

THE ST PETER'S POST

June, 2023

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

The Green and Growing Season



- **Every Sunday, In person worship at St Peter's and online on YouTube, St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA**
This link remains the same each week.
- **June 1, Vestry meeting, 2PM in the Parish House.**
- **Psalms Course. Revised schedule.**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83395538699?pwd=cms1SzN1RzlkYmxGZGpyd1Bja3ZoQT09> Meeting ID: 833 9553 8699
Passcode: 729108. Participants, choose one Psalm from the sections being discussed to share with the group.
-**Mon, June 5**, Books 3 and 4 (Book 3--Psalms 73-89, Book 4--Psalm 90-106)
-**Mon, June 12**, Book 5 (Psalms 107-150).
- **Every Wednesday, 10AM until Noon Bible Study in the Parish House—Study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary.**
- **Wed., June 21- Village Harvest, 3:00pm-5pm.** If you'd like to help, please contact Andrea Pogue, 540-847-9002.
- **Wed., June 21 7PM Summer Solstice Compline**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Server Schedule, June, 2023

Sunday, June 4, 2023 Trinity Sunday, Holy Eucharist, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Ben Hicks

Chalice Bearer: Elizabeth Heimbach

Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

Sunday, June 11, 2023 The Second Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Linda Kramer

Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue

Altar Cleanup: Andrea Pogue

Sunday, June 18, 2023 The Third Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Andrea Pogue

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: BJ Anderson

Sunday, June 25, 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Morning Prayer

Lector: Cookie Davis

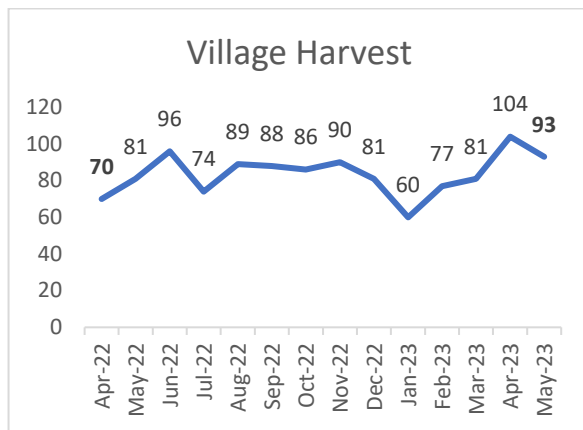
Altar Cleanup: Linda Kramer

Update on Projects



Shred-it took place on May 19, 2023. After costs of \$335, the project made \$305 for St Peter's ministries.. Thank you, Andrea Pogue, for coordinating the Shred-It truck.

Village Harvest. May 17. 93 families received food. Thirteen clients who picked up the food completed a survey, which revealed that a majority of participants use all of the food that they receive from St Peter's each month. Those who can't use all the food they receive share it with others. Most of the people like having the food prepackaged and placed in their cars. The surprising statistic was that out of the thirteen people who completed the survey, ten need can openers. One person opens cans with a hammer and chisel, another with a knife, and several people have can openers that are broken.



Support the Jamaica Project by June 17– St Peter's is helping to supply the children of the Victoria School in Jamaica with school supplies for the new school year which begins this fall. Consider helping in either or both of these ways.

A. Purchase the actual supplies through Amazon and have them shipped to Andrea, who will ship the supplies to Jamaica ahead of her trip to distribute the supplies.
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3HN4T28R3HFUM>. The supplies can be shipped to Andrea at P.O.Box 385, Port Royal Va 22535.

B. Make a check to St Peter's with Jamaica/Victoria School in the memo line. The money will be used to purchase additional supplies and help to cover shipping costs.

Painting the Parish House



We have received the \$5,000 grant money from the Diocese for painting the parish house. Jesse Clark was on the job the week of May 16.

Prayer Corner

Please pray specifically for the following people.

John Stoddard, friend of the Upshaws, who is suffering from stage 4 melanoma and is in the care of hospice.

Susan Linne von Berg is now home and Helmut is providing for her care.

Fred Pannell has returned to the Westmoreland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Colonial Beach, VA as he receives medication that cannot be administered at home.

Ken Pogue continues to have radiation treatments.

The family of Linneth Feliciano needs ongoing prayers. Linneth's siblings—Hyacinth, Beth, and Orville, have various ongoing health challenges.

Laura Carey has some physical challenges due to dangerously fluctuating blood pressure.

Toni and John Faibisy, as Toni continues physical therapy in hopes of being able to walk again.

