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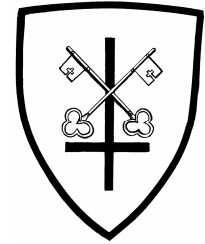
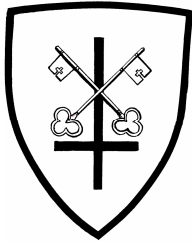
December is Usher Team 4: Jim B., Steve C., Chuck G., Gail H., Bob M.

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
<u>Acolytes</u>				
8:00	Austen A.	Austen A.	Jacqueline M.	Jacqueline M.
9:00	Claire C., Sarah C., Angel H.	Elsie G., Neil G., Alison B.	Jack W., Sarah L., Meredith R.	John R., Kirsten K., Emily L.
11:00	Caroline M., Hayley M., Zoli M.	Erin G., Micaela G., Alex G.	Chrissy R., Grace R., Caroline M.	Meredith R., Hayley M., Zoli M.
<u>Chalicians</u>				
8:00	Ed W.	Tootie K.	Mike L.	Bill M.
9:00	Thad K.	Sharon S.	Laura D.	Kathi A.
11:00	Andy O.	Paul S.	Larry S.	Bob W.
<u>Lay Readers</u>				
8:00	Erika S., Lee M.	Suzanne B., Tom B.	Bill S., Chris A.	Suzy W., Rob W.
9:00	Claire C., Chris R.	Christmas Pageant	Jack W., Jan G.	Kirsten K., Jonathan S.
11:00	Bettie J., Nora S.	John M., Allen B.	Lessons and Carols	Rich D., Don C.
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
Weekly Capt.	Pam P.	Katie Emmons	Jessie N.	Suzanne B.
Flowers	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.
<u>Greeters</u>				
9:00	Kathryn H.	Caroline G.	John M.	Jim R.
11:00	Leslie W.	Ward L.	Bettie and Jim J.	Catharine G.

<u>5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve</u>	<u>8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve</u>	<u>11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve</u>
Acolytes: John R., Emily L., Sarah L., Angel H., Kirsten K.	Elsie Gibson, Neil Gibson, Alex Ginnerty, Micaela Ginnerty, Erin Ginnerty	Jack W., Faith C., Grace R., Meredith R., Chrissy R.
Chalicians: Keith A., Volunteer Needed	Georgeanne J., Volunteer Needed	Alan B., Judith L.
Lay Readers: Kirsten K., Jim L.	Don Ca., Elsie G.	Bob S., Ralph H.

<u>10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day</u>
Acolytes: Alison B., Nathaniel S.
Chalician: Sue B.
Lay Readers: Laura D., Volunteer Needed

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

DECEMBER 2008

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Mutatis mutandis

The Latin phrase *mutatis mutandis* once was used quite often in English prose but now appears, or so it seems to me, primarily in the arcane language of academic writing. It refers to the process by which we can use an idea from one area of knowledge and apply it to another completely different area. The phrase *mutatis mutandis* refers to the necessary changes that have to be made for one to take something that has meaning in one context and apply it in another. We do this when, for example, we apply an idea taken from poetry to quantum physics. And we do it whenever we take an idea from one religion and endeavor to find parallels in another. When we do this with any field of knowledge, we often come up with surprising insights.

This interpretive process came to mind when I read the Triple Gem, a Buddhist text that functions in many Buddhist communities much like the Lord's Prayer, or perhaps more closely like the Nicene Creed, in Christian worship and piety. School children in Thailand, for example, often recite the Triple Gem as they begin their classes for the day, and continue to recite it at specified times throughout the day. The text of the Triple Gem, with my annotation explaining the terms used, is as follows:

"I take my refuge in the Buddha"—the awakened or enlightened one

"I take my refuge in the Dharma"—what the Buddha taught his disciples

"I take my refuge in the Sangha"—the community of those who live according to the teachings of the Buddha

If we Christians are to learn something from another religious text, something that could be applied to our own religious experience and context, we cannot just read the text and apply it directly as is. We will need to make the necessary changes that will allow us to learn something from a text that arose in a context and tradition that is not our own. We could, for example, make the Triple Gem a Christian text—*mutatis mutandis*—but it would in no way mean the same thing as does the original Buddhist text. The Buddha and Jesus are not the same person, and in spite of the occasional similarity of their teachings, the teaching of one is not the same as the teaching of the other. That is to say that although we can find certain similarities between their teachings, their teachings arise out of vastly different worldviews. If we were to combine them into one package, or claim that they say the same thing, it would not be an accurate representation of either tradition. But if—*mutatis mutandis*—we read the Triple Gem for what it might say to a contemporary Christian, it might go something like this:

DATES TO NOTE:

- 2 - First Tuesday Committee Meetings
- 3, 10, 17 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 3, 10, 17 - Adult Choir Practice
- 4 - SOME
- 4,11,18 - The Thursday Ears
- 5,12,19 - Women's Bible Study
- 6 - Advent Quiet Day
- 6,13,20 - Icon Writing
- 7 - Messiah Sing-Along
- 8 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 8, 22 - Prayer Group
- 9 - Second Tuesday Committee Meetings
- 10 - Youth Choir Practice
- 10,14 - Godzilla
- 11 - Trivium Bare Bible Study
- 12 - Meals on Wheels
- 13 - Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal
- 14 - Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- 15 - *The Key* Articles Due
- 16 - Vestry Meeting
- 19 - Trivium Christmas Party
- 21 - Greening of the Church
- 21 - Lessons and Carols
- 24,25,26 - Office Closed

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I take my refuge in Jesus.
 I take my refuge in his teachings.
 I take my refuge in the Church.

