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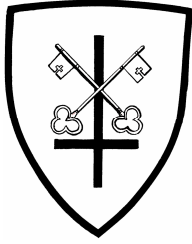
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NOVEMBER PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

November is Usher Team 6: Dick A., Alan B., Rusty H., Mary Jay H., Bruce J., John P., Bob S., Ed W.

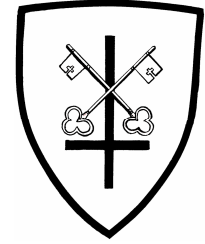
	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
<u>Acolytes</u>					
8:00	Austen A.	Volunteer Needed	Jacqueline M.	Need Volunteer	Austen Applegate
9:00	Alison B., Sarah L., Kirsten K.	Jack W., Emily L., Angel H.	Thomas S., Zoli M., Hayley M., Grace R., Sarah C.	John R., Alison B., Meredith R.	Jack Wilson, Emily Lettau, Kirsten Konopnicki
11:00	Chrissy R., Meredith R., Elsie G.	Claire C., Sarah C., Sarah L.	John R., Caroline M., Neil G.	Erin G., Alex G., Micaela G.	Jack W., Emily L., Kirsten K.
<u>Chalicians</u>					
8:00	Tootie K.	Bill M.	Mike L.	Ed W.	Bill M.
9:00	Thad K.	Sharon S.	Kathi A.	Sue B.	Georgeanne J.
11:00	Keith A.	Alan B.	Jeff C.	Jim L.	Judith L.
<u>Lay Readers</u>					
8:00	Tom B. Suzanne B.	Erika S. Bill S.	Rob W. Suzy W.	Chris A. Sally H.	Tootie K. Bill M.
9:00	Kirsten K. Thad K.	Jack W. Jill R.	TBA	Claire C. Peter H.	Erin G. Sharon S.
11:00	Alan B. Steve C.	Jean S. Taffy G.	Don W. Jack S.	Keith A. Vikkey A.	Jim S. Bob S.
<u>Altar Guild</u>					
Weekly Capt.	Katie E.	Jessie N.	Suzanne B.	Nan W.	Karen S.
Flowers	Joan T.	Sue B.	Sue B.	Sue B.	Joan T.
<u>Greeters</u>					
9:00	Jim and Joyce R.	Karen and Peter M.	Catharine G.	Tatiana and Joe D.	Katie E.
11:00	Karen S.	Taffy G.	Bill and Judy W.	Dick and Anne J.	Jan and Alan B.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

NOVEMBER 2008



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

FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Warm sweaters, hot tea, chilly days, trees afire with splendid colors...these are a few of the things I love about this time of year. November is the start of cold weather as we gear up for winter. I love pulling out the winter clothes and boxing up the summer ones—down come the Irish wool sweaters, perfect for keeping out the cold, and up go the flip-flops and linen, better suited for cookouts and the hot sun.

In November I notice an internal shift as well. I start wanting stews and heartier meals. In mid-July I wouldn't dream of 15-bean soup, but come November 1, I can't wait to fire up the Dutch oven and put the beans in to soak. My interior self begins to slow down and parts of me go into hibernation. Mentally there is a part of me that has to shut down and restore.

Traditionally we celebrate in November the end of the harvest and growing season. The crops have yielded their fruit and it's time to celebrate the bounty. And as we are celebrating the fruits of this season, the fields are shutting down as well, preparing for a winter's nap and restoration. The seeds that have fallen to the ground are working their way into the soil and preparing to incubate. This season's castaways will become next season's fruit-bearing plants.

But they need the winter to sit. They need to be given the time to rest and prepare. How much this is like our faith

journey. Early on God planted seeds within each one of us. Some will grow and flower early in our lives and others will lie dormant for years, waiting for the right time to spring forth and bear fruit.