Brad Volland will have cataract surgery this summer.

Become a member of CERVE, Inc.

St Peter's has been a long-time member of the Caroline County organization known as CERVE. Elizabeth Heimbach is our current representative at CERVE meetings.

This letter from CERVE asks for your support.

"In these challenging economic times, residents in our community are often faced with difficult decisions such as whether to pay a utility bill or purchase much-needed prescription medication.

Caroline Emergency Relief through Volunteer Efforts (CERVE) is a 501c3 charitable organization whose primary purpose is to provide emergency relief to residents of Caroline who may find themselves in a crisis such as this. We are a diverse group of individuals including county officials, clergy, businesses, and civic organizations who have joined together to help our neighbors in need.

Our vision is to be a central hub of information, coordination, and connection with local community resources. Caroline Sheriff Scott Moser serves as Director of CERVE and Lt. Keith Chatman is our Vice President. Many other trusted, known figures in the county work as volunteers. We are a growing entity with a strong desire to do more in our community. We recently updated our policy to provide up to \$200 of emergency relief for families. We also added long-term motel stays to our rental assistance policy. However, we can only achieve our expanded goal of aiding our community by growing our membership and soliciting assistance from generous businesses, faith-based organizations and individuals who love and have strong ties to Caroline.

Our request to you is two-fold. First we hope you will consider becoming a CERVE partner by joining our group in its mission of providing a safety net for our neighbors in need. Membership dues are \$25 annually. Secondly, we encourage you to donate to CERVE. In addition to assisting families in the county with rent, utilities and prescription medication, we provide fuel and food for stranded motorists, shelter for

transients as well as motel stays to separate family members during domestic incidents. CERVE coordinates with the Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Office to disperse our funds and nearly everything we bring in goes toward families in need because our operational costs are minimal.

In 2022, we assisted 29 families, connected many others to valuable resources at our "Help the Helper" event and collected 5000 pounds of food for our DSS pantry during a charity basketball game. **Please help us do much more in 2023 and beyond by mailing a check to PO Box 757, Bowling Green, VA 22427 or donating to CERVE via the online donation platform, Givelify.** "

<https://giv.li/fmb0nr>

Trinity Sunday, June 4



The doctrine of the Trinity is the Christian belief that there is One God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is the only major feast on the church calendar that celebrates a doctrine rather than an event.

In the fourth century, the church fathers gathered in Nicea (in present day Turkey) to come up with a way to state the fundamental beliefs of the Church concerning God. The Nicene Creed, the Church's profession of faith, was the result.

The doctrine of the Trinity encompasses the idea that there is One God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that is:

- There is exactly one God
- The Father is God
- The Son is God
- The Holy Spirit is God

- The Father is not the Son
- The Son is not the Holy Spirit
- The Father is not the Holy Spirit

Juneteenth



Because the Southern Confederacy viewed itself as an independent nation, the Emancipation Proclamation did not immediately free all of the enslaved population. The rebel governments would not enforce Lincoln's proclamation. Texas became a stronghold of Confederate influence in the latter years of the Civil War as the slaveholding population 'refugeed' their slave property by migrating to Texas.

Consequently, more than 50,000 enslaved individuals were relocated to Texas, effectively prolonging slavery in a region far from the Civil War's bloodshed, and out of the reach of the means of freedom—the United States Army. After the Union army forced the surrender of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith at Galveston on June 2, 1865, the emancipation of slaves in Texas became reality and freedom was granted. On June 19, 1865, 250,000 enslaved people were freed.

The issuing of General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865, marked an official date of emancipation for the enslaved population. Nonetheless, those affected faced numerous barriers to their freedoms. General Order No. 3 stipulated that former slaves remain at their present homes, were barred from joining the military, and would not be supported in 'idleness.' Essentially, the formerly enslaved were granted nothing beyond the title of emancipation. The official end of slavery in the

United States came with the ratification of the 13th Amendment in 1865.

After becoming emancipated, many former slaves left Texas in great numbers. Most members of this exodus had the goal of reuniting with lost family members and paving a path to success in postbellum America. This widespread migration of former slaves after June 19 became known as 'the Scatter.'

World Refugee Day, June 20

CORE MESSAGES

Every person has the right to seek safety – whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whenever they are forced to flee

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." – Hebrews 13:2

World Refugee Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2000 to celebrate the strength and courage of those around the world who have been forced to flee their home country to escape prosecution or conflict. World Refugee Day helps to raise awareness about the growing refugee crisis in places like Syria and Central Africa and to focus on ways to improve the lives of refugees.

