

St. Peter's Parish Church September 2010

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From the Rector's Desk

We've just come through an interesting and varied few weeks here at St. Peter's.

Saturday, August 14, the Burial Office was read for the Rev'd William Thrall Doncaster, Jr., Ph.D. Bill was the father-in-law of Sam Bruce, our Choirmaster and Organist. When Sam came to St. Peter's in the summer of 2003, Bill came with Sam. I, for one, am glad that both Sam and Mr. Bill ended up here. I don't think many people truly appreciated Dr. Doncaster's stature and intellect. Ordained a Presbyterian minister, he served one church for a number of years before moving on to a seminary position which he held until his retirement. He'd been married 40 years at the time of his wife's death. His depth of knowledge was amazing, and his curiosity never-ending. I am grateful for his time among us.

Sunday, August 8, we had our annual Parish Picnic and the Blessing of the Fleet. Our "fleet" consisted of only one vessel this year, thanks to Bruce and Karen Lange for bringing their boat. Anna and Boogie Davis, along with their family, hosted us again, and a wonderful time was had by all. Nice weather in the morning was followed by extremely high heat in the afternoon.

The week before that, August 2-6, was our annual Vacation Bible School, led by Kristin Swynford and Jennifer Ezzell. Again, though it was brutally hot most days, the rains mostly held off and a good time was had by all. I'm told that close to 30 children were registered. The energy level was about twice that! Our teens came and helped out, too, and a big thank you goes to them.

And the week before *that*, July 24-30, was our annual Youth Mission Trip. This year we went to Daytona Beach, Florida. How did we pick Daytona Beach, you ask? Simple: the Rector was too quick to speak and too slow to think. Back in the spring of 2009, Adriane Marshall, our Youth Mission Trip Leader, was discussing with me the possible places they could go this year. Where to go: rural, urban, city, American Indian, small town, or international? The trips ranged from the Adirondack Mountains of New York to the Yakima Reservation in Washington state. Bayou la Batre, Louisana? Harrisburg, Pennsylvania? The northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana? Daytona Beach, Florida? To which the Rector all-too-quickly said, "If you go to Daytona Beach, I'll go with you." And Adriane, of course, immediately said yes, that's where we'll go. At that point, it was done and I couldn't back out!

Of course, I was thinking more "beach" than "mission," and that was a mistake. Oh, boy, was it ever. In the six days we spent in Daytona Beach, we saw the beach for less than two hours one evening. The rest of the time was absolutely packed and tightly scheduled. Since the YouthWorks! folks don't distribute their materials, I'm having to rely on memory, but it seems that from the moment we rolled out of our comfy air mattresses and sleeping bags at 7 am until lights out at sometime after 11 pm, almost every moment was scheduled: breakfast, clean-up, devotions, prep for job sites, out to the job sites, lunch, switch job sites (we had different sites morning and afternoons), back to the church. Then showers, a tiny bit of free time, supper, clean-up, more devotions, Club, church time (when church groups met separately), then a little bit more free time, then bed. It made for very long days.

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Wardens' Corner

I was driving a couple hours from New Kent a few weeks back and saw a church sign that read "Hot enough this week? Try a lifetime in Hell." 'Nothing like positive motivation, huh?

This has been an extremely hot and dry summer. What would we all do without the escapes of air conditioning, boats or a chlorine filled refuge? But speaking of this dry spell -- rain is usually an impediment for many of us, something that gets in the way of our plans. To be sure, rain can surely affect a baseball game, birthday party, wedding reception or outdoor work. However, for those who work with the land, normal rainfall is anything but a hindrance – it is a vital part of the lifeblood of agriculture. We recognize this fact in Form I of the PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, which we use on some Sundays, when we pray "For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth."

Can you think of times when something unexpected in your life has seemingly *rained on your parade?* Has this *rainy* event/time ever turned out more positively than you would have imagined when that proverbial storm cloud first materialized?