All of us are called to different ministries along our faith journeys. At one point in your life you might be called to serve on the Fellowship Commission, helping gather the community for fun and formation—the very moments when the bonds of communion are strengthened. Years later you might find yourself on the Vestry, doing the work of leadership by helping steer the community into its future. Then yet another time, when crisis has touched your personal life, you might be called simply to sit in the congregation, being a participant and allowing others to carry the load while you face the challenge of simply showing up.

On November 30 we will begin the church's liturgical calendar all over again with Advent 1. As we head into winter and the start of a new year celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, what will your ministry be? How will you serve the community of Christ this year? What seeds lie deep within you, waiting to be nourished and fed? What ministries in your life are coming to a close and need to be celebrated?

DATES TO NOTE:

- 1, 8, 15, 22 - Icon Writing
- 2 - Congregational Meeting
- 4 - First Tuesday Meetings
- 5, 12, 19, 26 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 5, 12, 19, 26 - Adult Choir Practice
- 6 - SOME
- 6, 13, 20 - The Thursday Ears
- 7, 14, 21 - Women's Bible Study
- 10 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 10, 24 - Prayer Group
- 11 - Second Tuesday Meetings
- 12 - Youth Choir Practice
- 12 - Godzilla
- 13 - Trivium Bare Bible Study
- 14 - Key Articles Due
- 14 - Meals on Wheels
- 15 - Godly Play Training
- 16 - Youth Service (9:00 a.m.)
- 16 - Sunday Afternoons at St. Peter's: Families with Young Children
- 18 - Vestry Meeting
- 21 - Trivium Game Night
- 22 - Men's Breakfast
- 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service
- 27, 28 - Office Closed

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November is the month of Thanksgiving and a time when, as Americans, we traditionally reflect on the many blessings of our lives. This November I give thanks for the seeds God has planted in each of you. I give thanks for the seeds that have grown into successful ministries and have already born much fruit, for the time you have dedicated to the faith community and its mission, and for ministries whose ends have come and are fading into the background. I give thanks for the new ministries that will spring up in the coming

year, for the seeds God planted deep within that are waiting for the right moment to spring forth, for the creative ways you will find to share your gifts to the glory of God.



The Rev. Mary R. H. Demmler

PARISH NEWS —

SUPPLEMENT DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS: NOVEMBER 2 & 16

We are updating the photo directory—last done in 2006—with a handy dandy supplement. Your last chances to capture your image along with anyone else you would like are approaching. We have assembled a list of names of those who are in the directory currently, but whose photos were not in the 2006 photo directory, and sent letters last month. If you do not get a letter and weren't in the last directory, come and get us; the more the merrier.

Now, you may be asking who is behind this effort and why are they bothering? We are so glad that inquiring minds want to know! Your very own Fellowship Commission has undertaken this project because we want everyone to know each other better, there are lots of new faces since the last photo op, and some of us have trouble remembering the names of our own children (let alone someone we just met in a crowd of 10), so we need all of the help we can get. If that is how we feel, imagine how daunting the name/face thing is for someone who just arrived!

If you are saying to yourself, "Wow, wouldn't that be fun?", then there is a place for you in this project if you are breathing and you can either turn on a computer or use a digital camera. Volunteers, questions and concerns, call Katie E.

SHARE THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILIES IN NEED

St. Peter's Mission Commission is sponsoring its Annual Thanksgiving "Adopt-A-Family" program in collaboration with Samaritan Ministries. We have volunteered to put together at least 40 dinners for needy families in our community. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex with shopping lists and boxes for your use in collecting the items. All boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 23 (by noon). The Mission Commission will also provide \$25 in grocery gift cards for Samaritan families to use to purchase a turkey and other perishable items. We will need drivers to help deliver the dinners to the Samaritan Ministry Office on November 23. For more information, or to help transporting boxes, please contact Jan G. by phone or email.

GODLY PLAY TRAINING DATE CHANGED

Godly Play training has been moved to November 15, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., due to circumstances beyond our control. Our national Godly Play trainer has a conflict and we must change the date. We know many of you had blocked October 18 and we are sorry to have to do this. Becki Stewart is so good that we want to keep the same trainer. We promise, it will be worth the wait! If you have questions, please see the Rev. Ann Martens or Scott R.

