

The Keys

St. Peter's Parish Church

October 2010

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From the Rector's Desk

Lots of things are coming up in the next few months – here are a few of them.

On Sunday, October 3, our regular fall schedule will resume with a “quiet” Service at 9 am, followed by a “sung” Service at 11 am. Also on that day will be our annual Blessing of the Animals at 5 pm. All well-behaved animals are welcome to attend, along with their owners. This is always one of the most fun Services for me!

October 23 brings our annual **St. Peter's Parish Church Oyster Roast, Fish Feast, and Shrimp Bonanza**. Tickets are available from the church office, any member of the Vestry (especially Bill Lindsey), or Thomas Evelyn. Bill and Thomas are heading it up again this year (thanks, guys!) and could definitely use some help. It takes a lot of people to carry this off. You'll find a sign-up board under the tower or in the Parish House from now until the day before the **Oyster Roast**. Plans are underway for a hayride for children the day following the Oyster Roast. See the article later on.

Some of you have been asking for Morning Prayer more often. I've been trying to do that on fifth Sundays, which occur once a quarter. We had Morning Prayer with the Holy Communion the last Sunday in August, combining the two since there was only one Service that day. We'll next have Morning Prayer at the 11 am Service on October 31, All Hallows' Eve.

November brings us our annual Harvest Feast. There will be one Service at 11 am on November 21, followed by our Harvest Feast. Vestry nominations also open that day. Nominees are to be “confirmed adult communicants in good standing, known to the Treasurer.” November 25 brings us Thanksgiving Day and there will be a quiet Service at 10 am that morning.

Christmas Craft Day will be December 5. Many thanks to Carol Nelms and the Church School for this annual event. Vestry nominations close the following Sunday, December 12, and nominee biographies are due in the church office December 14. You can, of course, submit them earlier! The Christmas pageant will be at 10 am on December 19. Christmas Eve Services will be our customary 5 and 11 pm. Christmas Day: the Nativity of our Lord falls on Saturday this year, and there will be a Service that day at 10 am.

Stewardship campaigns are usually thought of as occurring in the fall, but stewardship takes place all year. You just hear more about it in the fall. Dr. Steve Peterson and his committee will be talking more about that soon.

I am your brother in Christ,

Paul †



Wardens' Corner

Tending Your Fire

In old buildings there were boiler rooms where coal and wood were shoveled into a furnace to keep the whole building warm. If the fire didn't get tended, the place went cold. The same can be true in maintaining your inner fire for living and doing God's will so our lives do not go cold.

Although you may be bombarded with various types of media and electronic communications throughout the day, you can pretty much always identify the fact that humans are made up of three parts: The body, the soul, and the spirit. The Body lives in the physical world. The Soul is the mind, will, and emotions. The Spirit transcends this life and is able to commune with God. It is my belief that success comes from the inside out. That is, it starts in the spirit, which affects the soul, enabling the body to do what we need to achieve success. With this understanding, it is imperative that we tend to the fire of the spirit on a regular basis. Inasmuch, I thought I would share with you a couple of ways to do this, in order to keep your spirit strong.

Read every day from a book that focuses your mind on spiritual things. (A lot of us may find time to do this in the morning, but any time or part of the day will do. For myself, this generally occurs during the first bit of time at the office.) Such a practice will generally prove to get your day off on the right track and get your spirit in the right place. You might say, "I wouldn't know where to start." Let me help. One thing to do, is to read from the book of Proverbs in the BIBLE. It is full of practical, spiritual advice! And to make it easy, there are 31 chapters. If it is the seventh day of the month, guess what chapter you read? Exactly. Another book that may be helpful is a book called FACE TO FACE, which you can order at your local bookstore or through Amazon. It is essentially three months of short daily Bible readings. It is non-sectarian, so you don't have to worry about any bias.

To enrich this practice, I encourage you to pray every day. In your continuing quest for self-improvement there is a lot of focus on doing it yourself, disciplining yourself, etc. But, I know that I need God's help in every area of my life, and I ask Him for it on a regular basis!! Praying brings me back to what is important, and gives me the help and strength I need.