We've heard the saying that challenges are what make us stronger and that God never gives us problems that we can't get through without His help. Do we believe this? Do we live our lives in this fashion? How do we react when tough times confront us? I'd suggest that complaints aren't the answer, but a thankfulness for what we have and requests for help from above might be the best course. And a situation that looks *rainy* at the outset might help produce very real fruits of the spirit: patience, peace, and joy.

That said, it might help for us to use Form I for a few weeks – we sure could use some rain and seasonable weather.

~ David Swynford, Senior Warden

To my St. Peter's Family,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on Youth Sunday. You have always supported me and 7 appreciate everything you have done.

Thank you for the beautiful graduation frame: it will definitely have a place in my new dorm!

> Love, Winter Rae







St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, rector Sherri W. Hardiman, parish administrator Samuel G. Bruce, organist and choirmaster Stuart R. Burnett, clerk & treasurer Mark Whidden, assistant treasurer Susan E. Cheyne, verger Joyce H. Molina, register

The Vestry

David Swynford, senior warden Bill Lindsey, junior warden

Class of 2011

Stuart Burnett (932.3925) Steve Peterson (843.2036) David Swynford (557.3533)

Class of 2012

Denise Fazio (932.9224) Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132) Major Mansfield (779.2105)

Class of 2013

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The Keys

Sherri Hardiman & Julie Vaisvil, Editors

Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

Adriane Marshall & Leo Vaisvil

EYC Advisors

Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



Christian Education

Church School

I hope everyone has had a cool and restful summer and is ready to begin Church School! Fall is a great time to begin again. Many of us will be starting over with our yards after such record breaking heat this summer. Why not take this time to discover God's word?

Christian Education will start Sunday, September 26 at 10 am. The Bishop will be celebrating with us that day as well!

All are welcome to join the fun. Church school teachers will be: Preschool and Kindergarten - Karen Moore; Grades 1-4 - Kim von Hitritz; Grades 5-8 - Bobby Nelms and Brian Gellings; and High School - Steve von Hitritz and Bill Lindsey.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



Children's Choir News

Our second year of Children's Choir will begin with rehearsal Sunday, October 3, at 10:30 am.

We had such a wonderful time with these children last year. Our goal this year is for them to continue learning hymns from THE HYMNAL so the children will find more and more ways to feel part of the worship service.

They will sing at Harvest Feast! The schedule for October and November is: 10:30 am on October 3 and 17, and November 7 and 21.

All children are welcome to participate!

~ Carol Nelms and the Children's Choir Staff

Inquirers' Class

Anyone interested in being *Confirmed*, *Received*, or desiring to *Reaffirm their baptismal vows*, please speak with Fr. Paul before September 12. The Bishop's annual visitation is Sunday, September 26.

Classes will begin Sunday, September 12, and are open to those 12 years of age and older and those wanting to know more about St. Peter's and the Episcopal Church.

Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the Parish House foyer or call the church office to let us know of your interest.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator



Episcopal Youth Community Middle School/High School Youth Group 2010-2011 Activities

Parents of EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) members are invited to a meeting to assist in planning the upcoming youth group events. Come to Richardson Hall at 11 am immediately following the service September 12. Parents are asked to select a month to plan and lead an activity. Please bring your thoughts on which month/event you would like to sponsor.

EYC includes all youth who are in middle or high school for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have any questions, you may contact Adriane at adriane.marshall@gmail.com or 804-932-9734

~ Adriane Marshall, EYC Advisor





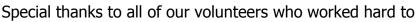


During the first week of August, almost 30 children set sail at St. Peter's on a *High Seas Expedition* to *Explore the Mighty Love of God.* It was a fun-filled week complete with Bible stories, crafts, movie time, games, music and let's not forget.......snacks!



Vacation Bible School was a wonderful opportunity to develop and strengthen friendships with each other, and most importantly, with God. Everyone learned that God's word is TRUE, COMFORT-ING, SURPRISING, LIFE-CHANGING and God's word is FOR EVERYONE!

