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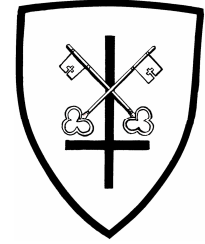
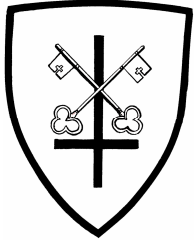
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# OCTOBER PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

**October is Usher Team 1:** Peter J., Ron H., Joanne M., Valerie M., John M., Jim S., Lloyd S., Peter W.,  
Leslie W., George W.

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Corey K.	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
<b>9:00</b>	Meredith R., Emily L., Megan Z.	Elsie G., Neil G., Michael F.  Claire C., Sarah C., Angel H.	Corey K., Emily L., Megan Z.	Alison B., Sarah L., Kirsten K.
<b>11:00</b>	Alex G., Micaela G., Erin G.		Neil G., Elsie G., Alison B.	Grace R., Caroline M., Mere- dith R.
<b><u>Chalicians</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Bill M.	Ed W.	Tootie K.	Mike L.
<b>9:00</b>	Sue B. Sharon S.	Kathi A. Thad K.	Sue B. Sharon S.	Sue B. Georgeanne J.
<b>11:00</b>	Andy O. Paul S.	Larry S. Bob W.	Keith A. Alan B.	Judith L. Andy O.
<b><u>Lay Readers</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Bob W. Sharon S.	Lee M. Erika S.	Suzanne B. Tom B.	Bill M. Sally H.
<b>9:00</b>	Emily L. DeAnne Z.	Paddy L. Elsie G.	Megan Z. Thad K.	Steve C. Sarah L.
<b>11:00</b>	Kathi A. Don C.	Allen B. Rich D.	Bob M. Jim L.	Gail H. Larry S.
<b><u>Altar Guild Weekly Team</u></b>	Katie E. Legare H. Fernanda F.	Jessie N. Catharine G. Nene H.	Suzanne B. Linda G. Sharon J.	Nan W. Pat M. Fran D.
<b><u>Lay Readers</u></b>				
<b>9:00</b>	Joe D.	Catharine G.	Peter & Karen M.	Matt S. & Francine R.
<b>11:00</b>	Taffy G.	John M.	Ward & Debbie L.	Richard & Leslie W.

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## THE KEY

OCTOBER 2009

*"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."*

### FROM THE RECTOR

#### THANKSGIVING FOR THE ABUNDANCE OF CREATION

A few years ago Meta and I drove to Maine for a week-long vacation in late October. We went to see the fall foliage and to relax and retreat from the demands of everyday life. As we drove across the border, we were greeted by a sign that read: "Maine: The Way Life Should Be." I'm not sure how true this sounds to anyone who lives and works in Maine year round, but for us weary travelers, it was music to our ears.

We spent a few days of our vacation in a small cabin on Mount Desert Island, five minutes from the entrance to Acadia National Park. The drive through the park and to the summit of Cadillac Mountain is always splendid. On a clear day one can see mountain lakes, small islands in the Atlantic Ocean, and foliage in every shade of red, orange, yellow, and green.

As we drove through the park, stopping periodically to get out of our car, we spotted the rich cranberry colors of blueberry plants long after they have surrendered their large juicy berries. We also admired the lichen in every shade of green, gray, and orange that grew on the mountain rocks. On every side, we were surrounded by the

abundance and bounty of nature.

Where nature is full of bounty, the world that we humans have constructed, and in which we now live, is ordered by economies of production and consumption in which scarcity is a defining principle. The price of an object, as we well know, is based in part on the degree of its availability. The more rare or scarce an object is, and the more others desire it, the more it will cost. Shaped by these economic forces from the moment we become aware of the world around us, our attitudes towards our money and possessions are formed by seeing the world in terms of the scarcity of things. This attitude is what philosophers call a "pre-understanding," that is, an attitude or worldview that precedes everything we encounter. It is just "the way that it is" for us. In human societies, however, it is important to remember that things do not always have to be the way that they are; they could be otherwise.

