

# The Bell Ringer

## Old Donation Episcopal Church

*Old Donation Episcopal Church is a family: Welcoming All ✝ Growing in God's love ✝  
Joyfully worshipping Jesus Christ ✝ Serving in the power of the Spirit*

## People, Get Ready!

Future Mission: Discerning our Next Steps

Click [HERE](#) to signup for a presentation.

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## Vacation Bible School

July 18-22

Information & Registration

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July  
August  
2016



## Family Fun Beach Day!

Saturday, 23 July  
11:00am

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## Newcomers! Meet. Greet. Eat.

Tuesday, 23 August  
6:30pm

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## Annual Pool Party!

Saturday, 13 August  
6:00pm - 9:00pm



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## *From our Rector*

"To everything, there is a season. And a time to every purpose under heaven." Is it the Byrds (Turn, turn, turn)... or is it Ecclesiastes? Well, both of course! And right now the season is hot! I'm not talking about the July temps. I'm talking about all that is going on at Old Donation. Though we are in vacation season, it seems there is no slowing down.

### **Time for wisdom**

It is time to take a deeper look into our progress on our Long Range Plan for Mission and Ministry. The Master Facilities Planning Team has a new revision to our long range vision for facilities. Our steady growth over the past decade has made space a serious constraint and now is the season for deciding what to do about it. What do we believe about the future for our ministry? What is needed to support it? The MFPTeam has come up with significant improvements based upon your input in the past year and it is time for all of us to take stock. We want every member of the parish to take a look and give us feedback about what we've missed or gotten wrong... AND where we have hit the bulls-eye. We want to know if this is truly the right season to build, by knowing if you want to support this project. Today we are able to maintain and improve our current facility. However we know this is inadequate to support our long-range vision for an Episcopal parish still vibrant and a force for God's work. Whether we build something new, or simply do major renovation phases, is up to all of you and your vision for what ODEC should be in the future years for mission and ministry. We are at an important decision making point. The 'body of Christ' in this place needs the wisdom of the entire community, so we need everyone to join us.

We will take our time to be sure each of you can participate. In the next month there will be 17 one hour opportunities to look at the plans. These focus group types of discussions will review the plans and solicit your feedback. We've scheduled them after all worship times, including one Wednesday evening and one Thursday morning. We will even have one out at Westminster-Canterbury since we have so many of our parish family living there. We know that buildings are just 'tools' to help us do our mission and ministry - but a well designed tool makes it so much easier to be effective. That optimal design happens best when everyone offers their feedback. On our web site you can register so we can be sure there is room (and food).

To assist us in these discussions, our consultant (last

month we announced the hire of James D. Klote and Assoc.) has sent us Andy Bygden. Andy is already helping organize our meetings so you can get all the information YOU need and provide all the feedback WE need. Andy is a Swede and a Canadian and well experienced in helping churches do this work of holy discernment. You will see a lot of him because he will be around the offices and worship all the time, and in all of our meetings. He will be contacting various members and is always hoping to get feedback to pass along. I've been very impressed in the first couple days and expect you will be as well.

### **A season for making old things new**

Parts of the Master Plan that we knew we HAD to do without delay are under way this summer. Already, the phase of the Master Plan for a major renovation of the Sunday School / Day School wing is happening. We have leveled the floor foundation and painting begins this week. A new roof design requires the approval of the Historical & Cultural Review Board for the city and that meeting is next Wednesday. If approved, we will move quickly to replace our 'flat' roof with a 'pitched' roof, providing a much more reliable solution with capacity for new HVAC systems in the future. New carpet, windows, floor tiles and ceiling tiles will complete a major head-to-toe improvement. Extension of Wi-Fi coverage through the wing will make the wing not only look brand new again, but also make it top notch for our children.

Simultaneously, to keep our historic church building in first class condition, we are painting the inside, improving the lighting and doing a major 'repointing' of bricks where needed. We hope to do all this work without any disruption of our normal worship schedules.

### **A time for sharing**

One of the things I love about ODEC is how generously we share what is ours. Preparing for our discussions about new and renovated buildings, I was reflecting on the mission and ministry we do through our facilities. Do you know that there are twelve meetings every week for support groups for people with addictions? Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon groups meet in our parish hall and library rooms every single day of the week except Sunday. We have meetings of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, a Sampler Guild, the Knit Wits, a hospice sponsored bereavement group, our "Grief-Share" class and more.

