

# THE ST PETER'S POST

May, 2023

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

## Happening during Easter Tide



- **Every Sunday, In person worship at St Peter's and online on YouTube, St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA**. This link will remain the same each week.  
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>
- **St Peter's Psalms Study, Mondays on Zoom (Except May 1, Catherine at the Diocesan Clergy Retreat)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRlUUCrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2xpUT09>  
Meeting ID: 873 0418 9375  
Passcode: 092098
- **Every Wednesday, 10AM until Noon Bible Study in the Parish House—Study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary.**
- **Wednesday, May 17– Village Harvest, 3:00pm-5pm.** If you'd like to help, please contact Andrea Pogue, 540-847-9002
- **Thursday, May 18, Vestry, 2PM**
- **Thursday, May 18, Regional Ascension Day Eucharist at St George's, Fredericksburg, 7PM**
- **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost! Covered dish lunch following the 11AM Eucharist, and music will be provided by a local blue grass band.**

## Server Schedule, May, 2023

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

Lector: Andrea Pogue  
Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue  
Altar Cleanup: Andrea Pogue

### **Sunday, May 14 The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

Lector: Helmut Linne von Berg  
Chalice Bearer: Helmut Linne von Berg  
Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

### **Sunday, May 21, The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist, 11AM**

Lector: Linda Kramer  
Chalice Bearer: Elizabeth Heimbach  
Altar Cleanup: BJ Anderson

### **Sunday, May 28, Pentecost**

Lector: Elizabeth Heimbach  
Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue  
Altar Cleanup: Linda Kramer

## St Peter's Receives a \$5000 grant from the Diocese of Virginia!

As many of you know, the parish house needs a new coat of paint, an expensive project that is scheduled to begin sometime this spring. The Vestry applied for a Peter J. Lee Small Church Revitalization Grant from the Diocese of Virginia. At its last meeting, the Diocesan Executive Board voted for us to receive the \$5000 grant that we requested. Bishop Stevenson's letter follows. This is wonderful news and a reminder that the Diocese is a great resource for our congregation.

May 1, 2023

Dear Catherine,

I am thrilled to tell you that your Diocese is able to share with you \$5,000 for your Peter James Lee Small Church

Revitalization Grant. This money is for St. Peter's, Port Royal to use for painting and repairs of your parish house.

As the Church we are called at all times and in all places to do God's work in the world, and PJJ Grants enable us to encourage and support one another in this vocation. Congregations throughout the Diocese of Virginia celebrate the vision and spirit that has inspired your grant project, and we all look forward to hearing of your project's results.

I send my blessings to you for the work that you do and remain,

Faithfully yours,  


The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson  
 Bishop of Virginia

**Prayer Corner**

Susan Linne von Berg will be returning home from several months in rehabilitation. Please pray for her, and for Helmut as they both make this new adjustment.

**Village Harvest Update**



Update by Ben Hicks---81 people were served by the Village Harvest in March. 104 people benefited from the distribution in April. 104

people is the largest number since Jan, 2022 when we served 115 people.

1,365 pounds of food were distributed in April, the largest amount of food available since last Dec. The food is divided into produce, grocery items and meat. Produce recovered in April, 2023, up to 51% of the total after slipping to 35% and 27% in 2022 and 2021, respectively. It now exceeds in percentage 2019, the last normal year prior to the pandemic. Despite the improvements, year to date after 4 months, we are 12% below 2022 in clients and 20% in available food.

The Caroline County Department of Social Services and the Caroline County Public Schools are advertising the St Peter's Village Harvest on their websites.

**St Peter's Youth Bible Study**

The youth are meeting with Catherine several times a month on Zoom, typically on Thursdays, to discuss that week's Gospel.

The Zoom format allows for flexibility to schedule Youth who have tight schedules. It also provides an informal discussion vehicle to frame the Gospel on their terms, steering away from prearranged answers.