The stories of the Bible, written long ago, offer us a glimpse of a world very different from our own. In the Old Testament, the prophets see it as their duty to remind the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, both ruled by monarchies, that life could

### DATES TO NOTE:

- 1 - SOME
- 1,8,15,22,29 - Thursday Ears
- 2,9,16,23,30 - Women's Bible Study
- 3 - Godly Play Training
- 3,10,17,24,31 - Icon Writing
- 4 - Blessing of the Animals
- 4 - St. Peter's Concert
- 6 - 1st Tuesday Meetings
- 7,14,21,28 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 7,14,21,28 - Adult Choir Practice
- 8 - Trivium Bare Bible Study
- 9,30 - Meals on Wheels
- 11 - Young Adults' Brunch
- 12 - Office Closed
- 12 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 12,26 - Prayer Group
- 13 - 2nd Tuesday Meetings
- 14,28 - Godzilla
- 20 - Third Tuesday Lunch
- 20 - Vestry Meeting
- 22 - Trivium After Work
- 24 - Fall Fair
- 30,31 - Youth Outing & Lock-In

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be different—that under God’s rule or reign the world could be ordered differently from the way human rulers order the world. If we read the Bible carefully, we may find that our attitudes to the world in which we now live may not be as fixed as we might at first have thought.

In the midst of a severe drought, the prophet Elijah visited a poor widow who lived with her only son in Zarephath. He asked her for water and a morsel of bread. She replied: “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die” [I Kings 17: 12]. Elijah told her not to be afraid. He directed her to make a small cake for the three of them and promised the woman that if she did so, her jar of meal and jug of oil would not fail until the drought had ended.

“Elijah,” Walter Brueggemann observes, “enacts a world of guaranteed abundance for the widow, in defiance of more conventional arrangements of scarcity.” This encounter “is not a ‘do-good’ act of charity,” but rather “a revolutionary act that rejects the myth of scarcity fostered by the privileged, a myth accepted by the widow who has no available alternative. The prophet is able to enact this ‘wonder’ of meal and oil, because” in God’s creation “there is *more than enough*.” This story, then, affirms the “generosity of the Creator who has given enough gifts for all” while at the same time criticizing the monarchical government and economy under which the poor woman lives, which has organized the abundance of creation by means of a “practice of scarcity.”

Our contemporary world, like that of the ancient royal world of Elijah’s day, Brueggemann concludes, subscribes to a “myth of scarcity.” This scarcity, however, is not the way it has to be; it is an imposed power arrangement whereby some have too much so that, consequently, some have too little.

Most of us are far richer than we ever imagine because scarcity thinking shapes our perspective on life. In the stewardship of our own resources, including our treasures, time, and talents to God, we more often live according to a “pre-understanding” of scarcity than to a celebration of the overwhelming abundance of God’s creation. The Bible continually reminds us that God’s world is not governed by scarcity but by overwhelming abundance. Jesus promises us that He has come that we “may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

Signs of “the way life should be”—or could be—surround us all the time, but you may not see them if you look at the world around you only in terms of scarcity. How would life be different for you if you began to think in terms of abundance?

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN —

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It is annual pledge campaign time at St. Peter's. I know from personal experience that it is entirely possible, if your curiosity about financial matters is limited, to attend church for most of your life, attend St. Peter's for over 10 years, join the Vestry, and still have only the haziest of ideas about how the money-related aspects of the church work. A grasp of the wider concept of stewardship is easy enough to come by, but the more strictly financial details of church-going aren't discussed all that often. Perhaps this is a result of the toe-curling embarrassment that seems to afflict Episcopalians when the subject of money comes up.

In this month's letter, I want to make three possibly obvious-sounding points about money and St. Peter's. The first thing I want to emphasize is that St. Peter's is basically a bunch of people. A financially self-supporting bunch of people "called together in Christ, transformed by God's love, [and] sent out to serve" as our mission statement puts it. If you are reading this, chances are you're one of the bunch of people who make up St. Peter's.