All these serve members of the wider community, almost entirely of non-members. Most of these would not have a home without the gift we offer. In a typical week there are 24 hours or more of actual meeting time allocated to outside groups, not counting all the many one-time

meetings we host. That doesn't begin to count our own parish meetings for teachings, men's and women's groups, youth ministry, music practices, or ministry / mission coordination and planning. Many churches won't open their doors to groups other than their members, but our belief is that the buildings are just gifts from God to be used for God's purpose; and God's purpose is not limited to us. It is no wonder it is hard to find a room when you need it!

### **A season for serving**

We are working on a ministry and mission day to support the Latino Mission with our friends on the Eastern Shore. Angelica Garcia-Randle has given us a couple days in early August to gather some adults and youth to run up on the bus for a day with their vibrant ministry. Mother Ashley and Ben Urquidi and some others are coordinating Angelica's ideas with our schedules and will soon have a plan. Look for details coming!

Old Donation is getting more involved in feeding hungry folks in Norfolk, supporting an independent ministry. Each Sunday afternoon a meal is provided by an informal group of supporters, and our Melissa Waide is part of that team. ODEC has supported the ministry with dollars and is getting more involved. August 7, we will provide a meal, drinks, and dessert and help serve it. It is a joyful gathering with music and food. Melissa and I need a group of you to go after the 10:30 services to make this happen. You can offer your help with cooking here or serving there by sending an email to Melissa Waide ([click here](#)). If you have helped feed in the past, you'll know there are few better ways to know that you are making a godly difference in our world. If this is successful, we may develop a routine of a monthly meal that will give lots of us opportunities.

VBS is next week and we can still use a few more adults and teens. I love the young children of this parish and relish this annual event. Inside you will find contact information so you, too, can be blessed while being a blessing!

### **Time for committing: Confirmation**

We now have a date for the sacrament of Confirmation. October 16 at the 10:30 service, Bishop David Jones will be with us for Confirmation. We have a great class of young people who have finished their three year study and preparation that culminated with the pilgrimage to Ireland last month. We will have classes for adults at two times. Young adults are beginning a study this month on Thursday evenings (see page 7). All others (especially ones who cannot attend the Thursday sessions) will have classes

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## ***From Our Assistant Rector***

It's July! And that means I have been with all of you for one year. This month, on the 14th, I will also be celebrating one year of ordination to the priesthood. Sometimes I can't believe it's been a year already, but most days it feels like this has been my life forever.

Starting when I first became a teenager, I was very involved in youth ministry with my Diocese (Central Pennsylvania). I'd always enjoyed church, but Diocesan events painted my life with color in a new way. One Sunday when I was fourteen, I was sitting in my acolyte's chair one Sunday morning watching my priest celebrate Holy Eucharist, and out of nowhere a thought floated across my mind: *I could do that.*

I could be a priest. Something shifted a bit inside me, and ever since then I've been working towards that call. Exactly half my life, in fact, because I was ordained at age twenty-eight. I was educated at the perfect seminary, a place of formation, education, and family. My classmates were particularly wonderful, and our entire class of twelve had a very strong bond that has carried on throughout this past year as well. And then, in the midst of unforeseeable chaos in my life, I was called to Old Donation to be your assistant priest.

Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for putting each of you in my path—the call to Old Donation has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I came to you fresh from seminary, and you accepted me as your priest from day one. You have supported me, taught me, and loved me. You have let me minister to and with you, and you have never made me feel lesser-than or unknowledgeable. It is because of all of you that I have been able to step into my role here with ease and confidence. You have formed me on my journey more than you could know.

And now, we get to see what year two together has in store! The challenge to follow Christ in this world is growing, and I think we can all feel that. The world feels more dangerous than ever, and with each growing fear it becomes more and more difficult to clearly hear God's call to us. Who are we to be in this world, at this time? What are we to do?

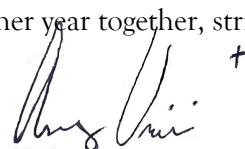
I can't pretend to have all the answers. But I do know that if we can continue to be a spiritual oasis as a community, we can make some steps together.

We can seek to serve Christ in *all* people, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We can strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of *every* human being.

These things I know are possible, if we can only hold them in our hearts and minds. This is our baptismal covenant. This is our call.

Let's step into another year together, striving to be Christ's body on Earth!



