

# Taking Steps Out of the Pandemic

We knew we'd get here but getting here was not easy. Finally we are coming out of the Pandemic tunnel and the light is shining bright. Thinking about what has transpired over the last fifteen months makes my head spin. Here at Middleham and St. Peter's Parish we have followed the guidelines set by the State, the County and the Bishop to make sure everyone stayed safe, healthy and sane. We've enjoyed each other's company from afar and our live stream of our service(s) which will continue for the foreseeable future. We've gone from hunkering down in place to moving outside with social distancing and masks and then holding services in Smith Hall. We're about to take another big step.

On **June 20, 2021** we are beginning our summer schedule. There will be **one service only** from June 20 through August 29 at Smith Hall. **The service will be at 9:30 am** and we will move outside under the tent in front of Smith Hall with seating availability inside Smith Hall for those who prefer that. We will be able to sing and masks will be optional. Should the temperature and humidity become increasingly uncomfortable (as it is inclined to do in Southern Maryland summers), we will move inside Smith Hall.

Taking steps out of the pandemic is to be done at the comfort level of every individual. We are moving forward with worship options that are supported by Governor Hogan, the County Health Department and Bishop Sutton. Please move at your own pace.

Also on **June 20** after the service we are planning to have a **parish picnic**. Food and water will be provided. Bring your own beverage if you prefer. There will also be a sing along led by Beth Lanier. We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the fellowship that has been a long time coming.

Joan Shisler, Senior Warden, Jim Yoe, Junior Warden, Father Nathan and the Vestry: Sally Arbuthnot, Tom Briggs, Will Broadus, Laura Carpenter, Franz Kury, Mark Pesola, Anita Shepherd, Karen Wilson.

Please stay home if you are not comfortable venturing out just yet or especially if you are sick. Online services will continue to be available and the 9:30 am service will be live-streamed to be viewed on Facebook and later on our YouTube channel.