanksgiving Together Planning Mtg 7pm
Nov. 7 Seminarian Lay Committee Mtg 5:50pm
Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
Nov. 11 **Saturday Holy Eucharist resumes 5pm**
Nov. 12 **Pledge Ingathering Fellowship Event at Top Golf 4pm**
Nov. 13 Thanksgiving Together Planning Mtg 7pm
Nov. 14 Seminarian Lay Committee Mtg 5:50pm
Vestry Exec Mtg 7pm
Nov. 17 Youth Movie Night 7pm
Nov. 18 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
Nov. 19 *Newsletter Deadline*
Youth Group 7pm
Nov. 20 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
Nov. 21 Set Up for Thanksgiving Together 4pm
Vestry Mtg. 7pm
Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving Together 12pm**
Thanksgiving Service 1:30pm
Nov. 24 Men's TGIF 8pm
Nov. 26 Healing Liturgy
No Sunday School or Nursery
Nov. 29 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 4pm

King of Kings



Christ the King Sunday is observed on the final Sunday in *Ordinary Time*. It also leads into *Advent* when we commemorate the arrival of our newborn King and look forward to His second coming in glory. As we end one liturgical year and begin another, let us receive this gift called "time" and purpose to live it for His glory.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for NOVEMBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
5	All Saints	Revelation 7:9-17	34:1-10,22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
12	23 Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
19	24 Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7	123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
26	Last Pentecost Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46



November

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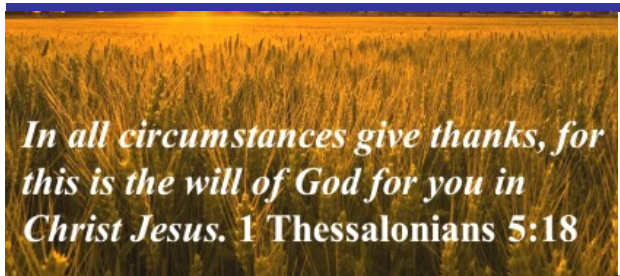
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 <p><i>In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18</i></p>				1 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Christianity Explored	2 Next Step Community	3	4 Men's Breakfast
5 DST Ends HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study Youth Group	6 Bible Study Thanksgiving Together Planning Mtg.	7 Seminarian Lay Committee Mtg Vestry Ministry Mtg	8 HOLY EUCHARIST	9 Next Step Community	10	11 HOLY EUCHARIST	
12 HOLY EUCHARIST SS & CF Top Golf Event Bible Study	13 Bible Study Thanksgiving Together Planning Mtg.	14 Seminarian Lay Committee Mtg Vestry Exec Mtg	15 HOLY EUCHARIST	16 Next Step Community	17 Youth Movie Night	18 Men's Leadership Mtg. HOLY EUCHARIST	
19 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST SS & CF Bible Study Youth Group	20 Mt. Calvary Guild Bible Study	21 Set Up for Thanksgiving Together Vestry Mtg	22 HOLY EUCHARIST Decorating for Thanksgiving Together	23 Thanksgiving Together THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE	24 Men's TGIF	25 HOLY EUCHARIST	
26 HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy Bible Study	27 Bible Study	28	29 HOLY EUCHARIST PC Team Mtg.	30 Next Step Community			

KEY: CF=Christian Formation Classes; FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SS=Sunday School



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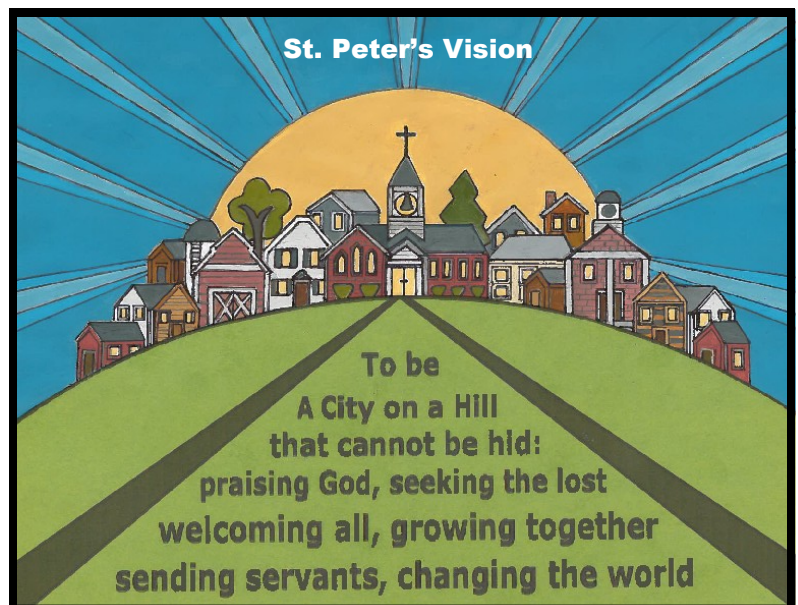
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