

# St. Peter's Parish Church

## The Keys

## October - November 2013

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### From the Rector's Desk

On August 22 this year our Bishop had a piece published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, entitled "An Episcopal response to gun violence." You can look it up on their website if you want to read it, but I suggest you not do that and you'll understand why if you keep reading. My original intention was to write this column about how guns weren't the problem, and truth be told, I would say that they aren't. The problem is in the hearts and minds of human beings. That's what the Church should be concerned with, not whatever they hold in their hand, be it guns, knives, or pressure cookers. To use language from the homily of September 8, it's not the Church's business; changing hearts and minds is. How do we do that? Bishop Ann Sherer, the retired United Methodist Bishop of Missouri, liked to ask churches what business they were in. It's a really good question. Many times churches get so busy we forget our business. As our own Bishop Frank Gray used to say, "We forget to keep the main thing the main thing."

The church, Bishop Sherer said, has three primary businesses. The first is to invite persons to be followers of Christ. The second is to form people into disciples of Christ. And the third is to send people into the world in the name of Christ to transform the world. So our first business is to invite people to be followers of Jesus Christ. This may be the one we resist the most. Most of us have probably had a bad experience with some obnoxious evangelist, usually the "televangelist" version, or we have some bad experience with evangelism, and now we resist the whole idea of evangelism. The joke is that when you cross a Jehovah's Witness with an Episcopalian, you get someone who will knock on your door and then doesn't know what to say. But somewhere, somehow, someplace, someday, someone invited you to come and follow Jesus Christ.

We make that invitation in a number of ways. We have a listing in the yellow pages, for one thing, and an ad in the local newspaper. We have an excellent website thanks to Rod Molina, and an every week e-mail called the "E-Pistle," thanks to Joyce Molina. We have visitors who tell us they found us from the ad in the paper or from our website or through a Google search. Each month we get a list of people who have moved into the county, and Pete Carlson sends them a letter welcoming them to New Kent and inviting them to St. Peter's. That's not really enough because most of us did not become a part of the church just because we read about it in the yellow pages or the newspaper or got a postcard or read about a church online. Most of us became a part of the body of Christ because someone else invited us.

Our second business to form disciples of Christ. Discipleship implies a deeper level of commitment. It is our job to offer people opportunities to let God get his hands on them, to form them like clay shaped on the potter's wheel, in Jeremiah's memorable image. We do this in a variety of ways. We do it week by week in worship and prayer, in service and study. But you have to be willing to put yourself on the potter's wheel and let yourself be shaped.

The third business of the church is to send those disciples of Christ out into the world to transform it. It's not enough just to call people in, to invite people, to say come here and get your life shaped, get to know Christ better, get a little deeper in your prayer life and spirituality, and then not send them back into the world. The business of the church is to send people into the world to be examples – disciples – and ambassadors of Christ.

That's the way we change our communities, our country, and the world.

Faithfully,

*Paul †*



## Wardens' Corner

Summer has come to an end and the children are back in school! Quietly, behind the scenes, our Christian Education teachers have been preparing for another year. We are blessed to have Steve von Hitritz, an experienced teacher, who has taken on a new role this year with the adult class. Our Adult Christian Education has gone through several phases over the last few years and I am confident Steve will provide an experience which will promote the spiritual growth of our adults. Please feel free to join the class at any time. We are never too old to learn!

Our children, and their parents, are blessed to welcome back Carol Nelms as the leader of our Church School. Carol and her devotion to the children of this parish is undeniable. Thank you to Carol, Steve, and all of our other teachers who are taking on important roles within our parish.

Our prayers and support are with all of them as we enter the Christian Education year. After a year of absence, our Oyster Roast is being taken back to its roots. In recent years, the ticket sales peaked at 600 plus, and included several corporate sponsors. This year's sales are limited to 250, with a focus on fellowship. The original goal of this event was focused on just that, and as always, it will be a great time!