Involve yourself in our church! I know, some may think, "Church people, no way." But there is a way and your church family can be such an important part of your life. There are a couple of things that being involved with a group of people who share your religious beliefs does for you: One, it gives you strength having others who encourage you to stay on the right path. The other is that Christian growth can manifest itself in places and at times and places that you would never dream of. It isn't when everyone around you is behaving perfectly that you will grow. That won't stretch you. Rather, live a Christian life that is community-based with St. Peter's, that is tolerant of others and, most importantly, forgives others.

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Vestry Nominations

Vestry nominations will open November 21, but the time to begin thinking about it is now. Begin to consider and pray about who you think has the skills, gifts, talents, and interest to be a member of St. Peter's Vestry.

Be sure to get the person's permission before nominating them! Fill out the nomination form, and return the form to any Vestry member or to the church office. Forms will be available by mid-November and nominations will be accepted through December 12.

Nominees must be a member of this parish, a confirmed adult at least 16 years of age, and a communicant in good standing, "known to the Treasurer."

Biographies of the Vestry nominees will be available in late December.



St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*
Samuel G. Bruce, *organist and choirmaster*
Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*
Mark Whidden, *assistant treasurer*
Susan E. Cheyne, *verger*
Joyce H. Molina, *register*

The Vestry

David Swynford, *senior warden*
Bill Lindsey, *junior warden*

Class of 2011

Stuart Burnett (932.3925)
Steve Peterson (843.2036)
David Swynford (557.3533)

Class of 2012

Denise Fazio (932.9224)
Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132)
Major Mansfield (779.2105)

Class of 2013

Padgette Evelyn (932.3289)
Nancy Goodman (932.3609)
Rod Molina (932.3990)

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2010 St. Peter's Oyster Roast, Fish Feast & Shrimp Bonanza



The 31st Annual St. Peter's Parish Oyster Roast, Fish Feast and Shrimp Bonanza is Saturday, October 23 at White House Landing. Tickets are available from any Vestry member or by contacting the church office at 932-4846 or by e-mail at stpeters.admin1@gmail.com. For the third consecutive year, ticket prices will remain at \$35 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12.

The program is scheduled to be a fall gourmet gala for your taste buds that will feature roasted oysters, oyster stew, clam chowder, plank broiled catfish, fried catfish, spiced shrimp, hush puppies, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, baked sweet and Irish potatoes, cole slaw, assorted desserts, and beverages. The high-energy entertainment of our own Wayne Greer and GrooveTide Band will be included with this scrumptious offering, followed by raffles and good times with your parishioners, friends, and neighbors.

St. Peter's Oyster Roast has become an institution for our church over the years and has been a valuable funding source for a number of programs. Although weather can have a devastating influence on Oyster Roast profits, the event has virtually sold out each year since 2003 with over 500 in attendance. Unfortunately, the Oyster Roast committee has learned "when the tents go up, our profit goes down." However, with the loyal patronage the Oyster Roast has garnered over the years, the show "must go on" in spite of any weather condition and we are committed to providing the best event in return for everyone's support. Therefore, your help is greatly needed for this and any future Oyster Roast. Listed below is a sampling of the types of help that are always needed and that you can volunteer for:

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| Parking Assistance | Ticket Gate Help | Cooking and Serving |
| Moving Tables and Chairs | Oyster Shoveling | Dessert Making |
| Shopping and Transporting Supplies | | |

Did we say Oyster Shoveling, and Clean Up, Clean Up, and Clean Up!

You can volunteer your time and talents by signing up on the board under the tower. If you have questions or want to participate, you are invited to contact anyone on the committee: Thomas Evelyn, Carrie Evelyn, Kendall Hatley, Bill Lindsey, and Kathy Lindsey.

~ Bill Lindsey, Thomas Evelyn, and the Oyster Roast Committee



Outreach

Matthew's Haven

Back to School Fair

Our sincere appreciation to all who assisted in any way with the 10th Annual Back to School Fair. We assisted 137 children with school supplies and clothing. Many of the parents were so very thankful for the help. Another church in the county also held a Back to School Fair and other organizations assisted families with school supplies, including a local radio station and hospital. It is a great thing to have other organizations reach out to our small community!

I would especially like to say thank you again to the Vacation Bible School participants and their families for donating much needed school supplies. We also received an unexpected contribution from two of our youngest parishioners. Clayton and Trevor Evelyn hosted a lemonade stand during a few sweltering days of the summer and raised an astonishing \$50. That is a lot of lemonade!!

MATTHEW'S
HAVEN



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Christian Education

Church School

Christian Education will be in full swing at St. Peter's in October. If you haven't already joined us, remember, all are welcome!