"Refugee" is a legal term used to define an individual who:

"...owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it." (1951 Geneva Refugee Convention.)

Many of the characters we know in the Bible were refugees – Adam and Eve, Cain, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Lot, Hagar and Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses, Joshua,

Naomi, Ruth, David, Elijah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Mordecai, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Jesus, Peter, John and much of the Early Church.

Scripture supports refugees. "So, show your love for the alien." - Deuteronomy 10:17-19.

"Be a safe place for those on the run from the killing fields." Isaiah 16:4

The Old Testament, particularly the first five books, is covered with references to the "stranger".

An important New Testament passage about strangers is Matthew 25:31-40." for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me".

Scholars have argued that in the New Testament, "stranger" and "neighbor" are in fact synonymous. Thus, the Golden Rule, "love your neighbor as yourself," refers not just to people whom you know—your "neighbors" in a conventional sense—but also to people whom you do not know.

As of May 2022, 100 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide. (This is currently the population of Germany). This accounts for an increase of 10.7 million people displaced from the end of the previous year, propelled by the war in Ukraine and other deadly conflicts.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is the refugee resettlement program of the Episcopal Church, and a living example of the Church's commitment to aid the stranger. Resettlement is the last option for any refugee. When refugees cannot return home, resettlement can take place. In 2022, EMM resettled 1,639 individuals from 30 countries into communities in the United States. EMM collaborated with local partner agencies in 10 Episcopal dioceses to resettle those fleeing persecution.

Online Compline for the Summer Solstice, Wednesday, June 21, 7PM



An online compline service will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, June 21, celebrating the summer solstice and the longest day of the year.

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The service of Compline closes the day. It is the last of the daily office services in The Book of Common Prayer. These services, including Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, are services that are meant to be prayed daily. The name Compline comes from the Latin word meaning "completion." Prayers for protection at the end of the day, scriptures and blessings make up the service. Music can also be included.

For those who would like a prayer for the close of the day, the Prayer for Evening is in The Book of Common Prayer on page 833.

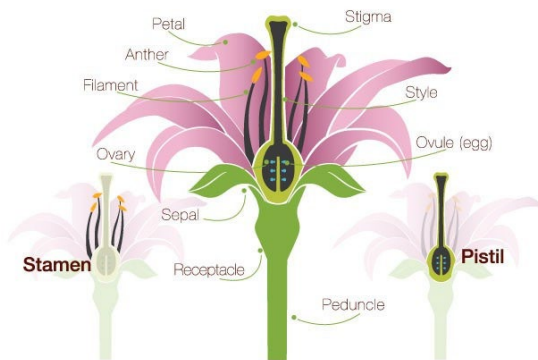
"O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen."

Day Lilies at St. Peter's



By mid-June, day lilies will be popping up all over St. Peter's. The date of their appearance tends to be consistent from year to year.

Daylilies were first brought to North America by early European immigrants, who packed day lily roots to bring to their new homes. As popular as daylilies were for many hundreds of years, it was not until the late 19th century that botanists and gardeners began to experiment with hybridizing the plants and developing hybrid day lilies.



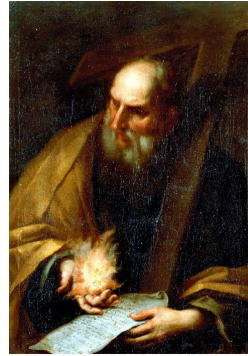
Modern hybrids are descended from two types of daylilies. One is *Hemerocallis flava*—the yellow lemon lily. The other is *Hemerocallis fulva*, the familiar tawny-orange daylily, also known affectionately as the "ditch lily". Daylily flowers that have three petals, three sepals, six stamens and one pistil (comprised of three carpels) are known as "single" daylilies.

If you deadhead lilies (cut off the old flower stalks at the base) you will get even more blossoms than if you leave the stalks up to form seed pods which over the summer will ripen and burst in the fall.

Although each bloom on a day lily lasts only one day (hence the name, day lily), the plants themselves are perennials and come back year after year.

June Saints' Days on the Church Calendar

St Barnabas, June 12



Barnabas was one of the most highly respected leaders in the early church. Born on the island of Cyprus (which means "copper" because of the mines there), his name was Joseph, but the apostles called him Barnabas (which means "son of

encouragement").

