

POHICK POST

Pohick Episcopal Church

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



From The Rector
The Reverend
Donald D. Binder, PhD

In October 2003, the Primates of the Anglican Communion requested that the Archbishop of Canterbury form a commission to examine grave concerns within the worldwide Communion. These arose from the then recent actions of the Episcopal Church's General Convention, as well as those being undertaken by the Diocese of New Westminster in Canada.

As most of you know, both sets of concerns gravitated around issues of human sexuality. In the United States, General Convention had consented to the election of V. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire, despite the fact that his lifestyle as a non-celibate homosexual violated the official teachings of the Communion. So did General Convention's tacit approval of the blessing of same-sex relationships, a practice going on in several dioceses around the country (and openly endorsed in the Diocese of New Westminster).

The commission's charge was not to reexamine issues of human sexuality - for these had just been extensively explored in 1998, resulting in the Church's traditional teaching being reaffirmed. Rather, the commission was to explore ways to preserve the unity of the Communion while at the same time maintaining the integrity of its teachings in the face of such unilateral actions by two of its thirty-eight provinces.

Archbishop Rowan Williams soon appointed the members of the commission, who included scholars and clerics from around the Communion. Its chair was the Most Rev. Dr. Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and

All of Ireland. Over the past year, the Eames Commission has been holding hearings and assiduously pursuing their charge so that they could issue their report within the twelve-month deadline they had been given.

While the Commission was engaged in its work, many parishes in both the United States and Canada began to register various degrees of dissent with bishops who had agreed with the actions of General Convention. In some cases, congregations felt so estranged from their bishop that they invited others from outside their diocese to perform Confirmations - and they did so without asking their own bishop's approval.

A few congregations took this a step farther and unilaterally placed themselves under the authority of a bishop from another country. Typically, local bishops reacted by deposing the clergy of such congregations and

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Christmas Pageant

"THE GIFT"

Pohick Church

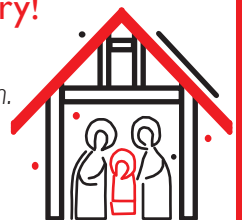
Sunday, December 12 • 4:00 pm

Presented by the children of Pohick Church

**Join us for this special presentation
of the Christmas story!**

*Refreshments will be served in the
Common Room following the program.*

Call Russell Booth at 703-339-8845,
or Frances Sessums at 703-425-2857
for more information.





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replacing them with persons of their own choosing - though these replacement clergy usually found themselves facing a mostly empty church on Sunday mornings. In response, leaders of other Anglican provinces have openly discussed establishing a new Anglican Church in the United States, unless the Episcopal Church changes its course.

Needless to say, all of these actions have further exacerbated the rancor within the Communion.

On October 18, 2004, the Eames Commission released its report to the general public (it may be accessed at: www.anglicancommunion.org/windsor2004). Dubbed the "Windsor Report" after the place where it was released, it spans some ninety-three pages, counting the index and appendices. While couched in diplomatic language and British understatement, the report nevertheless makes several forceful recommendations.

First, it reaffirms the Church's existing teaching on human sexuality, as expressed in Resolution 1.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference. That resolution "upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage." Further, it rejects "homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture" and openly states that the Communion "cannot advise the legitimising or blessing of same sex unions nor ordaining those involved in same gender unions." At the same time, the resolution recognizes that those with homosexual orientations "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 relationship." It therefore condemns "the irrational fear of homosexuals" and calls upon all Anglicans "to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation."

Second, the report chastises the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Westminster for the unilateral actions taken over the past two years, calling for these bodies to "express regret" (British understatement) for their behaviors (pp. 53, par 134; p. 57, par. 144). Moreover, it calls for a moratorium on the ordination of non-celibate homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex unions. Pending these actions, it recommends that such bishops "be invited to consider in all conscience whether they should withdraw themselves from representative functions in the Anglican Communion" (ibid.).

Third, the report calls for the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Westminster to provide alternate episcopal oversight for dissenting congregations in situations where there has been "an extreme breach of trust, and as a last resort" (p. 58, par. 151). At the same time, it also invites to "express regret" those outside bishops who have performed visitations without first seeking the approval of the local bishop, and calls for such interventions to cease (p. 59, par. 155).