YOUTH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 9 A.M. SERVICE.

Our Youth have a lot to say and a good message to share! Come worship at the 9 a.m. service on November 16 and let them lead the way. Our youth are sharing their gifts as musicians, readers, chalicists, officiants, and more. Worship with us and celebrate our youth by showing them your support.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT ST. PETER'S: FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Families with children 8 and under, join us Sunday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and family game night. We'll supply the games, you supply the food. Come ready to play and make new friends!

ANNUAL ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

It's not too late to order your Christmas trees, wreaths or garland. We have ordered one hundred and ten trees, but will need to place additional orders ASAP because the nursery is a small operation. Order forms can be found in the narthex, at the back of this *Key*, and online. Forms are due by **November 15!** Please hand out forms to friends and neighbors. We believe this year we can increase our sales to help St. Peter's, but we will need lots of help.

Thank you,
Gary and Diane C.

TRIVIUM: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20'S/30'S)

Thursday, November 6: Faithful Reading: A Women's Book Group. 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Chesterbrook Starbucks. This month's title is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.

Thursday, November 13: Bare Bible Study. 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Cosi (3505 Fairfax Drive). This month's readings are Zephaniah 1:7,12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10, Matthew 25:14-15,19-29, and Psalm 90 or 90:1-8,12.

Friday, November 21: Game Night. 6 p.m. at St. George's, Arlington. Bring snacks/drinks to share. We'll all go to dinner from St. George's.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

St. Peter's Thanksgiving Day Rite II service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 27.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2009

Please mark your calendars for the 2009 Women's Retreat. The dates are January 16-18. We will be returning to the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland. For more information to follow in the December *Key*. You may also contact Sharon S. or Jayne S.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

SABBATICAL FOR OUR RECTOR

In February 2009, our rector will begin a long-planned sabbatical. What's a sabbatical? Most of us know it's connected with a period of leave *from work for research, study, or travel*, often with pay.

When the Search Committee, under Jayne S.'s leadership, began its work in 2000, we knew that to encourage a talented member of the clergy to join us at St. Peter's and move to Arlington, we would have to provide not only a clear picture of who we were, but also a competitive, realistic employment package. The search process took more than a year. Information on scores of candidates was reviewed, analyzed, compared and evaluated. Your Search Committee knew that with all this effort, to lose a clergy member it recommended to the Vestry because the employment package it offered was not attractive enough would be detrimental to the mission of St. Peter's.

We knew we were competitive on most fronts but also that the candidate we were looking for would be looking for an opportunity to regroup, spiritually and intellectually, within a reasonable period after joining us at St. Peter's. The answer was to provide for a sabbatical.

When St. Peter's called the Reverend Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D., the offer he accepted included the agreement that after five years he would be entitled to a sabbatical—earned at the rate of three weeks per year for each year. The Vestry began to plan for the sabbatical from the time St. Peter's called its new Rector. The Rector elected to wait until the sixth year to take the sabbatical.

The truly wonderful result is that our Rector and his wife will be able to actively pursue an ambitious period of renewal during the sabbatical because St. Peter's has received a substantial grant for this purpose from the Lilly Foundation. The first phase of the sabbatical will begin February 4, 2009, in Ghana, followed by a period of reflection in Oxford, England. The second phase will be spent exploring early Christian and Byzantine sites in Greece and Turkey, followed by a family vacation in Greece. The leave will conclude on June 17, 2009, with two weeks time for re-entry. There will be activities at St. Peter's prior to, during, and after their leave.