For those of you who do not already know, St. Peter's has a new addition to the church staff. Terry Porter has come on board to work eight hours a week on maintenance issues. The needs for upkeep on our buildings are endless and his knowledge in all areas has already been demonstrated. As a former Buildings and Grounds Vestry representative, I am well aware of the constant needs of our buildings. Our investment in maintenance now will certainly prove to be a savings in the long run.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

~ Psalm 133

Faithfully yours,

*Tony Wood*  
Senior Warden

## St. Peter's Vestry Nominations

### OPEN

November 24, 2013

Now is the time to be thinking and praying about who you would like to nominate for the Vestry Class of 2017.

Nomination forms will be available November 17 and may be submitted to the Senior Warden or to the church office. Be sure and get the person's permission before nominating them! Nominations will CLOSE December 8.

As a reminder, each Vestry nominee must be a member of St. Peter's Parish Church, a confirmed adult communicant (age 16+) in good standing, and "known to the Treasurer."



### St. Peter's Parish Church

The Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*  
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*  
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Tony Wood (932-9516)

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Mark Whidden (203-526-0360)

#### *Class of 2016*

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Kristin Swynford (557-3533)  
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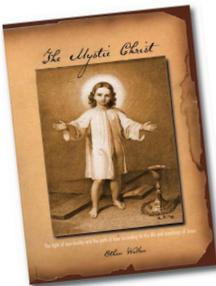
# Christian Education

## Adult Forum

Fr. Paul has asked me to lead Adult Christian Education this year. First order of business, change the name of this thing to "Adult Forum." Since I am not an ordained priest or a trained educator, I can't pretend to educate nor can I profess making anyone a better "Christian," whatever that means in the year 2013. As you may already know, I have been leading the high school class with Bill Lindsey for about ten years. This year Bill will co-teach with Kim von Hitritz and the middle school and high school classes will be combined. So that frees me up.

I am a 2009 graduate of the Education for Ministry Program (EfM), a concentrated four-year course of study sponsored by the University of the South: School of Theology in Sewanee. I attended classes at Westover Parish Church in Charles City County from 2005 to 2009, one night a week during the school year. I had the pleasure of being in the class with three other St. Peter's parishioners: Norm Valor, Brett Marshall, and Bobby Nelms. The curriculum is: 1) Years One and Two - Old Testament, 2) Year Three - New Testament, and 3) Year Four - Church History and Philosophy. Because of EfM, Fr. Paul has asked the four of us to lead Morning Prayer from time to time. So what are we going to be doing in Adult Forum?

My focus with the high school students and my focus for the Adult Forum will NOT be to go over well-trodden ground. We will be looking at *mysticism* and *spirituality*. Our primary text will be *THE MYSTIC CHRIST* by Ethan Walker. As Walker says, "We will be peeling the onion off of two millennia of self imposed rules, regulations, and traditions to get at the very core of faith." He further explains:



THE MYSTIC CHRIST reveals the life and teachings of Jesus to be an ancient tale of mystic union, salvation, and enlightenment. It is the careful uncovering of a lost treasure of immeasurable value, long buried in the suffocating darkness of conventional orthodoxy on one side, and blind fundamentalist extremism on the other. From the viewpoint of the world's mystical religious traditions, the brilliant light of Jesus' way is revealed as a penetrating radical non-duality unifying all people and all of life. The Master's path to this all-embracing unity is the spiritual practice of pure selfless love. Love God intensely, love our neighbor as our own self, bless those that curse us, and pray for those that mistreat us. Love has been lost, becoming nothing more than a word in the dictionary and, yet, it remains the foundation of Jesus' message.

I realize that this seems a bit far afield from mainline Episcopal teaching, but I firmly believe that once we peel away the layers of dogma that have been institutionalized since the death of our prophet, Jesus, we can begin to see the commonality of faith we share will ALL religions, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and others. So join me on this journey. If you don't find it appealing, I won't feel bad if you choose not to attend. Because I just cannot lead the forum for a solid teaching year, my plan is to lead the class from September 29 through November 24 (no class November 17), then we will be off until January 5. Then we will go to March 5, break for Lent and Easter, start up again on May 4, and finish our year on May 18.