Finally, the report recommends that each of the thirty-eight provinces enter into a "common Anglican Covenant," where each branch would approve and promise to abide by the contents of this document. Given the tensions over issues of human sexuality, presumably the covenant would include language reflecting the 1998 Lambeth resolution on this issue.

There is, of course, much more to the report, and I would therefore encourage everyone to read through the entire document. Some have expressed an interest in forming a group to reflect upon its many points - and I would be glad to facilitate such a study. Yet because I do not believe it should preempt our current slate of adult classes, I would ask those interested in this group to speak to me so that we could arrange the most convenient time to meet.

It is important to note, however, that the Windsor Report is just that - a report. The Primates will be meeting again this February to discuss its recommendations and decide whether to adopt these or other courses of action. In view of this, I would urge all of you to keep them in your prayers during the time leading up to their deliberations.

In the meantime, we will continue the course we set last Fall. We will abide by the teachings of Lambeth Resolution 1.10, whose strictures Bishop Lee firmly enforces within our diocese. At the same time, because Bishop Lee and most of our deputies to General Convention endorsed some of the actions called into question by the Windsor Report, we will continue to register to him our concerns, as we did last Fall with the petitions, and in his meeting with the Vestry this past June. Likewise, we will remain respectful of the consciences of those concerned about the use of their contributions to Pohick by the diocese and national church, allowing them to designate these accordingly.

Most importantly, we will continue in the work we have been called to do as a congregation. While keeping informed about these larger issues, we will stay focused on the purposes God has given us: to worship, to learn, to strengthen, to serve.

May God bless us as we seek to remain faithful to our calling, and may He bless the Anglican Communion as its many members seek to restore its unity and preserve its faith.



From The Assistant Rector
The Reverend Jane D. Piver

*“Let us not resist his first coming,
so that we might not dread the second.”*

Augustine of Hippo

December is a very busy month! With the end of the year approaching, all sorts of activities are culminating in a flurry hectic pace. And then we have the “Holidays” to wrestle with, too. We find ourselves, if we let this personified “Holiday” take over, shopping for the perfect gift, planning the perfect meal, writing to friends and family we want to ‘catch up with’, and trying to remember that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” Sometimes it seems like the more we hurry the less we live. Sometimes it is so simple. What we long for and need the most is right in front of us. Yes,

the “Holidays” are here. But more importantly the season of Advent is here, too.

The season of Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God in power. Like the season of Lent, it shares a certain air of preparation, restraint, and penitence. Advent is also spiced with confident joy as the celebration of Christmas approaches.

An Advent Quiet Morning has been planned for Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am until 12 noon. The hope is to have an opportunity to experience the Divine in this season of waiting and watching and to be still and enjoy the benefits that stillness brings. In quietness, people can become aware of the presence of God in their lives. Through use of prayer, readings and meditating with icons, we will encounter the people who tells us the Advent story - John the Baptizer, Mary, Joseph, St. Nicholas, Gabrielle and Jesus. Come and wait awhile this Advent season.

HISTORIC POHICK CHURCH FOUNDATION POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

General description:

Administrative position to assist with correspondence, record keeping, data base management, and grant writing for the Historic Foundation. Desk space will be available in the church office and a lap top computer will be provided. This is a part time position for a quarter of a work year (average 10 hours per week).

Specific tasks:

1. Receive, generate and maintain correspondence.
2. Maintain and update brochures and historical literature.
3. Record donations and write thank you letters to the donors.
4. Maintain a data base of donors, both actual and potential.
5. Search for potential individual donors and sources for grants.
 - a. Identify potential donors for Historic Foundation.
 - b. Review the donors’ web sites and all printed application guidelines to determine if the foundation, government agency or corporation is a good match for Historic Foundation.
 - c. Make recommendations regarding whether Historic Foundation should apply to each prospective donor (and if so, for how much and by what guideline), and record all relevant information about these donors into database.
6. Write requests for donation letters.
7. Coordinate writing requests for grants.
8. Coordinate the organization of special events.