## From Our Youth Minister

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in July already and so much has happened this year! Our pilgrims returned from Ireland safely, and from the stories it sounds like they helped bring Father Bob home safely as well. If you haven't heard about Father Bob's adventure on Crough Patrick you need to ask him. I look forward to hearing about the beautiful places, wonderful people, and experiences of God our pilgrims had. I know their time in Ireland will affect them for the rest of their lives, and I am excited to see how they have grown through this experience. If you want to get glimpses of the effect this pilgrimage had, read the [pilgrimage blog](#).

I know that for myself, having heard about the adventure on Crough Patrick, I am continually impressed by the character of our youth. I didn't think I could possibly think more highly of them, but I was proven wrong upon hearing of the pilgrims care and support for Father Bob. The youth of this parish have shown they are exceptional young men and women. This past year has been quite the growing experience for me as I have watched our youth serve, minister, and care for this parish. I know this is the result of much hard work from the parents, and guidance from the teachers and mentors of this parish. Thank you all for pouring your love into the lives of these youth!

There is a lot to look forward to in July and August, so make sure you stay up-to-date with the EYC calendar on the middle page of the Bell Ringer. We have trips to Water Country, Cloud 9, Escape Room, and Paintball! There is also a movie marathon scheduled, so don't miss out on that. More information for each of these events will be sent out in the weekly emails as we approach the dates.

We are looking for more youth volunteers for VBS this year! Our youth have always played an integral part in making sure VBS runs smoothly. It's time for us to show up again and make sure we continue this tradition. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please send me an email so we can get you plugged in and helping. We want to make sure this year's VBS is the best we have had. I know that all the young kids are looking forward to this week, so let's make it a special one for them.

God Bless,

AJ Lambert

## Children in Church

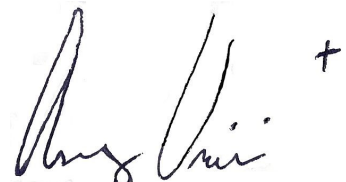
There is a nationwide effort right now to include and incorporate children into worship. The church, across denominations, sees this as a highly important effort, and it's no different here. When I was hired, one of the main things I was tasked with was ministering to young families - assessing and meeting needs, and growing their involvement in the community. This is vitally important - the best thing we can do for our children is to raise them knowing that church is a part of life, that they have a place here, are important and valued, and that worshipping God is for *everyone*.

And so, starting this month we'll be kicking off a few things to help our children feel how important they are:

- Activity packets have been updated! They now come in the form of canvas bags, and are filled with crayons, coloring pads, a children's guide to Holy Eucharist, and weekly scripture lessons.
- Children are welcome to color "God Letters", small postcards which can be colored or written on, and can be brought directly to the altar during the Offertory; they will then be hung up on the newly renovated Children's Bulletin Board (which you should check out!).
- Greeters in each service are encouraged to individually welcome each child who comes through the doors, and hand them an activity bag and a God Letter.
- All greeters are also encouraged to invite one or two children each service to help hand out programs and pass the plate during the Offertory.
- Childcare is now offered during the 8am service as well as all others, for anyone who wishes to use it. Children in the nursery will also get an activity bag, with a God Letter, scripture lesson to color, and special book.

Children have a basic need to contribute and feel important, and worship is no different. Imagine the kind of children we as a community can help raise, if we are intentional about doing these simple things! The more we openly love and accept children, the less stressful church is for parents (which in turn helps to calm children), and the more relaxed *everyone* becomes. Most of you probably think that this is common sense— and it is! Sometimes it just takes being intentional. I know this isn't easy for all of you, and it requires some give-and-take all around, but my prayer is that each of you will be able to see anew how important this ministry is.

I welcome all feedback and ideas for how we can continue to be opening and inclusive of all ages! This is just the beginning.





## *Master Facility Planning (MFP)*

The Master Facility Planning Committee (a subset of the Long Range Planning Committee) is currently busy overseeing several projects that will provide long

overdue maintenance efforts to our buildings. The projects include adding a new pitched roof to the Day School, painting the inside of the Day School, replacing the Day School hallway carpet, repairing some floor tiles in classrooms, replacing eleven old windows, and repairing (lifting) a few sunken areas in our classroom floors.

In addition, the committee is receiving quotes from subcontractors to repaint the inside of the church, upgrade the lighting system, and to re-point the brickwork on the outside of the church.