Why Ghana? In 2006 the Bishop of Virginia appointed Father Craig to the Triangle of Hope, a Diocesan committee charged with exploring the legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and working for reconciliation between dioceses historically involved in that trade: the Diocese of Virginia, the Diocese of Liverpool, and Anglican Dioceses in West Africa. When Bishop Daniel Sarfo of the Diocese of Kumasi in Ghana came to Virginia to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the first Anglican Eucharist at Jamestown, he invited Father Craig and Meta to visit Ghana during a future sabbatical, creating an opportunity to foster a deeper personal and professional understanding and strengthen respect between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in Ghana.

While Craig was teaching a graduate course in colonial and post-colonial theory at Temple University, he was interested in the descriptions by 16th- and 17th-century European travelers of the religions and customs of the people they visited. Following his interest, he traveled to England to read in the Bodleian and India Institute Libraries in Oxford and the British Library in London, developing a love of rare books that he now rarely has time to indulge. His experiences in Ghana will give new meaning to those travel narratives, while being in Oxford will allow him to read those books in the libraries that inspire him.

The grant from the Lilly Foundation not only assists with the costs Craig and Meta will incur, it also provides funds to the parish to pay for supply clergy during the sabbatical.

We hope that the sabbatical will give them a time to enjoy what they share and love so that St. Peter's can join with them in renewal as we follow Father Craig's spiritual and practical leadership.

Faithfully,

Bruce J., Search Committee member and former Junior Warden

COMMISSION NEWS —

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Our fall mission activities were in full swing in October. With Peter W. in the lead, we sent about seven parishioners on the annual CROP Walk (October 18), benefiting the Church World Service (CWS) efforts to end extreme poverty as well as for local hunger relief efforts. On October 12, Fred Jones, Chair of Arlington Interfaith Council, the local CROP Walk organizer) visited St. Peter's after the 9 a.m. service to say a few words about the CROP Walk.

At the October meeting for Mission Commission, we discussed a proposal from our Dominican Republic mission team for an ongoing commitment not only to visit the DR for future mission trips but also to raise money for support of education in the DR. The proposal would be to help fund the school fees for children to attend the local Episcopal schools. This would be a way to maintain an ongoing, year-round relationship with a local parish in the DR. Funds for the scholarships would be raised with contributions from St. Peter's parishioners. Laura D., a leader of our mission team, will continue to work on this project for St. Peter's.

We also discussed a proposal from Tillie Smithers, who serves on the Board of Trustees for the Jackson-Feild Homes for needy young women, to support the Jackson-Feild Homes in some way. One suggestion was to include some of the young women as recipients of our Secret Santa project in December. The work on this proposal is ongoing.

November promises to be a busy month for the Mission Commission! Jan G. is leading our effort to collect Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless. We will donate some 40 meals to the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (SMGW). The drive for the dinners begins November 2 and ends on November 23. Please pick up a list of the food needed in the Narthex. The church will supply gift cards to SMGW for turkeys.

Our support for Arlington County's Emergency Winter Shelter begins in November and we will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We are committed for three dinners per month, from November through March, and on each of those days we will need one individual or family to provide a meal for 45 to 50 men in the shelter.

Later in November, we will start to collect gifts for our Secret Santa project. Be on the lookout for the Christmas tree in the Narthex with names of our Secret Santa recipients. We will probably end the drive for these gifts on December 14. Complete details for this project will be published in the weekly goldenrod announcement sheet.

Mission Commission encourages each parishioner to think about helping the needy in our community, especially now that the weather is turning chillier and economic hardships are affecting so many more families. There are many opportunities to help through St. Peter's, and everyone's contribution of their time and talent is very much appreciated! Look for sign-up sheets for Meals-On-Wheels, the Emergency Winter Shelter, the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), and So Others Might Eat (SOME).

Any interested parishioner is invited to attend the next Mission Commission meeting on November 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (after the short prayer service in the Chapel, beginning at 7:15).

VESTRY NEWS —

Vestry Highlights October 21, 2008

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

Heard a two-part presentation by the Building and Grounds Committee.