The children had the opportunity to watch for God in everyday life through GOD SIGHT-INGS, a practical way to incorporate learning into living!



make this year's VBS such a success! Thanks also to everyone who donated snacks for the children and school supplies for our mission project, Matthew's Haven Back to School Fair.

This year's volunteers included Fr. Paul, Chrissy Wagner, Joyce Molina, Victoria Brame, Kendall Ezzell, Marianne Powell, Stacey Wood, Karen Moore, Joyce Peterson, Catherine Peterson, Catherine Stanley, Edna Christian, Kim von Hitritz, Carrie Eve-

lyn, Kim Holloway, Barb McKinney, Chris McKinney, Ashley Pierce, Wil Miles, Becky Bradford, and Erich von Hitritz.

> ~ Kristin Swynford & Jennifer Ezzell VBS Co-Directors





Outreach

2010 Oyster Roast - We are a GO!

Now that we have proven that neither a nor'easter or a little leak in the Gulf of Mexico can stand in our way, I am happy to report that the 2010 St. Peter's Parish Oyster Roast, Fish Feast and Shrimp Bonanza is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, at White House Landing.

The event promises to offer the best culinary creations for our fall celebration. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat extravaganza are set at \$35 for adults and \$10 for children aged 6-12.

A program that exceeds 500 guests, means we need every type of help and assistance. On upcoming Sundays, it will be as easy as signing up on the board under the church tower. Or, make your desire known and you can help in ways such as:

Parking Assistance, Ticket Gate Help, Moving Tables and Chairs, Cooking and Serving, Dessert Making, Oyster Shoveling, and Clean Up, Clean Up, and Clean Up!

This year, however, we need some special help the Friday before the Oyster Roast to shop and transport the various supplies to White House. This service has been provided by a sole vendor in the past. The challenging economic times this year have forced him to close his local business.

Ticket sales will be brisk, as in the past, so please do not delay in getting your tickets. They will be available from Vestry members or from the church office at 932-4846.

If you have questions or want to participate, you are invited to contact anyone on the committee: Thomas Evelyn, Carrie Evelyn, Kendall Hatley, Bill Lindsey, and Kathy Lindsey.

Let's all pray for fair weather on October 23.

Sunshine is always better than last year's sleet and wind!!!

~ Bill Lindsey and the Oyster Roast Committee





Thanks to all who donated school supplies or provided helping hands during our 10th annual Back to School Fair.

Special appreciation goes to all Vacation Bible School families and the VBS Co-directors, Kristen Swynford and Jennifer Ezzell, for supporting our Back to School Fair as their outreach project again this year.

Please look for more on the Back to School Fair in the October issue of THE KEYS.

~ Catherine Pierce



Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 11 at the Tradition Golf Club at Royal New Kent is the day and site for the 5th Annual

New Kent Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction.

Contact <u>difreind@cox.net</u> to register for golf, dinner, or both!

Two families are now in homes on McLaughlin Lane; we hope to break ground for a third home in a few months!

~ Julie Vaisvil, New Kent Habitat Committee



Altar Guild

Looking for a Few New Altar Guilders

Do you ever wonder what an *ANTEPENDIA* is and how it is used? How about a *PALL*, a *PATEN*, or a *PYX?* Well, now is your chance to learn all of these terms and more!

Just think, for just one weekend every six weeks, you, too, can be a member of one of our six Altar Guild small groups who prepare the altar for Eucharist. It doesn't take much time and we have handbooks and diagrams to show how it is done. And, at no charge, you get to keep your own booklet of DEFINITIONS OF CHURCH TERMS, an ALTAR GUILD HANDBOOK, and all of the diagrams! What a deal! Don't wait! Call me at 932-3166 today with your commitment to serve the Lord and St. Peter's, and enjoy being with a fun group of people.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair





Daytona Beach Mission Trip

Mission Trip 2010

The Youth Mission Trip was a meaningful one! Eleven youth and four adults spent time working at several different ministry sites throughout Daytona Beach, including: United Cerebral Palsy, ARC, Salvation Army Kids Club and Thrift Store, and a homeless shelter, STAR Family Center.