The Day School maintenance effort will be completed before the school opens after Labor Day. However, installing the new roof is dependent on the city's Historical and Cultural Committee review, scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>. We expect that this committee will approve our plans to add a new roof, and will be poised to order the trusses immediately after a positive decision. With a positive decision, we expect that the roof and the installation of new ceiling tiles to be accomplished before the Day School opens in September. Another pivotal approval decision that needed to be obtained by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) committee was accomplished on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

In advance of installing the new roof, the committee has had many tree limbs, and one tree, removed that threatened to cause future roof damage. The current flat roof has over 120 repair patches on it due to falling limb damage.

Additionally, the trees adjacent to parking areas received a limb removing effort to rid the trees of distressed limbs threatening to fall on our cars and parishioners. This tree maintenance effort will be accomplished annually to maintain the health and beauty of our trees, as well as the safety of our parishioners and their vehicles.

The MFP committee continues to work with the architect firm Glavé & Holmes to obtain the concept drawings and 3-D renderings needed to support the Church's Capital Campaign. These drawings, and the project costs, will be available in July.

### **Your Invitation to a Readiness Assessment Session**

This year is a monumental celebration of our long history in the community. We are pleased to host informational sessions about the ideas to steward Old Donation Church into the next decade and beyond.

We hope you will join us as we continue to worship, teach, share the good news, and celebrate life in Jesus Christ.

In July and first week of August, we are continuing a series of "Focus Groups" to assess our readiness to expand the support for our missions and ministries. We need you! The meetings will usually be held in the Library or the Historic Church and will last for 1 hour.

The purpose is to share with you the thoughts and ideas about the physical needs of our wonderful Church and expanding campus. Our goal is to have as many parishioners as possible attend one of these meetings.

Through these meetings we will gain a sense from you, and our fellow parishioners, if Old Donation Parish is ready to move forward in unified support of a specific set of capital improvements, and whether the improvements proposed are the ones you would support. We can only take this next step if we hear from more members such as yourself. Please call 757.497.0563 with your RSVP or if you have any questions.

I hope to see you at a session of your earliest convenience. ~ Andy Bygden



## July 23: Beach Day!

Come on out and wrap up our Surf Shack VBS week with a day at the beach!

Barbette Timperlake and Bob Perrine have graciously opened their home to us, with a deck that leads right out to the sand.

Join us at 11:00am until you're ready to leave. We'll have hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch, and invite you to bring drinks and sides to share

Please [RSVP by emailing Mother Ashley](#) by July 21!

## August 13:

Join us at Pembroke Meadows Rec Center from 6:00-9:00 for swimming and food!

Bring a side to share, and ODEC will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for all.

RSVP so we know how much food to make!



\*These events, though considered Family Fun, are open to **anyone** who wants to come!\*



## Vacation Bible School

*Catch the wave of God's Amazing Love*

18-22 July

Openings are available for children 4 years old - rising 6th graders

MANY volunteers (both adult & youth\*) are needed for this mighty challenge.

Please contact Rebecca Barrio so we can begin filling in slots for this ocean adventure.

Sign-up [here](#).

Donations needed (decoration only, will be returned): beach towels, ball/inflatables, buckets and shovels, surfboards

*\*Youth volunteers must have completed 6th grade.*

*Childcare is available for children of volunteers under 4 years old.*

## Summer Wednesday Night Programs

**6:00 Holy Eucharist; 6:30 Supper; 7:00 Program**

### ICONS– Windows into God: July 27

Our Summer Wednesdays kick off July 27 with a study of ICONS!

This art form combines its own form of beauty and spiritual insight. Traditional icons have some specific *rules* for “writing” (rather than drawing or painting) and ways of interpretation. They are used in meditation and devotion. Our guest teacher will be the Rev. Fr. George Bessinas, from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Norfolk.

Don't miss this very interesting teaching!

### Doubt: August 10, 17, & 24

*Doubt is not the opposite of faith, it is an element of faith.*

*–Paul Tillich*

Based on the Pulitzer prize & Tony Award winning play, the film *Doubt* finds Sister Aloysius Beauvier (Meryl Streep) certain she has uncovered wrongdoing by the new progressive parish priest (Philip Seymour Hoffman) concerning a troubled boy in the parish school. She proceeds as if her beliefs are true, without any firm proof. But without it, the only thing certain is doubt.

Join us for a three week movie series and discussion about doubt, truth, love and fear.

# Confirmation

The Bishop is coming to Old Donation on October 16 for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. If you are interested, please speak to Father Bob. A class called "What Anglicans Believe" will be offered in September for those who wish to be presented to the Bishop, or just want to learn more about the Church. The Young Adult Gathering (below) with Mother Ashley will also fulfill this criteria. More details will follow.