What immediately strikes me when I read this Christianized version of the Triple Gem is the central importance of the church, the community of those who live according to the teachings and example of Jesus. Where the community of the *Sangha* is of central importance to the Buddhist tradition, Christians sadly all too often see the *Church* as something that is optional in their own lives.

Buddhism has had great appeal in North America but the Buddhism that people are turning to often is an individualized and North Americanized version that bears little resemblance to what the Buddha taught. Where the Buddha taught that the self has no real existence, some North Americans who call themselves Buddhists often practice it for reasons of self-fulfillment and self-improvement. Where the Buddha taught that all desire must be eliminated if the human person is to find ultimate joy and peace, these same persons accumulate vast wealth and personal property. We could, of course, say much the same thing about many Christians today because Jesus taught that true joy is to be found only when we give away all that we have. But what particularly concerns me is that in either case in many of the manifestations of contemporary Buddhism and Christianity is the assumption that these religions can be practiced all alone—apart from involvement in organized religion or apart from the community of fellow believers/practitioners. In both cases nothing could be further from the truth. In neither tradition, if we take them seriously, can a genuine spirituality be based on individual and personal choice apart from a larger religious community.

In our North American context in which religion is understood to be a private, personal, and individual thing, we forget that being a Christian at the core necessarily involves us in the life of a community, the

community of fellow Christians, which the Holy Scriptures call “the body of Christ.” The Christian faith, therefore, is not something we can engage in all by ourselves apart from the larger community of the church.

Buddhists say the very same thing about what it means to practice Buddhism faithfully. Last week I stopped in a bookstore and happened to pick up a book by the bestselling Buddhist author Thich Nhat Hanh entitled *Living Buddha, Living Christ*. As I scanned the book my eyes fell on the following words: “Any Sangha is better than a non-Sangha. Without a Sangha you will be lost” (page 68). “The church is the hope of Jesus, just as the Sangha is the hope of the Buddha. It is through the practice of the church and the Sangha that the teachings [of Jesus and the Buddha] come alive” (page 70).

Speaking as an academic philosopher/theologian and as a Christian I do not always agree with what Thich Nhat Hanh has to say. He is writing as a Buddhist and offers numerous suggestions to Christians based on Buddhist and not Christian assumptions. At times I have trouble with the somewhat tenuous way that he makes it seem that both traditions are really saying the same thing. In other words, I think he could be more aware of the process of *mutatis mutandis* as described earlier in this article. At the same time the reflections of Thich Nhat Hanh remind us that Christians and Buddhists have much that they can learn from each other and that each of our traditions can be enriched by interaction with the other. We do agree on one thing: one cannot be a Christian or Buddhist all by oneself; we can be faithful only when we vigorously involve ourselves in the life of the community of faith that the one we follow founded for us and for our salvation.

Yours in Christ,

Craig +

The Very Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN —

In the pages of this edition of *The Key* you will find the report that the Vestry accepted in July 2008 from the Vision Task Force (VTF). As I have written previously, this report is the product of the hard work of all members of the VTF. Led by Peter Mason, the VTF met with as many parishioners as possible to listen to them and find out their visions for the future of St. Peter's. I want to emphasize that the role of the VTF was to discern as much as possible from our congregation and then narrow that information into the eight points you will find in the report. These are the same eight points presented to the congregation during the annual meeting on Sunday, November 2. As you can see, some of these points are intangible core values that the congregation believes in very strongly. Others are more tangible and will require further contemplation, discussion, and planning. The process of a church looking into its future is not a simple one. In fact, it is in many ways a delicate process that combines many different goals, hopes, aspirations and, yes, even fears of many in the congregation. At the same time, St. Peter's is a living entity constantly changing and at the present experiencing growth that is both very exhilarating and challenging. Our challenge as your vestry and church leadership is to move forward carefully and deliberately in a way that addresses both the vision we have for ourselves in the future and the reality we face today. When your vestry began the year, we committed ourselves to this task of laying the groundwork for the future of St. Peter's. The report of the VTF is but the first building block in realizing a future that we can all look forward to.

Faithfully,
Steve C.

PARISH NEWS —

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: NICHOLASFEST

Mark your calendars for Nicholasfest, Friday, **December 5**, at 5:30 p.m.! We'll celebrate the life of St. Nicholas (before he became Santa Claus!) and have games and crafts for your kids. Santa's workshop will be in business for your children to create Christmas gifts for you and other family members. This is a Kids' Night Out, so please be sure to register for this event by Sunday, November 30. Cost is \$15 a child, \$30 for families.

ADVENT QUIET DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Advent is just around the corner. Advent usually means for us a time of frenetic activity culminating in a mad rush toward Christmas. Here is an opportunity to take some quiet time at the beginning of Advent to ponder the meaning of Christmas. You can take a breath and decide how you would like to commemorate the season. We will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. The day will be led by the Rev. Ann Martens and we will spend time in both communal prayer and individual prayer, time reading Scripture, time journaling, and time just simply enjoying the quiet. Bring a Bible, a journal, and a bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided.

GODZILLA ALL-FAMILY CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA, DECEMBER 14!

Plan to spend an evening in the land of GODZILLA. The potluck begins at 6 p.m., Sunday, December 14, and the revelry ends at 8:30. If you've ever wondered what we do at GODZILLA that could possibly be THAT much fun, here's your chance! Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us for some holiday fun.