The next thing to realize is why pledges in particular are so important to the church. St. Peter's day-to-day needs (salaries and supplies for clergy and staff, building maintenance and utilities) as well as the monetary part of St. Peter's generosity to the wider church and community comes from our annual pledges. At the end of the annual pledge campaign St. Peter's Finance Committee and Vestry look at how much money has been pledged for the next year and draw up a budget based on that amount. Other money that is given to the church over and above or even instead of a pledge is icing on the cake, as it were. It cannot be counted in the annual parish budget. Personnel, staffing, and major program and maintenance decisions are made on the basis of the annual budget, and that budget is based on pledge income.

The final thing I want to point out in this context is that St. Peter's has been intentionally living just beyond its means for the last few years. Since 2002 when we called Father Craig as our rector, the church leadership and successive vestries have made decisions that they hoped would bring about growth and promote the future well-being of the parish. They increased the number of Sunday services and hired more clergy, staffing in advance for hoped-for growth.

Those decisions bore fruit: St. Peter's has grown substantially in both members and programs. The idea was (and is) that the increase in number of parishioners brought about by adding staff and programs would yield an increase in pledge income to pay for the additional staff and programs. We're close now, but pledge income hasn't quite caught up with expenses. We have made do with a deficit budget and some last-minute good luck in each of the last couple of years.

Pledge income has indeed grown considerably since 2002, as has the number of parishioners. Pledge income has nearly doubled and the number of parishioners has increased substantially as well. However, the number of individual pledges has barely budged. Our pledging households are giving generously, but what we need now is increased pledging participation. The generosity of existing pledgers and the modest (but now exhausted) surplus that the vestries of the past few years invested in the growth and energy we see around us at church are not a substitute for a broader base and increased number of pledges.

I hope you will bear in mind during this pledge drive that you are part of a self-funding community whose financially minded volunteers find it much easier to budget when they know how much income to expect. It is also a community where every household's contribution is valuable to us all.

Faithfully,

Catharine G., Senior Warden

## PARISH NEWS —

### SAVE THE DATE: ST. PETER'S FALL FAIR SET FOR OCTOBER 24

Mark your calendars now. St. Peter's Fall Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 11 am to 3 pm. Lots of fun for the whole family, from the Kids' Zone to the Gourmet Shop. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex, and your participation and support is encouraged. Questions? Interested in helping with the planning? Contact Kathi A., Suzanne B., Suzannah C. or Barrett H. for further information.

### ATTENTION: ST. PETER'S BAKERS

Please help us make the Fall Fair a success by baking! We will need your baked goodies for the bake sale. In addition, we need cupcakes! There will be a cake walk game in the Kids' Zone and we need cupcakes for prizes. Please contact Suzanne B. for further information, if needed.

### CHILDREN'S THRIFT SALE AT THE FALL FAIR, OCT. 24

Do you have clothes or toys your children have outgrown? Do they need new-to-you items for the fall and winter? Please join us for our Children's Thrift Sale at the parish Fall Fair! We are collecting donations for the sale through Wednesday, October 21. To donate, please contact the Rev. Mary Demmler (703-536-6606 or [mdemmler@saint-peters.org](mailto:mdemmler@saint-peters.org)), Pepper B., or Fernanda F. We welcome donations from near and far and of all kinds, so please tell your friends and give them our contact information. We will be looking for volunteers throughout the week of October 19 to 23 to help us sort and price items for the sale. Then we will need volunteers to work the sale and be cashiers on Saturday, October 24. Interested in volunteering? Please contact one of the above women and let them know!

### ST. PETER'S 20s/30s OCTOBER BRUNCH

We're getting back to our monthly brunches...and kicking it off with a Caribbean flair! Join us following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 11, at Mango Mike's in Alexandria for their Caribbean brunch and steel drum band. Mango Mike's is located at 4580 Duke Street. There's plenty of parking at the restaurant and the brunch is a flat \$14.95 per person.