During our journey in spirituality, there are many, many other topics we can talk about this year or next year, including:

- How was our Bible constructed in the third century?
- What impact did the Council of Nicaea in the fourth century have on how we worship today?
- We will look at several other known Gospels that "did not make the cut," including the Gospel of Thomas. This book has been taught at some Episcopal churches.
- We will look at priests and philosophers of spirituality.
- We may view the movie, *The Gospel of John*, an exact reading of this Gospel.
- The Jesus Seminars. A group of theologians and biblical scholars attempt to produce an accurate Jesus Gospel after analyzing the four Canonical Gospels and the Gospel of Thomas.
- Meditation. Jesus demanded that we love God with our whole heart, body and soul. In our lives it is very hard to hear God. Meditation is a method to hear what God has to say to us.
- Other faiths. As we work our way through spirituality, it is important to understand other faiths and in particular the universal core of all faiths.....LOVE.

If the weather is nice, we may meet in the meditation garden. If we do, I will post a note on the door of the Mullins Room.

So join me on Sundays at 10 am in the Mullins Room and let us see where this journey takes us.

~ Steve von Hitritz

## Christian Education *continued*

### Church School News

Church School begins Sunday, September 29! This year there will be a few changes to the organization of classes. All are welcome to join us each Sunday at 10 am as we discover God's word! There are a few options to choose from for Church School. Where do you fit?

The classes are divided as follows: Karen Moore will lead preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade; the Swynfords and the Evelyns will lead grades 2 through 5; and Bill Lindsey and Kim von Hitritz will lead middle through high school grades

Looking ahead to December, mark your calendars for December 22 and join us for the annual Christmas Pageant!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

### Children's Choir

All voices should be rested and ready to sing again! Children's Choir will begin Sunday, October 13. Our first opportunity to sing will be at the Christmas Pageant!

We hope to know our Christmas song well before pageant practice begins. The schedule will be on Sundays at 10:30 am on the following dates:

October 13 and 27  
November 10 and 24



~ Hawthorne Davis, Jennifer Ezzell,  
Joyce Molina, and Carol Nelms

## Outreach

### Thank You ~ Memorial Golf Tournament Lunch and Dinner

Lunch and dinner for the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament was so successful because of the help of many volunteers from St. Peter's Parish and the community. I could not do it without you and I thank you for your help in serving lunch and dinner and for making desserts. Thank you to Miriam and Jon Ackley for putting the lunch sandwiches together and to Craig Pierce and CRH Catering for the chips and cookies. I especially thank Charles Evelyn for the fabulous BBQ and Padgett Evelyn for the wonderful side dishes at dinner.

Thank you to the following people for helping to serve and for making desserts: Kim McLean, Denise Fazio, Kim von Hitritz, Peg Noctor, Kendall Hatley, Edna Christian, Catherine Stanley, Miriam Ackley, Ann Bradshaw, Vanesa Livingstone, Kathy Lindsey, Jennifer Johnson, May O'Leary, Emily Clay Evelyn, and Evelyn Waring.

If I have forgotten a name, I apologize and please know that your efforts are appreciated.

~ Nancy Goodman, Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament Committee

### Operation Christmas Child

St. Peter's is sponsoring the Shoe Box Project again this year. As you know, every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the good news of the Savior with a hurting child. This is a very meaningful project for everyone!



We have purchased printed boxes so all you have to do is pick up one, along with the label. They can be found in the Parish House foyer. Fill the provided box, place the label on it, and return it by November 17. It's so easy and the best part is—no wrapping is required!

For more detailed information, please contact Edna Christian at 932-4622 or Carol Nelms at 932-4175.

~ Edna Christian

## *Outreach* continued



### **Matthew's Haven, Inc.**

We experienced another successful Back to School Fair on August 16, serving 269 children with school supplies and clothes. Thanks to all the support from donors and volunteers to help make this event successful.