1. B&G's Five-Year Maintenance Subcommittee reported on 10 high-priority maintenance or repair items that are likely to cost about \$250,000 over the next five years. If not planned and executed quickly, these problem areas could become emergency repairs during the period.
2. The Facilities Planning Study Subcommittee reported on its survey of St. Peter's space assets and needs and a general concept of how to change St. Peter's spaces to meet the needs identified by the Vision Task Force. This is a preliminary sketch rather than a finished picture.

These presentations will be a central focus of the Congregational Meeting on November 2.

Heard from the Personnel Committee that the diocese is putting together a candidate pool for a "sabbatical interim" to stand in for Craig Phillips during his sabbatical in 2009.

Heard from Treasurer Mira B. that spending is about \$1500 over budget through October and that pledge income was about 75 percent of target through September.

Formally acknowledged that the Building and Grounds Committee has exceeded its original budget due to emergency repairs at the church and rectory and approved further spending as required.

Approved a resolution to support the Bishop Lee Memorial Chapel at Roslyn. St. Peter's will donate \$1,000 annually for three years to support the building and maintenance of a new chapel at the diocesan retreat at Roslyn.

Heard from Rector Craig Phillips that St. Peter's will adopt the new Revised Common Lectionary this year. The RCL is a change to the way the Episcopal Church (along with the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches) will organize the Gospel, Epistle and Old Testament readings for each Sunday. Craig said the primary difference will be to make the Old Testament and Epistle readings more sequential, following Bible stories across a number of Sundays.

ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum Schedule for November 2008

Dear Parishioners,

November is a special month on the calendar: the leaves are falling, cold winds blow in from the north and we begin the holiday season with Thanksgiving on November 27. It is also the traditional month for our annual congregational meeting—to be held this year during the adult forum hour on November 2. Another November tradition is the showing of *The Sound of Music* on network television—at least for those of us old enough to remember TV before there were 800 channels, fiber-optic transmission, DVDs and movies on-demand. We will hold a special forum to celebrate that old chestnut of family entertainment. Finally, we will also begin our Inquirer's Class Series for this year's confirmation candidates and those wanting a "refresher" on the basics of the Christian faith and our Anglican/Episcopal traditions. We think that we have an enticing menu for you to choose from. Please join us Sundays at 10:00.

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

November 2—All Saints Sunday

Plenary Session: St. Peter's Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual parish-wide meeting will be held during the adult forum at 10:00 sharp. The rector will deliver an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the past year at St. Peter's. Among the topics to be addressed are our continuing upgrade to our physical plant, church finances, missions, Christian formation, music and worship, and many of our ongoing commissions and committees at St. Peter's. We will also hear about the findings of the Visioning Task Force, and review what steps the vestry will be considering based on those results. Everyone is encouraged to attend this most important congregational event.

November 9—Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: *The Sound of Music: The Von Trapp Family Singers: The Myth and the Reality*—Led by Margaret C.

The Sound of Music was the last collaborative effort of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein before Hammerstein's death in 1960. The Broadway musical opened in New York on November 16, 1959, and the film premiered in 1965. It continues to live on in revivals the world over, having recently played in the U.S., Canada, Australia, the U.K., Japan, Sweden, Brazil and even Austria. The play/film achieved many superlatives: more hit songs than any other Rogers and Hammerstein musical, the most financially successful film adaptation of a Broadway musical, earned an Academy Award for Best Musical, made the von Trapp Family Singers world famous, and launched the career of Julie Andrews. But how accurate was the portrayal of the von Trapp family, the Mother Abbess and the Nonnberg convent, and the family's mountain-trekking escape from Nazi-occupied Austria? Was it true that Maria von Trapp disliked the film? What happened to the von Trapp family home near Salzburg? Margaret Cohea will help us separate myth from reality, and we'll be treated to a special performance of *Edelweiss* by a mystery musician.

Option II: The Revised Common Lectionary—Led by the Very Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D.

