

# POHICK POST

## Pohick Episcopal Church

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*Let your light so shine (Matt. 5:16)*

## OCTOBER 2011



*From The Rector*

The Reverend  
Donald D. Binder, PhD

If we think back to our Confirmation classes or perhaps to the smattering of ancient Roman history we may have had in high school or college, we will probably recall the first three centuries of the present era being characterized as “the Age of Christian Martyrs.” In those centuries before Constantine, we were taught, Christians were tortured and thrown into the arena to face bloodthirsty gladiators and fierce wild beasts.

This is all horribly true.

Then, however, we may also have been taught that after Christianity became legal, the church slowly became dominant throughout the West and Near East so that the time of Christian martyrdom had finally drawn to a close.

Would that this also were all true. Unfortunately, it is not.

In fact, we continue to live in an Age of Christian Martyrs, though we do not often see much about it in the mass media. Nevertheless, consider the following:

- China has been arresting leaders of unregistered churches (which, though in the majority, are illegal), as well as bishops and priests of the Catholic Church.
- Christian human rights lawyer, Gao Zhisheng, has been missing for over two years.
- Eritrea has imprisoned some 2000 evangelicals in harsh desert conditions in which many die.
- Christian villagers in Gojra, Pakistan, were

burned alive after a (false) accusation that one had blasphemed.

- In the past year, Iran has arrested hundreds of Christian and sentenced one, Youcef Nadarkhani, to death for apostasy.

- In Egypt, the situation for Christians has worsened since Mubarak resigned.

According to the authoritative research center, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, Christians are the most widely persecuted religious group in the world, facing persecution or discrimination in 130 countries. This persecution is concentrated in the remaining communist and “post-communist” countries, in south Asia (India, Burma, Sri Lanka) and, especially, in the Muslim world, where it is increasing.

As many of you know, we have in our congregation one of the world’s leading experts in the field of religious persecution, Dr. Paul Marshall. He has authored or co-authored several books on this subject, and regularly writes columns about it for numerous journals, magazines, and newspapers.

For that reason, we are truly blessed that Dr. Marshall has accepted my invitation to co-teach a weekly Sunday class on the Persecuted Church during the months of October and November. It will meet in the Parish House Annex beginning on October 2 during the Sunday school hour from 10:15 am - 11:05 am.

In the course, we will briefly cover a history and theology of the persecuted church before focusing upon how Christians continue to be severely persecuted around the world in the new millennium. In ad-

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dition, we will look at some of the successes in this regard - the recently won independence of largely Christian South Sudan over the summer, and the increasing spread of the Gospel and freedom of worship in other parts of Africa and Latin America. Finally, we will explore ways we can support those brothers and sisters in Christ who still endure such suffering and hardship in the 21st century.

I hope that many of you will take advantage of this special opportunity, not only so that we can all be better informed about the horrible reality facing many Christians in our age, but also so that we can better reach out to them in prayer, as well as through our supportive words and deeds - and so help promote the peace of God throughout our broken world.

*Dr. Paul Marshall contributed to the writing of this column.*



## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Neil Sunderland, *Senior Warden*

A glance at the Church calendar reveals it is a busy time of year with numerous activities. The annual Crab Feast and Fair week are now finished for another year. The Christian Education ministries are fully underway, and the Choir is providing inspiration through joyous music. The Guilds, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Community of Hope, and other outreach ministries will be supporting mission trips, LCAC, Food for Others, hospital and home visits, and many other outreach events. The incredible parish staff continues to support the spiritual and physical needs of the Parish ensuring the day to day operations run smoothly. None of this would be possible without the contribution of time, talent, abilities, and treasure from the congregation.

The annual parish meeting is right around the corner on December 4. An important part of the meeting is the election of Vestry members. The process for identifying candidates for election to the Vestry has already begun. The nominating committee consists of the five Vestry members whose term will conclude on December 13. These members are Roberta Fede, Chris Brown, Jim From, Angela Edgemon, and Neil Sunderland. Please engage in a process of prayer to discern if there is a calling from God to the ministry of the Vestry. If the answer is yes, please contact one of the above Vestry members.

