

# THE ST PETER'S POST

October, 2022

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

## What's happening at St Peter's in October?

- **Every Sunday 11AM Worship in person at St Peter's and online**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0J0OGdMV3NMRlhmWUVCZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9926 3545 Passcode: 889278
- **Every Sunday, 6PM, Compline**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871679302?pwd=NVc2UGx3N3M2bDRaTRRVEphT3FIQT09> Meeting ID: 878 7167 9302 Passcode: 729195
- **Every Monday, 6:30AM, Monday Morning Meditation**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1jYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929
- **Sun, Oct 2, Coffee Hour following the 11AM service—Plaque in memory of John Sellers has been installed in the pavilion**
- **GOSPEL ON THE RIVER, 3PM in the church—COME SING YOUR FAVORITE GOSPEL HYMNS Bring a friend!**
- **Monday, Oct 3, 11:30AM ECW Lunch at Horne's**
- **Thursday, October 6, 7PM Sacred Ground Group, all are welcome.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904459075?pwd=YlVYcTVBL09NK3d2bHZjZWdWalhsdz09>  
Meeting ID: 869 0445 9075  
Passcode: 715981
- **Sunday, October 9 Return Pledge Cards so that the Vestry can develop the 2023 budget**

- **Wednesday, October 12, Village Dinner, 4:30-6 PM. Eat in or take out. Pork Tenderloin, Rice, Veggie Medley, Dessert** Call Susan Linne von Berg to make your reservation. 804-742-5233
- **Friday, October 14, 6:15 Reception, 7PM BEAU SOIR Concert** in the church. Bring a friend!
- **Wednesday, October 19 Village Harvest, 3-4:30PM** Call Andrea if you'd like to help.
- **Thursday, October 20, Vestry, 3PM**
- **Sunday, October 23, 5PM Youth Group at St Peter's.** All youth are welcome.
- **Thursday, October 25, Trip to DC for visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Sign up by Oct 9**
- **Sunday, October 30, Youth Sunday at 11AM**



## Server Schedule, Oct. 2022

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, 11AM**  
**Lector** Linda Kramer  
**Chalice Bearer** Johnny Davis  
**Altar Clean Up** Linda Kramer

**Sunday, October 9, 2022 The  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

**Lector** Helmut Linne von Berg  
**Chalice Bearer** Helmut Linne von Berg  
**Altar Clean Up** BJ Anderson

**Sunday, October 16, 2022 The  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

**Lector** Susan Linne von Berg  
**Chalice Bearer** Andrea Pogue  
**Altar Clean Up** Jan Saylor

**Sunday, October 23, 2022 The  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

**Lector** Andrea Pogue  
**Chalice Bearer** Johnny Davis  
**Altar Clean Up** Andrea Pogue

**Sunday, October 30, 2022 The Twenty-  
first Sunday after Pentecost, Youth  
Service 11AM**

**Servers to be announced**

**Gospel on the River, Oct 2,  
3PM**



**Enjoy a great opportunity to sing your favorite gospel hymns with old friends.** Thanks to Helmut Linne von Berg and Jim Heimbach, Gospel on the River, which began in 2007, lives on. This year, we'll be singing in the church at St Peter's. Come on out and add your voice to these

beautiful old songs of praise that have helped many sustain their faith through the years.

**Beau Soir in Concert, Friday  
Oct 14, 2022 7PM**



A reception at 6:15 will precede the annual concert at 7PM. The St Peter's concert series returns after taking a two year break due to the COVID pandemic. This year, Beau Soir will fill the church with the ethereal sounds of flute, harp and viola. The concert is free, and donations are gladly accepted to help fund next year's concert.

The Beau Soir Ensemble (<https://www.beausoir.org>) is a flute, viola, and harp trio in the Washington, DC area dedicated to the performance of standard and contemporary repertoire spanning a variety of musical genres. The group was founded by harpist Michelle Lundy in 2007.