Matthew's Haven participated in the St. Peter's Ministry Fair on September 8. Overall, the event was successful and Matthew's Haven certainly proffered from it by sharing this ministry with several parishioners who expressed interest in knowing more about what we do. Thank you to the Vestry and to Karen Lange for hosting this event.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel our Steaks & Steeds event. However, we hope to host the event again in the future.



Matthew's Haven will be given a beautiful queen size handmade quilt to raffle. The quilt is currently "under construction" and should be completed by the new year. We plan to sell tickets and one lucky ticket holder will have the chance to win this quilt! Ticket sales will begin after the first of the year. More information will follow at a later date.

We will begin hosting our first Matthew's Haven Coat Drive for children. Matthew's Haven will collect coats through New Kent County Schools from September 23 to October 31. For anyone who would like to donate a child's coat, please bring it to St. Peter's and place in the Matthew's Haven room. The collection of coats will also be done through George Watkins Elementary, New Kent Elementary, and New Kent Middle Schools. Individuals needing coats for their children will be able to receive a coat during the distribution date, November 8, from 9-11 am. This event will be held in Richardson Hall. If you would like to volunteer your time for Matthew's Haven Coat Drive or if you would like to help wash/clean coats that have been donated, just let one of the Matthew's Haven volunteers know.

#### **Upcoming Matthew's Haven Events:**

September 23-October 31 – Matthew's Haven Coat Drive through New Kent Schools

November 8 – Distribution of coats to local children in need

November 17- Matthew's Haven *Give a Child a Christmas*, names will be posted for sponsorship

December 15- Gifts for *Give a Child a Christmas* will be due and volunteers will be organizing gifts for distribution

December 17 – Distribution of gifts to families

~ *Catherine Pierce*

### **“Strike it Rich for Education” Bowl-A-Thon**



The New Kent Educational Foundation announces its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Strike it Rich for Education” Bowl-A-Thon to be held Saturday, November 2, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsville. Enjoy a day of fun, laughter, bowling, prizes, and raising money for a very important cause. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Please call May O'Leary at 932-3354 or Carol Nelms at 932-4175 for more information.

~ *May O'Leary and Carol Nelms*

# Outreach *continued*

## Youth Mission Trip Recap

This year's Youth Mission Trip was to Cherokee Nation, North Carolina. It turned out to be the largest trip ever for St. Peter's! Missioners included seventeen youth and four adult chaperones! The youth participants were: Zoe Porter, Catherine Peterson, Madie Miles, Torun Carlson, Kelly Gellings, Mariya Whiteside, Destiny Lumpkin, Eric Lumpkin, Zach Stephan, Joey Clark, Becky Bradford, Harley Gostel, Caroline Nelms, Laura Stephan, Cameron Fazio, and Austin Pierce. The trip's chaperones were: Jeff Fazio, Preston "Mr. Incredible" Martin, and Chrissy Wagner.



On site, the youth and chaperones split into two groups. The larger group spent the week painting and doing minor home repairs. The smaller group built a deck onto a home. Throughout the week, the youth learned about the Cherokee culture and spent time interacting with members of the Cherokee Nation. This included visiting a replica of a Cherokee Village, hearing a Cherokee story teller, and interacting with homeowners and other members of the community.

The mission staff of TEAMeffort offered amazing support. Rhett Kubasiak and Trot Williams even worked with us on site, assisting the St. Peter's missioners on our group projects.

It was a wonderful trip and we appreciate everyone's support and prayers, as well as the cookies from May O'Leary! We spent the week working hard, had a good time white water rafting on our free day, and really bonded as a group. The youth came back fired up, excited, and ready to go again next year!

Be on the lookout for information about next year's trip We hope to have a meeting about the 2014 trip by the end of the year!

*~ Adriane Marshall, YMT Coordinator*



# Worship



**Adult Choir News**

Our esteemed Organist and Choirmaster Sam Bruce has published the hymn schedule and the choir practice schedule through December. He has some exciting music in store!

