

JANUARY 2016

Join us for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on the first Sunday of the month

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Caldwell, Michael	1st
Davenport, Trudy	2 nd
Pintore, Julianna	2nd
Spruill, James Clay	3rd
Whitehorne, Robert	3 rd
Weissner, Marissa	3rd
Marz, Shirley	3rd
Johnson, Susie	10th
Shreve, Larry	13th
Marissa McGinty	17th
Kallestad, Anna	20th
Wicker, Jordynne	20th
Parker, Floyd III	22nd
Comfort, Nancy	23rd
Shreve, Linsey	26th
Eller, Judy	29th
Rollins, Lib	30th

Bolding, Dana & Brad	1/4/03
Snuffin, Royden & Marlissee	1/23/46
Monte, Ron & Hilda	1/26/

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Music Director	Joyce Baker
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Kimberly Truxell
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Charlie Pfeifer	-	Sr. Warden	('16)
John Chudacek	-	Jr. Warden	('16)
Sean McGinty	('15)	Judy Eller	('16)
Bonnie Rennick	('15)	Cathy Midgette	('16)
Roger Rennick	('15)	Ana Nowland	('17)
Keith James	('15)		

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 10th, 11:30AM

The meeting will be held following the 10AM service. The 2015 Annual Report will be presented and also the 2016 budget. New Vestry folks will be elected, and there will be plenty of time for discussion for those with questions or concerns.

The "Feed The Hungry" Ministry We work with Blankets for the Homeless" supplying lunches, sweets, fruit, water, fruit and drinks. If you would like to join our ministry, or make a food or monetary donation, please contact Ricki Wright at (757)724-0594 or email rickiwright@cox.net

Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you for your support of this very important ministry.

The "Blankets for the Homeless" ministry folks would like to thank you for your support, and for your donations of toys, clothing and food for Christmas and for your support throughout the year. Thank you!

The deadline for articles for the February issue of The Call is: January 15th

Men's Bible Study— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Isaiah. The 8th Century prophet Isaiah prophesied during the reign of four ancient kings of Judah. His message from God to the leaders and the people of that time is important for us to hear today. The group begin meeting again on January 5th

Women's Bible Study—The Women's Bible Study group meets each Wednesday at 1PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They are studying the Book of Mark. They meet again Wednesday, January 6th, 2016.

The Intercessory Prayer Group Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

Men's & Women's Cursillo Grouping each Wednesday evening at 6:15PM

Men's & Women's Bible Study The Wednesday evening Bible Study group meet at 7:15pm. They are studying the Book of Luke. They meet again on January 5th.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This month they meet Tuesday, January 19th, at 7pm in the Diffenbaugh Library. They knit, crochet and loom. All are welcome to join them. Bring your needles, hooks and looms. There are needles and yarn for you to practice with. They make hats and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, and sweaters for World Vision. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Laurie	Trudy
B.J.	Sebastian	Shirley
Nikko & Family	Nancy	Christine
Lois	Fred	Chelsea
Phil	Nancy & David	Christian
Elizabeth & Eddie	Maria	Mary Lou
Carole	Leslie	Melissa
Tom & Family	Hannah	Brian
Xander & Family	Connie	Hazel
John	Joan	Leslie
The Harrison Family	Al & Millie	Norman
Debbie & Kenny	Donna	Chad
Angie & Peter	Brody	Stephen
Millie	Katie	Cheryl
Tammy	Joyce	Alison
Joe	Orel	Elmore
Brenda		

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please sign the Flower Chart in the vestibule. Sign your name beside the Sunday you wish to give. You may also call the church office at 466-9392.



The altar flowers are \$70 weekly, or \$35 when two families give on the same Sunday.

The new 2016 flower chart is on the wall in the vestibule, between the parish hall and the church. Sign up for the Sunday you would like to give flowers.