ANNUAL TRIVIUM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Young Adults, join us once again for our Trivium Annual Party! Once again this year's event will include a tacky gift exchange (the more terrible, the better!) as well as a tacky sweater competition! This year's event will be hosted by the Rev. Elizabeth Marie Melchionne of St. Mary's at her home (which is across the street from St. Mary's). She's on the corner of 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive. If you need a ride to the party, please let Mary+ know and she'll make sure you have one. The date is Friday, December 19, and festivities will begin around 6 p.m. To receive an evite for this event, please give your e-mail address to Mary+. We always have a great time so don't be left out of the fun!!!

GREENING OF THE CHURCH AND POTLUCK

This year our annual greening of the church will take place on December 21 following the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a dish to share and help make your church ready to CELEBRATE the twelve days of Christmas.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: SPECIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7 -	7:30 p.m. - Messiah Sing-Along
Sunday, December 14 -	9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Pageant
Sunday, December 21 -	11:00 a.m. - Lessons and Carols 12:15 p.m. - Potluck and Greening of the Church
Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Family Service 8:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Midnight Service
Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

EPIPHANY PAJAMA PARTY!

Let us read a bedtime story to your kids! It's one filled with wise men, a long journey, gifts, and maybe some talking animals. Bring your little ones in their PJs and listen to a story or two as we bring the Christmas season to a close. We'll have milk and cookies, a game or two for the children, then storybook time. Join us Sunday, January 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2009

The sign-up sheet for the women's retreat is posted in the Narthex. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Loyola Retreat Center on the Potomac River in southern Maryland, January 16-18, 2009. The cost is \$215.00. A non-refundable \$100.00 deposit must accompany the sign up. Given the popularity of the retreat and limited number of spaces, sign up quick! For more information, contact Sharon S. or Jayne S.

ST. PETER'S COOKBOOKS

The Fellowship Commission will be selling the wonderful St. Peter's cookbook, *Feeding the Flock*, in the narthex before and after the Adult Forum and the 11 a.m. service each Sunday in December. The cookbook, which was featured in an article in *The Virginia Episcopalian*, contains full-color photographs of icons written by members of St. Peter's icon-writing class. The collection was compiled from recipes submitted by parish members, and edited by a team of tireless volunteers led by the late Mimi Barringer. It is priced at \$25 a copy, and makes a terrific gift!

IT TAKES A PARISH...

It takes a parish to see a single woman through knee surgery. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the generosity and care you have extended to me since my knee surgery. I was more limited than I expected to be (still am, since I still cannot drive). You fed me, drove me, ran errands, visited, called, brought my paper in, took care of my cat, cheered me up, brought surprises—I could go on and on. You are still driving me to Bethesda, to work, and everywhere else I need to go. Special thanks to Bess J. and Bettie J. for coordinating all my care. I don't know what I would have done without you. I really don't know how I would have made it. Thank you so very much. In faith, Ann+

PRAYER AT ST. PETER'S

Prayer request forms are found in the basket on the white box in the narthex. Please feel free to fill out a form so that the St. Peter's community can pray for you or your family or your friends. You may also indicate on the form that you would like your prayer request to remain private and not published. The prayer list will be renewed on the first of January, April, July and October.

There are many ways to join in prayer at St. Peter's. The **St. Peter's Prayer Group** meets the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. The **Prayer Circle** is a commitment to pray from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings *wherever* you are. We are just starting to establish connections for **Prayer Partners**. You and a partner will decide how you want to pray. Blessings guaranteed! Questions? Contact the Rev. Ann Martens or Glenna W.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

NARNIA 2009!

Every other spring, we typically mount an ambitious musical production with the young people of St. Peter's. Any student in grade 2 through 12 is welcome. No prior experience or specific talent is needed—just a willingness to become part of a rewarding experience and a wonderful community of singer/actors and their families.

This spring, we'll be presenting a musical version of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; it's called *Narnia*.

The basics:

Time Frame

- **Narnia performances will be held the weekend of March 13–15.**
- **We will start rehearsing on Sunday, January 4, 2009.**
- **Sundays from 12:30 to 3:00** are always full-company rehearsals.

Additional rehearsals for actors with larger roles and vocal solos are held on Saturdays (times TBD) and occasionally later on Sunday afternoons.

The only weeknight rehearsals will be held during “tech week”—the Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday prior to the weekend performances.

Casting

- Casting is age-based.
- High school students get preferential treatment.
- Middle school students usually get a chance to shine, with small solo bits or participation in a featured group.
- Elementary age students are usually members of the company.
- This system allows the older kids to lead, and allows us to build on their abilities and experience. Of course, casting is also dependent on availability and level of commitment.

Auditions

- **We are planning to hold auditions on Sunday, December 14**, from about 12:30 to 2:30. If you want to audition, and you absolutely can't make it on December 14, please let us know.
- **To sign up for an audition, send an e-mail (Narnia2009@verizon.net).**
- All you have to do in an audition is sing something you know well. It can be a show tune, a hymn, a choral song, or a popular song.
- **Only singers in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to audition.**
 - If you are in grade 6 through 12, and you want to be in the show and *don't* want a big part or a solo singing part, just sign up. No audition required.
 - If you are in grade 2 through 5, all you need to do is sign up. No audition.

Staff

- Lorraine G. does the stage direction, Kim W. handles musical direction, Ruth P. is our Production Stage Manager, and Ed W. is our Company Manager.
- The success of the project depends primarily on all of the families involved, and parent teams do everything from building sets, finding props, and sewing costumes, to distributing tickets, helping with big rehearsals, and organizing snacks. If you think this sounds like a lot of work, you're right. But the rewards are great, and the energy is high. (And it's all over in 10 weeks' time—shorter than soccer season.)