Experience required:

1. Minimum two years experience in the nonprofit sector, including some grant writing experience.
2. Excellent writing skills.
3. Proficiency with nonprofit budgeting.
4. Proficiency in using PC computers and software, including Windows, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and data base software.

Email resume to foundation@pohick.org or contact Don O’Connell at 703-455-7315.



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Randy Brooks, *Senior Warden*

December is here, and such a busy month at Pohick! Time to celebrate the birth of our savior Christ. New members will be elected to the Vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting on December 5. The hugely popular Operation Friends Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 6, and the Christmas Pageant will be on December 12. To increase the celebration, the organ is back! Thank you to all who contributed to the organ restoration effort, and a special thanks to Vicky Harding for spearheading this important project.

There are 10 candidates nominated for eight available Vestry positions. The candidates for the 2005-2007 term are: Sarah Booth (Youth Candidate), Connie Eppley, Ken Evans, Tony Harriman, Joe Moran, Pam Nelson, Doug Smith, Robin Teale, Greg Wise, and Mike Wooten. Biographies were included in the November issue of the Post, and will be provided at the Parish Meeting. Please note that three candidates, Sarah Booth, Ken Evans and Doug Smith, completed partial terms for departed vestry members, and have graciously agreed to "do it again."

November meeting: Sarah Booth was welcomed to the Vestry. Sarah is filling the slot vacated by Rebecca Gray. The Rector led a discussion on the Windsor Report. The Clergy and Vestry will continue to study and reflect on the report through the meeting of the Primates in February. The next step for the Windsor report is formal presentation to the Primates. The updated Strategic Plan was distributed to the Vestry. In January, each Vestry member will be assigned to lead a specific Commission. This document spells out the objectives of the various Commissions. The document goes through a major revision every 2 years with the next review in 2006. Rev. Piver presented a short video on the use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which has been installed in the Parish House. One *Vestry Gram* was received this month, concerning nametag storage. Due to the growth of the Parish, the current rack is inadequate (nice problem to have). A solution is not currently available, but Ken Wrona will take a look at the issue. Suggestions are welcome. The newly refurbished organ has been reinstalled, and will be formally dedicated in February 2005. The Pohick Fair brought in almost \$15,000 as

budgeted. Tom Mayberry spent many hours analyzing previous fairs to help increase profits and put on a better fair. Many thanks go to Tom Mayberry for leading such a successful event. Jane Thurston provided an update on the Stewardship Campaign. The number of pledges received is behind by 19% as compared to this time last year with the average pledge running slightly higher than previous years. Interestingly, 11% of the current pledges are from people who did not pledge last year. This means the "regular" pledgers are way behind! Pledges need to be submitted so the budget for 2005 can be finalized. Two Boy Scouts, Justin Brooks and Myles Hassell, of Boy Scout Troop 1145, completed Eagle Scout projects at Pohick this month. Justin, with lots of help from the men in the Parish and his troop, constructed a shed to store the wood and bricks used in making apple butter. Myles and the troop restored a section of brick sidewalks. Thanks to both of these outstanding young men!

A personal note -- My three-year term on the Vestry comes to a close this month. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our fabulous congregation as both your Junior and Senior Warden. Thanks to all that supported the Vestry and me over the past three years. You are the reason Pohick is such a great place! Please feel free to contact me regarding any Pohick topics or suggestions. If you want the issue to be addressed by the Vestry, label all written or electronic correspondence "Vestry-Gram." Use the form on the back of the Pohick Post, e-mail me at RandyBrooks@cox.net, call me at 703-913-7076, or catch me at coffee hour!

Join The Celebration At Pohick Christmas Services

Christmas Eve - Dec 24

6:00 pm • Family Holy
Eucharist

10:30 pm • Carol Service

11:00 pm • Festival Holy
Eucharist

Christmas Day - Dec 25

10:00 am Holy Eucharist





STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

As of Sunday, November 14, 2004, the total number of pledges for 2005 is less than at the same time last year. By the end of last December, the total pledge amount was \$460,000 with the average pledge being \$2,307. To make the budget balance last year, the proposed budgets for Music and Sunday School had to be reduced. It would be nice not to have to make budget cuts again this year. Please submit the pledge cards provided. Pohick Church needs a strong commitment of pledges to establish a working budget for 2005. The charts below compare pledges from this year to last year.