We choristers would love to see some new members. Give us a try! Come to a couple of practices and see if you enjoy the experience. *You do not need to be able to read music.* It helps, but it IS NOT REQUIRED!!! All you need to have is a willingness to sing and learn. Whatever section you sing with, rest assured that a more experienced member of the choir will help you. ALL vocal sections are needed in the choir.

Our next practice is Tuesday, October 8, at 7 pm in the Parish House music room. Soprano, alto, tenor, bass--it does not matter--just show up and get set to enjoy and to learn. Additional practices will then be every two weeks until Christmas. We hope to see you there!

*~St. Peter's Adult Choir*

**Sunday, October 20, 2013  
10:30 am in the Church**

Please schedule this time for additional training and orientation for new Acolytes. We welcome all who are interested!

If you would like to join this group, or just curious and have questions, please phone Steve Miles at 804-690-3002.

Thank you to all who serve in this very important role for St. Peter's.

*~ Steve Miles*



## Rota Volunteers Are Always Welcome

Would you or someone in your family like to assist in some way during our worship services? There are many opportunities to serve, from the adult roles of Lectors, Intercessors, Chalicers, Oblationers, and Sidesmen, to mostly youth roles of Peter's Heralds and Acolytes.

If you have interest in assisting with services, but not sure of which role(s), just give Fr. Paul or me a call at the church office (932-4846). We will review your interests and see that your name is passed along to the appropriate person for you to become an active participant in worship services.

EVERYONE is welcome to participate in our worship services. If you've been thinking about this, whether you are new to the church or not, but have not acted on it, now's the time to do so. You will be glad that you did!

*~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator*



everyone is welcome  
all voices are needed  
no experience  
is necessary  
to sing!  
**JOIN THE CHOIR TODAY!**

## Parish Life

### Annual Parish Picnic Appreciation

Many thanks to Anna and Boogie Davis and their families for hosting our annual St. Peter's Parish Picnic, held August 4 at their beautiful Pamunkey River home.

More than 125 people attended the service of Holy Eucharist which was followed by a lunch and afternoon of fun fellowship.

Our youth group spoke about their Mission Trip to Cherokee, North Carolina and our Vacation Bible School participants sang and spoke about their time at this year's VBS, "Kingdom Rock."

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for their efforts in this year's picnic and many thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share and assisted with the clean-up.

We look forward to another wonderful picnic next year!

~ *Kristin Swynford, Parish Life Vestry Representative*

### Harvest Feast ~ November 10

**Please note that the date of the Harvest Feast has been changed to the second Sunday in November, November 10th!** It will *NOT* be the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The annual Harvest Feast will be held in Richardson Hall on November 10 following the single service at 11 am. As in the past, turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring two side dishes OR a side dish and a dessert.

Please join us for lunch and this wonderful fellowship opportunity to celebrate the harvest and Thanksgiving on Harvest Feast Sunday.

~ *Kristin Swynford, Parish Life Vestry Representative*



### Pastoral Care Request for Erich von Hitritz

Erich von Hitritz, son of our own Steve and Kim von Hitritz and brother to Phil, is now in Afghanistan and will be there at least until May 2014. He would love cards and letters from home, including care packages! His address is listed below:

PFC von Hitritz, Erich  
HHD 2-2CR  
FOB Frontenac  
APO, AE 09355



### St. Peter's Tour Guides Needed

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you proud of the history of St. Peter's and willing to share it with others? If so, I have the perfect opportunity for YOU! There is an on-going need for tour guides at St. Peter's and with the busy fall tourist season, we could use some additional volunteers!

As noted on St. Peter's website, church tours are available, but they must be scheduled in advance by calling the church office. That gives me an opportunity to check with the availability of our tour guides. Tour groups vary in size, with some as small as couple or a family of four to large organized groups who plan a tour for a monthly outing.