Please stop one of us team members and ask us about our experience. We will be happy to share some of our amazing stories about Daytona Beach and the work we did there.

Again, thanks to St. Peter's, especially the Annual Golf Tournament Committee, for supporting the Youth Mission Team. These trips are a truly rewarding experience for all of us who participate, sharing God's love with those in need.

~ Adriane Marshall, Youth Mission Trip Leader









Some Days I Wonder...

Some days I wonder what it would be like. I end up thinking in fright.

When they turn blue, I try and not finish them thru.

Why must it happen?

I guess it's just the new fashion.

Some days I wonder how long it lasts.

For their sake I hope its over fast.

I think poor kids how must it feel, not to even have a meal.

Some days I wonder how do they sleep.

I just stand there in defeat.

I try and figure it out, I end up in doubt. Some days I wonder how do they still smile.

I guess it's just their style.

When they get scared do they run upstairs?

Do they turn on their lights praying to God for a different sight?

Some days I wonder if their prayers are answered and someone that cares comes and answers.

Some days I wonder if they think nobody cares.

I just sit there and think it's not fair.

Some days I wonder what I can do to help.

I guess that's what mission trips are all about.

Becky Bradford

August 1, 2010









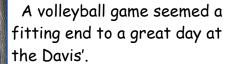
ST. PETER'S 2010 PARISH PICNIC



The August 8 Parish Picnic at the Davis Farm was a wonderful day of worship, food, fun, and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who had a part in the day, from trimming that first blade of grass to carrying off the last bag of trash. We are blessed by everyone who



shares the load.









I came away with several impressions: first, I'm glad I went for several reasons. Time spent with our youth was invaluable, especially Wednesday evening's church service. I also got to see how YouthWorks!, with whom we've "done" mission trips for several years, does it. I'm not sure we will continue to partner with them, based on concerns I have. We will evaluate our options in the months ahead. The youth have been wanting an international trip, and Adriane has said that next year's trip will be to Puerto Rico (yes, I know that's the U.S., not international!), but that's not an absolute set-in-stone choice. We may be doing something entirely different in the summer of 2011. Stay tuned for further developments!

Finally, let me give you the September worship schedule: Sunday, September 5 is the Sunday of Labor Day weekend and, as is customary, there will be one Service at 10 am. Normally, that would be the last of the single Service Sundays, but Restoration Sunday is September 19 and there is only one Service then. The Bishop's annual visitation is September 26 and there is only one Service then. So the whole month of September will be single Service Sundays: 10 am on September 5 and 12, 11 am on September 19 and 26. Then, it will be back to 9 and 11 am services in October. I hope this isn't too confusing! We look forward to having everyone back from the summer *diaspora*. St. Peter's isn't the same without you.

I am your brother in Christ,



THE KEYS is available for viewing in color at <u>www.stpetersnewkent.org</u> on the home page. It is a quick way to check church events and the Rota.

NOTE: Submission deadlines will be different for upcoming issues of due to schedules. Please check the calendar. Refer to the top of THE KEYS page 1 for e-mail addresses to submit newsletter articles and pictures.