**Reading the Psalms on Mondays, 7PM on Zoom**

If you've ever wondered why our liturgy includes a psalm each week, and why the psalms are so important in our worship tradition, come join those of us who are journeying through the entire Psalter. The study began in Lent and will continue until we have completed our study of all 150 psalms. Each week we cover four or five of the psalms, discuss their historical context, discuss the various commentary interpretations, and learn more about when we use them in worship and why (and we've been surprised at how many psalms are not appointed as lectionary readings). The psalter is often referred to as the Israelite's hymn book. Many of the psalms have been set to music, so periodically the class listens to a musical adaptation of a particular psalm. No prior reading is necessary

and all are welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304189375?pwd=RHRlUUcrSVU1K1JPWmhiMlc4Z2xpUT09> Meeting ID: 87304189375 Passcode: 092098

## ECW meets at Randolph's

Report by Elizabeth Heimbach, ECW President

On April 12, members of the St. Peter's ECW met for lunch at Randolph's. It was great to be together and to have a chance to discuss a number of topics.

First, the group voted to donate \$100 to the Diocese ECW Scholarship Fund. Then, we agreed to put Village Dinners on hold for the moment with a plan to have several in-person dinners during the coming year, instead of one grab-and-go dinner every month. We also agreed to support the Caroline County Schools by collecting notebook paper and the Victoria School in Jamaica by sending school supplies.

Next, we talked about each member of the ECW planning regular visits to people in our congregation who can no longer attend church in person. Similarly, we decided to send greeting cards each month to people who do not have internet access. In addition, we discussed preparing lunch for people in the trailer park on July 12.

And finally, we discussed providing childcare for the children of the church on a special holiday so that their parents can have a night out.

## Four Important Days on the Church Calendar



Rogation Sunday, the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are four important dates on the church calendar.

**Rogation Sunday on May 14 this year (Easter 6)** goes back to prayer and fasting in

early Christian times for protection for crops from disease. In England, Rogation days were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting. The vicar "beat the bounds" of the parish, processing around the fields reciting psalms and the litany. Traditionally, Rogation days are the three days before Ascension Day on which the litany is sung (or recited) in procession as an act of intercession. These days are also traditional days of fasting in preparation for the Ascension.

**The Ascension (Thurs, May 18 this year)** marks the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth and his return to heaven. Before he ascended, Jesus, Son of God, commissioned his disciples to begin the gigantic task of converting the whole world. The Fredericksburg Region will hold an Ascension Day Eucharist at 7PM at St George's in Fredericksburg. St Peter's will be contributing the Prayers of the People for that service.

**Pentecost (celebrated May 28 this year) occurred a short time after the Ascension, according to Luke's gospel, and marked the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, at his Ascension, to send the Holy Spirit on the disciples.**

The gift of the Holy Spirit electrified these fearful followers - who only weeks before had run away when Jesus was arrested and were still hiding for fear of those who had been responsible for their Lord's death - and transformed them into men and women willing to lay down their lives for their faith, as many of them did.

**The feast of Holy Trinity (celebrated June 4 this year), is the only Sunday set aside to celebrate a doctrine of the faith.** Although the Trinity was recognized as a doctrine of the faith, it was only when the Arian heresy - which denied Jesus was God - was spreading in the fourth century, that the church Fathers prepared an Office with canticles, responses, a preface, and hymns, to be recited at Mass, which gradually evolved into what we know as Trinity Sunday.

Together, these latter three great feasts mark the promise which Jesus gave to his disciples,

and its fulfilment in the Church on earth. As recorded by Matthew, the very last words Jesus said to his Apostles before going up to Heaven, were: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time."

### The Gospel in May

#### Easter 5, May 7 - John 14:1-14

Before his death, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. Jesus goes to prepare a place for each of us. If we know Jesus, we will also know God. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus. We can face persecution, aging, and death because of our faith in God's everlasting love. The trials we face now are part of a larger adventure of growing with God.

#### Easter 6, May 14 - John 14:15-21

This passage continues from last week's reading, and is part of Jesus' final speech to his followers before his arrest, trial, torture, and brutal execution. Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In this week's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be left alone.

Jesus promises several things in Chapter 14:15-24. The promise of the Paraclete (vv. 16-17), the counselor, helper; The promise of Jesus' return (vv. 18-20); The coming of the Father and Jesus (v. 23).

