



The Spire

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Smyrna, Delaware**



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Consecration Sunday is Coming – October 27th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “*What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?*”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in the Smyrna community.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who do not wish to complete a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Yours in Faith,

James T. Vaughn, Jr., Senior Warden



Consecration

Sunday

is

Coming!



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Highlights from 9/15/2019 Vestry Meeting

Senior Warden, Jim Vaughn, chaired the meeting as the Rector was away on retreat. The main highlights were:

- Received the timeline for our *Consecration Sunday* Stewardship Campaign in October.
- Received a printed copy of the 2019-2020 Program Calendar.
- Approved the June 2019 Minutes.
- Listened to Ministry Team updates.
- The next Vestry meeting is Sunday, October 20 after the 10AM service & coffee hour.

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Vestry Members

January 2020	January 2021	January 2022
Shirley Biddle	Elvis Belle	Terri Anderson
Ray DePhillis	Paul Buckley	Dawn Arnold
Dorris Wheeler	Jim Vaughn	Mary Sanders

2019 Officers:

Jim Vaughn, Sr. Warden Paul Buckley, Jr. Warden
 Bob Merrill, Treasurer Lisa Embert, Secretary



Mark your Calendars:

- 10/6 Blessing of the Animals – Both 8am & 10am Services
- 10/8 Birthday Blessings with the 4's – 9:30am (St. Stephen's Chapel)
- 10/10 Birthday Blessings with the 3's – 9:30am (St. Stephen's Chapel)
- 10/12 Witches Tea, 12Noon, Parish Hall
- 10/16 No Service or Bible Study
- 10/20 Consecration Sunday Leadership Dinner, 5pm
- 10/27 Consecration Sunday – both 8am & 10am Services



RIVERDANCE Bus Trip

The 25th Anniversary World Tour

Only 13 Tickets still available!!

Where: American Music Theatre (Lancaster, PA), after first arriving at Shady Maple, @ 10am for shopping then @ 11:30am eating lunch
 When: Saturday, January 18, 2020 – 2:00pm Show
 Departing St. Peter's – 7:30am
 Arriving Back – 6:00pm
 Price: Adults (18+) = **\$104.00**
 Youth (11-17) = **\$104.00**
 Children (4-10) = **\$ 92.50** (meal is lower)

For tickets or questions see Mo. Donna Jean or contact the office.



Our Thanks this month go to...

- Danny Andrew** for continuing to mow the back and side yards.
- Larry Thornton** for continuing to mow the grass along the front of our building, curb, and brick sidewalks of our property.
- Dorris Wheeler** for organizing St. Peter's Ladies [Fellowship] Afternoon Out at Celtic Pub on Sept. 4th.
- Paul Buckley** for opening the Church and Rector's Office for our supply clergy on September 15th.
- Becky Cronin** for updating our QuickBooks software.
- Dorris Wheeler** for coordinating our St. Peter's Ladies [Fellowship] Night Out at the DiCuirci's on Thursday, September 26th.
- Tom and Grace DiCuirci** for generously hosting us on September 26th.
- Shirley Biddle** and all her **Helpers** in coordinating our Yard and Bake Sale fundraiser on September 21st.
- Dorris Wheeler** for planning the Witch's Tea that will be held on October 12th.
- Grace DiCuirci** and **Friends** who have put together all the baskets, party favors and most of the door prizes for our Witch's Tea fundraiser this year.



♪ Choir Notes ♪

We welcome back the choir for the new season.

Choir Members:

Patricia Atherley-Liddie		
Dawn Arnold	Kelvin Arnold	JoEllyn Beck
Yvonne Belle	Tom Campbell	Ray DePhillis
Lisa Embert	Wendy Lampe	Muff Meyers
Nancy Saamoi	Bill Walker	Duane Young

Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Church. If you would like to be part of the choir please come and join us. All are welcome ☺

Phyllis Moses, Music Minister





Outreach for 2019

Our monthly schedule for 2019 will be the same as in 2018 and we will continue our on-going Outreach projects as well. The project for each month is listed below. If you have suggestions for Outreach projects, please contact me.

May we all have a giving heart in 2019!
Mary Sanders (302)-659-1466

Matthew 25:35-45

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- January – P.I.C. (Personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell~St. Paul's Church, Clayton
- February – "Souper Bowl of Caring" (funds collected), Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium
- March – Food of the Month - Food Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna
- April – PIC (personal care/household cleaning items) Ewell St. Paul's, Clayton ERD Episcopal Relief and Development -ERD (funds collected) Lent Project
- May – Food of the Month - Food Pantry at Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna
- June – Home of the Brave Veterans Home, Milford (wish list items)
- July – Food of the Month - Food Pantry @ Asbury U.M. Church, Smyrna
Alex's Lemonade Stand at the 4th of July Event, funds for Children's Cancer Research
- August – Back Pack Project for North Smyrna Elementary School
- September – Kent County Animal Shelter, Camden (wish list items)
- October – Thanksgiving Dinner, Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium (funds & breakfast food items)**
- November – DHCI Christmas for Residents, Smyrna (wish list items)
- December – Veterans United Outreach of Delaware (Gift Cards)



**October Harvest Sharing
Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium
Community Thanksgiving Dinner
(Funds \$ & Breakfast Food Items)**

When: Sunday, November 24th, 2-5pm
Where: Citizens' Hose Fire Co.