When Saul (as Paul was still known) appeared in Jerusalem after his conversion, he was spurned by the Christians he had persecuted. Yet when Barnabas "took him by the hand, and brought him to the Apostles", and spoke up for him, Paul was immediately accepted (Acts 9:27).

Barnabas was Paul's mentor and advocate and was the leader when he and Paul were sent off on the first missionary journey. But Paul's personality and fervor soon dominated.

Where it had been "Barnabas and Paul", it was now "Paul and Barnabas" (See Acts, Chapter 13).

Barnabas was so vital to the spread of the Gospel that he earned the highest accolade that any Christian can receive; "... he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

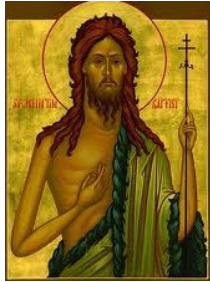
Around 49, at a council in Jerusalem, St Peter helped to carry the argument of Paul and Barnabas that Gentile Christians need not be circumcised.

It is odd, therefore, to discover Barnabas and Peter siding against Paul in refusing to eat with the Gentiles (Gal 2:13). The last thing we hear of Barnabas is of his falling out with Paul over the latter's refusal to accept John Mark as a travelling companion.

"So sharp was their disagreement, that they separated from each other; Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed off to Cyprus" (Acts 15:36-40).

So Barnabas passes from the written record. Tradition holds that he preached in Alexandria and Rome, before being martyred at Salamis.

John the Baptist, June 24



June 24 on the Church calendar is the feast day celebrating the birth of John the Baptist, the prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus and who baptized Jesus.

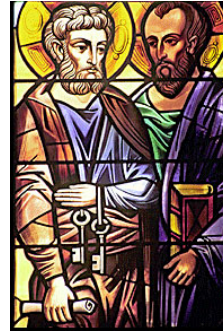
John the Baptist came from a family of priests and has been associated with Essenes. The Essenes were a Jewish mystical sect somewhat resembling the Pharisees. They have been identified as living at Qumran, a plateau in the Judean Desert along the Dead Sea. Some have linked them to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Feast of Peter & Paul, June 29

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul commemorates the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles St. Peter and Paul of Tarsus, observed on June 29. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being either the anniversary of their martyrdom in 67AD or the moving of their remains from one place to another. They had been imprisoned in the famous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. Saint Peter was crucified; Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, was slain by the sword. Together they represent two different Christian traditions.

Peter is pictured on the left with the keys - the keys to the kingdom. In Matthew 16, Christ says "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." The keys since then have

been symbols of Papal power. Peter represents that part of the Church which gives it stability: its traditions handed down in an unbroken way from the very beginnings, the structures which help to preserve and conserve those traditions, the structure which also gives consistency and unity to the Church, spread as it is through so many races, cultures, traditions, and geographical diversity



Paul is pictured with the Bible. He represents the prophetic and missionary role in the Church. It is that part of the Church which constantly works on the edge, pushing the boundaries of the Church further out, not only in a geographical sense but also pushing the concerns of the Church into neglected areas of social concern and creatively developing new ways of communicating the Christian message. This is the church, which is constantly renewed, a Church which needs to be constantly renewed.

Gospel in June



Get the lectionary readings here
<http://lectionarypage.net/#june>

**June 4, First Sunday after the Trinity -
 Trinity Sunday Matthew 28:16-20**

After his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" to "tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see

me." Now Jesus appears to "the eleven" (v. 16, less Judas) on "the mountain" where he was transfigured. Jesus has received "all authority" (v. 18) from the Father, so he now sends out his followers to "all nations" (v. 19, not just Israel) to: -baptize in the possession and protection ("name") of the Trinity, and -to carry on his teaching ministry.

No longer is the mission of the church limited to the Jews. The mission is unlimited – a development that would have been apparent to Matthew and his contemporaries.

To help in this daunting task, Jesus is, and will be, with them until the Kingdom of God comes fully.

June 11, Second Sunday after the Trinity - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

This week's scripture is an illustration powerful reminder of Jesus' compassion and healing power.

In the first section, Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him. Jesus saw Matthew's potential and called him to be one of his disciples.

In the second section, Jesus heals a young girl who has died. The girl's father comes to Jesus and begs him to save her life. Jesus goes to the girl's house and lays his hands on her. She immediately wakes up and is healed. There are some overtones with the story of Lazarus

The passage teaches us about the importance of mercy. Jesus says, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." This means that Jesus' mission is to reach out to those who are broken and in need of forgiveness. He is not here to condemn, but to offer hope and healing.