The Holy Spirit is the representative of God, also in God, as their "Advocate" or champion: one who will support, help and intercede for them. The Paraclete comes to speak to us for Jesus.

The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

#### Easter 7, May 21 - John 17:1-11



In John's Gospel, Jesus gives many instructions to his disciples following the Last Supper they share together. Moments before their time in Gethsemane, Jesus lifts his eyes in a prayer sometimes called the High Priestly

Prayer. Jesus makes clear in the prayer that he knows his time on earth is coming to an end. He has done the work God sent him to do. In his prayer, Jesus asks God to glorify him through his death, resurrection and ascension.

Only through Jesus' death and resurrection can we know the love God has for us. Jesus also asked God to strengthen the disciples. Since Jesus would return to the Father, his mission and message must now be entrusted to the disciples. Jesus asks God to protect and unite them.

#### Pentecost, May 28 - John 20:19-23

Jesus now appears to his disciples in his resurrection body. Earlier, he has said "[my] peace I leave with you" (14:27). As he has been sent into the world with the Father's authority, he now sends out the disciples (and the Church) to continue his work (v. 21).

In John's gospel, Jesus breathed on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit so that they could continue his work.



When Jesus breathed on them and commanded the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit he was reminding them of the creative life-force emanating from the being of God.

### Shred-it! May 10, 2023,

This year's Shred-it is in the 11<sup>th</sup> year that St Peter's has provided professional recycling for the Port Royal area! Shred -It will be held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Be alert! The time will be announced. Many thanks to Andrea Pogue, who has headed up this event each year, and to all who participate by bringing their papers for recycling. **Over its ten years, this project has raised \$2,570 for outreach ministries.**

Last year, after expenses, \$605 went to outreach ministries at St Peter's.



Shred-it lightens your load by getting rid of paper you don't need to store in an efficient safe manner. Older bank statements, voided checks, credit card information, copies of sales receipts and any document containing sensitive information such as name, address, social security numbers, passwords phone number or email should all be shredded. For tax returns, the IRS recommends keeping records for 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later, if you file a claim for credit or refund after you file your return. Keep records for 7 years if you file a claim for a loss from worthless securities or bad debt deduction.

**Requested donation--\$5 per box or bag, or whatever you would like to donate.** Help yourself as well as St. Peter's.

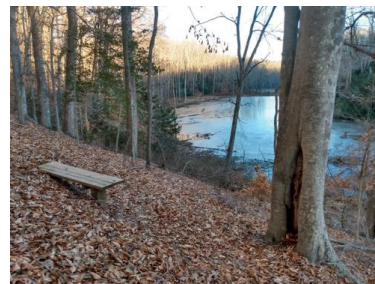
### Trip to Vorhees Preserve

Would you like to take a hike with friends in the Vorhees Preserve? If several people are interested, Catherine will arrange a morning or afternoon hike in the preserve, which will be good for both our bodies and our souls. Let Catherine know if you are interested. (540) 809-7489 or [stpetersrev@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersrev@gmail.com)

**Background** Vorhees Preserve is 12.4 miles and about 16 minutes from St. Peters, off of Bristol Mine Road (322 Bristol Mine Road, Colonial Beach, Virginia 22443). Web site - <https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/vorhees-nature-preserve/>

This land (729 acres) was donated to the Virginia Nature Conservancy in 1994 by Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Voorhees.

The preserve is adjacent to the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge with 4 .6miles of trails, including two overlooks. Bald eagles, ospreys and migratory songbirds are abundant in the midst of a mature hardwood forest. There is the "Hollow Tree," a hollow tulip tree large enough for several adults to stand inside.



It takes just under 2 hours to complete the trail . Note , there are no bathrooms there and it is remote so make sure that you have plenty of water, snacks and anything else you may need while there.

### Inspiration – Experience art in Easter Tide

This website aligns Episcopal practices with illustrations from the art world.

<https://www.ecva.org/exhibition/sacrament-image/index.html>

The mission of The Episcopal Church and Visual Arts (ECVA) is “to encourage artists and organizations to engage the visual arts in the spiritual life of the church.” “ECVA values the significance of visual imagery in spiritual formation and the development of faith, and encourages those who are engaged in using the visual arts in spiritual life.”