### OCTOBER EVENTS FOR TRIVIUM (ARLINGTON AREA EPISCOPAL 20s/30s MINISTRY)

Bible Study, 7 p.m., Thursday, October 8, at the home of Katelyn and Jarred M.: Diving into the Revelation of John. The book of Revelation is likely the Bible's most controversial book. Its meaning has been reinterpreted again and again with much fanfare, sensationalism, and publicity. What is this apocalyptic narrative really about? How do we know? What is John telling us for today? How do we understand the fantastic visions found within? We will tackle these questions and more in the coming months. Please read as much of the book as you can and we'll start looking at the first chapters in October. Also, please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Ask Mary for directions.

After Work, 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, October 22, at Union Jack's in Ballston Common Mall. This is our monthly Happy Hour gathering, purely for fun and fellowship. It's a great way to grab dinner and relax after a long day's work.

**PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —****NEW YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 3 THROUGH 5 COMING IN OCTOBER**

The Youth Program at St. Peter's is DELIGHTED to announce an awesome new monthly program for our grades three through five students! This group will meet on the fourth Sunday of every month (except December and March) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sunday School wing. Kickoff day is Sunday, October 25, with a Halloween-themed night of fun! Kids: Wear your costumes and break them in for Halloween. Also, kids, YOUR group needs a name! Come with your ideas for what to call this new group just for you. Parents: Starting in November we'll be looking for volunteers to provide dinner for this great group of young people. We're estimating meals for about 15 people will be needed. To sign up please either see the sign-up sheet provided in the narthex on the Youth bulletin board or contact the Rev. Mary Demmler.

**HALLOWEEN YOUTH EVENTS**

It's time for our annual JACK-O-BOWL! 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 28. Start looking for a lovely round pumpkin now that will be perfect for rolling. There will be fun! There will be games! There will be candy! THERE WILL BE YOU!!! Godzilla: Be there or be where?

**KINGS DOMINION HALLOWEEN HAUNT OVERNIGHT**

Friday, October 30, our youth in grades six through twelve are invited for an overnight trip to Kings Dominion for the annual Halloween Haunt! We are partnering with area Episcopal Churches (St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, and St. Paul's) for this awesome night of fright, fun, and fellowship. We will leave St. Peter's parking lot NO LATER than 4 p.m., with hopes of eating dinner on the way and arriving at the park by 7. We will stay in the park until midnight, then travel to an area church for a massive lock-in, including a midnight All-Saints Eucharist, movies, and games. The next morning it's up at 8 a.m. for a light breakfast, and returning to St. Peter's at 10 a.m. Sign up by Sunday, October 25, either by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or by e-mailing the Rev. Mary Demmler. Cost for this overnight is \$60, plus bring money for dinner and snacks in the park. Do I even have to say, "Be there or be where!?"

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND TAILGATE, 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

St. Peter's Ministry to Families with Young Children is happy to host this event for the second year! All children aged eight and under are welcome to join us in their costumes for the Trunk-or-Treat and ALL parishioners are invited to come and be a part of the "trunk" part. Participants will park their cars in the St. Peter's parking lot, then decorate them for Halloween! The children will have a costume parade through the lot, then "trick-or-treat" from car to car for goodies and candy. We had tons of fun at last year's event and I hope this year's will be even bigger! Parents, bring wine and cheese for your own "treat" as well as a covered dish. At about 5:30 we'll parade ourselves up to the church for a potluck dinner. As always, when preparing your dish, please plan one that serves six to eight (or more) people. We're looking for a host family for this event to help with setup and cleanup. If you are interested, please contact the Rev. Mary Demmler.

**ANNUAL PARISH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009, AT 10:00 A.M.**

## COMMISSION NEWS —

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

By the time you are reading this, you should have received information by mail about our 2010 Every Member Commitment. If you did not, I ask that you please inform me or a Vestry member or one of the clergy so that we may provide you with the materials. We hope you will plan to attend the plenary session of the Adult Forum scheduled on Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Stewardship and Finance Committees will make a presentation and field questions about the parish finances as we plan for the coming year.

Our theme this year comes from Psalm 100. Please take the time to read that here in its entirety and reflect on what these words may be calling you to do.