The concert series began in 2013 as a way of inviting people into St Peter's and to the town of Port Royal. Past concerts have included

The Thirteen Oct. 2013  
Lyra (Russian Choir) Sept. 2014  
Flamenco Guitar and Dance Sept, 2015  
The Portland Guitar Duo April, 2016  
Lyra (Russian Choir) Sept. 2016  
Magical Strings, April 2017  
The Thirteen, Feb, 2018  
The PhilHarmonia, Oct. 2019

## Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Trip to The National Museum of African American History and Culture

This field trip to Washington, DC will include a visit to the museum, followed by lunch. If you are interested, please let Catherine know. Group transportation to the museum will be arranged, once the number of participants is determined.

**Deadline to sign up, Sunday, October 9.**



## The Gospel in October

“Increase our faith,” the disciples implored Jesus. This month’s gospel teachings revolve around increasing our faith in God, and also increasing our faith in one another.

### **October 2, 2022- Pentecost 17 - Luke 17:5-10**

Luke connects a pronouncement about faith to an example about how demanding it can be to live as a disciple.

Faith is considered in the context of the small mustard seed.

Faithfulness, endurance, patience—these are the themes of walking the faithful life with God and in our relationships with one another. The faith of a mustard seed is enough faith to do what God calls us to do, for it’s only through God’s strength that we do what God calls us to do in this life.

Jesus uses the example of slaves and masters and their relationships to make

his point to the disciples that our purpose on this earth is to serve our Lord. We cannot earn our way to salvation, no matter how hard we try. Salvation is God’s gift to us, freely given. Our job is to serve God with humble gratitude.

### **October 9, 2022- Pentecost 18 - Luke 17:11-19**

Jesus hears a cry for help from ten lepers and responds. Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, which was part of the healing ritual involved in being able to come back into the community. All of them had faith to believe they would be healed. They obeyed Jesus and they were healed. Only the tenth, a Samaritan, takes the time to come back and thank Jesus.

Jesus asks, “Where are the other nine?” God’s blessings can go unappreciated. Only the Samaritan came back to thank Jesus. God’s work through Jesus should yield thanksgiving. And this story reminds us that sometimes those who appreciate God’s work in our midst the most are the ones we least expect to do so.

### **October 16, 2022- Pentecost 19 - Luke 18:1-8**

Luke 18:1-8 contains the parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge. A widow asks a judge to act in her behalf. For some time he refuses to do anything on her behalf. But she is persistent and the judge relents. B

The widow’s persistence is what pays off in the end, not a change of heart by the judge. The unjust judge is someone whose concerns are all worldly, centered in this age and characterized by self-interest and evil. The judge’s motives are not so high – he just wants to shut her up so she doesn’t wear him out so he makes the decision in her favor.

Our faith must also be persistent even in times of doubt and struggle—we may not change the minds of others, but we change ourselves. God is persistent with us, constantly reaching to us, and we must

be the ones who change and turn towards God. Given the difficult times in which Luke records this parable the question becomes even more poignant – can you endure the suffering of the present time so that you can witness the end time?

### **October 23, 2022- Pentecost 21 - Luke 18:9-14**

In Jesus' parable, two men come to pray but only the humble man leaves justified by God.

The Pharisee in today's story seems truly thankful. According to the beliefs of the times, he shows an honest and laudable desire to contribute to the coming of the kingdom by fulfilling the law. The tax collector, whose occupation branded him as an extortioner and traitor, knows he has no merits of his own. He throws himself on God's mercy. He is "justified" (v. 14), that is, accepted, made right with God.

Caught up in his self-made goodness, the Pharisee closes the door to the grace of interdependence on a power more loving than himself. In contrast, the Tax Collector knows that he cannot survive apart from divine gracefulness. He throws himself on God's mercy, knowing that God's mercy alone can save him.