Liturgical practices (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, marriage, ordination, healing reconciliation) are illustrated with conceptions from various artists. Check out the use of mandalas for Eucharist. The artist describes her choice of color.

<https://www.ecva.org/exhibition/sacrament-image/exhibit16-hunter02.html>

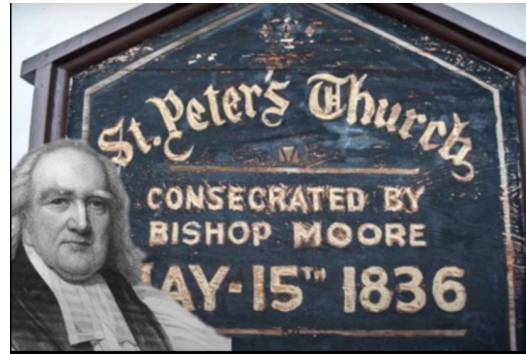


[The Artists Registry](#) is a community of individuals and groups who work at the intersections of art and faith. Registry members include artists, clergy, musicians, cathedrals, and congregational art groups. An e-newsletter provides news of calls and exhibitions.

## St. Peter's 187<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, May 15

On May 15, 1836, Bishop Richard Channing Moore came to St. Peter's for the consecration of the church which had been finished in late 1835:

From Bishop Richard Channing Moore-- “On Sunday, May 15, 1836, I went to Port Royal at which place I consecrated a new Church: a



building, which is a great ornament to the town, and reflects the greatest credit upon those by "whose munificence it has been erected, and which, I trust, will prove a blessing to them and to their children to their latest posterity. The congregation was very large and attentive during the whole service. Prayers were read by several of the clergy who attended on the occasion — the discourse was delivered by myself — the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered — I baptized three children and confirmed two persons."

### Living the Resurrected Life - NOW

“Resurrection does not have to do exclusively with what happens after we are buried or cremated. It does have to do with that, but first of all it has to do with the way we live right now. -Eugene Peterson from *The Pastor: A Memoir*

Peterson was the author of [The Message](#), a 2002 translation of Scripture into everyday English. He was a Presbyterian minister for 30 years. His book *Living the Resurrection: The Risen Christ in Everyday Life* is a main source for this article.

Living the resurrected life means living a life that is transformed by the power of Christ's resurrection. Living the resurrected life means we die to ourselves and allow Christ to live in us, guiding and directing our lives.

Peterson says it this way. “The resurrection life is a practice. It's not something we practice like practicing musical scales or practicing our golf swing. **It is practice in the more inclusive sense in which we say a physician**

**has a practice—work that defines both his or her character and workday.”**

“Resurrection, if you believed in it, had to do with the next life. It was something that happened to you after you were dead and buried and then found yourself with God in heaven for eternity. But Jesus’ resurrection took place on earth. These first witnesses and participants in Jesus’ resurrection obviously weren’t in heaven.”

“Now it was becoming clear to them [the first witnesses]..that the resurrection also had to do with them and the ongoing circumstances of their lives. My feeling is that this may have been even more difficult to wrap their minds around than Jesus’ resurrection itself. Jesus was radically reconfigured and redefined by resurrection. And now they were being just as radically reconfigured and redefined by resurrection.”

**Four Ways we can live Resurrection - now.**

**1. See the primacy of God’s presence and work in all of life.**

“In other words, we enter conditions in which we are capable of being surprised by what is other than us, other than what we do or don’t do.”

**2. Keep the Sabbath.** “Sabbath-keeping is the sacramental act that our people-of-God ancestors have employed, under commandment, to preserve a reverent and worshiping capacity to be aware of and responsive to what is other than us, so that we are responsive to formation-by-resurrection.”

**3. Participate in the Eucharist in Church –** “The Lord’s Table—then becomes the sacramental practice for Christians that maintains our resurrection focus in the dailyness of life. The Table and the Meal engage us in the sacrificial exchanges of life and death that cultivate formation-by-resurrection”. Transformation takes place at the Table as we eat and drink the consecrated body and blood of Jesus. A resurrection meal. “Christ in me.”