Different churches have various ways of finding candidates for Vestry, and many of them have a flaw in the election process. The flaw was not the result of how the names were found. The flaw was not a result of how the votes were counted or being sure who could vote. The flaw was a misunderstanding of the

people about offering gifts and talents for an elected position of the people. Voters did not always understand the concept of gifts and talents in the electoral process. The pervasive understanding was that this election was like any other civic election. Someone volunteered to run for the Vestry. Campaigning of a sort may or may not have occurred. The election was held, and there were winners and losers. In most instances, very little mention was made about ministry, gifts, and talents, or even God or Jesus. And yet, utilizing one's gifts and talents as an elected leader of the parish community is part of being a Christian.

In Pohick's approach, members of the congregation are asked either by the Vestry Nominating Committee, other members of the congregation, or self nomination to accept nomination for the possibility of being on the Vestry. Nominated for the possibility does not insure one's election. Nomination means someone believes that the individual being nominated has identified gifts and abilities. These abilities may be the right ones for the church at the time.

If the individual accepts, they are saying that they are willing to let God use their gifts in this manner at this time. They are offering their gifts, abilities and whole person to God and the parish community if the time is right and if the place is right.

Once the nominees have been identified, the congregation plays their part in this process. Prayerfully consider each candidate. Do not consider whether the person is good or bad. Do not consider whether the person is likable or not. Instead, pray for guidance from God. Ask God to show which people have the gifts and talents needed by the congregation at this time and in this place. When the person is subsequently elected, the congregation is saying that through the Grace of God, the elected Vestry member has the gifts and talents needed for this congregation at this time.



## MUSIC NOTES

Linda Wilberger Egan, *Minister of Music*

Did you know that music study has been shown to have very positive effects on the individuals who pursue it? Here are some researchers' observations:

- Infants have the ability to distinguish pitch differences, melody, and rhythm.
- Students' daily music training over a period of seven months resulted in higher reading scores at the end of that time, compared to a control group. Their scores were still higher a year later.
- College students who trained in music before age 12 remembered many more words from a list than others who did not.

Music instruction improves speech and language development, motor and rhythmic coordination, and social skills. Through it, students improve self discipline, dexterity, coordination, self esteem, thinking skills, listening skills, creative abilities and personal interactions.

According to Frank Wilson, assistant clinical professor of neurology at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, people who participate in music "become an active participant in their own physiological development." They discover a "sense of self in community, and connect and develop the motor systems of the brain in a way that cannot be done by any other activity."

Here at Pohick, children in grades K-3 can sing under the direction of master teacher Barb Lynn in the St. Francis Choir. Students in grades 4-12 sing in the St. Cecelia St. Alban Choir, directed by Linda Egan.

The Pohick Bell Choir, for adults and students in grades 9-12, rings the fourth Sunday of the month at both services. The Choir of Pohick sings each Sunday at the 9:00 am service. Linda Egan directs both these groups. And the Pohick Pickers, for teenagers and adults, play the third Sunday of the month at 9:00 am and for various gigs during the year. They are directed by John Sessums and Chris Brown.

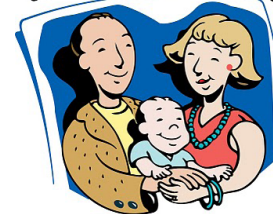


## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Remember to get a picture taken for the new Church Directory! Pictures will be taken at the Church from October 19 through October 22 in the Common Room. Sign-up sheets for appointments are in the new Welcome Center, or appointments can be made online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). If signing up online, use the church phone number, 703-339-6572, as the password. Provide all the requested information, and select a convenient date and time. Participating members will receive a free copy of the directory and a free copy of their Olan Mills photo. A roster of all active parishioners will be included in the directory along with their home address, phone number, and email address.

Unable to make a photo sessions? A picture can still be included. Send a good quality photo to [mnaгурro-la@cox.net](mailto:mnaгурro-la@cox.net) and it will be included! Hard copy pictures no large than 4x6 can be sent to the Church office with a notation that the photo is for the directory.