## Young Adults Group

Attention, all who are in their 20s-30s!

On Thursday evenings at 6:00 throughout the summer, beginning on July 28, we will meet for dinner and conversation in Alfriend House.

Children are welcome!

Come out and get to know one another, all while learning more about faith and the Episcopal Church. For anyone who is interested in being confirmed this Fall, these meetings will prepare you to take that step. All are welcome! Please contact [Mother Ashley](#) to RSVP by July 26 for the initial meeting, or with any questions.

## Attention Pokémon Trainers



IS HERE - live the dream and become the very best!

ODEC is actually home to **TWO** PokéStops! We have one located at the church and the other is on the Labyrinth next to the chapel. We also have a very contested Gym right across the street!

Come visit our stops as we join the Pokémon Go community that will be eagerly filling their Pokédex and challenging the Gyms. Stay tuned to our website and newsletters, as we'll be offering some exciting bonuses that no trainer will want to miss! Keep a look out for more information coming soon.

Gotta Catch 'Em All!

For any who are unfamiliar with this new Poké-world, the following youtube video will help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sj2iQyBTQs>

Wish to volunteer? Contact [Mother Ashley](#)!!

# EYC Summer Calendar

## Mark Your Calendar!

### July

Thursday, July 14th - Cloud 9

Drop-off: 1:00pm

Pick-up: 5:00pm



Tuesday, July 26th - Water Country

Drop-off: 8:00am

Pick-up: 9:00pm



Friday, July 29th-Saturday, July 30th - Movie Marathon

Drop-off: Friday @ 8:00am

Pick-up: Saturday @8:30am

### August

Thursday, August 4th - Escape Room

Drop-off: 12:00pm

Pick-up: 5:30pm



Thursday, August 18th - Busch Gardens

Drop-off: 8:00am

Pick-up: 10:00pm



Saturday, August 27th - Paint Ball

Drop-off: 1:00pm

Pick-up: 6:00pm



Saturday, September 3rd - Beach

Day

Drop-off: 11:00am

Pick-up: 6:00pm

## Sunday School & EYC

Mark your calendars! Sunday School will start on September 11th, and we will be moving into full swing! This also means that EYC will be back in full gear! Don't miss out! Liz and I have lots of fun planned for our first week back!



## Paws, Prayers & Praise / Sundays@5

Eucharist is August 14th at 5pm in the church. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest, furry or otherwise, to Sunday service! Beach attire & flip flops welcome!



## JOY Dinner Group

Friday, 22 July 5:30pm

Lynnhaven Fish House

Friday, 26 August 5:30pm

The Landing Zone

RSVP to David Eckhardt: 395-0008

## Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 5 August

7:00pm

Alfriend House

Questions? Contact

Patricia Cheshire: [plcheshire@cox.net](mailto:plcheshire@cox.net)



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to designate flowers in memory of/thanksgiving for someone on a specific Sunday, please contact the Parish Office AND Vicki Dorsett at 499-8661.



## Historic Traditions

The next regular meeting is Saturday, August 6 at 9:30 AM in the church library. Everyone of ANY age is welcome to attend! We would like to especially invite our youth to take part in our programs and events, but we welcome all.

## Youth Acolytes

Needed for both the Historic Church and The Gathering.

Contact David King to join this ministry!  
[deking1952@cox.net](mailto:deking1952@cox.net)



## Youth Psalm Readers Needed!

Historic church & The Gathering 10:30am services.

If you are seeking a way to have your youth member become involved, contact Pam Campbell at 497-0563, or [plcampbell@olddonation.org](mailto:plcampbell@olddonation.org).

## Day School News

### School is out....

### Let the Summer Fun Continue!

Oh my goodness!! So much is going on at the Day School this summer! A BIG thank you to all of those involved in this process! At press time, contractors were chosen to:

- Repair foundation issues
- Replace the roof
- Install new windows, carpet, floor tiles & ceiling tiles
- Paint

I can't wait to see the finished product! On August 16<sup>th</sup>, teachers and staff (all 22 of us!) will return to reassemble the classrooms and prepare for the new school year.

We'll be busy sprucing up the rooms and labeling cubbies with new names. We are blessed to have such a loving and dedicated staff!

We still have a few openings for 2 ½ year olds and 4-year-olds. Please tell your neighbors to e-mail us during the summer months at [odeds@olddonation.org](mailto:odeds@olddonation.org)

The FARM FRESH and KROGER programs resume in September. Look for details about each program in your September Bell Ringer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

~Janet Brown and Jody Baker

## Give to ODEC online

Online Giving

It's easy, fast, and convenient. Make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring donation. No need to worry if you go on vacation, miss a Sunday, or lose your offering envelopes!