2005 PLEDGES

Number	Cum.	Amount	Cum.	Cum. Avg.	Week Ending
59	59	172,562	172,562	2,925	10-24-04
48	107	98,814	271,376	2,536	10-31-04
25	132	53,646	325,022	2,462	11-7-04
18	150	38,800	363,822	2,425	11-14-04

2004 PLEDGES

Number	Cum.	Amount	Cum.	Cum. Avg.	Week Ending
90	90	255,714	255,714	2,841	10-27-03
36	126	59,677	315,391	2,503	11-3-03
17	143	34,664	350,055	2,448	11-10-03
13	156	28,040	378,095	2,424	11-17-03

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

The Guild of the Christ Child had quite a month! In October, the Guild sponsored the first *Friday Fun Night*. Those attending enjoyed a lovely evening of great food, conversation, and company. Prizes were even awarded. The Guild hosted an *All Saints Party* on November 6. Twelve children attended, and it was great fun! Eleven different games were set up, there was food, and lots of enthusiasm! The children paraded around the graveyard and the church with instruments, played games, ate, and enjoyed wonderful social time. Remember to bake an item for the December 12 bake sale. The bake sale will be open after each church service. Please label baked goods "Guild of the Christ Child," and feel free to price them. The more baked goods received the more funds to benefit the Guild. There will not be an official meeting in December. Instead, there will be an "eat and shop" party on Friday, December 3. Meet at King Street Blues restaurant at Kingstown at 6:00 pm – eat dinner, and then shop. Come join the fun and enjoy a "girly night out." Guild of the Christ Child is a spiritual group of moms who support one another, listen to each other, and pray for one another. New members are always welcome. Call Jane Goeller at 703-550-5683, or Gail Smith at 703-644-0480 for more information.

MARTHA GUILD

The Martha Guild will have a "night out" for its December meeting. Meet for dinner at Pema's Restaurant at 8430 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. All women of the Church interested in finding out more about the Martha Guild are invited to join this "night out." For those interested in attending the dinner, contact Connie Myers at 703/455-4652 or email, jetskiing@hotmail.com, by Monday, December 6. A head count is important to make reservations. Anyone interested in carpooling can also contact Connie.

CHRISTMAS MART

To all the wonderful people who helped make this year's Christmas Mart another success - **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** There is a great deal of behind the scenes work that has to happen to make this event prosperous. The efforts of all those contributing time and talent are greatly appreciated and are the sole reason for the success of the Christmas Mart. A special thanks to the men who helped with set-up and clean-up, and to the chairman of the various rooms and tables.

Send Us Your News!

Pohick Post articles are due by the 15th of the month prior to publish month. Forward your input by email in Word compatible format to Lori Buckius, raebuck@aol.com.

Design concerns should be addressed to Carmel Hodge, chodge@aol.com.





MUSIC NOTES

Vicky Shields Harding, *Minister of Music*

The fall goes by in a flash - it seems as though the choir year begins in September, and in a blink of an eye it is Christmas Eve, *A Christmas Story* is on television, and a new year is being toasted at Pohick. Here are some highlights from the Advent and Christmas offerings - some titles will be familiar and some will not. The familiar titles will have new arrangements to convey the deeper meaning of the text, and bring out the lyrics. For example, "O Come, Emmanuel" is probably the most familiar chant for Advent. This tune has changed greatly through the years. Composers are constantly working to convey the multiple meanings

of the text. This anthem is no different. The tune remains largely unchanged, but the composer uses the accompaniment to instill the mystery of the season, as well as the troubling times before Christ was born ("Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our King of Peace"). During this season, take time to ponder the texts of all the music, and try to find new meaning in the words. Hymns and choral music are like poetry, it takes time and an open mind to digest them thoroughly. And, who knows, maybe that old familiar tune will take on a whole new meaning this season.