### Church Photo Directory



## CHRISTMAS MART - CONSIGNMENT ROOM

Now is the time to start looking through collectibles that are no longer used or enjoyed at home. Put them aside for the Christmas Mart on November 17 so others can appreciate them. Items such as crafts, antiques, silver, and other collectibles are always highly valued. These items can be donated or they can be consigned. Consignees will receive 75% and the Women of Pohick will receive 25% of the sale price.



Talk to people who are crafters, knitters, stitchers, etc. and see if they would be interested in consigning. For those that have questions or would like to consign items, please contact Edie Bartlett at 703-780-6809 or at [redsse@aol.com](mailto:redsse@aol.com).



## UPDATE ON ISSUES IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

### Don Brownlee

*This monthly report is part of the Vestry's ongoing effort to inform and update the Parish about the ongoing controversies within The Episcopal Church (TEC) and the Anglican Communion. These controversies largely involve the blessing of same-gender unions, ordination of non-celibate homosexuals, interpretation of Scripture, and breakdown of traditional boundary lines between Provinces.*

The Diocese of Virginia and CANA Congregations file more briefs in the ongoing Property Cases; chatter grows that the Archbishop of Canterbury may retire; African provinces continue their move into England; and the Church of Ireland confronts clergy in same-sex civil unions.

The various parties to the long-running legal battle over ownership of church property in northern Virginia filed various post-trial briefs and rebuttals over the summer. They filings are posted on the Diocese of Virginia's web site.

The litigation began in the fall of 2006, when the parishes voted to leave the Diocese of Virginia, and filed suit in Fairfax County District Court seeking control of their properties under a Civil War-era Virginia law known as the "Division Statute," or "57-9" (so called because it is Title 59, Paragraph 9 of the Code of Virginia). The District Court ruled in their favor, but the Virginia Supreme Court overturned that ruling, saying the CANA congregations had joined a "branch" of the Province of Nigeria, not a "branch" of the Diocese of Virginia. Therefore, it said, the Circuit Court erred in allowing the CANA congregations to use the Division Statute to claim control of their property. It ordered the Circuit Court to dismiss their petitions to take control of their property under the Division Statute, and sent the case back to Circuit Court for further proceedings.

Those were conducted this spring. In August and September, both sides filed additional briefs and responses.

The CANA Congregations' briefs put most of their focus on the deeds to the properties. "None of them names TEC or the Diocese as a grantee; nine of them...make no reference at all (in referring to the local parish) to any 'Episcopal' entity and only two... even arguably contain language that sounds anything

like a use restriction." It notes that while some dioceses' constitutions have provisions addressing property ownership, the Diocese of Virginia's does not. And it characterizes the relationship between a diocese and its congregations as more of a franchise: "For example, a fast food franchisor such as McDonalds may dictate the restaurant's accounting practices, layout menu, prices...and placing of the golden arches," but the local franchisee still owns the land and the building.

The Diocese's final argument counters that the CANA Churches "overlook or ignore relevant evidence, overlook or mis-state applicable law...attack straw men," making the *assumption* that hold title to the property the *foundation* of the argument that they hold the titles (emphasis in the original). "There is a well-developed body of church property law in Virginia," the Diocese claims, "and it mandates a ruling in favor of TEC and the Diocese." And to remind the court that The Episcopal Church has won almost all the property cases decided around the country, it says "Virginia's church property law is consistent with the many cases decided in favor of the Episcopal Church and its dioceses elsewhere."

Two churches originally involved in the lawsuits, Church of our Savior in Oatlands and Church of the Holy Word in Gainesville, have since reached settlements with the Diocese and withdrawn from the legal proceedings.

A decision is expected later this fall.

One congregation departed the Diocese without litigation. All Saint's Church in Dale City reached a settlement with the Diocese in December 2006 in which it acknowledged the Diocese's claim to the church building and property; the Diocese gave up any claim it might have on an undeveloped piece of land nearby; and the Diocese agreed to allow the All Saint's congregation to continue using the existing church while it built a new one on that undeveloped property. All Saints' new church on Gideon Drive south of Potomac Mills is completed, and on Sept. 18 the congregation held its first worship services there. It is turning the original property back to the Diocese. It claims to continue to be part of the An-



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glican Communion through its membership in the “Anglican Church in North America (ACNA),” but does not specifically tout this connection in its name or signage. ACNA has not been recognized by any of the Anglican “Instruments of Communion.”