September 2010 Rota

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

| Date Service Type Propers | | September 5, 2010 HE II @ 10 am One Service Proper 18 15 Pentecost | September 12, 2010 HE II @ 10 am One Service Proper 19 16 Pentecost | September 19, 2010 HE II @ 11 am One Service Proper 20 17 Pentecost Restoration Sunday | September 26, 2010 HE II @ 11 am One Service Proper 21 18 Pentecost Bishop Visitation (Baptism, Confirma- tion, & Reception) | October 3, 2010 HE II @ 9 & 11 Two Svcs. Resume Proper 22 19 Pentecost |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| Vestry Greeters | 9 10 or 11 | David Swynford | David Swynford | David Swynford | David Swynford | Rod Molina Padgette Evelyn |
| Acolytes | 9 10 or 11 | Jon Gellings Kelly Gellings Zach Quimby Cameron Fazio | Chris McKinney Caroline Nelms Austin Pierce Catherine Peterson | Caroline Evelyn Philipp von Hitritz Torun Carlson Zach Quimby | Wil Miles Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Gunnar Carlson | Jon Gellings Erich von Hitritz Austin Pierce Cameron Fazio Ella Ezzell |
| Peter's Heralds | 10 or 11 | Grant Stanley | Ella Ezzell | Lydia Danielson | Annabelle Brame | Clayton Evelyn |
| Chalicers | 9 10 or 11 | Brett Marshall | Larry Gallaher | Stuart Burnett | Susan Cheyne | Bobby Nelms |
| Lectors | 9 10 or 11 | Linwood Gregory | Nancy Goodman | Stuart Burnett | Stuart Burnett | Miriam Ackley Linwood Gregory |
| Intercessors | 9 10 or 11 | Steve Miles | Cindy Greer | Joyce Peterson | Stuart Burnett | Jon Ackley Steve Miles |
| Sidesmen | 9 10 or 11 | Rod Molina Doug Begeal | Major Mansfield Ralph Ashton | Tom Evelyn Neil Quimby | Lee Tyson Steve Miles | Brian Gellings Chuck Evelyn Thomas Evelyn |
| Oblationers | 9 | | | | | Janet & Larry Gallaher |
| | 10 or 11 | Sandra & Brian Gellings | Lisa Guthrie Kendall Hatley | Corinne Dorsey Cynthia Rowles | Kathy & Bill Lindsey | Carrie & Thomas Evelyn |
| Nursery | 10 or 11 | Adriane Marshall | Karen Moore | Carrie Evelyn | Emily Anne Evelyn Caroline Evelyn | Stacey Wood |
| Altar Guild Group | | IV, Betty Curling | V, Kim McLean | VI, Barb McKinney | I, Edna Christian | II, Jay Francisco |
| Hangings | | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Garden Guild Group | | 3, Sally Smith | 4, Carrie Evelyn | 1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli | 2, Cathy Bersik | 3, Sally Smith |
| Altar Flowers | | | | | | |
| Lemonade | | Patty Peterson | | | + | |



Thoughts In Appreciation

From the Family of Louis Miles

The family of Louis Paul Miles would like to express their endless appreciation to St. Peter's Parish Church family for your loving support in this time of great sorrow.

Love,

Carole Harrison Miles & the Miles Family



From Ruth Rowles

I feel as though I am a member of the body of Christ which meets in two places—Beth Car in Halifax and St. Peter's in New Kent. Words are simply not adequate to express my deep appreciation of the thoughtfulness—and above all, the prayers—of the members of St. Peter's during the time of my recent surgery and now the time of recuperation. Please read into these two simple words: "thank you" and a depth of feeling that I am not able to express!

> In Christian love, Ruth L. Rowles



From the Family of Mary Hitchcock

The family of Mary Hitchcock would like to extend a sincere thank you to St. Peter's for your love and support during the loss of my mother, Mary, on July 4. Your cards, phone calls, and visits were so appreciated. The luncheon provided was a joyous memorial to the fellowship she enjoyed during her many years as a member of this loving congregation.