Meals are a key to Peterson’s thinking. “Meals derive from and extend the Eucharist meal to

our daily meals. Christ continues to be the host....We have a long tradition among Christians, given shape and content by our Scriptures, which practices the preparing, serving, and eating of meals as formational for living the resurrection... Our common humanity is out in the open as we eat together.” Peterson identifies four actions as crucial in all the meals that we share--taking, blessing, breaking, and giving. Peterson frowns on the way meals are handled today - on the fly with fast food and little time around the table.

**4. “Repent is the no and follow is the yes of formation-by-resurrection.”** “Repent is an action word. It means to change direction: “You’re going the wrong way, thinking the wrong thoughts, imagining everything backward. In holy baptism, our lives are defined by resurrection. “

**The following is activated in Baptism. –**

**Prayer.** “Keeping company with Jesus, observing what he does, and listening to what he says develops into a life of answering God, a life of responding to God, which is a life of prayer. We are in the world of the Trinity where all is attention and adoration, sacrifice and hospitality, obedience and love.”

### 3 Prayer Events in May

May brings many opportunities for us to join with others in praying for ourselves, for the nation, and for the world.

**1. National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4—Join people of faith around the country in praying on the National Day of Prayer.** On this day, people of all faiths pray for the nation. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln’s proclamation of a day of “*humiliation, fasting, and prayer*” in 1863. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. The National Day of

Prayer theme for 2023 is: "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

There will be a national service at 8pm- <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org> or here [www.facebook.com/natlprayer/](http://www.facebook.com/natlprayer/)

**2. Thy Kingdom Come Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> –See next article**

**3. Submit a prayer to the UTO Prayer Booklet 2024 Call for Prayers.**

[https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto\\_book\\_of\\_prayers](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto_book_of_prayers)

Every three years, the United Thank Offering assembles a small book of prayers. **Due July 14, 2023.**

From the UTO – "Life is a collection of innumerable joys and successes as well as trials and sorrows. Paul admonishes us in 1 Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks," no matter the circumstances. And so we are to thank God for the promotion, the successful surgery, or time with grandchildren. As well, we are to be thankful for any challenge in which God can move: losing a loved one, losing a job, or suffering a health crisis. We can allow God to celebrate with us or instruct us and comfort us."

**Thy Kingdom Come, May 18-May 28**



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. It is celebrating its 7th year anniversary in 2023.

St Peter's has been part of this international prayer initiative for several years.

**Signup below to add Port Royal to the map to light up the world in prayer."**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

Prayer is a response to a loving relationship with a loving God. Essentially it is conversation with God; listening to God's presence and responding to that presence. As we pray, our relationship with God is deepened. As we pray, God draws us closer, guiding our thoughts, making us spiritually stronger in our daily lives.

The eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come give people the opportunity to join with others around the world to:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

In the gospel according to Luke, before Jesus ascended, he told the disciples to go to back to Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit. They did as he asked, spent ten days absorbed in prayer as they waited, and the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost.

Following the example of these disciples, we can spend time in intentional prayer praying for people around the world to be filled with the Spirit and to come to know Jesus more fully.

**Pray for five people (See next section)**

**Complete the Prayer Journal 2023. Download**



<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2023-03/TKC%20Prayer%20Journal%202023%20DIGITAL%20%281%29.pdf>

The Journal features thoughts from a range of voices across denominations. Each day there is a passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a time to pause and pray, and a 'Living the Kingdom' action. There is also space each day for your own notes – remembering and reflecting on the thoughts.

### Thy Kingdom Come – Praying for 5 people

Choose 5 names and commit to praying for them regularly by praying the following:

*Loving Father,  
in the face of Jesus Christ  
your light and glory have blazed forth.  
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my  
friends [here, name your friends]  
the life of your Son and your love for all.  
Strengthen me as a witness to that love  
as I pledge to pray for them,  
for your name's sake. Amen.*

Here are five easy ways to pray for five people regularly. Choose the one that suits you best.