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The Telegraph newspaper in London set off a buzz of chatter with a mid-September story saying the Archbishop of Canterbury was “understood to have told friends” he will retire next year take a position in academia. Abp. Williams is 61, and under Church of England rules would not have to retire until he turns 70. The story was thinly-sourced, which ordinarily would make it suspect. However, the Archbishop’s office did not deny it, only said it “would never comment on this matter.” In a BBC Radio interview the following weekend, Ruth Gledhill, the highly-regarded and well-connected religion correspondent of The Times of London, said she believes the reports, pointing to the absence of denials from the Archbishop’s office.

The Telegraph story went on to say, “Sources close to the archbishop say he will leave after the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee next June and having seen the Church finally pass legislation to allow women to become bishops.”

The story set off immediate speculation and jockeying as to possible successors. The bishop of London felt obliged to deny reports he had pushed for Abp. Williams to retire, possibly to clear the path to succeed him himself. For most of the 20th century the choice has alternated between representatives of what are called the “Evangelical” and “Anglo-Catholic” wings of the Church of England. Abp. Williams was closer to the latter group.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is named by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Queen, choosing one of two candidates recommended by a special nominating committee called a “Crown Nominations Commission.” Abp. Williams was appointed by then Prime Minister Tony Blair in 2002. He of course has struggled with divisions both within the Church of England - primarily over consecration of women as bishops - and within the Anglican Communion - primarily over moves by The Episcopal Church and Church of Canada to bless same-sex unions and or-

dain non-celibate homosexuals, and efforts by African provinces to reach out to those in England, the US and Canada who felt alienated by those trends.

Those efforts continued to move closer to the Church of England itself. This summer the Global African Futures Conference, or GAFCON, announced a new “Anglican Mission Society” in England called Anglican Mission in England, or AMIE. The name and its purpose are like a similar effort launched a few years ago in the US, Anglican Mission in America, or AMIA.

Two of the prime movers behind AMIE have now published an article laying out their rationale, and explaining their next steps. They say the launch of AMIE “indicated that we would no longer play the game of Church of England politics as defined by the Church of England Establishment.”

AMIE “has a different view of mission through planting churches and organizing for growth rather than seeking power and influence in the present system,” they said. “It has a different view of being Anglican which embraces a global Anglican identity based on the Bible rather than a technical institutional identity. It has a different view of episcopacy that is not prelatical or monarchical but missional, accountable and focused on service. It has a different view of women in ministry that does not seek to compete as though it is a matter of power and status. It has a different view of marriage and sexuality which is not based on the interchangeability of the genders.”

Thus, they claim to be Anglicans based on a particular interpretation of the Bible as shared by certain other Anglicans, rather than based on a membership in a province which is recognized in a structural way as being part of the Anglican Communion. They bluntly challenge the Church of England: “We will not be marginalized. You are the usurpers. We will not allow you to deprive us of our Anglican heritage of faithfulness to the Bible. We will find a way of being faithfully Anglican in being true to the Bible which does not depend on you.”

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And across the Irish Sea, the Church of Ireland was confronting the issue of non-celibate gay clergy as well. News media there reported that a priest had entered into a civil partnership with another man, as



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is permitted now under Irish law. The Archbishop of Armagh, primate of the Church of Ireland, issued a statement saying this presented a “new situation” for the church. “It is true to say that within the Church there is a range of views on same-sex relationships and there will also be a range of views and reactions to civil partnerships concerning clergy,” said Archbishop Alan Harper. “I acknowledge that this issue has caused strong feelings and concern. While there are acknowledged differences of opinion within the Church, suggestions that it might split are, I hope, premature.”

He also wrote to the church’s Standing Committee, noting that its bishops had planned to spend “a significant amount of time” this fall discussing same-sex unions, and therefore asked the Standing Committee to put off any action on the matter. Both statements pointed out that “the Church of Ireland does not regard a civil partnership as matrimony and that there are no proposals for the provision of rites of blessing for same gender relationships. I also wish to say that, as fellow human beings, homosexual people are entitled to be accorded the same respect and dignity as others. Many are ‘members of the Church and are seeking the pastoral care, moral direction of the Church, and God’s transforming power for the living of their lives and the ordering of their relationships’ (Lambeth 1.10) in exactly the same way as are

all other members of the Church of God.”