Starting with the first Sunday in Advent, St. Peter's will use the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for our readings from the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha. The new lectionary is the product of a joint effort by Catholic and Protestant scholars to publish a new and improved lectionary that can be used by all Christian denominations. First released in 1994, the RCL is based on the *Ordo Lectionum Missae* of the Roman Catholic Church. The new lectionary differs from the old in that the congregation will be able to hear the voice of each biblical author, week after week, rather than readings selected according to a theme. For instance, we will be able to hear the gospel of Matthew from beginning to end and enjoy, over several weeks, this gospel writer's unique style and perspective. There are some exceptions to this rule, which will be discussed, along with specific editorial judgments made by the liturgical scholars on the committee, e.g., omitting book introductions. The RCL is now in use by most mainstream denominations including the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in America. We encourage everyone involved with our worship at St. Peter's, and especially our lay readers, to attend.

November 16—Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: Strategic Overview of African Missions—Led by David Leege and Rebecca Chandler of Catholic Relief Services; Introduced by Jack S.

In keeping with our fall focus on missions we are pleased to have David Leege and Rebecca Chandler of Catholic Relief Services visit with us to discuss their work on the needy and crisis-stricken continent of Africa. At St. Peter's our commitment to Africa runs deep. For some years now we have supported a community in Western Kenya through our former priest associate the Reverend Samuel Sudhe. Lately, we have begun to develop a relationship with Bishop Sarfo of the diocese of Kumasi in Ghana. Through our own diocese we are involved with the Triangle of Hope

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

and the legacy of the slave trade. David and Rebecca will share their experiences and help us to think strategically about the prospects for relief and development in sub-Saharan Africa—to think with both realism and hope. We anticipate an audio-visual presentation, and all are cordially invited to attend.

Option II: Inquirer’s Class: The Book of Common Prayer—Led by the Very Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D.

The rector will lead our first Inquirer’s Class on the Book of Common Prayer. First published in 1549, the BCP is one of the great works of the English language and contains just about anything one would need for prayer, study and worship in the Christian faith. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer is considered to be the chief editor and architect of the prayer book. Over the centuries many revisions have taken place; the current version in use today dates from 1979. Please join us to learn more about this magnificent guide to Christian spirituality, and bring any questions that you may have. The following week, on November 23, parishioner Jonathan Sullivan will lead a follow-up discussion on how the prayer book influenced the formation of the United States of America.

November 23—Last Sunday after Pentecost/Feast of Christ the King

Plenary Session: The Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer—Led by Jonathan S.

The Preface to *The Book of Common Prayer* (page 9) is a remarkable historical document that answers some fundamental questions about the founding of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States in 1789. Like the Declaration of Independence, this document lays out the justification for a separation from England, albeit a liturgical one, and like the Constitution, establishes a foundation for a new church in a new nation. We will take a tour through this document and talk about the circumstances leading up to its adoption.

November 30—First Sunday of Advent (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Option I: The New St. Peter’s Web Site—Led by the Communications Committee and the Web Site Development Team

By now you have noticed that the new St. Peter’s Web site is up and running! Back on October 12, on short notice, we held a forum to explain the basic workings of the new Web site, which had just been launched. Unfortunately, the wireless remote signal did not reach far enough into the nave and we were unable to fully display the Web site. In consideration of that shortfall, and because many of you will have had some experience using the new site, we will hold a second forum to listen to feedback and answer questions about the site.

Option II: A Special Edition of the Rector’s Front Porch: Lambeth 2008 and the State of the Anglican Union—Led by the Very Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D.

The 2008 Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops was held in historic Canterbury, England, from July 16 to August 3. All three bishops from the Diocese of Virginia—the Right Reverends Lee, Jones, and Johnston—attended along with their spouses. You may read their accounts of the proceedings in the October issue of *The Virginia Episcopalian*. The unity and comprehensiveness of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, 80-million strong, is under tremendous stress. Dominating the discussion today are disagreements between the conservative “global south” and the Anglo-American churches over biblical interpretation in the area of sexual morality, among other things. Our rector will discuss the issues that are presently dividing the communion, give an overview of the many areas of cooperation and agreement (that often go unnoticed and unreported in the media) within the communion, and pay particular attention to the leadership of Archbishop Rowan Williams in these matters. We hope you will join us.