#### 1. PIECE OF STRING

Take a piece of string or cord, and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for.

#### 2. SMALL STONES

Find five small stones (light colored ones are best) and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones.

#### 3. BUSINESS PRAYER CARD OR BOOKMARK

Find a card that will easily fit inside your wallet, purse or book. Write your list of five names onto the card before putting it in your wallet or book. Use this card as a daily reminder to pray for them.

#### 4. PRAYER ALERTS

Add your list of five people to the alerts section of your phone and set reminders to pray for them.

#### 5. POST-IT NOTES

Use five post-it notes and write one name onto each. Stick somewhere that you'll see them regularly and will be reminded to pray. You could use a band and tie 5 knots, each. Maybe each time you drink a cup of tea or coffee, you could remember to pray for them. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking

*Using the BLESS acrostic can help us to focus on all of the felt needs of those we are praying for:*

- *Body – health, protection, energy*
- *Labor – employment/unemployment, retirement, adequate income*
- *Emotional – inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience*
- *Social – healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children, friends, reconciliation; love*
- *Spiritual – repentance, salvation, obedience, faith*

### 4 Ways of Praying as a Family

**Bubbles:** As you blow the bubbles pray for 5 people you know and love to come to God

**Candles:** Light the candle and offer the names of the 5 people to pray for up to God.

**Weekly prayer** – Write down one blessing or something new in the day. At the end of the week at dinner review the list.

**Prayer jar.** - Take an empty jar and invite family members to write the names of a person in need of special prayers on a scrap of paper. Each evening before mealtime invite one member of the family to pull out a pop stick from the jar. As a family, pray for the person or intention named on the pop stick.

### UTO Spring Ingathering, May 28

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Give thanks to God for everyday blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box.



**Fill a blue box available in the church and bring it back to the church by May 28, the Day of Pentecost.** The UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute

100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church. Your blessing becomes a blessing for others

The offering raises over \$3 million for grants that focus on meeting compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church at home and throughout the world.

Over the next three years, the United Thank Offering, in the spirit of Matthew 25:36, will focus on areas of ministry that serve those whom society has left out and left behind. The UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically:

- preventative programs and intervention
- prisoner support outreach
- prison reform work
- or post-prison re-entry

### Poem of the Month – “The Peace of Wild Things” – Wendell Berry

“When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives  
may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great  
heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.”



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B E R R Y is a  
farmer, poet, and  
moral essayist who  
has published more  
than 40 books and  
received the National  
Humanities medal.  
You can hear him

read it - <https://onbeing.org/blog/the-peace-of-wild-things/>

## May, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> HBD Stanley Fields  Catherine is at Shrine Mont for the Clergy Retreat	<b>2</b> HBD Hugh D'Aguilar	<b>3</b> <b>Bible Study in person 10am-12pm, Parish House.</b>	<b>4</b> HBD The Rev. Karen Woodruff	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour</b>  Happy Anniv. Alex, Nancy Long	<b>8</b> HBD Karissa Fox <b>Psalms study on Zoom 7pm</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Bible Study 10am Parish</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Rogation Sunday</b>  <b>UTO Boxes distrib.</b>	<b>15</b> HBD, Michael Fox, Karen Long  187th Anniv St. Peter's  <b>Psalms study on Zoom 7pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Bible Study 10am Parish</b>  <b>Village Harvest 3pm-5pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Vestry, 2PM</b>  Regional Ascension Service at St George's, 7PM	<b>19</b> HBD Bill Wick	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>The Ascension celebrated</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Psalms study on Zoom 7pm</b>	<b>23</b> HBD Justin Long	<b>24</b> HBD Gladys Fortune, Justin Long, Jane McCormack  <b>Bible Study 10am Parish</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Pentecost!</b>  Collection of UTO Boxes  <b>11:00AM, Holy Eucharist, Covered Dish Lunch, Music by a local Bluegrass Band</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Memorial Day Psalms Study on Zoom, 7PM</b>	<b>30</b> HBD Cornesha Howard	<b>31</b> Anniversary Stanley and Cindy Fields  <b>Bible Study 10am Parish</b>			