ASSIGNMENTS Continued

January 31st—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Kimberly Truxell, Danny Nowland
Ushers	Isaac Weisiger, Bill DeLoatche
Lector at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
LEM at 8AM	John Chudacek
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Ed Klaus, Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Jodi McGinty

GOD BLESS ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AT HOME AND AWAY

Below is a list of men and women serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Our intention is to pray for them each week during Intercessory Prayer. We also encourage you to place this list in your home so that you can pray for these people daily. If you would like to have the name of a loved one added to the list (or deleted), please call the church office 466-9392

Scott	Darian	Will	Kyle	Jason	Eddie
Andy	Robbie	Bryan	John	Rick	Justin
Matt	Todd	Andrew	Hugo	Nick	Charles
Daniel	Justin	Chris	Kambiz	Dwayne	Greg
Carl Jr.	Dave	Charles	Francisco	Will	Grant
Mike & Mark	Steven	Wesley	Bryan	Bianca	Shannon

All types of clothing is needed at the Veteran's Hospital Please donate your gently used clothing to the VET's. Bring them to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!



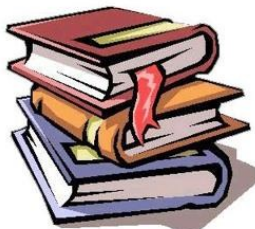
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS The Veteran's Administration in Hampton is accepting the following items for the veterans: **Toiletries, Good books, Clothing, Candy, Games, etc.** Please bring your donations to church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. Toiletries are needed the most. Please bring donated items to church and place in the container in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

MILITARY PRAYER BOARD

Remember to bring a photo to church of your loved one serving in the armed forces, at home or away. The photo will be placed on our Military Prayer Board just inside the church doors. This is one way we can honor and support our brave men and women. Don't forget to include name, rank and branch of the forces they belong to.



BOOKS are needed for the VETS at the Veteran's Hospital. Please bring your unwanted books to church and leave in the container on the shelf in the parish hall. Thank



ASSIGNMENTS

January 3rd—2nd Sunday after Christmas

Acolytes	John Chudacek Jr, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Isaac Weisiger
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	John Chudacek
Lector at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Bonnie Rennick, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

January 10th --The Baptism of Our Lord

Acolytes	Ed Klaus, Danny Nowland
Ushers	Roger Rennick, Steve Kakol
Lector at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
LEM at 8AM	Ed Klaus
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer, Howard Belote
Altar Guild Duty	Mary Laine, Marianne Rudis
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Jodi McGinty

January 17th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	John Chudacek, Sierra King
Ushers	Steve Galford, Jim Jimeno
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	John Chudacek
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Bobbi Bowery
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Amanda Weisiger

January 24th— 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Joseph Kallestad, Jeffrey Pfeifer
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Janet Chudacek, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve, Dot Pierce
Nursery Attendants	Ana Nowland, Wendy Glaeser

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At it's December 13th meeting, the Vestry:

+ Approved the Financial Report:

In November, our income was \$4,288 more than budgeted.

In November, our expenses were \$4,345 more than budgeted

Thus far, we are \$14,953 under budget for 2015

There were no Comfort My People contributions for November

+ Thanked *Roger and Bonnie Rennick, Keith James, and Sean McGinty* for their faithful service as they completed their Vestry terms.

+ Thanked *Kimberly Truxell* for her more than 20 years serving as Bookkeeper.

+ Announced the hiring of *Rhonda (Randy) Trevethan* as Bookkeeper.

+ Reviewed Job Descriptions for Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, and Treasurer.

+ Adopted a 2016 Operating Budget of \$234,700.00

Rector's Prayer List- Please join me in praying for:

+ Our Diocese and our Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Herman (Holly) Hollerith*

+ Our New Presiding Bishop *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*

+ A blessed New Year 2016 for all!

+ The people of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and their pastor- *The Rev. Tony Forstall*

+ More teachers for our Youth Sunday School Program.

+ Lots more financial commitments to our 2016 Operating Budget.