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

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

It Is Well with My Soul 1873

When the great Chicago fire consumed the Windy City in 1871, Horatio G. Spafford, an attorney heavily invested in real estate, lost a fortune. About that time, his only son, age four, succumbed to scarlet fever. Spafford drowned his grief in work, pouring himself into rebuilding the city and assisting the 100,000 who had been left homeless.

In November 1873, he decided to take his wife and daughters to Europe. Spafford was close to D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey and he wanted to visit their evangelistic meetings in England, and then enjoy a vacation.

When an urgent matter detained him in New York, however, he decided to send his wife, Ann, and their four daughters—Maggie, Tanetta, Annie and Bessie—on ahead. As he saw them settled into a cabin aboard the luxurious French liner *Ville du Havre*, an unease filled his mind, and he moved them to a room closer to the bow of the ship. Then he said goodbye, promising to join them soon.

During the small hours of November 22, 1873, as the *Ville du Havre* glided over smooth seas, the passengers were jolted from their bunks. The ship had collided with an iron sailing vessel, and water poured in like Niagara Falls. The *Ville du Havre* tilted dangerously. Screams, prayers, and oaths merged into a nightmare of unmeasured terror. Passengers clung to posts, tumbled through darkness, and were swept away by powerful currents of icy ocean. Loved ones fell from each other's grasp and disappeared into foaming blackness. Within two hours, the mighty ship vanished beneath the waters. The 226 fatalities included Maggie, Tanetta, Annie and Bessie. Mrs. Spafford was found nearly unconscious clinging to a piece of wreckage. When the 47 survivors landed in Cardiff, Wales, she cabled her husband: "Saved Alone."

Spafford immediately booked passage to join his wife. En route, on a cold December night, the captain called him aside and said, "I believe we are now passing over the place where the *Ville du Havre* went down." Spafford went to his cabin but found it hard to sleep. He said to himself, "It is well; the will of God be done."

He later wrote his famous hymn based on those words.

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The melody for "It Is Well," titled "Ville du Havre," was written by Philip Bliss, who was himself soon to perish, along with his wife, in a terrible train wreck in Ohio.

(Excerpted from *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003, pg. 185)

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**MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S (CONT.) —**

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**18TH ANNUAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG, DECEMBER 7**

A St. Peter's Advent tradition will continue on Sunday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. when the Adult Choir, with soloists and orchestra, presents the 18th annual St. Peter's *Messiah* Sing-Along.

The Choir invites all parishioners, and your friends and neighbors, to join in this presentation of the Christmas portion (plus the Hallelujah Chorus) of Handel's *Messiah*. Bring your *Messiah* score, or borrow or purchase a score at the door.

Admission to the sing-along is free, although donations are gratefully accepted. Once again this year, sing-along participants are encouraged to contribute nonperishable food items for the food bank.

A reception, coordinated by the Fellowship Commission, will be held in the Chapel following the sing-along.

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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 REPORT —****Call for Art**

St. Peter's invites you to submit visual or mixed media-images that evoke the

**“Light of the World”**

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

Works submitted for the “Light of the World” will be shown in St. Peter’s Chapel beginning November 30, the beginning of Advent. The call is for images that give vision to light in the darkness.

- Submission deadline is November 20.
- Two- or three-dimensional work and multi-media work will be accepted. This includes original photographs and installations within practical size limits.
- Include a brief statement of what influenced the creation of the images. Also, include contact information.
- Size is limited by practical considerations, however, the work may still be presented digitally.
- Digital images in .jpg or .gif format are accepted, but will be shown digitally.
- All ages are welcome and encouraged.
- Collaborative work is encouraged.

Help with hanging and dismantling gladly accepted. Contact Meta P. for information or assistance.