#### *Jubilate*

*Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.*

*For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.*

It is the fervent prayer of the Vestry and the Stewardship Commission that all members of our parish will find their personal joy in giving to support the many wonderful missions and programs of St. Peter's.

Faithfully Yours,  
Lisa L., Stewardship Chair

### MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Mission Commission will be working with Anna F. as she begins to develop a mission program for families with young children. Since most current mission programs are open only to adults or kids 16 and older, the many younger children of St. Peter's have a hard time trying to serve others in the world.

Anna has ties to folks in South Africa, specifically Cape Town, and has made contact with a former St. Peter's family there. Anna is focusing on children orphaned by HIV in Cape Town, and organizations and churches with programs reaching out to those children. Anyone wishing to work on this project should contact Anna.

Remember: We collect your canned and boxed food on Sundays and each month our donation is taken to the Arlington Food Assistance Center for distribution to Arlington's needy families, so don't forget to bring in those boxed and canned goods! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for drivers to take the food to AFAC.

Mission Commission will be participating in St. Peter's fall fair (October 24). If you are a mission commission member or have in some way participated in our activities throughout the year (and who hasn't?), you are asked to please provide something to sell at the fair, such as baked goods for the bake sale, or jam or other canned or preserved food for the Gourmet Shop. There is also a need for cupcakes for the children's cake walk game. If you feel more inclined to craft, knit or sew, feel free to make something to sell in the

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## COMMISSION NEWS (CONT.) —

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the Christmas Shop or Gift Shop. (Please get in touch with Suzanne Brannan to let her know what you might be able to donate.)

Coming up soon are the annual Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington Thanksgiving dinner collection, cooking for the Arlington Emergency Winter Shelter (as of November 1), and a Secret Santa program. Sign-up sheets will start popping up in the Narthex soon.

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## AIC CROP WALK — SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2009

St. Peter's will participate in the Arlington Interfaith Council (AIC) Crop Walk this October 17th. The walk benefits the Church World Service and the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). The walk is a 6 mile circular route in Arlington starting and ending at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church. For each parishioner from St. Peter's who walks, St. Peter's will donate \$50.00. So bring your family, your dog and your cat and come walk! For more information, visit <http://www.cropwalk.org> or contact Peter Wages.

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## VESTRY NEWS —

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### Vestry Highlights—September 15, 2009

**The vestry's September 15, 2009, meeting, as the kickoff to the new church year, took on a distinctly financial tone:**

- The Finance Committee reported that 2009 is progressing and that the increase in pledging had reduced the forecast budget deficit.
- At the urging of the Finance Committee, the Vestry approved a motion to start the process of hiring a new part-time accountant/bookkeeper. This will provide financial continuity and will reduce the workload of the parish's volunteer treasurers and will allow them to exercise effective control.
- Stewardship chair Lisa L. announced a shift in the 2010 canvass to focus on increasing the number of pledging families. Both the number of pledging units and the total amount pledged have risen sharply over the past three years, but St. Peter's is far from comfortable. Lisa and Rector Craig Phillips promised a new emphasis for 2010 – and visual aids
- Stewardship committee member Jack S. distributed a number of materials from a diocesan stewardship conference. St. Peter's needs a new appreciation for stewardship and giving as it approaches a building program and capital campaign.
- The vestry appointed Lisa L. to fill an expired term on the board of the Generation-to-Generation Fund.
- The vestry approved a merit bonus for the parish Office Manager, Nikol Destatte.
- The Space Planning Team will hold one more meeting. Junior Warden Gretchen G. told the vestry that it is time to create a building committee to expand on the planning team's work and eventually to produce a program document and interview architectural firms.
- Assistant Rector Ann Martens reported that Sunday School opened with over 100 children and over 30 teachers; there's a lot of energy and enthusiasm, but conditions are crowded in the Sunday School rooms.
- The Vestry discussed the issue of St. Peter's response to a wide-spread flu outbreak.