PARISH NEWS (CONT.)—

Why Participate?

Any of the participants in previous shows can give you their own reasons. There is a tremendous building of a community of faith among the young people involved. They learn about themselves, about each other, and about the power of the Holy Spirit. They have a first-rate theatrical experience in which they are demanded to give of themselves unstintingly, and through which they learn that the rewards for such work and commitment can be greater than they imagine. And they have a chance to take a leadership role at St. Peter's, offering the fruits of their labors as a gift to the community.

Why Narnia?

We feel that the content of our musicals as well as the process of rehearsing and performing should reflect the fact that we are a community of believers. Rather than choose a secular musical, we have historically rotated among a small number of well-written vehicles with sacred themes. Our most recent production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was in 2007, and *Godspell* was produced in 2005. This year we return to *Narnia*, last performed at St. Peter's in 2003. Although *Narnia's* story is not biblical in the manner of *Joseph* or *Godspell*, it is a moving and spiritual work. Its basis is C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*—not a strict allegory, but a work that draws many parallels with our Christian experience.

Sign Up!

It's easy to sign up. Send an e-mail containing the following information to Narnia2009@verizon.net

- Name(s) of Parent(s)
- Name(s) of Child(ren)
- Grade Level(s)

Please answer the following question for each participant: Would you like to audition for a big part, be considered for a smaller solo singing part, or just enjoy being part of the company?

To contact us with questions, send an inquiry to Narnia2009@verizon.net, or contact Kim W. (703-698-0577) or Ed W.

COMMISSION NEWS —

STEWARDSHIP

As of November 14, we have received 146 pledges totaling \$644,315 for 2009. Of these 146, 10 are from either new families or members who did not make a pledge for 2008. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has turned in a pledge card—and if you haven't yet, we hope you are able to do so. Knowing the amount of pledge income we will have is crucial as the Finance Committee prepares the 2009 budget, which goes to the Vestry in December for approval.

The 2009 median pledge amount stands at \$3615. We have 57 outstanding pledges—people who pledged in 2008 but have not yet turned in a pledge card for 2009. Another round of follow-up calls from the Stewardship Committee will have taken place by the time this is published. If all these 57 remaining pledges come in at their 2008 amounts for 2009, we will have pledge income of \$773,485.

We are cautiously optimistic that we may still reach our goal of \$775,000, but given the current economic climate, we understand that that may not be possible. The committee has recommended that a figure of \$760,000 for pledge income be used in the 2009 budget. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about our Stewardship program.

In Faith,
Lisa L., Stewardship Chair

COMMISSION NEWS (CONT.)—

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

As always, the fall season is a busy time for St. Peter's mission activities. By the middle of November, our Thanksgiving dinner drive for the homeless was well underway. Under the capable leadership of Jan Gnad, we endeavored to collect food for some 40 homeless families. The food is distributed by Samaritan Ministry.

Once again, in early November we began cooking meals for the Arlington County Emergency Winter Shelter. A dedicated group of St. Peter's parishioners is organized by Lisa M. for this effort.

The December Mission Commission calendar contains a blizzard of activities. On December 7 is the Samaritan Ministry Family Christmas Party. This is held by the Samaritan Ministry at a church in Washington and volunteers are always welcome to help with serving food and decorating.

Under the leadership of Mary Jane S. we will sponsor a "Secret Santa" drive for gifts for the homeless and others. This year, in addition to helping the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless to fulfill Christmas wish lists we will also gather gifts for several young women of the Jackson-Feild Homes. Tillie S. is on the Board of Trustees for that organization, which provides safe housing and education for young women from abusive home situations.

In other Mission Commission news, we have been blessed to receive a Human Needs Grant from the Diocese of Virginia for a safe water project. St. Peter's has been working for a few years to help with clean water projects in western Kenya. A former priest associate, Samuel Sudhe, is from that area. St. Peter's has funded projects to build water catchment systems (gutters, downspouts and large storage tanks). The grant, which was spearheaded by Sheridan C., will fund a new well.

St. Peter's is also considering participating in a microcredit project in Ghana. Suzanne B. is working with a parishioner at St. Paul's in Richmond to possibly help with establishing a small microcredit program in conjunction with St. Paul's in Kumasi, Ghana. Our rector will be traveling to Ghana as part of his sabbatical and knows the individuals involved in planning the project. The microcredit project would provide loans of a few hundred dollars to individuals in Kumasi who will use the funds to help with small business activities.

The next Mission Commission meeting will be December 2 and all parishioners are welcome!

VESTRY NEWS —

Vestry Highlights—October 21, 2008

At its November meeting, the St. Peter's Vestry:

Heard a report from the Stewardship Committee that as of October 24, St. Peter's had received about \$644,000 in pledges for 2009 from 146 pledging units including 10 newly pledging units. Stewardship expects 2009 pledges to equal \$760,000 when they are all in, a significant increase over 2008 pledges.

Heard from the Finance Committee to expect a deficit, even with increased pledging. Finance showed the vestry a draft budget for 2009 that seeks to increase the parish's pledge to the diocese and rebuild a badly depleted maintenance reserve. Except for personnel, Finance recommended flat or reduced funding for most budget areas. The vestry discussed new strategies to raise money and increase pledging.

Heard a plea from Junior Warden Gretchen G. for vestry members to get the word out that St. Peter's is only at the start of a long process of discerning its space and physical plant needs in response to the Vision Task Force report. The vestry and leadership needs to hear from parishioners on their needs and concerns.