## Valuing our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received	\$334,977
Total Pledge and Plate Budget (Year to date)	328,030
Budget / Received Difference	6,947
Number of Pledging Units To General Fund	259
Building Fund	\$13,765
Mission of the Holy Spirit	7,973
Outreach (all other)	932
Clergy Discretionary Fund	5,508
Fine Arts and Music	580
Altar Flowers, Gifts, Weddings	3,251
Contributions to Julia Tucker Scholarship	1,191





## Breaking Bread Journeys

Holy Land Experiential Experts

If you are interested in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Father Bob and Chris, there is still time to sign up and join fellow parishioners on this exciting adventure from October 27 through November 7. The pilgrimage has been arranged through Breaking Bread Journeys and will follow the footsteps of Jesus starting in Jericho, through the Galilee, and ending in Jerusalem. During our time in Israel we will enjoy opportunities to interact and

break bread with Jewish, Muslim, Armenian, and Christian families. Please contact Mike McGraw or see Grêchen Hood for additional details.

## Old Donation Legacy Society of 1637

### Sharing Love into the Future Planned Giving Opportunity #2

During an educational forum in April, parishioner Bill Dullaghan provided nine suggestions on how you can "Share Love into the Future". This was his second option:

#### Charitable Remainder Trust & How it works

A Charitable Remainder Trust is a trust agreement where the donor transfers assets to the trust and receives income on a periodic basis for a specified time such as a set number of years or the lifetime of a beneficiary. When the trust ends, the remaining trust assets will be transferred to Old Donation Evangelical Church to fund the program(s) and or services specified by the donor.

If you would like more information, contact the church office or Planned Giving member Earl Morris, home

## 2016 Vestry

George Butler, Senior Warden  
Bill Dullaghan, Christian Formation  
Stacey Howeth, Outreach  
Carol Gurioli, Day School  
Jeff Hood, Stewardship  
Rich Kuhr, Finance  
Sharon Payne, People's Warden, Building & Facilities Planning  
John Brown, Buildings & Grounds  
Vicki Dorsett, Congregational Care  
Laura Horvath, Parish Life  
Chip Saunders, Evangelism  
Ryan Piston, Youth Representative/Christian Formation



## We Have a Prayer Chain!

Did you know that Old Donation has a Prayer Chain? This tradition has been alive for a number of years!

What do we do? Members of our community quietly offer prayers for our parishioners, their families, and friends.

How does this help you? Prayer is one of the oldest traditions in the church. At Old Donation we offer prayers of support, healing and thanks, knowing that our God, our Christ, hears us. The result is that you are held up in prayer, and you no longer stand alone in times of pain, loneliness, turmoil and trial.

Please know that these Prayer Requests are confidential and that only those on the Prayer Chain, and clergy, access these requests. Please feel free to call the parish office (speak to Gretchen or Louise) and within the day you will be surrounded by prayer. You may request prayers for family members who are in need, or for yourself. Please consider this ministry as a resource, knowing that members of your parish family love and care for you and will carry these concerns on our hearts.

Sincerely, ~ Your Parish Prayer Chain Ministers

## Feeding Norfolk

ODEC will serve lunch to those in need in downtown Norfolk near the MLK, Jr. Memorial on Sunday, 7 August. A group departs ODEC at 11:45. If you would like to help, please contact Melissa Waide at 718-8599 for information. This ministry is supported by the ODEC Outreach Commission. Thanks for your support.

## HAPPENINGS in our Community!

- **Julianna DeDominick** attended the Virginia High School league conference at VCU where her narrative film won the audience choice award. Julianna also won a full scholarship to TCC next year!
- **Darden Purrington** is now at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Click [HERE](#) to read about her doings, and for her address. She would love mail!



## Meet Andy Bygden!

He is living in VB now, and full-time in the Parish Office. You may [email](#) him, or call the office, ext 3. You will see Andy at most services and events. He's a hopeful parishioner of ODEC! Please welcome him!

## Newcomers!

### AN INVITATION FROM YOUR CLERGY



For good food, conversation, and getting to know your clergy better, we have a special invitation for those of you who have been attending ODEC for a year or less, possibly even for just a few weeks, but never had a chance to attend a newcomer's meal.