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## VESTRY NEWS (CONT.) —

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### VESTRY NOMINEES

The Vestry Nominating Committee (Catharine G., Gretchen G., Jim B., Ward L., and Lisa L.) will place into nomination four individuals to fill vacancies occurring at the end of this year with the conclusion of the terms of Suzanne B., Jim B., Gretchen G., and Ward L. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting following the submission of the committee's recommendations.

With great enthusiasm the nominations committee is pleased to announce that it will nominate the following parishioners to three-year terms on the Vestry:

**Jeff C.** and his family (Glenna W., Robert C., and David C.) have been members of St. Peter's since October 2003. Jeff was raised Jewish and became a Christian at age 15 with a full immersion baptism. He has attended services at churches of most Christian denominations, but 20 years ago found his home in the Episcopal Church. Before joining St. Peter's he was a member of Episcopal parishes in Albany, NY; Pittsburgh, PA; and Washington, DC. Jeff has been interested in ethics since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, an interest closely tied with his spiritual journey to Christianity, and currently works as a consultant assisting hospitals and higher education institutions with the ethical conduct of human research. Jeff serves St. Peter's as a chalcist, usher, and member of the seminarian committee.

**Katie E.**, along with her husband John M. and their children, Emily and Gordon, has been a member of St. Peter's for over 15 years. Over the years she has been involved with the Worship and Fellowship Commissions and has worked on the semi-annual musicals. Outside of St. Peter's she rings bells at Washington National Cathedral and works to promote affordable housing in the Falls Church area.

**Peter M.:** Karen and Peter M. first came to St. Peter's in the summer of 2002. Their daughter Lucy was born in December of that year, and she was baptized at St. Peter's during the blizzard of 2003. Since then, they have enjoyed friends and fellowship at St. Peter's at the 10:00 service (now 9:00), foyer groups, Shrine Mont, and Families with Young Children events. Peter taught first and second grade Sunday school for the past two years, and now that the number of students has required us to split the class in two, he teaches first grade. Peter also has been a story teller and greeter for Godly Play. Last year, Peter chaired the Vision Task Force, which submitted its report to the Vestry in June 2008.

**Gwyneth R.** joined St. Peter's in 1991 at the suggestion of her neighbor, Ed W. She was confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1999, after an ecumenical childhood growing up with a Navy Chaplain. She sings in the adult choir and has participated in various St. Peter's musical productions over the years. Gwyneth has served as St. Peter's Delegate to the Region III and Diocesan Councils. She also has participated on both the Organist Search and the Organ Fund-raising Committees. Currently, she heads the Worship Commission, which covers the variety of groups that help church services run smoothly, and she helps to plan concerts on its constituent Music Program Committee. Gwyneth and her husband, Scott, are counters, periodically tabulating and depositing the shekels that support St. Peter's. They have enjoyed ushering, photography, set construction, make-up, crowd control, and baking for the St. Peter's musicals and plan to continue in some capacity, even though daughters Katie and Chrissy have aged out into college. Gwyneth is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Transportation, primarily involved with safety regulations.

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**ADULT FORUM —**

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**Adult Forum October 2009****October 4—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost****Plenary Session: Stewardship Campaign Kickoff—Led by the Stewardship Committee**

An overview of the goals of the annual fund-raising campaign and how you can participate.

**October 11—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost****Option I: Inquirer's Class: The Role of *The Book of Common Prayer* in the Church—Led by the Very Rev. Craig Phillips**

Learn why we have it, how it was created, and how it is used.

**Option II: Improving Parent-Child Relationships—Led by Tracy K., M.S.**

Learn how to improve your relationship with your children.

**October 18—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost****Option I: Psychology and Belief—Led by Prof. Mary L.****Option II: Recap of Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic—Led by Glen M. and the Mission Team**

First-hand accounts and photos from this summer's international outreach adventure.

**October 25—Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost****Option I: Inquirer's Class: Introduction to *The Book of Common Prayer*—Led by the Very Rev. Craig Phillips**

Learn about what's in it and how it is applied in different contexts to guide our worship.

