WE ARE ALL NEWCOMERS

An official newsletter of Old Donation Episcopal Church

A New Day for All!

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Nathan Kirkpatrick, an Episcopal priest, wrote about a ‘mic-drop’ moment in a recent ZOOM meeting. Someone innocently observed, “When we return, we will all be newcomers.” Let that wisdom sink in.

Protocols that kept everyone safe are changing. In-person worship is growing quickly, and our construction opens up new spaces. The congregation has many new faces, some of which came to us first in virtual worship. Others loved our creative outdoor worship that maintained quality and vitality. Warm welcomes attracted many. Some came to be part of a justice-seeking and justice-making community.

With lots of new faces... and with four different services together at 10:00am, a couple oldcomers (folks who have been at ODEC for a while) told me, “I only recognize half of these folks!” We are a 384 year old congregation and “we are all newcomers”... in one way or another.

The good news is this: Old Donation shines at welcoming and incorporating newcomers. We invite you to come experience everything new in this exciting time!

Ready for a Name tag?

Email us!
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Strengthening Community - Becoming Disciples

• Name tags for all of us will help us connect with faces we are (re)learning. You can order an ODEC tag [here](#). Disposable name tags will be at the welcome table.
• Pre-service greetings will be restored. Introduce yourself to your new neighbors!
• Paws, Prayers & Praise resumes Sunday, 13 June at 5:00.
• “Lemonade on the lawn” is coming soon.
• “Get to know...” articles and videos will become a feature of monthly Bell Ringers for newcomers AND for oldcomers.
• Children’s sermon time is a regular feature of the 10:00am service.
• Book studies for adults will soon be offered.
• JOY dinner club (Just Older Youth targets adults 50+ enjoying relaxed fellowship) is restarting for a monthly supper at a local restaurant.
• C.R.E.W. targets young adults for fellowship and formation.
• EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will offer events for Middle and High School this Summer with fellowship, formation & service.
• Three “Family Days” will bring together families and children for fun and spiritual learning along the lines of a mini-VBS.

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is a family:

Welcoming All

Growing in God’s love

Joyfully worshiping Jesus Christ

Serving in the power of the Spirit

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