### 2008 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 11** 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 smaller operation, we need to get **orders for 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.

Trees should be picked up by **December 14**.

Please contact Diane or Gary Crocker at 703-538-2735 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   | \$80  |
| 9-10 feet  | \$92  |
| 11-12 feet | \$120 |

#### 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)

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

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Available to help?**

**Require delivery?**

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Chair: The Very Reverend Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D.  
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Junior Warden: Gretchen G. (2009)  
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Kathi A. (2009)  
Suzanne B. (2010)  
Jim B. (2009)  
Catharine G. (2010)  
Ward L. (2009)  
Doug M. (2008)  
Jack S. (2010)  
Lynn W. (2008)  
Glenna W. (2008)

**Volunteers:**

Treasurer: Mira B.  
Key Editor: Rob G.  
Web Site Coordinator: Jonathan S.

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                 | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                    | Friday                                                                                        | Saturday                                                        |
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| 2<br>8am - HE Rite I<br>9am - HE Rite II<br>10am - Congregational Meeting,<br>Sunday School<br>11:15am - HE Rite II                                                                                                 | 3                                                                      | 4<br>7:15pm - First Tuesday<br>Meetings     | 5<br>6:30pm - Handbell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:30pm - Adult Choir<br>Practice                                                | 6<br>6:00am - SOME<br>10:00am - Thursday Ears                               | 7<br>7:30am - Women's<br>Bible Study                                                          | 8<br>12:00pm - Icon Writing                                     |
| 9<br>8am - HE Rite I<br>9am - HE Rite II<br>10am - Adult Forum, Sunday<br>School, The 10 Spot<br>11am - HE Rite II                                                                                                  | 10<br>7:30pm - Finance Com-<br>mittee Meeting<br>7:30pm - Prayer Group | 11<br>7:15pm - Second Tues-<br>day Meetings | 12<br>6:00pm - Youth Choir<br>Practice<br>6:30pm - Handbell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:00pm - Godzilla<br>7:30 pm - Adult Choir | 13<br>10:00am - Thursday Ears<br>8:00pm - Trivium Bare<br>Bible Study       | 14 <i>Key Articles Due</i><br>7:30am - Women's<br>Bible Study<br>11:00am - Meals on<br>Wheels | 15<br>8:30am - Godly Play<br>Training<br>12:00pm - Icon Writing |
| 16<br>8am - HE Rite I<br>9am - Youth Service: HE Rite II<br>10am - Adult Forum, Sunday<br>School, The 10 Spot<br>11am - HE Rite II<br>5:30pm - Sunday Afternoons at<br>St. Peter's: Families with Young<br>Children | 17                                                                     | 18<br>7:00pm - Vestry Meet-<br>ing          | 19<br>6:30pm - Handbell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:30pm - Adult Choir<br>Practice                                               | 20<br>10:00am - Thursday Ears                                               | 21<br>7:30am - Women's<br>Bible Study<br>6:30pm - Trivium<br>Game Night (St.<br>George's)     | 22<br>8:00am - Men's Breakfast<br>12:00pm - Icon Writing        |
| 23<br>8am - HE Rite I<br>9am - HE Rite II<br>10am - Adult Forum, Sunday<br>School, The 10 Spot<br>11am - HE Rite II                                                                                                 | 24<br>7:30pm - Prayer Group                                            | 25                                          | 26<br>6:30pm - Handbell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:30 pm - Adult Choir<br>Practice                                              | 27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i><br><i>Office Closed</i><br>10:00am - HE, Rite II | 28 <i>Office Closed</i>                                                                       | 29                                                              |
| 30<br>8am - HE Rite I<br>9am - HE Rite II<br>10am - Adult Forum, Sunday<br>School, The 10 Spot<br>11am - HE Rite II                                                                                                 | <h1>NOVEMBER 2008</h1>                                                 |                                             |                                                                                                                             |                                                                             |                                                                                               |                                                                 |