Church School classes are as follows: Preschool-Kindergarten - Karen Moore; Grades 1-4 - Kim von Hitritz; Grades 5-8 - Bobby Nelms and Brian Gellings; and Grades 9-12 - Steve von Hitritz and Bill Lindsey.

Parents of college students are encouraged to send your child's college address to Sherri Hardiman in the church office so we can communicate with them during the church year.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

Fall Hayride, October 24!

The annual Fall Hayride will be held at Whitehouse on Sunday afternoon, October 24, from 3-5 pm. There will be hayrides, games, and maybe even a touch football game!

Church School classes will be responsible for bringing the food items. Catherine Stanley has volunteered to be in charge of this fun event, and you will be hearing more from her soon. For more information or to volunteer to help Catherine, please give her a call at 517-1847.

~ Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

Children's Choir

Our first Children's Choir rehearsal will be 10:30 am Sunday, October 3, in the Music Room. We hope to continue with the great group of singers we had last year!

We encourage you to invite your friends to join us. Our rehearsals will be October 3 and 17 and November 7 and 21. November 21, Harvest Feast Sunday, we will sing at the 11am service.

~ Carol Nelms and the Children's Choir Staff

From the Parish Register



Blessing of Marriage

Darrell Keith Weber and Carolyn Ann Hall, St. Peter's,
June 26, 2010

Burial Office

Louis Paul Miles, July 24, 2010

Committal

Mary Elizabeth Long Hitchcock, July 9, 2010

Marriages

Ann Thomas Greer and James Herbert Forrest, Jr., St. Peter's,
June 5, 2010

Kimberly Nichole Allmond and William Lucion (Willie)
Evelyn, First Baptist Church, West Point, August 7, 2010

Grace Virginia Lange and David Eugene Kopf, St. Peter's,
September 11, 2010

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Matthew's Haven (Continued from page 3)

Families in Need

Matthew's Haven assisted two families in past months using the parish e-mail notification system. I cannot begin to express our gratitude to those of you who cleaned out closets and pantries and we were able to assist these families with an enormous amount of items. I received a call making me aware of a family that lost everything in a fire in late August. We had several items left from the wonderful donations we received when Matthew's Haven reached out to you for the other families. We were able to assist the family with household items of all kinds. The mom cried when she received the donations. She had no rental insurance. The landlord would not refund the rent she had paid for September. She is getting help from coworkers in finding furniture and other items. She is employed full time and working in New Kent. Her children attend New Kent schools. The last we spoke, she was inquiring about another house. Please let me know if you would like to make a contribution to assist her in any way.

I realize many of you do not actually see the hands-on work of Matthew's Haven. But, it is a tremendous amount, no matter how much or little it may seem. Whether it is used clothing or diapers for a child, a food card, or blankets to keep warm, those we help truly appreciate it. Thank you all again for supporting this program. We are looking for an additional person to assist with the call rotation. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

~ Catherine Pierce

Outreach

Strike it RICH for Education

New Kent Educational Foundation's 5th Annual *Strike it RICH for Education* Bowl-A-Thon is Saturday, November 6, at Hanover Lanes. All proceeds support public education in New Kent through scholarships, instructional grants, library books, promethean boards, and many other initiatives.

Please consider forming a five or six-person team and come out to Hanover Lanes for a great day of bowling action with loads of prizes. You can either visit the website (www.nkeducationalfoundation.org) to get a team packet, or you can contact Carol Nelms by phone at 932-4175 or by e-mail at carolnelms@aol.com.

Come out and have a fun-filled day for a most important cause – EDUCATION in New Kent County!

~ *May O'Leary, New Kent Educational Foundation*



Operation Christmas Child

We will sponsor the Shoe Box Project again this year. The deadline to turn in your gift-filled shoe boxes is Sunday, November 14. Pamphlets can be found in the Parish House foyer.

Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the good news of the Savior with a hurting child. For more information, contact Edna Christian at 932-4622.



From the Parish Register *(Continued from page 4)*

Transfer In

Darrell Keith Weber, from St. John's Episcopal, Hampton, VA

Transfers Out

James Charles Uzel and Jeannine Marie Rose Uzel, to St. Andrew's Episcopal, Richmond, VA

James C. (Jay) Francisco, III, to Providence United Methodist Church, New Kent, VA

Resource and Development Fall Projects

We have several new things going on for our fall kick-off.