## Meet. Greet. Eat.

We provide everything for a good time. You only need to make a reservation and show up.

**Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30pm**

We hope to see you! Please RSVP so we may plan. Contact Judy Kuhns, [jkuhns809@cox.net](mailto:jkuhns809@cox.net), (757)552-0292 or (757) 343-6740 for details.

## How do I join the Church?

**How do I join the Church?** The simplest answer is: through Baptism. We are joined to Christ through water baptism and baptism is a single indissoluble event. The Episcopal Church recognizes any water baptism using the three-fold expression, "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**What about confirmation?** In the Episcopal Church, many people are baptized as infants. As they mature, they are expected to take on the Baptismal promises made on their behalf by their sponsors. These promises must be made in front of the Bishop. Persons who are baptized by the Bishop as adults do not need to be confirmed.

**I was raised in another tradition, how do I join the Episcopal Church?** These people are received by the Bishop during his annual visit. Generally, we ask that you attend a class to learn about what the Episcopal Church teaches so that you can give informed consent to the Bishop.

**I was confirmed at an early age and I don't remember much about it. I have moved deeper in my understanding and commitment to a life in Christ. How can I mark this change?** Persons may appear before the Bishop and reaffirm their Baptismal vows.

in September on Sunday mornings. Put the Oct 16 date in your calendars and talk to one of our clergy if you want to be sure to be included.

### A season for thanksgiving - Worship

Sundays@5 have been growing in size and enthusiasm. We had 61 people for last Sunday's service when we combined with the second Sunday: *Paws, Prayers & Praise*. These continue on through Labor Day weekend and are great if Sunday morning came too quickly. Many more will get a chance to experience our music on July 31. Paul Hudgins is gone for a vacation day and so the Sunday night group (named "Random Acts") will lead our music at 9:15 and 10:30 services.

### Sexton position

Most of you noticed my announcement that Bob Reneau has resigned to pursue other dreams. Bob was a valuable and faithful friend and worker as part of the staff for over 15 years. We are redesigning his job description and thinking creatively about what we need for our next period of caring for our buildings and campus. In the next couple weeks we will post more about what we are seeking and will welcome your interest or recommendations.

Peace and blessings,

## Our Rich History

### Sunday 9 October

#### One-Hundredth Year Celebration of the Rebuilt Church.

On October 11, 1916, during a dedication ceremony of the rebuilt church, a time capsule filled with unknown relics was placed inside the white cornerstone at the northeast corner of the church.

On Sunday Oct 9th, after the 10:30 service, as part of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the reconstruction of the church, the stone will be removed and its contents revealed. Following will be food and drinks provided by the Historical Tradition Committee.

On the following Tuesday at 3 p.m., exactly 100 years since its placement, it will be replaced for another 100 years with contents church members suggest or provide. Conducting that ceremony will be the same Ancient Free & Accepted Masons chapter that conducted the ceremony 100 years before.

[Bob Perrine](#), Church Historian

# July & August Celebrations

## July Birthdays

- 2 Lillian DeVenny  
Bill Varnecky  
David O'Flaherty  
Ryan Koprowski  
Mason Dudley
- 3 Jim Bulleit  
Kim Conklin  
Kathy Longmire  
Karen Londeree  
Sydney Dudley  
Jennifer Eller
- 4 Michael Good, Sr.  
Lauren Bennett
- 5 Joe Jacobs  
Cindy Pare'  
John Wills  
Allison Walpert
- 6 Bill Dullaghan  
Matt Vecerkauskas
- 8 Helen Spore
- 9 Nancy Watkins  
Mark Helmkamp  
Christian Brown
- 10 Evie Miani  
Bennett Wubker
- 11 Dick Lee  
Catherine Rubel
- 12 George Chandler
- 13 Bella Galvez
- 14 George Rhudy  
Jacob Brittain
- 16 Edward Groce  
Audra Snowden
- 17 Ann Butler  
Joshua Burton
- 18 Bill Wyman  
Ryan Piston  
Sam Ghormley
- 19 Nina Allie-Westleigh  
Celeste Coleman
- 21 Lisa Duff  
Tracy Jackson
- 22 Kaiden Wilson
- 23 Pam Painter  
Rusty Williams  
Christina McNamara
- 24 Maureen Anderson  
Danielle Davenport  
Eliza Aydar