Remember to extend gratitude to members of the choir for the hard work and extra time spent to make the upcoming season special for everyone. "Where words leave off, music begins" - Heine

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Sunday, Nov. 28 - Advent 1a: Trebles from the *Choir of Pohick and St. Cecilia and St. Alban's Choir*

Offertory: Be Peace on Earth William Crotch
Communion: O Come, Emmanuel Houkom

Sunday, Dec. 5 - Advent 2a: *Choir of Pohick and St. Cecilia and St. Alban's Choir*

Offertory: The Desert Shall Rejoice Sterling
Communion: O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord Christopher Tye

Sunday, Dec. 12 - Advent 3a: *Choir of Pohick and St. Francis Choir*

Offertory: Zion, at thy Shining Gates 16th cent. carol arr. Guest
Communion: A Candle for Peace *St. Francis Choir*

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Advent 4a: *Choir of Pohick and St. Cecilia and St. Alban's Choir*

Offertory: Maria Walks Amid the Thorne 15th-16th century German carol arr. McRae
Communion: The King Shall Come *Consolation/arr. Wagner*

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Service: Music featuring soloists and the brass quartet

10:30 pm Pre-Service Carols: Music featuring the *Choir of Pohick* and the brass quartet



HELP WANTED!

The Altar Guild is looking for someone from the congregation to help repair Church linens. Also, new covers are needed for the trays used to carry the vessels to and from the Church on Sundays. To help, please contact B.J. McPherson at bjmcperson@cox.net or 703-643-1473.

OPERATION FRIENDS HOMELESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6 • 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Volunteers Needed For:

Gifts • Foods • Wrapping

Set Up • Transport • Clean Up

Contact Susan Homar at 703-550-6058, Connie Myers at 703-455-4652, or Mike Zane at 703-780-0750.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Frances Sessums, *Director of Christian Education*

Church school is going very well with 175 students enrolled. The teachers and staff are doing an outstanding job, and the time donated is vital to this important ministry.

The annual Christmas Pageant, "The Gift," will be held on December 12 at 4:00 pm in the Church with a reception following in the Common Room. Rusty Booth, an experienced pageant director, is doing a wonderful job again this year. All of the church school students play a part in the pageant. The preschoolers through sixth graders are working hard on their parts and songs. The seventh and eighth graders are writing and practicing the introduction, while the senior high are acting as coaches, stage crew, or ushers.

During church school on December 19, the fifth through twelve grade students will visit the Fairfax, the Westminster, and shut-ins. The students will deliver gift bags with items made by all of the students. Students should meet in the Vestry House immediately after the 9:00 am service. Following the

visits, the students will return to classrooms A and B for a pizza party. Permission slips will be handed out during church school early in December. Please have each student bring their permission slip and \$3.00 for pizza. If anyone knows someone who would enjoy a visit or basket, please contact Frances Sessums at 703-425-2857.

Baptisms

Riley Joseph Donithan,
son of Joseph and Suzanne Donithan
Allison Sarah New-Ringeisen,
daughter of Bradley Ringeisen & Michelle New
Olivia May Zanjani, *daughter of Ramin & Veva Zanjani*

Transfers

Bradley Ringeisen Michelle New
Erin New-Ringeisen Addison New-Ringeisen
Calvin Pilgrim

Deaths

Pearle Glenn Hodges, *mother of Grant Hodges,*
died October 20, 2004
E. Huntington Brown, *died October 31, 2004*



THE NEEDLEWORK OF POHICK CHURCH

By Jacqueline Wells



The needlework of Pohick Church is a continuation of the loving consideration shown by members and friends of the congregation. The needleworkers have contributed so much through special talents to the Church.

The Chancel carpet was designed by Claudia Wuig, and a decision was made to work it in needlepoint. The carpet is 13 feet 6 inches by 5 feet 6 inches. The carpet design incorporates the hickory tree, the dogwood tree, and plants and flowers of Virginia that embrace the Holy Table. A great deal of symbolism is incorporated into the overall carpet design.