> Warm regards, Melanie

September Birthdays

- 3 Zach Quimby
- 3 Annabelle Brame
- 3 Debbie Smith
- 4 Anna Stuart Burnett
- 5 Margie Harrison
- 7 Lindy Brammer
- 8 Marianne Powell
- 8 Waverly Marshall
- 8 Forrest Taylor Morrow

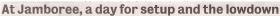
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- 9 Nancy Goodman
- 9 Janie Philbates
- 9 Jonathon Gellings
- 9 Craig Pierce
- 11 Jeff Cimbalo
- 11 14 Christopher McKinney
 - 15 Corinne Dorsey
 - 15 Martha Danielson
 - 17 Sherry Gregory
 - Jim Douglass 17
 - 17 Denise Fazio
 - Matt Lambert
 - 22 John Townsend
 - 23 Gunnar Carlson
 - 24 Jay Francisco
 - 24 Katie Jeter
 - 24 Steven Peterson
 - 25 Evelyn Waring
 - 25 Cynthia Rowles
 - 25 Jeffrey Summers
 - 28 Kathy Harris
 - 30 Kristin Hayden



There are no September anniversaries for parishioners currently on file. If you would like to be included in the anniversary note for any month and you have not already signed up, please notify the church office, or use the sign up sheet in the Parish House foyer. Thanks!

Kate Bradford, Adriane Marshall, Rod Molina, Leo Vaisvil, and Steve von Hitritz contributed photos for this issue of THE KEYS. Thanks to them and those who have contributed photos in the past. jav





Scouts descend on Fort A.P. Hill

The 2010 National Scout
Jamboree opens to the public
today.

Visiting hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline

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Entrance: off U.S. 301, just nor of Rowlind Creen

35,000 Boy Scouts; One of Ours Makes Page One Good Going, Philipp!

Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

Justin Gallaher, Christopher Quarles, Christopher Minter, Edward Allen, Julio Gonzalez, Jr., Sam Guinn, Carsen Tyson, Phillip Harrell, T. J. Lowe, Randy Fuhrman, and Charles Bowery



We Ask Your Prayers For: Those in our parish family who are sick:

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sarah Lindsey, Jim Douglass, and Ken Rubert.

... and all others known and unknown.

Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce; Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor; Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell; Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey; Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal; Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of Scott Goodman;

Jimmy Jones, friend of Kendall Hatley; Nancy Smith, friend of Jean and Major Mansfield's daughter;

Liz Jones DeVoll, daughter of Bishop Jones;

Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner; Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews;

Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles; Alden Sewall, Jr., uncle of Ann Bradshaw; Louise Taylor, cousin of Sally Smith; Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr; Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and Jessica Evelyn;

Andrea Lister, friend of Bernie Geisner; Ruth Rowles, mother of Paul Rowles; Vadim Simakov, husband of Lindsey McLean Simakov.

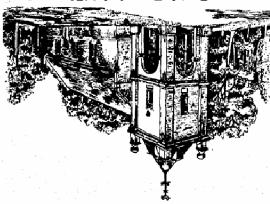
Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The Bishop will hold an Adult Forum prior to the service the morning of his visit. All are invited.



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ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

September 2010

- Office Closed for Labor Day

- 6 Office Closed for Labor Day
 8 Last Day for Submissions to October THE KEYS
 10 Grace Lange/David Cops Rehearsal, 5 pm
 11 Grace Lange/David Cops Wedding, 5 pm
 12 Inquirers' Class, 11 am
 19 Inquirers' Class, 10 am
 Restoration Sunday, One Service at 11 am
 Followed by Meal for All
 20 Vestry 7 pm

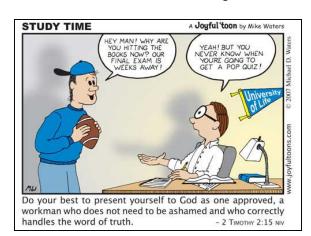
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20 Vestry, 7 pm26 Bishop's Visitation, One Service at 11 am 2010-2011 Christian Education Begins at 10 am



October 2010

- Two Service Schedule Resumes Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm Last Day for Submissions to November THE KEYS

- Vestry, 7 pm Oyster Roast, Fish Feast & Shrimp Bonanza
- Fall Hayride at Whitehouse Landing, 3 pm

November 2010

- All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends
- 12 Last Day for Submissions to December/January THE KEYS
- 15 Vestry, 7 pm21 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am, Followed by Meal for All Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 24 Community Thanksgiving Service 25 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am 25-26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Advent I