VESTRY NEWS (CONT.) —

St. Peter's has been awarded a \$2,500 Human Needs Grant from the Diocese of Virginia that the Mission Commission will provide to the Reverend Samuel Sudhe to dig a well in his village in Kenya.

Discussed concerns by older members that their needs are being passed over in favor of younger members.

Discussed plans for the 2009 vestry retreat.

Heard from the Rev. Mary Demmler that two of St. Peter's youth are now licensed chalicists. She also reported that she is making extensive use of FaceBook pages for the youth and young adult groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS —

We are having a good time in Sunday School. The teachers are fabulous and we have welcomed some new volunteers to help with snacks. In November we enjoyed a musical performance during the Annual Meeting. Now, in addition to our lessons, Jennifer W. has us getting ready for the Christmas Pageant at the 9 o'clock service on December 14. We are working on costumes, so if you feel crafty, stop by—we might need to tap you. All are welcome to come by and say hello!

Costume cheat sheet: (Students will be fitted from the St. Peter's costume supply, though we may need help crafting a few more sheep or angels.)

- PreK children are sheep.
- 5-year-olds are stars.
- Grades 1/2 are angels.
- Grades 3/4 are manger animals.
- Grades 5/6 are characters (shepherds, Joseph, Mary, etc.).
- Grade 7 through high school are narrators (and Gabriel).

We will have Sunday School on December 14 after the pageant.

As you work on your family calendars, here are some Sunday School dates to note:

December 7: Pageant rehearsal during Sunday School

December 13: Saturday morning dress rehearsal for pageant

December 14: Christmas Pageant at the 9 o'clock service

December 28: No Sunday School

April 12, 2009: No Sunday School—Easter Egg hunt 10 a.m.

April 19: No Sunday School—Shrine Mont weekend

May 24: Memorial Day weekend—Check with your teacher regarding class

June 14: Last day of Sunday School

PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Attention All Sunday School Parents:

Rehearsal for the Christmas pageant will take place Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. until noon. All Sunday School students need to be here Saturday morning, December 13. The pageant will take place at the 9:00 service on December 14. If you have specific questions about the pageant please see Jennifer W.

ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum Schedule for December 2008

December 7—Second Sunday of Advent

Special Note: The Sunday School will be using the Nave so the adult forums will be held in the chapel and the downstairs conference room.

Option I: Focus on Environmental Stewardship: The Chesapeake Bay—Introduced by Doug M. and Sharon S., with a Special Guest from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Do you enjoy seafood? What about sailing, fishing, diving, snorkeling, beachcombing or other salt-water activities? If you can say yes to any of these activities then you have a vested interest in the health of our oceans, bays and waterways. One of the unique delights of the mid-Atlantic region in which we live is the Chesapeake Bay (actually a large estuary). Draining into the bay every day, unfortunately, are sewage and raw waste (treated and untreated) from farms in Southeastern Pennsylvania, chicken hatcheries on the Eastern Shore, and the prosperous and growing Baltimore–Washington, D.C., corridor, as well as runoff from city streets and parking lots across our region. As part of our fall focus on environmental stewardship, we will hear a presentation from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation covering the health of the bay and talk about what we can do to reduce pollution and run-off in our own backyard.

Option II: A Special Forum on Advent: Background, History and Traditions—Led by the Rev. Mary Demmler

When we think of Advent, what springs to mind are Advent calendars and wreaths, candles, and the greening of the church. Those symbols are a wonderful part of the prelude to Christmas, but there is much about Advent that, in modern times, has been swept aside by the hectic pace and busy-ness of the pre-Christmas season.

Advent stems from the Latin “adventus,” meaning “coming”—the coming of the Savior. The Advent season spans the four Sundays before Christmas. It is meant to be a period of joyful expectation and an opportunity to connect with what is deep and holy. In many traditions, silence and peaceful reflection are especially appropriate during this time. Our Assistant Rector Mary Demmler will lead a discussion to open up our minds and deepen our understanding of the Advent season. All are welcome.

December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

Option I: An Update on the Multi-Circuit Episcopal Church Property Litigation—Led by Allen B. and Larry S.

The Diocese of Virginia is currently in litigation with 11 of its former churches in Northern Virginia, including the Falls Church and Truro Church, over ownership of church property and real estate. Those churches voted to withdraw from the Diocese in 2006 over, among other things, biblical interpretation in the area of sexual ethics, and joined with the Nigerian diocese led by Bishop Peter Akinola to form the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA). They have claimed the right to retain their church property, which is held in trust by the Diocese, as their own under “57-9,” an obscure Virginia law dating from the Reconstruction era. A legal battle has ensued and several rulings have taken place under Judge Randy Bellows of the Circuit Court of Virginia in Fairfax. The case is being followed by the international press. Allen B. and Larry S. will host a forum to bring us up to date on the situation and answer questions about it.

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

Option II: Inquirer's Class: The Sacraments of the Gospel: Baptism and Holy Eucharist—Led by the Very Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D.

Our Rector will continue our series of inquirer's classes by discussing the two sacraments recorded in the Gospels that are fundamental to the church: baptism and the Eucharist. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized with water by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and of course just before his arrest and trial Jesus breaks the Passover bread with his disciples and asks them to "do this in remembrance of me." Please join us whether you are a confirmation candidate or just want to gain a deeper understanding of our oldest and holiest sacraments.

December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Option I: Christmas Traditions around the World and How We Can Celebrate a More Spiritual Christmas—Led by the Rev. Mary Demmler

Our Assistant Rector Mary Demmler will lead a discussion about the different ways that Christmas is celebrated around the world. We will also discuss ways to make Christmas more spiritual and less materialistic for our children. If you have ever celebrated Christmas in another country we invite you to share your experience. All are welcome.