The carpet was divided into 20 panels to be worked by 22 needleworkers. The initials of the workers are embedded around the edge of the carpet inside. The needleworkers were Elizabeth Keener, Claudia Wuig, Cynthia and Bob Bowman, Mary Davenport, Theodora McCracken, Jane Fairman, Nancy Barnes, Jean Turner, Jean Shepherd, Connie Myers, Ethel Davis, Verabel Gilles, Kathleen Calhoun, Anne Dillard, Louise Pannill, Anne Gaillard, Susan Powers, Joan Stanford-Jeffries, Jean Lear, Anne Flory, and Jacqueline Wells.

The stretching and blocking of each panel was done by Claudia Wuig, Jane Fairman, Susan Powers, and Joan Stanford-Jeffries. The over stitching, or seaming, was worked on a frame designed and made by Claudia's husband, Eugene Wuig, and worked by Claudia Wuig, Teddy McCracken, Nancy Barnes, Ethel Davies, Louise Pannill, and Joan Stanford-Jeffries.

The completed Chancel carpet was dedicated in the Spring of 1982, and won the Red Ribbon at the Woodlawn Needlework Exhibition.

The Chancel carpet was carefully designed to be a beautiful and symbolic piece that could be lovingly worked on by dedicated people. According to crafters at the Washington Cathedral, the high quality of the carpet ensures that it will last at least 200 years. With proper care, (clean shoes and smooth heels), the Carpet will survive to be loved and respected by the people of Pohick.



59TH ANNUAL POHICK FAIR A HEARTFELT THANKS AND SOME INITIAL FEEDBACK

Tom Mayberry, Chairman

Thank you to the many parishioners and members of Lorton and Fairfax County for the unwavering support of the 2004 Pohick Fair on October 2, 2004. Notwithstanding heavy pre-dawn rains, chilly temperatures, and the threat of afternoon showers, the attendance and performance matched previous years of nicer weather.

The Bottom Line: According to Marvin Boundy, the Fair Treasurer, the preliminary cash account reflected a total of \$19,919.31, which is \$505.90 more than the amount collected on Fair Day in 2003. The returns for 2004 were higher for Apple Butter, Books, Coffee, Country Store, Food, Funnel Cakes, the Garden Shop, Hodge Podge, Raffle and Games. Most other areas either maintained or did nearly as well as last year. This year's Fair Book advertising proceeds, which are not reflected in the Fair Day tally, did remarkably well, and should put the budget well in the black. A special thanks to Mike Schmid, Anita Stribbling and Ellen Dwyier for their indomitable efforts. The true success of the 2004 Fair cannot be measured until all of the bills are paid and the remaining proceeds are received. **REMINDER:** Please pay for Fair tickets, it's not too late!

A final 2004 Fair Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 9:15 am. The meeting's purpose will be to capture lessons learned for next year's fair. Warren Prados has graciously agreed to serve as the Chairman of the 60th Annual Pohick Fair in 2005.



Christmas Flowers

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE
POINSETTIAS AND GREENS THAT DECORATE OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

Given By:

In Memory or Thanksgiving:

(Written the way you wish it to appear in the Christmas Bulletin)



Please make checks payable to Pohick Church • Designated for Christmas Flowers
The price is \$10.00 • The deadline is December 14th

This form with check may be returned to the desk of the Church Secretary
or dropped in the Alms basket.