The teaching on mercy is a reminder that God's love is unconditional. God does not love us because we are good, but because God is good. God offers us forgiveness and grace, even when we do not deserve it.

June 18, Third Sunday after the Trinity - Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Matthew reports that Jesus now travels through villages and towns teaching, proclaiming, and curing. These are the activities of a prophet and Holy one. The "crowds" would be non-elite peasants, and they indeed would not have leaders. Note that Jesus sees the crowds as belonging to the Lord of the Harvest.

Jesus authorizes his disciples only to cure by giving them authority over the unclean spirits that are the source of illness. The "lost sheep" is a reference to Matthew 9:36, and refers primarily to the poor and peasants who had no leaders.

Jesus authorizes his followers to proclaim the Good News as well as to cure.

June 25, Fourth Sunday after the Trinity - Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus provides words of advice as well as stern warnings for the disciples. Jesus recognizes that fear will also cause the failure of discipleship. If the disciples imitate Jesus, they will face the opposition he faced, but also they will enjoy the protection he enjoyed (even if it seemed for a time that he had been abandoned). The disciples are encouraged to be steadfast in the face of martyrdom. The threat of violence and death are real concerns for the disciples, but no longer the determining force in their lives, for the one who has ultimate power over our whole being exercises that power with mercy and love.

Although Jesus has called his disciples to be peacemakers (5:9), his mission does not bring peace, but a sword, so long as the powers resist God's rule and will. Jesus words on love, healing and restoration threaten the powers that be, and so bring division.

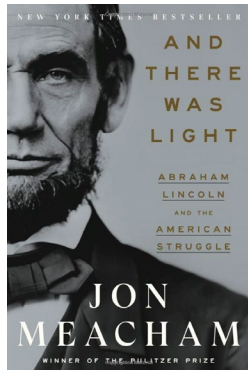
Spreading the gospel will have unfortunate side-effects. There will be tension and division (even within families) between those who accept Jesus' message, and the demands it makes, and those who oppose his way. Christians must put loyalty to Jesus even above family loyalties (v. 37).

Jesus promises that those who "lose their life" for him will in fact "find it," with true life,

eternal life while those who “find their lives” that seek to preserve one’s earthly life will lose all.

What are you reading this summer?

If you have read a memorable book lately and would like to share your enthusiasm, send the title and your comments to Catherine Hicks so that your suggestion can be included in an upcoming newsletter.



Ben Hicks has been reading **And There was Light** Jon Meacham (nonfiction) - Available at Central Rappahannock Regional library as a downloadable ebook, audio ebook or a book. This book is lengthy, but one of the finest biographies written on

Abraham Lincoln and the time in which he lived. Lincoln was always against slavery. His final challenge was a moral issue for him - preserving the Union AND freeing the slaves. Lincoln believed the arc of history bent toward justice and he put his life on the line for that end. Our country is the beneficiary of his decisions..

Tips on Planting a Garden

1 Corinthians 3:6 - I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

“First... plant six rows of peas - Pardon, Patience, Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance and Peace.

“Then... plant four rows of squash - squash out criticism, squash out gossip, squash out laziness, squash out indifference.

“Next ...plant six rows of lettuce - let us be faithful, let us be loyal, let us be unselfish, let us be truthful, let us love one another, let us read our Bible*

“No garden is complete without turnips - Turn up with a smile, turn up with a willing spirit,

turn up with encouragement, turn up in church Sunday mornings. “

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Vestry Meeting 2PM	2	3
4 First Sunday After Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	5 Psalms study on Zoom 7pm	6	7 HBD, Odessa Davis Bible Study 10am	8 Happy anniversary -Jim, Elizabeth Heimbach	9	10 HBD Tucker Fisher
11 Second Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	12 HBD- Chester Duke Happy Anniversary Newmans St. Barnabas, Apostle Psalms study on Zoom 7pm	13	14 Bible Study 10am Parish	15	16	17 Last day to provide supplies for the Jamaica project
18 Happy anniversary - Chris, Becky Fisher Third Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	19 Juneteenth	20 Happy anniversary - Tom, Barbara Segar World Refugee Day	21 Bible Study 10am Parish Village Harvest 3pm-5pm Summer Solstice Compline, 7PM on Zoom	22	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist
25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Morning Prayer	26	27	28 HBD Ben Hicks Bible Study 10am	29 St. Peter, Paul, apostles	30 Happy Anniv. - The Walls	