Option II: Inquirer's Class: The Sacramental Rites of the Episcopal Church—Led by the Rev. Ann Martens

The Book of Common Prayer (p. 857) describes a sacrament as an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace. In the Episcopal Church there are seven sacraments: baptism, Eucharist, confirmation, matrimony, anointing of the sick, reconciliation, and ordination. Our Assistant Rector Ann Martens will follow up Craig's December 14 Forum on the sacraments of the gospel with a discussion of the remaining five and their meaning and importance in the Christian life.

December 28—First Sunday after Christmas

Option I: Theologian Karl Barth: His Encounter with America—Led by Doug M.

Swiss-born theologian Karl Barth (1886–1968) is considered to be the most influential theologian of the 20th century, and is praised equally in Catholic and Protestant circles. In the work that launched his career, his 1919 commentary on Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Barth argued that Christianity is a matter of historical revelation and not man's religious aspirations. It sounds reasonable today, but at that time in European academia it was outrageous. His output as a scholar and creative thinker in the field of academic theology was complemented by his courageous leadership in organizing church opposition to the Nazi regime in Germany, and his wide following around the world. Barth was both a critic and admirer of America, and made his one and only visit here in 1962. It is not widely known that Barth was a Civil War buff, toured battlefields near Richmond and fired a Civil War musket—hitting the target in the Swiss tradition of marksmanship.

We will listen to a recording of Barth responding to questions put to him during a forum at the University of Chicago on subjects including the inerrancy of the Bible, Christians' responsibility towards the state, and race relations, to name a few. Barth was not a Lutheran theologian as many assume; he was rooted in the Swiss Reformed tradition. We'll explain the differences, and why Calvin and Mozart were given equal status on his office wall. We hope that you will join us as we kick off our winter tradition of Christian biography.

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

Option II: New Year's Resolutions—Led by Margaret C.

An annual tradition at St. Peter's is to talk about New Year's resolutions. Last year we discussed easing back the throttle in our busy lives to give God an opportunity to work on us. Margaret C. will lead this year's discussion. Come and join us to do some brainstorming about what improvements we'd like to make in our lives in 2009.

Coming in January and February:

- The Rev. Buck Blanchard, Diocesan Director of International Missions, will talk about exciting work going on in the field and the importance of having a strong and active missions group at the church level (January 11)
- Our Rector will talk about Theology of the Incarnation (January 17)
- Confirmation Sunday and the first official visit by the Right Reverend Bishop Co-adjutor Shannon Johnston (January 25)
- The history of St. Peter's, for both newcomers and old-timers alike: We'll provide an opportunity for our newer members to hear from some of our founding members about the early days of St. Peter's (date TBA)
- Caring for aging parents (date TBA)
- The Passion Play of Oberammergau—the play and how the children of the small Bavarian village grow up in the play, a parallel with St. Peter's (date TBA)

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

This article about a well-known hymn is the third in a series of articles about hymns that will appear monthly in *The Key*. Thanks to Jan G. for the contribution.

Hallelujah Chorus

From *Messiah (A Sacred Oratorio)*

1741

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations the LORD reigns. 1 Chronicles 16:31

His father tried to discourage his musical interests, preferring that he enter the legal profession. But it was the organ, harpsichord, and violin that captured the heart of young George Fridric Handel. Once, accompanying his father to the court of Duke Johann Adolf, George wandered into the chapel, found the organ, and started improvising. The startled Duke exclaimed, "Who is this remarkable child?"

This "remarkable child" soon began composing operas, first in Italy then in London. By his 20s, he was the talk of England and the best paid composer on earth. He opened the Royal Academy of Music. Londoners fought for seats at his every performance, and his fame soared around the world.

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But the glory passed. Audiences dwindled. His music became outdated, and he was thought of as an old fogey. Newer artists eclipsed the aging composer. One project after another failed, and Handel, now bankrupt, grew depressed. The stress brought on a case of palsy that crippled some of his fingers. "Handel's great days are over," wrote Frederick the Great. "His inspiration is exhausted."

Yet his troubles also matured him, softening his sharp tongue. His temper mellowed, and his music became more heartfelt. One morning Handel received by post a manuscript from Charles Jennens. It was a word-for-word collection of various biblical texts about Christ. The opening words from Isaiah 40 moved Handel: *Comfort ye comfort ye my people.*

On August 22, 1741, he shut the door of his London home and started composing music for the words. Twenty-three days later, the world had *Messiah (A Sacred Oratorio)*. "Whether I was in the body or out of the body when I wrote it, I know not," Handel later said, trying to describe the experience. *Messiah* opened in London to enormous crowds on March 23, 1743, with Handel leading from his harpsichord. King George II, who was present that night, surprised everyone by leaping to his feet during the *Hallelujah Chorus*. No one knows why.

No matter. From that day audiences everywhere have stood in reverence during the stirring words: *Hallelujah! For he shall reign forever and ever.*

Handel's fame was rekindled, and even after he lost his eyesight he continued playing the organ for performances of his oratorios until his death in London, April 14, 1759.

(Excerpted from: *Then Sings My Soul* [Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003, pg. 55])

18TH ANNUAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG, DECEMBER 7

Get ready for this year's version of a St. Peter's Advent tradition on Sunday, December 7. It's time for the 18th annual Messiah Sing-Along! The festivities get under way at 7:30 p.m. (doors will open at 7 p.m.). Bring your Handel's Messiah score, or borrow or purchase a score at the door.