+ Our good friends at *St. James Holiness Church* in Brambleton

+ Still more registrations for St. Peter's Day School

+ Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

+ A huge turnout for our Annual Parish Meeting (January 10th)

Answered Prayers- Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

+ *Kimberly Truxel* and her 20 years of faithful service as Bookkeeper.

+ Our newest church members.

+ My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*

+ The generous financial commitments made by so many of you to our 2016 Operating Budget.

+ *Rhonda (Randy) Trevethan*, our new Bookkeeper.

+ The church sacristy plumbing repairs (thanks *Larry Shreve, and Isaac Weisiger*)

+ The wonderful Christmas Pageant presented by our Sunday School children and youth.

+ The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.

+ A beautiful Christmas Cantata performed by our choir.

+ The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account.*

+ Our Drama Ministry and those wonderful Advent monologues!

+ Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our parish members.

RECTOR'S LETTER

Taking Christmas into 2016

It was a few days after Christmas. A mother was busy cleaning up the den- putting everything away and taking the tree down. Her son came in, saw what she was doing, and asked, "*Mom, what are you doing?*" She said, "*I'm putting all our Christmas stuff away.*" Then he asked, "*Why are you doing that?*" She answered, "*So everything will be back to normal again.*" He looked at her and said, "*Mom, I don't want things back to normal again.*"

Many people have settled into the mind-set that Christmas is over despite the fact that the Christmas season continues through January 5th. And with that mind-set comes a need to pack everything up and get it out of the way- "*to return to normal.*" But, I wonder if we rush away from Christmas too quickly. I wonder if, in the process of cleaning up after Christmas, we remove it from our lives altogether. What if, after Christmas, we could keep life from getting back to normal again? What if we could hang onto Christmas and take it with us into the days and months ahead in the new year-2016?

We can do that. Oh, I don't mean that everything is going to be perfect or always go our way. Nor will we be able to escape the same daily routines, the same schedules, and the same responsibilities we have had to struggle with before Christmas. But there ought to be something different about us because of Christmas. There ought to be something different about us because we have seen (once again) "*the star of wonder*" and heard "*the angels sing*" and "*the cry of the Babe in a manger.*" There ought to be something different about us because our hearts have once again been strangely warmed by the reminder that God has bent low to the earth.

Perhaps one thing we can do to take Christmas into the new year is to keep Jesus as the object of our devotion. The magi of Matthew's Gospel traveled from far away- across deserts, over mountains, and across rivers because they were devoted. The object of their devotion was the new King. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the One born to be King of all creation. Take him with you into the new year- keep Jesus as the object of your devotion. To show their devotion to the newborn King, the magi presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh- all expensive treasures in that time and in that part of the world. The magi brought these gifts (their best) to the one they worshiped....the one to whom they were devoted.

Would you dare to give Jesus the best you have....the most expensive thing....the best part of you? And if you give him the best that you have, what might that be? What might you be able to give him in the year ahead? Could you give him your complete devotion?

Each year, I leave at least one Christmas ornament or decoration out when packing the rest away. It's usually one of the figures from my St. Nicholas (Bishop of Myra) collection. I do this in part to remind me that Christmas is not just one day or one 12 day season. Christmas is a lifetime. That ornament is a reminder that Jesus walks with me everyday and that I can bring him and Christmas into this new year and any new year. Perhaps you could do that, too, this year.

Peace and love,

John+

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.

- 1st.....Office & Day School closed
- 3rd.....Epiphany Sunday. The Magi visit
- 4th.....School begins
- 10th.....Baptism of Our Lord/ Baptisms
Annual Parish meeting, 11:30AM
- 14th.....Finance Meeting
- 17th.....Commissioning the new Vestry, 8/10AM
- 18th.....ML King Day, Office & Day School closed
- 19th.....Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
- 21st.....Day School Board meeting, 7PM
- 31st.....Convocation Pre-Council meeting 2PM

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

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