Training material and suggestions will be provided to anyone interested in this endeavor. If interested, please give me a call at the church office (932-4846). I look forward to hearing from you!

~ *Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator*

**From the Parish Register**



**Baptisms on September 15, 2013**

Emma Morgan Harris, infant daughter of Matthew and Tabitha Harris  
Kelsey Grace Slate  
Carol Ann Smith

**Burial Office**

Douglas Paul Begeal, Sr., August 23, 2013  
Norman Harlev Valor, September 21, 2013

**Confirmed by Bishop Shannon S. Johnston, September 15, 2013**

Robert Michael (Bobby) Best  
Gunnar Purington Carlson  
Miranda Elizabeth Decker  
John Michael Holland  
Joseph Maximus Holland  
Catherine McQuate Peterson  
Alexander Foster Stanley  
Kelsey Grace Slate  
Carol Ann Smith

**Marriages**

Aimee Michelle Powell and Benjamin Ayres Evelyn, August 31, 2013

**Received by Bishop Shannon S. Johnston, September 15, 2013**

Erica Lynn Holland  
John Mark Holland  
Weston Adam Slate

**Transfers Out**

Barbara Loe Graham and Maurice Julian Graham, to Christ Episcopal Church, Covnington, LA



Remembering Those Serving Our Country  
~ Near and Far ~



Chris Atkins  
Edward Allen  
Charles Bowery  
Zachary Crawford  
David Douglas  
Justin Gallaher  
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.  
Joseph Gruber  
Michael Hogge  
John Mark Holland  
Christopher Kopf  
Chase Leftwich  
T. J. Lowe  
Ashton McEacharn  
Matthew McNeil  
Christopher Quarles  
Tristan Trivette  
Carson Tyson  
Erich von Hitritz  
Andrew Walker  
Brent Wolfe, II



*November 3, 2013*



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

***We Ask Your Prayers For  
Those in our parish family  
who are sick:***

Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sue Caldwell,  
Will Townsend, and Barb McKinney  
***...and all others known and un-  
known.***

Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;  
Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;  
Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;  
Willie Callis, father of Mava Miles;  
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;  
Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick & Jessica  
Evelyn;  
Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;  
Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and  
Adriane Marshall;  
Dante Plange, friend of Major Mansfield;  
Mary Wilcox, friend of Miriam Ackley;  
Patty Kothe, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Art Wiese, friend of Bill O'Keefe;  
Jackie Lafoon, friend of Kim McLean;  
Joanne Hackworth, cousin of Cynthia Rowles;  
Paula Tiller, mother of Stacey Wood;  
Jim King, friend of the Evelyn family;  
Pat Groves, grandmother of Randy Douglas;  
Shirley Stone, grandmother of Millie Douglas;  
Susan Snowden, aunt of Amy Patterson;  
Sam Mattison, friend of Nancy Goodman;  
Billy Douglas, friend of Emily Clay and Tom  
Evelyn;  
David Kunz, nephew of Amy Patterson;  
Melissa Powell, daughter of Marianne Powell;  
Randy Mikesell, brother-in-law of Susan  
Cheyne;  
Ray Jackson, cousin of Corinne Dorsey;  
Minnie Brammer, mother of Lee Brammer;  
Ibby Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith;  
Lyn Tubbs, sister of Miriam Ackley.

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



## Birthdays

- OCTOBER
- 1 Cindy Smith
  - 1 Zoe Porter
  - 2 Chap Harrison
  - 4 Dorinne Douglass
  - 4 Hawthorne Davis
  - 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 Casey Lawton
  - 19 Cloyde Wiley
  - 20 Dan Finch, Jr.
  - 21 Catherine Peterson
  - 21 Sam Mula
  - 22 Kathy Lindsey
  - 28 Stacey Wood
  - 29 Thomas Evelyn
  - 31 Renee' Philbates Ashford
  - 31 Lillian Finch