A Family-Friendly Event

Would you like to introduce the young members of your family to this exciting Advent tradition? The St. Peter's Sing-Along is for all ages and generations, and is a very family-friendly activity.

If you think your children might enjoy the whole Sing-Along, give it a try. It's only 90 minutes, and there's plenty of variety with all of the sitting and standing and solos and choruses.

If you have a younger child who wouldn't last for the entire time, consider a combination of child care and concert-going. S/he can spend most of the evening downstairs in child care, then come up to experience a rousing "Hallelujah Chorus" with you. (We'll give you advance notice and opportunity to bring your child upstairs in time.) And, of course, your whole family will enjoy the cookies and treats at the reception!

Bring-Along, and Bring-a-Friend

This is also a Messiah "Bring-Along," so please bring some treats to share at the festive post-Sing-Along reception coordinated by the Fellowship Commission. Contributions of nonperishable food items for the food bank are also encouraged, and there will be baskets in the Narthex for those.

The Messiah Sing-Along is also a "Bring-a-Friend" event. Please invite a neighbor, friend, co-worker, or family member to spend this special evening with the St. Peter's community.

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The St. Peter's Choir
With Orchestra and Soloists
Don Witman, Conductor

Present the 18th Annual

Messiah

Sing-Along

Sunday, December 7, 2008
7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Admission Is Free

(Donations accepted, and contributions of nonperishable food items for the food bank are encouraged)

Bring Your Handel *Messiah* Score
or Purchase or Borrow a Score at the Door

Join Us at a Reception Following the Sing-Along

Child Care Will Be Available During the Sing-Along

SPECIAL REPORTS —

KENYA MINISTRY AND ITS HISTORY

St. Peter's has been awarded a \$2500 grant from Diocese of Virginia's Fund for Human Need to further our ministry in Western Kenya. The money will be used to finance the digging of a new water well in East Asembo, Nyanza Province—the home of our former priest associate Samuel Sudhe. The Commission on Human Need received \$47,000 in grant requests but had only \$26,000 to give away, so St. Peter's fared very well! Sheridan C. wrote up the grant request and provides background here:

The well will be located on the grounds of St. Luke Ndara Church in the village of Koluoch and will serve some 80 homes, or about 400 people. Currently, there is only one well in Koluoch providing safe water. The well's aging pump is prone to breakage and has become more difficult to repair. The community has been eager to drill a new well but has not had the resources to pay for it.

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The well idea developed out of the Kenya Safe Water Project launched by St. Peter's 17 months ago to make more clean water available to people in East Asembo. The overriding goal of our project was to improve the health of people in the community, thereby extending their lives and enhancing their productivity. The lack of safe drinking water is a nagging problem in this region, causing disease and early death. Frequent droughts plague the area. Nearby Lake Victoria is all too frequently a source for water, though known to be polluted from human and animal waste and agricultural runoff.

Our first subproject involved the installation of a water catchment system at St. Luke's, completed in November 2007. The second subproject, completed in April 2008, involved the installation of water catchment systems at St. Peter's Bwaja Church and St. Philip's Wera Church. The well subproject is our third effort in the safe water project.

Our interest in East Asembo was a direct outgrowth of our close relationship with Father Samuel Sudhe, who will oversee the well construction. From 2005 to 2007, Samuel was a student at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria, Virginia, and also a priest associate at St. Peter's. Samuel became involved in many aspects of parish life, developing many friends and admirers.

Through adult forums, church events and private conversations, Samuel shared much with us about his wife and children back in Kenya, and how people live and worship in his community. We learned about the extremely high incidence of HIV/AIDS in his district leaving many children orphans and the very common presence of malaria afflicting nearly every family. The hours sacrificed to illness and the effort needed to procure each day's clean water, food and firewood present a dramatic drag on productivity.

There was an overwhelming desire in our parish to reach out to Samuel's community in some direct way. In January 2006, St. Peter's sent \$500 to buy 33 school uniforms and 15 goats for local children, many of whom were HIV/AIDS orphans. In August 2006, St. Peter's sent another \$1200 to buy 38 pairs of leather shoes, 35 pairs of socks and 18 more goats for the children. Father Craig used discretionary funds to help pay school expenses for Samuel's 14-year-old daughter, and when she contracted malaria St. Peter's sent money to help pay for her medicine. Samuel's mother died suddenly and St. Peter's again used discretionary funds to help pay the expenses of her funeral—quite costly affairs in Kenya. In February 2007, the Kenya Initiative Subcommittee under the Mission Commission began meeting to discern how to help the village in a more sustainable way.

In May 2007, St. Peter's paid for Samuel's wife, a teacher, to visit the U.S. for his VTS graduation—her first trip outside of Africa. Her warmth, intelligence and expressions of gratitude to St. Peter's for helping their village enhanced parish determination to find more lasting ways to make a difference in their community. Later that May, Samuel and Nellie returned home to East Asembo. Shortly afterward, parishioner Mike Unger paid a two-day visit to their village. He was warmly welcomed, and returned to St. Peter's with some specific ideas for aiding Samuel's community. Improving accessibility to clean water was at the top of the list.

During the violence and political turmoil in Kenya early in 2008, Samuel managed to e-mail the parish describing the horror and the harrowing conditions for family, friends and his community. By this time, Samuel had charge of 15 churches within Kandaria and Wera parishes in the Bondo Diocese and was Acting Dean of Studies (he has since been named Dean of Studies) and a teacher of Hebrew at Bishop Okullu College of Theology near the city of Kisumu. A parish-wide campaign raised enough funds to buy Samuel a Suzuki 100cc motorcycle and helmet to transport him from parish to school to home.