Corinne Dorsey has generously knitted a beautiful Irish afghan for us to raffle. The artistry and work is amazing! Each square of the afghan has a unique story behind it and it is a wonderful heirloom keepsake. We have started selling tickets and will continue all the way to November. We will draw the winning ticket on Harvest Feast Sunday. Members of Resource & Development will be selling tickets for \$5 each.

We will also begin taking orders for Christmas wreaths in September. Wreaths will arrive sometime at the end of November. At this time we are not sure of the cost, but will get that information out as soon as we know. Please contact a Resource Committee member for more information.

We have plans for a new t-shirt design and bibs for babies. You will hear more about these later.

Thanks for all of your support!!

~ *Lindy Brammer and Peg Noctor, Co-Chairs*



Adult Choir Fall Practice Schedule

The adult choir will meet from 7 – 8:30 pm in the Parish House for practice on the following dates:

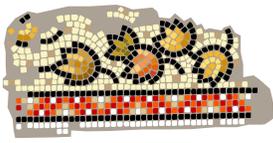
October 6 and 21

November 3 and 17

December – TBA



~ *Hawthorne Davis, Choir Secretary*



October 2010 Rota



Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

Date	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	October 24, 2010	October 31, 2010	November 7, 2010
Service Type	HE II @ 9 & 11	HE II @ 9 & 11	HE II @ 9 & 11	HE II @ 9; MP @ 11	HE II @ 9 & 11
Proprs	Proper 23 20 Pentecost	Proper 24 21 Pentecost	Proper 25 22 Pentecost	Proper 26 23 Pentecost	Proper 27 24 Pentecost All Saints' Sunday
Vestry Greeters	9 Rod Molina 11 Padgette Evelyn	Rod Molina Padgette Evelyn	Rod Molina Padgette Evelyn	Rod Molina Padgette Evelyn	Nancy Goodman Volunteer
Acolytes	9 Miriam Ackley 11 Chris McKinney Austin Pierce Ashley Pierce Annabelle Brame	Kelly Gellings Caroline Evelyn Caroline Nelms Cameron Fazio Zach Quimby	Catherine Peterson Wil Miles Philipp von Hitritz Lilly Tyson Clayton Evelyn	Nancy Goodman Erich von Hitritz Zach Quimby Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson	Jon Gellings Chris McKinney Madie Miles Cameron Fazio Annabelle Brame
Peter's Heralds	11 Clayton Evelyn	Jack Swynford	Grant Stanley	Ella Ezzell	Lydia Danielson
Chalicers	9 Larry Gallaher 11 Lee Tyson	Brett Marshall Margie Harrison	Norm Valor Steve Miles	Adriane Marshall N/A	Norm Valor Bruce Lange
Lectors	9 Larry Gallaher 11 Lee Tyson	Nancy Goodman Chris McKinney	Kathy Lindsey Steve von Hitritz	Adriane Marshall Steve Miles	Brett Marshall Stuart Burnett
Intercessors	9 Norm Valor 11 Jane Bahr	Joyce Peterson Barb McKinney	Patty Peterson Cindy Greer	Lisa Guthrie N/A	Kathy Lindsey Stuart Burnett
Sidesmen	9 Jon Ackley 11 Craig Pierce Chuck Evelyn	Brian Gellings Tom Evelyn Neil Quimby	Rod Molina Susan Cheyne Lee Tyson	Tony Lewis Linwood Gregory Doug Begeal	Bill Lindsey Lee Brammer John Reus
Oblationers	9 Nancy Goodman Kendall Hatley 11 Cindy & Marvin Smith	Lisa Guthrie Patty Peterson Denise & Jeff Fazio	Joyce & Steve Peterson May & Ray O'Leary	Janet & Larry Gallaher N/A	Joyce & Rod Molina Barb McKinney Sally Smith
Nursery	11 Kim von Hitritz	Kristin & David Swynford	Adriane Marshall	Becky Woodall Caroline Nelms Madie Miles	Karen Moore
Altar Guild Group	III, Cyndi Burnett	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	VI, Barb McKinney	I, Edna Christian
Hangings	Green	Green	Green	Green	White
Garden Guild Group	4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Cathy Bersik	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn
Altar Flowers	Jon & Miriam Ackley				
Coffee	Barb McKinney				

Wardens' Corner (Continued from page 2)

Even the weakness that is inherent in living in a community of faith can become a strength if we make it so. Whatever community of faith you may be involved in, make it your goal to grow when others fail. Let me encourage you. Tend to the fire of your spirit. It is the first step to a wonderful life.