Elsewhere:

• The Diocese of Washington announced in mid-September that a majority of Standing Committees and diocesan bishops from around the country had consented to the election of the Rev. Marian Budde as the next Bishop of Washington. Her consecration at the Washington National Cathedral is scheduled for November 12th.

• The Cathedral, of course, was damaged in August’s earthquake. Efforts are underway to raise money to pay for repairs. One donation to that effort did not get the attention it perhaps deserved: A \$25,000 contribution from the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Washington. “The National Cathedral holds a special place in the hearts of all of us in Washington,” said Archbishop Donald Wuerl. “So many recognize it as a national house of prayer, and indeed its magnificent Gothic towers are a reminder of our constant need to raise our hearts in prayer to God in the midst of all of our daily preoccupations.”

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*It is important to remember that despite all these controversies, the work of the Church – globally, nationally, and locally – goes on.*

*More than 300 pounds of food was delivered to LCAC in July and a record 510 pounds in August. Backpacks were filled for students in need, and the tutoring program will start up again this fall.*

**Game Volunteers Needed!!**

Lots of enthusiastic “Carnival Game Volunteers” are needed for the Fair! Sign up sheets are located on the tall three-sided board in the Common Room or call Ginny Biggs at 703-339-2886. Thanks for your help!



**Christmas Mart Jewelry Table**

Although the Christmas Mart is not until Thursday, November 17, used jewelry is needed for the Jewelry Table. Cammie Liddle cleans and sorts all the jewelry, displays it on cards, and prices all the pieces. This process is time consuming, which is why donations are requested as early as possible. Broken pieces are accepted as well. Please contact Cammie, 703-971-7548, for more information. Donations can be dropped off in the Church office.





## 2011 CHRISTMAS MART • SAVE THE DATE!

The *Pohick Church Christmas Mart* will take place on Thursday, November 17 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This annual event is sponsored by the Women of Pohick Church, the Ann Mason Guild, and the Martha Guild. Many women have been busy for months planning for this wonderful event.

The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere - rooms are filled with beautiful arts and crafts, attic treasures, and consignments. There will be many delicious items to tempt the taste buds, including fresh baked goods, items from the pantry shelf, and the ever-popular frozen casseroles. A delicious luncheon is served by ladies dressed in traditional colonial costumes. There are three seatings for the luncheon - 11:00 am, 12:00 noon, and 1:00 pm.

There are MANY, MANY opportunities for the whole congregation - both women and men - to participate in making this another successful Mart. Look for sign-up sheets in the Common Room near the end of October as well as announcements in upcoming Sunday bulletins. Here are just a few of the ways to volunteer time and talents.

**Attic Treasures** - donate gently used household treasures, including dishes, decorations, knick-knacks, and Christmas items.

**Baked Goods/Pantry Shelf** - donate homemade cakes, pies, cookies, candy, fudge, breads, homemade jams, jellies, preserves, relishes, vinegars, etc.

**Christmas Shoppe** - donate handmade craft items.

**Consignment and Art Show** - sell fine china, glass, silver, and crafts on consignment.

**Decorations** - help with transforming the buildings into a beautiful holiday atmosphere.

**Frozen Casseroles** - donate homemade frozen main dishes, soups, sauces, casseroles, etc.

**Jewelry** - contribute old jewelry, both fine and costume jewelry welcome.

**Luncheon** - volunteer to help in the kitchen preparing the delicious lunch that is served on Mart day.

**Waitresses** - volunteer to be one of the lovely waitresses dressed in colonial costume to serve the lunch.

**Luncheon Ticket Sales** - help sell luncheon tickets when the doors open on Mart Day.

**Publicity** - help with getting advertisements out to the various papers, shopping centers, etc.

**Set-up and Clean-up** - help with moving furniture, decorating and cleaning up.

There are MANY ways to get involved with the Christmas Mart. It is a great way to meet new friends and share hours of fun. Please come join the fun! The proceeds raised from the Christmas Mart are divided among the Ann Mason Guild, the Martha Guild, and the Women of the Church. Funds will be used by these groups in various outreach programs. There will be many announcements and requests for help from now through November 17. Hopefully, there will be a volunteer opportunity for all. Please direct questions to Connie Myers at 703-455-4652, jetskiing@hotmail.com or Prudence Brooks at 703-913-7076, prudencebrooks@verizon.net.