## Anniversary Blessings

October

- 1 Ray & May O'Leary
- 2 Robert & Victoria Doucet
- 10 Jon & Miriam Ackley
- 14 Jimmy & Edna Christian
- 18 David White & Lori Lindsey-White
- 20 Randy & Millie Douglas
- 22 Charlie & Sarah Detruit
- 27 Wayne & Cindy Greer
- 27 Win & Emily Anne Wallace

November

- 1 Lee Tyson & Susan Cheyne
- 2 Mark & Libby Whidden
- 10 David & Kristin Swynford
- 29 Chuck & Padgette Evelyn



## Birthdays

- 1 Anna Davis
- 1 Bill Lindsey
- 1 Bobby Nelms
- 1 Carolie Kay
- 4 May O'Leary
- 4 Jackson Banks Holloway
- 4 Tony Wood
- 4 John Michael Holland
- 4 Ford Sullivan King
- 5 Jayne Thomas
- 5 Keith Wagner
- 6 Cathy Bersik
- 6 Loretta Davis
- 7 Taylor Moore
- 7 Katherine Sitterson Allen
- 8 Cameron Fazio
- 8 Bill O'Keefe
- 10 Bruce Lange
- 10 Carol Ann Smith
- 11 Kristen Brammer
- 11 Christian Harper
- 12 Meaghan King
- 14 Abbitt Woodall
- 14 Barb McKinney
- 18 George Pinelli
- 20 Lisa McCartney
- 21 Phoebe Wallace
- 23 Maren Lawton
- 24 Hunter Hatley
- 25 Grant Stanley
- 26 Winter Rae
- 26 Jacob Wood
- 28 Kate Bradford
- 29 Sandra Gellings
- 29 Christina (Chrissy) Wagner



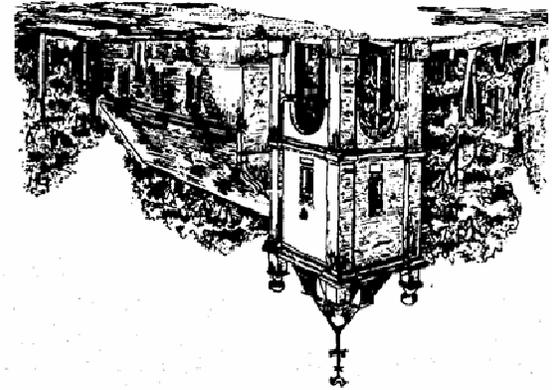
*Happy Birthday to You!*

*Happy Anniversary to You!*



# The Keys

Parish Founded 1679  
Church Erected 1701



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH  
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
8400 St. Peter's Lane  
New Kent, Virginia 23124-9633

## Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

### October 2013

- 4 Burnett/Lambert Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 5 Burnett/Lambert Wedding, 4:30 pm
- 6 Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm
- 12 Oyster Roast, 4-6 pm
- 20 Acolyte Training, 10:30 am in the Church
- 21 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 26 Church Tour, 12 noon

### November 2013

- 1 Wallace/Ayers Rehearsal, 4 pm
- 2 Wallace/Ayers Wedding, 4:30 pm
- 2 Bowl-a-Thon, 2-4:30 pm at Hanover Lanes
- 3 All Saints Sunday
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Last Day for Submissions to December/January  
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- 8 Matthew's Haven Coat Distribution, 9-11 am
- 10 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am  
Followed by Meal for All
- 17 Deadline for *Operation Christmas Child* Shoeboxes
- 18 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 24 Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 24 Community Thanksgiving Svc., 7 pm at Corinth Baptist
- 28 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am
- 28-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 2013

- 1 Christmas Craft Day
- 1 Advent I
- 8 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 9 Poinsettia Sign-up Deadline
- 15 *Give a Child a Christmas* Gifts are Due
- 15 Advent Lessons & Carols, 11 am  
Followed by Reception
- 15 Gifts Due for *Give a Child a Christmas*
- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 21 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 22 Children's Pageant, 10 am  
No Christian Education
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE II at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE II at 10 am



The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

*Psalms 85:12*