The Ministerium is requesting financial donations along with Breakfast Food items (watch the bulletin for suggestions) to be handed out to take home with them.

Please make checks payable to: "Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium" and write "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo line.

For any questions contact Mary Sanders or the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in our community.



Follow-up: In Next Months Spire



**September Harvest Sharing
First State Animal Center and SPCA
Yard Sale Follow-Up:**

Our yard and bake sales on September 21st were a huge success! Ninety-nine percent of our yard sale items were sold at rock bottom prices (10 cents to \$5 with just a few items at \$7 and with our highest selling item bringing in \$30). Our combined total for the yard and bake sale was \$870.60! God had blessed us with a beautiful but very warm day and with a fairly steady flow of customers.

Thanks go out to a hard working crew for this event: Dorothy Andrew, Charlotte and Dennis Costello, Ron Coverdale, Danny, Monica, and Ali Holmes, Linda Lingner, Mel Richards, Leslie Rodriguez, Millie Spencer, Larry Thornton, Missy Vaughn, and Dorris and Tanya Wheeler. (Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.)

Also, thanks go out to everyone who donated items to both the yard and bake sales, without these there wouldn't have been an event!!

Just another Parish Family success!!
Blessings, Shirley



**“WHAT’S HAPPENING”
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

October

- 10/1 Mo. Donna Jean Kiessling
- 10/3 Clara Rodriguez
- 10/4 John Embert
- 10/6 Kelvin Arnold
- 10/7 Keith Wisner
- 10/8 Jerry Spencer
- 10/12 Smoke Steele
- 10/14 Monica Holmes
- 10/18 Leroy Brown, Stephen Lee
- 10/19 Vincent Ratty
- 10/23 Melody Richards
- 10/24 Jan Miller
- 10/27 Jake Steele, Susan Burris
- 10/29 WillElla Jackson

Anniversaries

- 10/1 Tom & Grace DiCuirci
- 10/14 Doug & Jan Miller
- 10/16 Tom & Suzanne Chafin
- 10/20 Gid Honsinger & Terry Villanueva



If anyone would like to brag about a milestone birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, birth of a child or grandchild or any major event in your lives, this is the place to do it!!! Call the office and we'll make sure to get it into the Spire so we can all enjoy your news!!

If you would like to have the Altar flowers put in Church In Memory of or in Thanksgiving for someone, please sign your name next to the date on the charts in the Parish Hall (next to the kitchen). **The florist will bill you** (Note: the price for both vases is \$40.00) or if you would like to have the Aumbry Candle (\$20.00 a month) please sign up.



ALTAR FLOWERS – October

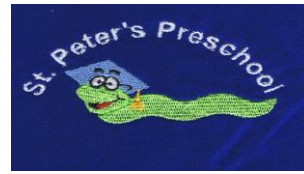
- 6th Mo. DJ
- 13th Becky & Jim Cronin
- 20th WillElla Jackson
- 27th Melody Richards

AUMBRY CANDLE – October

Neda Biggs

October Parish Cycle of Prayer:

- 6th Jim & Missy Vaughn
William Walker
- 13th Harold & Denise Warnett
Dawn Watson
- 20th Nichole Welling
Dorris & Tanya Wheeler
- 27th Keith, Genna, McKenna & Rhys Wisner
Pat & David Womelsdorf



Patter from Preschool

"Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Fence." It's that time of the year already! Our children have Fall, Fire Prevention, a trip to the Firehouse, Fifer's Fall Festival, and Halloween to look forward to this month. We will be hosting a trunk & treat Oct. 31st with the 4's and Nov 1st with the 3's. We hope to have everyone join us at 10:30am either day. Our children will be trick or treating through the parking lot followed by our Halloween party. We hope to see you there.

Tina Morris
Director/Teacher



Important/Fun Dates for October:

- 10/1 International Coffee Day
- 10/5 World Teacher's Day
- 10/13 U.S. Navy Birthday
- 10/14 Columbus Day
- 10/16 National Boss's Day
- 10/17 National Pasta Day
- 10/24 National Bologna Day
- 10/30 National Candy Corn Day
- 10/31 Halloween



St. Peter's Preschool Wish List
Vinyl Bean Bag Chairs – Would like 4



Toy Bin Organizer - 1



Book Shelf - 1