- 25 Carol Jarvis  
Michelle RedBow
- 26 Scotty Carter  
Patrick Taylor  
Casey Vaughan
- 27 Dave Carter  
Alex Bradley
- 28 David Bowles  
Chris Miller  
Ed Hanawalt  
Jacqueline Moore
- 29 Truman Baxter, Jr.  
Mike Lindsey
- 31 Janette Crumley  
Ian Gordon  
Grace DeGrave  
Maria Swift

## August Birthdays

- 1 Bonnie Wright  
Marcella Lindsey  
Kaylyn MacDonald  
Rose Martin  
Peyton Johnson
- 2 Bill Holt
- 3 Gabby Perkins
- 4 Jacquelyn Baxter  
Tony Cintron  
Jo Beach
- 5 Janet Forbes
- 6 Jenn Rennekamp
- 7 Joyce Barry  
John Guthrie  
Debbie Ross  
Brenda New
- 8 John Sherman  
Elizabeth Malcom  
Neil Ganey  
Blair Hood
- 9 Mary Charles Burt  
Ginny Campbell  
Andrew Taylor
- 10 Carvell Taylor  
Sharon Need  
Annie O'Flaherty  
Miriam Erickson  
Zachary Galvez
- 11 The Rev Norm Crews  
Caroline Crouch  
Ricki Schmidt
- 12 Margie Garcia-Garrett  
Jenna Crumley

- 13 Robert Galvez
- 14 Kathleen Heck  
Ryan Long  
Susan Cintron
- 15 Audrey Schulz
- 17 James Miani  
Owen Erickson
- 18 Joan Crockett  
Zachary Conklin  
Julia Conklin  
Joshua Conklin
- 19 Nancy Ries
- 20 Marti Jones
- 21 John Duncan  
Carver Wilson  
Rylee Anderson
- 22 Eleanor Irvin  
Kinsey Kreassig  
Gabriel Mayorga  
Giovanni Mayorga  
Robert McCarty
- 23 Gwen Cataldo  
Michael Improtta  
Steve Kamperschroer  
Dorothy Freeman  
Samantha Mayorga  
Ric Taylor  
Christine Gregerson
- 24 Karen Intrieri  
Carolyn Gerace  
Pegg Frank
- 25 Paige Martin  
Nicholas Bulleit  
Chantalise Downing  
Jack Anderson
- 26 Leslie Miller  
Jim Pernini  
Jane Tibbitt  
Caraline Rubel  
Susan Hickman
- 27 Pam Campbell  
Earl Edwards, Jr.  
Lily Burroughs  
Nancy Cantrell  
Brenna Pope
- 28 Carol Horton  
Recee Young
- 30 Blake Heselius  
Chris Brush
- 31 Betty Munden  
Bill Waide

## July Anniversaries

- 1 J. D. & Bonney Ball  
Guy & Nancy Watkins
- 2 David & Laney Winfield  
Steve & Leah Moore
- 5 Nathan & Jessica Epps
- 8 Jeff & Gretchen Hood
- 11 Trey & Karen Dudley
- 14 Susan & Tom DeMayo
- 16 Marisa & Bill Walpert
- 21 Brennon & Courtney Pope  
Audra & Eugene Snowden
- 24 John & Leslie Fenter
- 26 Trent & Sally Dudley
- 27 Lisa & Aaron Teeling
- 28 Trudy & Steve Gross

## August Anniversaries

- 3 Beth & Frank Gossett  
Jason & Wayles Haynes
- 4 Betty & John Sherman
- 7 Tom & Ann Ackiss  
Jonna & Will Walker  
Lenore & Ted Quandt
- 9 Patsy & John Harris
- 11 Jenifer & Steve Kamperschroer
- 12 Barbara & John Guthrie
- 18 Gisella & Jim Battersby
- 19 Maura & Justin Eaton  
Dee Dee & Ray Foberg
- 20 Cheryl & George Hummer  
Jenn & Tony Putzig
- 23 Ginny & Mark Sinclair
- 24 Ned & Judy Kuhns
- 26 Barbara & Errol Lifland
- 31 Gloria & Bill Thompson

## Welcome!

### Our new members:

*William, Marisa,  
Allison & Bethany Walpert*

### Our newest baby:

*Olivia Grace Hurley*

## Thank you!

Dear ODEC Family: Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits following my hip surgery. You are truly the best!

*Love, Catherine O'Reilly*

## Weekly Worship Schedule

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30-10:15 a.m. Christian Formation  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:30 a.m. The Gathering  
5:00 p.m. Sundays@5 Informal HE

### 2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00 p.m. Paws, Prayers & Praise  
Holy Eucharist

### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

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