Pobick Church Activities
DECEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV 28	29	30	DEC 1	2	3	4
Advent 1a 7:45a HE I 9:00a HE II 10:15a Sun. School 11:15a HE II No EYC	6:30p EFM	9:30-10:30a Staff Meeting 2:30p HE II, The Fairfax 7:00p Beth Moore Studies	10:00a Parent- Toddler Group 6-6:30p St. Francis 6:30-8p St. Cecilia & St. Alban 7p Martha Guild 7:30p Holy Eu- charist & Unction	10:00a Beth Moore Studies 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p EFM 7:30p Adult Choir 8:30p AA		8:00-9:00a BSA Advent Quiet Morning (tentative)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Advent 2a 7:45a HE I 9:00a HE II 10:15a Sun. School 10:15a Annual Mtg. 11:15a HE I 5p Small Groups 6p EYC Dinner Night (All Groups)	5:30-9:00p Homeless Christmas Party 6:30p EFM	9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 11a Ann Mason Guild Staff Luncheon 2:30p HE II, The Fairfax 7:00p Beth Moore Studies	10:00a Parent- Toddler Group 6-6:30p St. Francis 6:30-8p St. Cecilia & St. Alban 7:30p Holy Eu- charist & Unction	6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p EFM 7:30p Adult Choir 8:30p AA	EYC Fall Retreat	8:00-9:00a BSA 10:00a-12:00p Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Advent 3a 7:45a HE I 9:00a HE II 10:15a Sun. School 11:15a HE II 4:00p Christmas Pageant 5:30p EYC Christmas Parties	6:30p EFM	9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 2:30p HE II, The Fairfax 7:00p Beth Moore Studies 7:30p Vestry Mtg.	10:00a Parent- Toddler Group 6-6:30p St. Francis 6:30-8p St. Cecilia & St. Alban 7:30p Holy Eu- charist & Unction 8p Lay Cmte Mtg.	10:00a Beth Moore Studies 6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p EFM 7:30p Adult Choir 8:30p AA		8:00-9:00a BSA 9:30-11a Break- fast with Santa
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Advent 4a 7:45a HE I 9:00a HE II 10:15a Sun. School 11:15a HE I 6p Coffee House	6:30p EFM	9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 2:30p HE II, The Fairfax	10:00a Parent- Toddler Group 6-6:30p St. Francis 6:30-8p St. Cecilia & St. Alban 7:30p Holy Eu- charist & Unction	6:15p Bell Choir 7:00p EFM 7:30p Adult Choir 8:30p AA	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Office Closed 6:00p Family Holy Eucharist 10:30p Carol Service 11:00p Festival Holy Eucharist	<i>Christmas Day</i> 10:00a HE II
26	27	28	29	30	31	JAN 1
Christmas 1a 7:45a HE I 9:00a HE II/ Blessing of the Toys 10:15a Sun. School 11:15a HE II No EYC	6:30p EFM Office Closed	9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 2:30p HE II, The Fairfax	10:00a Parent- Toddler Group 7:30p Holy Eucharist & Unction	7:00p EFM 8:30p AA	<i>New Year's Eve</i> Office Closed	<i>New Year's Day</i>

**SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

	5 DECEMBER	12 DECEMBER	19 DECEMBER	26 DECEMBER	2 JANUARY
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USHERS

7:45	Mike Zane David Norcross	Bob Armstrong Bill Stewart	John Springer Becky Wagner	Paul Peterson Delaney Phillips	Bob Bartlett Bill Horton
9:00	John Godley Tony Harriman Dru Hodges Janet Hodges	Dan Muir Terry Mullins Pehr Pehrsson Wesley Speer	Anne Poad Bill Poad Dennis Myers Edwardene Pitcock	Bill Bland Susan Homar Joseph Moran Rita Smith	Tom Bland Pam Allen Beth Altman Chris Brown
11:15	Kathy Kirkland Don Homar	Bill Bland Rick Nelson	Jane Thurston Fuzzy Thurston	Ken Wrona Nancy Sage	George Crump Don Buckius

OPEN - UP

7:00	D'Andrea Wooten	Bob Armstrong	Doug Smith	Nicole Fluet	Almetha Powell
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LOCK - UP

1:00	Reed Heddleston	Peter Kind	Jane Thurston	Ken Wrona	Sarah Booth
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LAY READERS

7:45	Muir/Stewart	Barnett/Wagner	Booth/Glynn	Springer/Sunderland	TBA
9:00	McKee/Ayorinde	Heddleston/J. Pasour	Eppley/Heintze	Cockroft/Hayes	TBA
11:15	Frazier/Sage	Cudworth/Nelson	Baird/Faber	Knipling/Peterson	TBA