~ Bill Lindsey, Junior Warden

THE KEYS is now available for viewing in color on the home page at www.stpetersnewkent.org. It is a quick way to check church events and the Rota.

October Anniversaries

- 1 Ray & May O'Leary
- 2 Robert & Victoria Doucet
- 6 Leo & Julie Vaisvil
- 10 Jon & Miriam Ackley
- 15 David White & Lori Lindsey-White
- 27 Wayne & Cindy Greer



October Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Smith
- 2 Chap Harrison
- 4 Dorrine Douglass
- 4 Hawthorne Davis
- 4 Victoria Brame
- 6 Madeleine Ashford
- 6 Kevin Buckner
- 9 George Gregory, Jr.
- 10 Susan Cheyne
- 11 David Swynford
- 12 Paul Rowles
- 13 Virginia Moore Morrow
- 15 Robert Hatley
- 15 Kim McLean
- 16 Doug Meyer
- 18 Bradley Moore
- 18 Sam Guinn
- 19 Cloyde Wiley
- 21 Catherine Peterson
- 21 Sam Mula
- 22 Kathy Lindsey
- 27 Sarah Lindsey
- 28 Brian Honeycutt
- 28 Stacey Wood
- 29 Thomas Evelyn
- 31 Renee' Philbates Ashford



We Ask Your Prayers For:

Those in our parish family who are sick: Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sarah Lindsey, Jim Douglass, Ken Rubert, and Helen Smith.

. . . and all others known and unknown.

Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce;
 Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;
 Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;
 Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey;
 Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;
 Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of Scott Goodman;
 Jimmy Jones, friend of Kendall Hatley;
 Nancy Smith, friend of Jean and Major Mansfield's daughter;
 Liz Jones DeVoll, daughter of Bishop Jones;
 Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;
 Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews;
 Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles;
 Alden Sewall, Jr., uncle of Ann Bradshaw;
 Louise Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith;
 Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;
 Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and Jessica Evelyn;
 Vadim Simakov, husband of Lindsey McLean Simakov;
 Virginia Bolton, friend of Major and Jean Mansfield;
 Cara Weyman, step-daughter of Rick and Claiborne Richardson.

***Give them courage and hope
 in their troubles and bring them
 the joy of your salvation.***

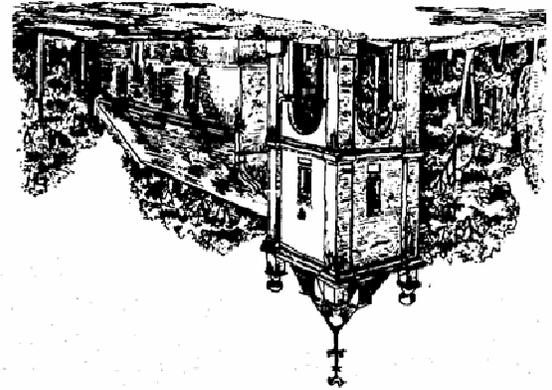


Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

Justin Gallaher,
 Christopher Quarles,
 Christopher Minter,
 Edward Allen,
 Julio Gonzalez, Jr.,
 Sam Guinn,
 Carsen Tyson,
 Phillip Harrell,
 T. J. Lowe,
 Randy Fuhrman,
 Charles Bowery,
 and Christopher Kopf

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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

October 2010

- 3 Two Service Schedule Resumes
Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm
- 15 Submissions to November THE KEYS Due
- 18 Vestry, 7 pm
- 23 Oyster Roast, Fish Feast & Shrimp Bonanza
- 24 Fall Hayride at Whitehouse Landing, 3 pm

November 2010

- 7 All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 12 Submissions to December/January
THE KEYS Due
- 15 Vestry, 7 pm
- 21 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am,
Followed by Meal for All
Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 24 Community Thanksgiving Service
- 25 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am
- 25-26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Advent I

December 2010

- 5 Christmas Craft Day
- 12 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 19 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 19 Children's Pageant, 10 am
- 20 Vestry, 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE I at 10 am, Office Closed
- 26 No Christian Education

Lesson & Carols TBA



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