**Option II: Transitional Housing Corporation [Tentative]—Led by Brittany P. and Suzanne B.**

## MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

### I LOVE A PIANO BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE CONCERT—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The piano is 300 years old in 2009, and Concerts at St. Peter's is throwing a birthday party concert! Join us in celebrating the piano's Big 300 at *I Love a Piano* on Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m. Music from all three of the piano's centuries will be offered by St. Peter's pianists—in configurations from solo keyboard to twelve hands on three pianos! Kim W. will narrate, and she will perform with featured pianists Jim S., Emily K. and Amber S. Also featured will be two student performing artists, Neil G. and Alex Z.

This is a family-friendly concert, and pianists and aspiring pianists at all levels, as well as music lovers of all ages, will enjoy this event. The concert program offers plenty of variety and a bit of storytelling, and none of the pieces on the program will be lengthy. In short, this concert is well-suited for musicians and music lovers and piano students of all ages and their families.

**Please attend—and bring a friend!** Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy this fabulous afternoon of music (ranging from Beethoven to Irving Berlin). Your friends and neighbors are welcome, too! Admission is free (donations accepted in support of Concerts at St. Peter's). Child care will be available during the concert.

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1779

*Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. 1 Peter 3:22*

In the November 1779 issue of *The Gospel Magazine*, edited by Augustus Toplady, there appeared an anonymous hymn entitled "On the Resurrection, the Lord Is King":

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.*

The author, it was later revealed, was the Rev. Edward Perronet. Perronet's Protestant grandparents had fled Catholic France, going first to Switzerland, then to England. Perronet's father had become a vicar in the Anglican Church, and Perronet followed in his footsteps. For several years, he became closely allied with the Wesleys, traveling with them and sometimes caught up in their adventures. In John Wesley's journal, we find this entry: "Edward Perronet was thrown down and rolled in the mud and mire. Stones were hurled and windows broken."

In time, however, Perronet broke with the Wesleys over various Methodist policies and John Wesley excluded his hymns from Methodist hymnals. Perronet went off to pastor a small independent church in Canterbury, where he died on January 2, 1792. His last words were: *Glory to God in the height of His divinity! Glory to God in the depth of His humanity! Glory to God in His all-sufficiency! Into His hands I commend my spirit.*

Edward Perronet's hymn, "All Hail the Power," has earned him an indelible place in the history of church music. It also has a place in missionary history, being greatly used in evangelistic endeavors. The Rev. E. P. Scott, for example, missionary to India, wrote of trying to reach a savage tribe in the Indian subcontinent.

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## MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S (CONT.) —

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Ignoring the pleadings of his friends, he set off into the dangerous territory. Several days later, he met a large party of warriors who surrounded him, their spears pointed at his heart. Expecting to die at any moment, Scott took out his violin, breathed a prayer, closed his eyes and began singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" When he reached the words, "Let every kindred, every tribe," he opened his eyes. There stood the warriors, some in tears, every spear lowered. Scott spent the next two years evangelizing the tribe.

Excerpted from: *Then Sings My Soul* (Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003, pg. 77)

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## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST —

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### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

In one of Mary's recent sermons, she spoke about the absolute call of all Christians to feed the hungry. Here's one way you might be able to respond to that call—with a small bag of provisions.

This is an easy task. All you need are large zip-seal bags and fill them with the following:

- one bottle of water
- one small plastic container of applesauce, fruit cocktail, or pudding
- one soft granola breakfast bar
- one small container of hand sanitizer
- one tube of lip balm (especially in winter)
- one small package of tissues
- one plastic spoon

Put the bags in your car and when you encounter someone in the roadway asking for help, you can offer them one of your bags.

What seems like a small thing may mean a great deal.

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## DIOCESAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Diocese of Virginia has announced that the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, bishop coadjutor, will host a series of Town Hall Meetings designed to allow all members of the Diocese to contribute to a vision for our diocesan ministries. For full details, refer to the July issue of the *Virginia Episcopalian* newsletter (page 16), which you can find by visiting the diocesan Web site ([www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)).