With the success of the two water catchment systems, the Kenya Initiative Subcommittee focused this spring on Samuel's request for a new well for the community. The subcommittee saw in a well project a way to provide safe water throughout the year, not just in the rainy seasons. Lacking adequate funds in its budget, the Mission Commission decided to apply for a Human Need Fund grant to finance it. We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded the grant, and anticipate that work on the well will start later this month.

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sent out to serve.”**

VISION TASK FORCE REPORT

Background and Introduction

After its annual retreat in January, the Vestry acknowledged that St. Peter's growing congregation is a challenge and a gift that will require some new responses. The Vestry met again in February and decided to establish a Vision Task Force. The Vestry agreed that the task force would be composed of no more than 15 laypersons and should include members of the Vestry and persons drawn from the various sub-communities within St. Peter's congregation. The Vision Task Force was charged with looking forward 5 to 10 years and answering the question: “Who is God calling Saint Peter's to be/become?”

At the Vestry's request, Peter M. agreed to serve as the chair of the Vision Task Force. The Chairman then selected the other members of the task force from a list of parishioners identified by the Vestry as being excellent candidates to serve on the committee. The members of the Vision Task Force are: Peter M. (chair), Kathi A. (Vestry), Suzanne B. (Vestry), Jamie B., Margaret C., Lyndell C., Catharine G. (Vestry), Taffy G., Nene H., Barret H., Ward L. (Vestry), Lisa L., Scott R., Larry S., and Glenna W. (Vestry). The Vestry also secured the services of Carroll Sheppard, a consultant who specializes in helping churches through the visioning process, to assist the task force in its work.

Following the recommendation of the Vestry and Carroll Sheppard, the Vision Task Force decided to conduct its work through face-to-face contact with the members of the congregation whenever possible, and to seek input from as many members of the congregation as possible on the question, “Who is God calling Saint Peter's to be/become?” After an organizational meeting on March 14, 2008, the task force hosted two potluck dinners at the church that were open to the entire congregation, for the purpose of introducing the members of the task force, providing an overview of how the task force planned to conduct its work, and soliciting input from the members of the congregation. The task force members subsequently gathered input through one-on-one conversations with members of the congregation, and through a wide variety of church meetings and functions, including two adult forums, the parish weekend at Shrine Mont, the Ten Spot (youth group), choir, Altar Guild, and other church commissions and committees. In addition, members of the task force attended services, meetings and other church functions in which they did not normally participate in order to learn more about the St. Peter's community generally, and to make themselves available to members of the congregation to the greatest extent possible. Finally, in an effort to ensure that all were given an opportunity to provide input prior to the task force concluding its work, the task force created a “vision box” in the narthex for written submissions, an e-mail address for electronic submissions, and contacted by phone parishioners who members believed had not yet attended a task force function or otherwise provided their input.

In addition to its organizational meeting, the Vision Task Force met four times over a two-month period to share what we heard from the members of the congregation, identify opportunities for gathering additional input, and seek God's guidance for St. Peter's. The task force composed a “Prayer for Saint Peter's” for use at our meetings and other church functions (see below). On May 31, 2008, the Vision Task Force, with the assistance of Carroll Sheppard, spent the afternoon and evening preparing the attached draft Vision Statement. The Vision Statement is accompanied by an appendix which provides a visual and written description of who we believe we are as a congregation and helps

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put the Vision Statement into context. The appendix also discusses what we found to be the congregation's core values, which is a concept central to the Vision Statement. A preliminary draft of this report was submitted to the Vestry on Sunday, June 8, 2008, and a final draft presented at the Vestry meeting on June 17, 2008.

The Vision Task Force wishes to thank Carroll Sheppard for her invaluable assistance, and the congregation of St. Peter's for their input, prayers and support over the past two months. People feel passionate about St. Peter's, and this is part of what makes the church such a vibrant and exciting place. As our mission statement narrative explains: "At St. Peter's, we worship God with energy and joy, seek a deeper faith in Jesus Christ, minister to those in need, and reach out to welcome others into our community of faith. We enjoy music and laughter, and place a high value on Christian formation. Our youth are actively involved in all dimensions of our life together. We are a community of all ages, committed to using our gifts in the service of others and to the glory of God." As we look to the future, we wish to pause a moment and acknowledge the work of those who have laid such a strong foundation upon which to build.

Prayer for Saint Peter's

Almighty God, we thank you for calling us together as a family in Christ to serve you and one another.

We praise you for blessing Saint Peter's so richly for the past forty-six years, and for the many ways your hand has worked among us to transform our lives and the lives of those around us.

As we look to the future, we humbly ask you to send your Holy Spirit to provide us with the wisdom and insight to discern your vision for this, your church.

Help us to listen to one another, to be patient with one another, and most of all to love one another, as Christ loves us.

Fill our hearts with hope and joy, and give us the courage to answer your call, so that we may live as God's people in this community of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Peter's believe that God is calling us to:

- Strengthen our spiritual foundation so that people can deepen their knowledge of God and advance on their spiritual journeys.
- Preserve our congregation's core values and nurture all we have been given.
- Welcome all who come to St. Peter's and help them find a place in our community where they can grow in faith and serve God.
- Be welcoming and creative in our programs for youth and children, recognizing that they are the future and lifeblood of the church.
- Be more intentional stewards through a focused commitment of time, talent, and treasure.
- Improve our internal communication functions in order to support the congregation's awareness of and participation in a wide range of programs and ministries.
- Retain and nurture a strong, supportive and well-balanced clergy.
- Discern how we can achieve our vision in our church home.

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