### **October 30, 2022- Pentecost 22 - Luke 19:1-10**

Luke 19:1-10 tells the story of the tax collector Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to see Jesus. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus socializes with outcasts: the poor, the prostitutes, the physically disabled. So it comes as something of a surprise when the protagonist in today's reading is a wealthy man. Zacchaeus is great in terms of his personal wealth, but he is small in stature, and small in the eyes of the community that judges his moral standards. When Jesus discerns the diminutive Zacchaeus, he asks that the tax collector come down because "I must stay in your house today." Jesus makes the decisive gesture of inviting himself to

dinner, thus offering Zacchaeus a fellowship denied to him by others. Jesus recognizes Zacchaeus' desire to live a more righteous life. In answer both to him and to the murmurers, Jesus points out that even an outcast may receive and respond to "salvation," the presence of the kingdom in the person and message of Jesus.

## **Summer Vacation**

Tom and Alice standing on a glacier in Alaska. They went a long way to escape Virginia's summer heat!



## **Episcopal Men to the Rescue – Support to the Faibisy family**

From John Faibisy--“Without the recent assistance of the ECM, Toni and John Faibisy would have been up the Rappahannock River without a paddle! Toni and John are members of St Peters Church as well as long-time enthusiasts of Port Royal. In April, Toni was taken seriously ill and rushed by ambulance to Mary Washington Hospital. She spent the next five months in hospital beds in Richmond and

Fredericksburg. Prior to her coming home in late September, John received a mighty assistance from ECM, who arrived in force at his house to clear furniture for him in anticipation of the arrival of Toni's new medical equipment and supplies. These include a medical bed, wheelchair and the like. Additionally, the ECM team had solid ideas about rearranging furniture to maximize space in the house to accommodate the incoming equipment. John greatly appreciated the space-saving interior rearrangement ideas, most of which were put into effect. He also appreciated aid he's been given over the months, such as "soul food" delivered to a gent who can barely operate a microwave or acting as a shuttle service to pick up a car from the auto dealer twenty miles away. Thank you ECM!"

### Your Gifts to St. Peter's

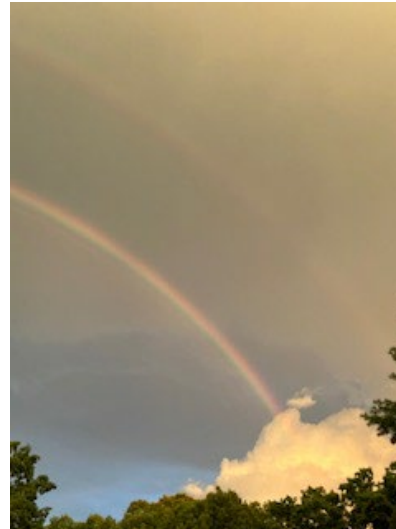
The Vestry will be working on the budget for 2023 during the fall. Your pledge will help determine what we can accomplish in 2023.

This past year, your pledges have meant that we have been able to gather in our beautiful space for worship, and to use our Parish House for all sorts of activities. We have been able to offer online worship, thanks to your financial support. Your support is allowing us to upgrade our sound system and our online presence with the help of Fredericksburg Technology and new equipment. Your financial support made a seminar on End of Life issues possible early in 2022. The Food Distribution continues, thanks to your generous donations. Each year, the Vestry is able to send financial support from St Peter's to address local, state, national, and international needs, thanks to your generosity. The Discretionary Fund helps people in the area who are in financial need. Please consider what you want to offer financially to St Peter's in

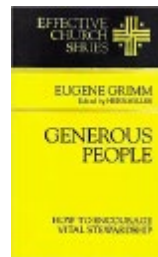
2023. Pledge cards will be available in September and the Vestry hopes to gather in the pledges in October, so that budget planning can take place.

### Summer Vacation

Double Rainbow at the end of Catherine's and Ben's street in Fredericksburg.



### Time to estimate your giving to St. Peter's for the coming year



In his book, Generous People: How to Encourage Vital Stewardship, Eugene Grimm offers ten reasons to encourage people to provide an estimate of giving to the church with a glad heart. Here are five of the reasons. See if any of these reasons resonate for you as you prayerfully consider your giving for 2023.