### 2011 Christmas Mart

November 17

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Send News!

Articles for the November 2011 *Pohick Post* are due no later than October 15! Forward input by email in Word compatible format to Lori Buckius, raebuck@aol.com.

Design concerns & items for the Sunday Service Volunteers page should be addressed to Carmel Hodge, cchodge@aol.com.



**HEALTH NEWS**Carol Heddleston, *Parish Nurse***NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION  
AWARENESS MONTH**

National Immunization Awareness Month is the perfect time to promote immunizations, and to remind family, friends, and coworkers to get caught up on their immunizations. Immunizations or vaccinations are not just for babies and young kids. Everyone needs vaccinations to prevent serious diseases and illness. Even adults need to remember to receive certain shots every year, like a seasonal flu shot. Persons with high risk factors such as chronic illness like asthma or diabetes, work in a hazardous environments like daycare, health care or construction, or over a certain age need to keep on target of special vaccines.

Under the Affordable Care Act, persons may be eligible for some important preventive services. For those enrolling in a new health plan on or after September 23, 2010 the plan is required to cover recommended preventive services, including recommended immunizations, without charging a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance. These vaccines will help avoid illness and improve health at no additional cost. Consult the health care insurance administrator or health care provider to determine if the benefit is available.

Once the immune system is trained to resist a disease, the body is immune to the disease. Before vaccines, the only way to become immune to a disease was to actually get the disease and, with luck, survive it. This is called naturally acquired immunity. With naturally acquired immunity, the person suffers the symptoms of the disease and also risks the complications, which can be quite serious or even deadly. In addition, during certain stages of the illness, the person may be contagious and pass the disease to family members, friends, or others.

Vaccines, which provide artificially acquired immunity, are an easier and less risky way to become immune. Vaccines can prevent a disease from occurring in the first place, rather than attempt to cure it after the fact. It is also much less expensive to prevent a disease than to treat it. In a 2005 study on the economic impact of routine childhood immunization in the United States, researchers estimated that for every dollar spent, the vaccination program saved more than

\$5 in direct costs and approximately \$11 in additional costs to society.

Vaccines protect not only the person but also others. If a vaccine-primed immune system stops an illness before it starts, the person will be contagious for a much shorter period of time, or perhaps not at all. Similarly, when other people are vaccinated, they are less likely to pass on the disease. Vaccines protect not only individuals, but entire communities. Vaccines are vital to the public health goal of preventing diseases.

In 1989, low vaccination rates allowed a measles outbreak to occur in the United States. The outbreak resulted in more than 55,000 cases of measles and 136 measles-associated deaths. Immunization is key to preventing disease among the general population.

**Young children:**

It's important for all children to get vaccinations. Children under age 6 get a series of shots to protect against more than 14 different diseases, like measles, mumps, tetanus, polio, chicken pox, and hepatitis. Consult a health care provider to make sure little ones are up-to-date on their shots.

**Pre-teens and teens:**

All 11 and 12-year-olds need shots to help protect against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and meningitis. Doctors recommend girls also get the HPV vaccine to protect against the most common cause of cervical cancer. Consult a health care provider about which vaccines a preteen or teen still need before adulthood.

**Adults:**

Adults need vaccinations just like children. Talk with the doctor or nurse about getting these important shots:

- Get a flu shot every year. The seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu.
- Get a Td booster shot every 10 years to protect against tetanus and diphtheria.
- Those under age 65 should receive the Tdap shot instead of the next Td booster. Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough.
- Those over 60, there is a vaccine to prevent shingles. Shingles causes a rash and can lead to pain that lasts for months or years.
- Those over 65, should get a pneumonia shot. This shot is sometimes called PPSV. Most people only need to get the shot once.
- Talk to a doctor or nurse about which shots are needed based on ages and associate high risk.