GREETERS

7:45	M/M Bill Stewart	Bill Wrench	Becky Wagner	Becky Wagner	M/M Jerry Edwards
9:00	M/M Jim Hayes	M/M Dennis Myers	M/M D. O'Connell	M/M Bill Poad	M/M Dick Heintze
11:15	Althea Cooksey	Beth Atkinson	Chuck Allen	Portia Richter	M/M Don Homar

TELLERS

12:15	Mrs. Heintze/TBA	Brooks/Mayberry	Boundy/Faber	Buckley/Pitcock	Heintze/TBA
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ALTAR GUILD

AM	E. Meek/G. Pack B. Wagner J. Sunderland T. Vaughan P. Emmons R. Teale D. O'Connell N. Bireley	J. Wells/K. Hodges N. Sage C. Foster C. Heddleston J. Buckley S. Wrona C. Hanchin S. Kapusciarz	J. Wells/K. Hodges N. Sage C. Foster C. Heddleston J. Buckley S. Wrona C. Hanchin S. Kapusciarz	BJ McPherson J. Holm A. Powell A. Powell D. Pasour C. Sams J. Schmid E. Pitcock	BJ McPherson J. Holm A. Powell A. Powell D. Pasour C. Sams J. Schmid E. Pitcock
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FLOWER GUILD

AM	C. Baker	A. Stribling	J. Brimmer	Flower Guild	TBA
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COFFEE HOUR

7:45	M/M Pasour	M/M Evans	M/M Bartlett	M/M Evans	M/M Ferlazzo
9:00	Mayberry/Brooks	M/M Halla	M/M Pehrsson	M/M Brooks	TBA
11:15	M/M Thurston	S. Caesar	P. Pinkard	M. Zane	N. Weller

NURSERY

AM	Svea Krajack Mike Krajack	Paula Boundy Connie Myers	Anita McChargue Niah Goeller	Rebecca Webb Janet Ayorinde	TBA
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Please refer to the Pohick website, www.pohick.org, for schedule assignments not listed.



SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	5 DECEMBER	12 DECEMBER	19 DECEMBER	26 DECEMBER	2 JANUARY
7:45	LC Kathleen Lehner	LC Kelsey Pehrsson	LC Kelsey Edgemon	LC Molly Schwoppe	LC Erica Pehrsson
9:00	LC Molly Schwoppe SC Max Schwoppe T Julia Mitchell T Brad McCullough B Arch Wilson	LC Emily Wrona SC Katherine Wrona T William Wrona T David Dwyier B Blake Albertson	LC Austin From SC Tayrn Yezek T Travis From T Colleen Mullins B David Lehner	LC Sarah Gray SC Peter Binder T David Gray T Austin Gastrell B Zack Perconti	LC Robert MacGregor SC Dean Dugan T Elise Dugan T William Wrona B Hannah McCracken
11:15	LC Sarah Booth SC Devon Goeller T David Gray T Travis From B Sean Jeffers	LC Justin Brooks SC Jace Harrill T Elise Dugan T Austin Gastrell B William Prados	LC Alaina Harriman SC Kelsey Hodge T Arch Wislon T Sarah Wooten B David Dwyier	LC Andrew MacGregor SC Thomas MacGregor T Brad McCullough T Blake Albertson B Nicole Abba B Klint Edgemon	LC Wesley Powell SC Kathryn McNeal T Blake Albertson T David Gray B Colleen Mullins

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."

But Mary was confused by what the angel said. Mary wondered, "What does this mean?"

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the Most High. His kingdom will never end."

Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am not married!" The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. The baby will be holy. He will be called the Son of God. Mary said, "I am the servant girl of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!" Then the angel went away.

At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that they must list their names in a register. And everyone went to their home towns to be registered.

So Joseph and Mary left Nazareth. They went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. Mary was now preg-

nant. While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. There were no rooms left in the inn. Mary gave birth to her first son. She wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed. Mary named the baby Jesus as she was instructed by the angel.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph. The shepherds saw the baby lying in a manger. Then they told what the angels had said about this child. Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds said to them. Mary hid these things in her heart; she continued to think about them. Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.



