

The E-pistle

A Weekly eNewsletter for Eastern Shore Chapel

November 3 - November 9, 2017



All Saints Concert, Sunday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m.

**A Choral Concert Celebrating The Feast of All Saints.
Featuring "Requiem" by William Culverhouse.**

Come out and enjoy this beautiful concert and celebrate all the Saints who came before us.

1. Dear Friends,

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living,

that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect for All Saints Sunday
November 5
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Rabbi Zoberman leads Adult Forum Creation Series. Join him this week for part 2!



ESC Staff enjoys PDS trick or treat in the halls. Check out more photos on our facebook page.

THIS WEEK AT ESC

Preaching Schedule: November 5 - The Rev. Julia Messer

Sunday, November 5- **All Saints Sunday & Baptism Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Formation Creation Series led by Rabbi Zoberman
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. All Saints Concert
- 6:00 p.m. Schola Practice

Monday, November 6

- 8:00 a.m. Peanut Group Cooking
- 1:00 p.m. AA
- 5:30 p.m. Newcomers Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

ELECTION DAY-6:00a.m.-7:00 pm.

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. AA

6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

1:00 p.m. AA

5:00 p.m. Chorister Practice

5:45 p.m. HE

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner -Menu: Sloppy Joes, Cajun Oven Fries, Lentil Soup, Salad, Fruit Bread (\$6 per person)

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 9

7:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Peace & Bible Study

1:00 p.m. AA

5:30 p.m. Mission Meeting

Friday, November 10 - Office/Bookstore/PDS Closed for Veterans Day

1:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, November 11- Veterans Day

8:30 a.m. OA Meeting

9:30 a.m. Flower Guild How To Class - Demonstration and handouts on how to create the altar bouquets. Meet in the Flower Room. RSVP to Charlotte Marriott (757) 481-3756 or Boyd MacIver (757) 481-9234.

10:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Adult Forum/Stewardship Update - an update on ESC finances, endowments, the stewardship effort, and next year's budget.

November 12 - 7:00 p.m. - Christopher Newport News University Chamber Choir Concert

November 19 - 9:00 a.m. - Adult Forum/Creation Series led by Rabbi Zoberman

December 3 - 9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Making

9:00 a.m. - Adult Forum/Vestry Elections - Mark your Calendar!

December 17 - 5:00 p.m. - Lessons & Carols

December 24 - 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist I

4:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant

8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist II

December 25- 4:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

December 31 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist I, II

4:00 p.m. - Recovery Service

Flower Guild Volunteers are needed!



The flower guild is in need of your help. We need volunteers to help with the flowers on the altar. No experience needed. Once every six weeks you are asked to help decorate the altar with the flowers, then after services to take them down and put into vases to be delivered to others in need. Won't you help? Takes only a little bit of time and is so rewarding. Want to know more? Call Audra Byrn at [757-408-6916](tel:757-408-6916). Come bloom with us.

Decking the Halls for Christmas

Volunteers needed to prep, water and move poinsettias, hang swags, decorate the windows, and tie bows for the Christmas festivities. Come one, come all for a few hours on Saturday, December 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon (or however long you can help). Bring the kids, bring friends and just stop by to help for a little while. Any little bit will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Audra Byrn at [757-408-6916](tel:757-408-6916).

AROUND THE DIOCESE, COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD

A Prayer for the Military

Praise God for the over 400 volunteers who faithfully serve weekly at our 7 U.S. military basic training locations, military academies, and also in over 25 countries internationally! Pray for the Lord to direct our steps as we continue to build our new Volunteer Led Movement initiative, trusting the Lord for 2,500 volunteers to join us by 2020 to serve the U.S. and International military communities.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." - Isaiah 6:8 (AMPC)

Lord, we thank You for the men and women that protect this nation. As they protect us, we pray that You will protect them. You know where they will be today and we pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face. Amen



A Prayer for Government Leaders

*God of power and might, wisdom and justice,
through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.
Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude
the President and other government leaders of these United States.
May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy.
Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and
integrity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Dear Eastern Shore family:

The Parish and the Youth Group have an enjoyable day and evening celebrating

Halloween. We live high up on the side of a verdant mountain range and we will not see any kids around to brighten the day as most of the inhabitants are retirees with only a very few younger Mexican families with children!! But want to let you know that Halloween is a very big 'fiesta' day here in Mexico as it encloses the 'Dia del muerte" (The Day of the Dead) when every Mexican family takes off to wherever their family members have died or are buried and truly remember their loved ones by celebrating them!! This is a national celebration from the Presidente down to the poorest peasant: All Mexicans are 'cemented' together by the 'family'. The family is the most important thing in the world to our Mexican friends...nothing takes precedence over the family not even religion or politics. In our long association with the Mexican nation and people this was one of the first things Bert and I found out about this very loving and hospitable people. The 'nucleus' of the family is well and strong in the Republic and we thank God for it. Warmest and kindest thoughts to you all.

Lovingly, Iris (and Bert) Slocombe



*Iris Slocombe, former ESC
Associate Rector (1985-1987).*

FIRST REPORTS FROM KAIROS 14 AT SUSSEX II STATE PRISON



Elijah is from the Bronx. I don't know how he got to Virginia in the first place or what happened to land him in Sussex II State Prison. I do know he put in a request to attend KAIROS 14 and that it was our Loving God that placed him beside me for four days at the family table of St. Paul. Elijah made it clear from the beginning that he didn't trust anyone and never let anyone get close to him. He is easily identified as a member of The Bloods gang by the five pointed star tattooed on his face and the "G-5" on his hand. He doesn't know his dad and his mom has been in and out of prison since she was old enough to go. He came to KAIROS with what seemed to be impenetrable walls built solidly all around. We talked about "choices" and how we need to learn to respond instead of react. We talked about our Loving God who wants to be our friend and is waiting penitently for each of us to "open

the door". And we talked about forgiveness, God's forgiveness of us, our forgiveness of ourselves and our forgiveness of others. Elijah soaked it in. He didn't talk much but you could tell he was listening. On Sunday, as we parted, Elijah told me he loved me and that he had never told anyone that before. We hugged and I felt the Holy Spirit going to work on my new Brother in Christ. Elijah has now been exposed to a different gang - a gang of Christians that only want the very best for him. Thanks be to God! - Lee Davis

PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Last Saturday, October 28, Parish Day School held it's annual PTA-sponsored Fall Festival. Our PTA and many of our parents worked very hard to make this year's Fall Festival happen and it helped that we had perfect weather for the event! We had great attendance and all of the children and alot of the adults dressed up in costumes. The activities included games, face painting, balloon animals, a cake walk, a bake sale, gift basket raffle, and, of course, trunk or treating. Our Fall Festival was a huge success and everyone had a fantastic time!



PARISH BOOKSTORE



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Pick up your copy of Radney Foster's book and CD this week.

Hours:

M - F - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Saturdays - 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Sundays between worship services

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