## Pohick Church Activities • October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Proper 21, Year A 7:45a HE I 9a HE II 10:15a Christian Ed 11:15a HE II 12:30p St. Cecelia St. Alban Choir 6:30 EYC (Jr&Sr)		9:30a Staff Mtg 11a Pouch Burial 2:30p HE, The Fairfax 6:30p Docent Training	12p Staff Luncheon 2:30p French Class 6p French Class 6p St. Francis Choir 6:30p Alpha 7p Liturgical Dance 7:30p HE II & Healing	6:15p Bell Choir 7p EFM 7:30p Choir of Pohick 8:30p AA		8a Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10a Country Fair
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Proper 25, Year A 7:45a HE I 9a HE II 10:15a Christian Ed 11:15a HE II 12:30p St. Cecelia St. Alban Choir 1:30p EYC Fun Event (all groups)		9:30a Staff Mtg 2:30p HE, The Fairfax	6p COH 6p St. Francis Choir 6:30p Alpha 7:30p HE II & Healing	6:15p Bell Choir 7p EFM 7:30p Choir of Pohick 8:30p AA		8a Brotherhood of St. Andrew
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Proper 26, Year A <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 7:45a HE I 9a HE II 10:15a Christian Ed 11:15a HE I 12:30p St. Cecelia St. Alban Choir 6:30p EYC (Jr&Sr)		9:30a Staff Mtg 2:30p HE, The Fairfax	6p St. Francis Choir 7p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30p HE II & Healing 7:30p Martha Guild	6:15p Bell Choir 7p EFM 7:30p Choir of Pohick 8:30p AA		8a Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9a Fall Work Day 9:15a Baptism Rehearsal 9:15a Property Committee Mtg

*Contact the Parish Secretary, Vonne Troknya, troknya@pohick.org, to list group meetings or events on the calendar.*

**SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

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**USHERS**

7:45	Don O'Connell John Springer	Tom Rivenbark Mike Vaughn	Chris Brown Bob Davies	Tony Marsico Becky Wagner	Dan Muir Bob Johnson
9:00	Matt Gurrola Beth Altman Sean Hartig Terry Mullins	Mo Faber Santos Garcia John Godley Grant Hodges	Tom Bland Jim Foster Jan Hoffheins Dennis Myers	Stew Remaly Dru Hodges Bill Patton Pehr Pehrsson	Jim Heller Don Cook Edwardene Pitcock Greg Wilson
11:15	Rodger Jones Sandra Caesar	Bill Hosp Don Homar	Jim Bartholomew Tom Mayberry	Bill Bland Mari Harding	Angela Edgemon Steve Edgemon

**OPEN - UP**

7:00	Kristina Myers	Tom Rivenbark	Chris Brown	Roberta Fede	TBD
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**LOCK - UP**

1:00	Jim Bartholomew	Andrea Gurrola	Rodger Jones	Leslie Schwope	TBD
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**TELLERS**

12:15	Kirkland/Hoffheins	Pitcock/Schmid	M/M Thurston	Bartlett/Remaly	Buckius/Faber
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**ALTAR GUILD**

AM	J. Wells N. Sage H. Parker J. Buckley C. Foster C. Hanchin R. Stankwitz	BJ McPherson J. Holm A. Powell J. Schmid E. Pitcock A. Marsico D. Pasour/S. Caesar	BJ McPherson J. Holm A. Powell J. Schmid E. Pitcock A. Marsico D. Pasour/S. Caesar	J. Sunderland N. Bireley A. Cannon J. MacDonald Mary Merriam R. Teale B. Wagner	J. Sunderland N. Bireley A. Cannon J. MacDonald Mary Merriam R. Teale B. Wagner
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**FLOWER GUILD**

AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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**COFFEE HOUR**

7:45	M/M Peterson	E. Bartlett	M/M Peterson	M/M Pasour	M. McCabe
9:00	Buckius Family	M/M Myers	M/M Speer	M/M Wise	M/M Garcia
11:15	M/M Heintze	M/M Thurston	J. Perkinson	M. Yezek	S. Caesar