1. To make an estimate of giving is to take a leap of faith; it reflects the need to put God first. Estimating our giving acknowledges that God asks for our commitment. Martin Luther once said

that every Christian goes through three conversions in life—first the heart, and then the head, and finally, the purse. For God to be really first in our lives, all three are necessary.

2. Estimating emphasizes that God is vital to our lives. Our estimates of giving provide a public witness to the role God plays in our lives.

3. Estimating reflects our disciplined response to God's love. God's love for us is generous and gracious beyond measure. Estimating our giving indicates that we want to respond in a thoughtful manner to God's love through our giving.

4. Estimating begets ministry. Giving is not just for the spiritual growth of the giver, but it also results in ministry.

5. An estimate enables intentional decisions. Estimating our giving requires us to be truly intentional about our personal stewardship, instead of "bucking" the Lord--throwing a few bucks into the plate as an afterthought, giving God the leftovers.

### Summer Vacation

Tom and Alice Hughes celebrating with family on their Alaskan cruise.



### Summer Vacation

Gratitude for Time with Family –Linda Kramer with her family in Spain.



### Prayer of Gratitude

Joyce Rupp is a Catholic nun, retreat leader, author, and speaker. Here's her prayer of gratitude.

"We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the sensuous pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

"We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

"We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.

"We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.

"We are grateful for the messengers of God people, events, written or spoken words that come to us at just the right time and help us to grow.

"We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.

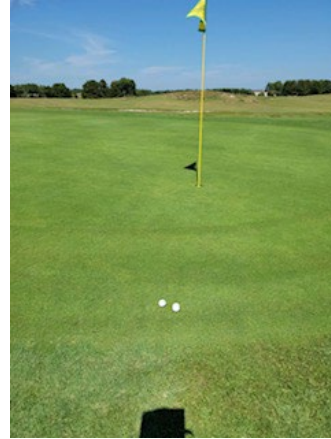
"We are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

"We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we can make a difference in the world through our choices and our actions, grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to peace.

"Faithful God, you have lavished us with love. Keep us ever mindful that you keep your promises. On our difficult days help us to remember that you are a refuge for those who need shelter, a comfort for those who feel empty and poor in spirit. On our joyful days fill us with a deep sense of thanksgiving as we experience your everlasting love. Help us to share your graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love. "AMEN."

### Summer Vacation

BJ and Jim got to play golf and BJ was amazed and grateful when she chipped her ball and it landed right beside Jim's. Sweet!



### Prayer Corner

As the days pass and winter approaches, John Whitfield and Roger Key are living life fully as their time on earth draws to a close. Roger is spending his last birthday surrounded by his family. John is planning a party. Please keep these brave and faithful people, their caregivers and their families in your prayers.

Toni Faibisy continues to improve at home with the help of home health.

Lydia O'Neil continues to receive therapy at the Bowling Green Rehabilitation Center and appreciates your continuing prayers for her recovery.

### Update on our Ministry Partners - ERD

Resource – "Seek and Serve" (Fall 2022)

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has been the international relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church for over 75 years. Their mandate was taken from Matthew "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." — *Matthew 25:40*

Right now, ERD is involved in helping in Ukraine. They work with an ecumenical collaboration of more than 130 churches and church affiliated organizations to provide food, shelter, showers and transit support for those in Ukraine who have

been displaced by the war, and to help women and children who have been unable to leave.

One mother shared her story and gratitude. Irina and her children who remain in the country are receiving three meals a day as well as access to hot and cold running water, mattresses and blankets. She is a trained nurse who's working at a refugee center. Her husband, a teacher, joined Ukrainian defense forces in the first days of the conflict. Initially, she and her children moved in with her parents but when a bomb exploded near the home, they fled to another part of the country. Irina refuses to leave Ukraine because her husband is in the country fighting and her other family members are in their homes, now in an area under Russian occupation.

ERD is also assisting organizations in Europe to provide refugee resettlement and longtime psychological support. ERD is providing several million dollars for this year and at least the next 5 years for relieve and longer term support of refugees.