The meetings closest to St. Peter's will be held at Church of the Holy Comforter, Vienna, on Saturday, November 7. The starting time for the Town Meeting that is open to all (clergy, lay leaders and parishioners) is 10 a.m. There will be a second session at 2 p.m. dedicated to attendance by youth (ages 14 and older), youth ministers, and others who work with youth.

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, bishop suffragan, will also be present at these meetings, along with members of the diocesan staff. These gatherings will be an opportunity to engage in conversation, to brainstorm ideas, and to have your voice heard by our bishops.

### 2009 St. Peter's Christmas Tree Advance Sale

Christmas is nearing and it's never too early to start thinking about your tree! This year's freshly cut Fraser fir trees, garlands, and wreaths will come from Cline Church nursery in Fleetwood, North Carolina, and will arrive about **December 3** at St. Peter's.

We need to take orders early in order to schedule the delivery. One hundred and ten trees of various sizes have been ordered in advance, but we will need to finalize the number by **November 15**. Because the nursery is a small operation, we need to get **orders for large trees and wreaths and garlands ASAP**.

Order forms will be in the narthex and payments will be needed when you pick up your tree, garlands, and wreaths. PLEASE DO NOT PREPAY! Non-church member orders are welcomed as well. We encourage everyone to give order forms to friends and neighbors.

The Trees should be picked up by **December 9**. Notify us early if you want the tree held until a later date. Please contact Diane or Gary C. with questions or if you can help unload trees and assist with sales during the week and weekend.

#### Trees (please circle your choices)

3-4 feet	\$22
4-5 feet	\$32
5-6 feet	\$40
6-7 feet	\$50
7-8 feet	\$60
8-9 feet	\$85
9-10 feet	\$98
11-12 feet	\$125

#### Wreaths (please circle your choices) (outside diameter in inches)

16-18"	\$14
20-22"	\$16
24-26"	\$18
30-32"	\$24
36"	\$34

#### Garlands (please circle your choices)

Fraser Fir	75 ft.	\$46
White Pine	75 ft.	\$30

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Available to help?

Require delivery?

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Barret H. (2011)  
Ward L. (2009)  
Jack S. (2010)

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Treasurer: Mira B.  
Key Editor: Rob G.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>OCTOBER 2009</h1>				<b>1</b> 6:00am - SOME 10:00am - Thursday Ears	<b>2</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Godly Play Training 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>4</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am - HE, Rite II 10:00am - Sunday School, The 10 Spot, Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II 1:00pm - Blessing of the Animals 4:00pm - St. Peter's Concert	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:15pm - 1st Tuesday Meetings	<b>7</b> 6:30pm - Handbell Choir Practice 7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm - Christian Formation Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00am - Thursday Ears 7:00pm - Trivium Bare Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study 11:00am - Meals on Wheels	<b>10</b> 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>11</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am - HE, Rite II 10:00am - Sunday School, The 10 Spot, Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II 12:45pm - Young Adults' Brunch	<b>12</b> <i>Office Closed Columbus Day</i> 7:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm - Prayer Group	<b>13</b> 7:15pm - 2nd Tuesday Meetings	<b>14</b> 6:30pm - Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm - Godzilla 7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 10:00am - Thursday Ears	<b>16</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>18</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am - HE, Rite II 10:00am - Sunday School, The 10 Spot, Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:00pm - Third Tuesday Lunch 7:00pm - Vestry	<b>21</b> 6:30pm - Handbell Choir Practice 7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 10:00am - Thursday Ears 6:00pm - Trivium After Work	<b>23</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 11:00am - Fall Fair
<b>25</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am - HE, Rite II 10:00am - Sunday School, The 10 Spot, Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II	<b>26</b> 7:30pm - Prayer Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30pm - Handbell Choir Practice 7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm - Godzilla	<b>29</b> 10:00am - Thursday Ears	<b>30</b> <i>Youth Outing and Lock-IN</i> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study 11:00am - Meals on Wheels	<b>31</b> <i>Youth Outing and Lock-IN</i> 12:00pm - Icon Writing