**NURSERY**

AM	Becky Sweetser	Janet Hodges	Svea Krajack	Rod Strawderman	Laura Buckner
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**GREETERS**

7:45	M. McCabe	Vera & Roger Jones	M/M Paul Peterson	S. Remaly	E. Bartlett
9:00	M/M Bob Armstrong	M/M Chris Brown	E. Bartlett	Bill & Kristy Bland	M/M Tom Bland
11:15	M/M Don Homar	Jodi & Randy Haufe	C. Hodge	A. Cannon	B. Atkinson

**LAY READERS**

7:45	Sunderland (R) Wagner (P)	Cenci (P) Marsico (R)	Wagner (R) Springer (P)	Cenci (R) Muir (P)	Marsico (R) Sunderland (P)
9:00	Gastrell (P) Heddleston (R)	Pasour (P) Elston (R)	S. Harding (P) M. Harding (R)	Hayes (P) Homar (R)	Gastrell (R) Sassin (P)
11:15	Nelson (P) Cenci (R)	Gastrell (P) Homar (R)	Ayorinde (P) Pasour (R)	Elston (P) Heddleston (R)	M. Harding (P) S. Harding (R)



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### ACOLYTES

7:45	LC Kirsten H	LC Jonathan C	LC Kathryn V	LC Robert M	LC Travis F
9:00	LC Julia M SC Rebecca B T Kate S T Ben L B Victoria C	LC David G SC Casey L T Amanda L T Mac M B Rebecca B	LC Scott S SC Mitchell F T Keighan S T Sydney T B Slayton S	LC Klint E SC Jordan C T Parker L T Emily E B Melisa L	LC Brad M SC Graham H T Isabel H T Mikey K B Jordan C
11:15	LC Kathryn V SC Hannah V T Mikey K T Parker L B Rachel P	LC Hunter G SC Sarah B T Emily E T Isabel H B Graham H	LC Julia M SC Victoria C T Mary B T Kate S B Hannah G	LC Dru H SC Jacob H T William H T Amanda L B Hannah V	LC Rebecca B SC Kirsten H T Parker L T Mary B B Rachel P

### OUTREACH AND MISSION

Thanks to all who have supported various outreach activities over the summer. Food was collected for LCAC, although more is always needed and appreciated; the youth participated in a summer mission trip making a profound difference in the lives of many families; in July, a picnic was held at Pohick for the clients of New Hope Housing, which gave them a fun event away from the shelter; Pohick was well represented in the Independence Day parade in Lorton; and the youth hosted four Friday evening movies for the community on the lawn or in the Common Room depending on the weather. Thanks to all who participated in these activities! There will be many upcoming opportunities in the remainder of 2011 for volunteer support for Outreach activities. Check the Sunday bulletins and the Common Room for announcements.

Everyone is keenly aware of the number of weather events that have created a significant hardship for many families locally and throughout the country. Currently, the next adult mission trip has not been scheduled. However, there are always opportunities to pack sleeping bags and tools to go where there is need. Susan Homar and Ginny Biggs will be conducting a fundraiser on Sunday, October 23 during all three coffee hours. There will be a display of the current jewelry available from Silpada along with catalogs to review the entire portfolio. Proceeds from the event will boost funds to help with expenses, whether that is in New Orleans, Missouri, Alabama, or Lorton!

A quotation by Sharon Salzburg provides food for thought: "Any ordinary favor we do for someone or any compassionate reaching out may seem to be going

nowhere at first, but may be planting a seed we can't see right now. Sometimes we need to just do the best we can and then trust in an unfolding we can't design or ordain."

## FALL CLEANUP

**The Pohick Fall Cleanup**  
is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5**  
beginning at **9:00 am**. The work usually ends  
at **2:00 pm**. Bring gloves  
and handyman tools  
if available -  
but volunteers are  
needed most of all!



### *Church Register*

#### *Transfers-In*

Jane Perkinson

#### *Weddings*

July 23, 2011

Alonso Francisco to Elizabeth Wrona

August 6, 2011

George Zeneus to Lindsay Pettigrew

#### *Deaths*

Virginia Carter, August 22, 2011

Charles Mitchell, September 11, 2011