## Summer Vacation

**Summer Vacation**—Hicks family vacation at Emerald Isle, NC



## Saint of the Month

### St Francis. Oct. 4

Francis lived from 1181-1226; his ministry was predominately in Italy, particularly Assisi. Francis was born the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. As a child and young man, he was pampered and worldly, living an indulgent life. One day, in a church in San Damiano, Francis heard the figure of Jesus on the crucifix in the church say three times: "Francis, go repair my house which is in ruins." Believing that this was a command to rebuild the specific church in which he stood, Francis began selling off some of his father's things to pay for a church renovation. When his father found out, he was furious. He dragged Francis to the local bishop, to insist he be repaid. It was there that Francis removed his rich garments, renounced his father, and left his wealth. The bishop took pity on him and gave him a rough garment to wear. Sometime after that, Francis was worshiping in another church and heard Matthew 10:7-20 read. In that moment, Francis understood the words as a literal call and began his life as an itinerant: living a simple life and preaching the gospel to anyone he met.

Francis understood that all creatures come from God and belong to God. He tried to live in harmony with nature. For example, he referred to the sun as "Brother Sun" and the moon as "Sister Moon." He once preached to a flock of birds, reminding them that everything they had was due to God's gracious gift and encouraging them to use their beautiful voices to praise God in song. One Christmas, Francis brought animals into the church and invited people to dress as Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels, to portray the Christmas story. When asked why he included animals, Francis said, "Surely the animals praised the new Messiah just as the shepherds and angels did." He is often credited as



the founder of the live nativity scene which churches around the world present at Christmas.

He is known for his love and care of poor people. He founded a monastic order, the Franciscans, who follow a simple rule of life.

**Summer Vacation**

BJ loved the beauty of these summer clouds during summer travels.



play trumpets, one plays French Horn, one played the piano, and everyone else likes to sing. They are all working on Christmas Music. Each played a Christmas piece individually.



The congregation will get to enjoy the talents of these young people during the latter part of Advent.

The evening ended with Compline.

**Youth Group is back!**



The youth of St Peter's met on Sunday, September 25. Those who attended have a common interest in music. Two people

## October, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Happy Anniv. Helmut, Susan Linne von Berg
<b>2 Sunday</b> <b>11AM Holy Eucharist</b>  12PM - Coffee Hour and Pavilion plaque celebration 3pm - Gospel on the River  Compline 6pm	<b>3</b> <b>Monday Morning Meditation 6:30am</b>  11:30AM ECW Lunch at Horne's	<b>4</b> <b>HBD Roger Key</b>  St. Francis. celebrated	<b>5</b> <b>Bible Study in person 10am-12pm, Parish House</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Sacred Ground on Zoom 7PM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> HBD  Mary Peterman
<b>9</b> Happy Anniversary Ken, Andrea Pogue -Pledge cards due -Sign up for Trip to Nat Museum Afri American History  11AM Holy Eucharist Compline 6pm	<b>10</b> <b>Monday Morning Meditation 6:30am</b>	<b>11</b> <b>HBD Woody Everett</b>  Village Dinner 4:30-6pm	<b>12</b> HBD Evan Davis  Bible Study in person 10am-12pm, Parish House.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Beau Soir in Concert - 6:15pm reception , 7pm concert</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist</b>  Compline 6pm	<b>17</b> <b>Monday Morning Meditation 6:30am</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Village Harvest, 3pm-5pm</b>	<b>19</b> HBD John Wall <b>Bible Study 10am Parish House</b>  Village Harvest 3pm-	<b>20</b> HBD Tom Kramer  Vestry, 3PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> HBD Cindy Fields, Hamilton Duke
<b>23</b> HBD Allison D'Aguilar <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist</b> Youth meet, 5PM Compline 6pm	<b>24</b> <b>Monday Morning Meditation (6:30am)</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Trip to National Museum of African American History</b>	<b>26</b> HBD Sydney Davis  Bible Study in person 10am-12pm, Parish House	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Youth Sunday, 11AM (Morning Prayer) HBD Steve Price Compline, 6PM	<b>31</b> <b>Monday Meditation (6:30am)</b>					