

# APRIL 2018

## 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.*

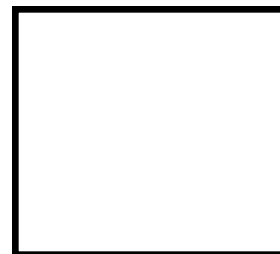
1st ..... **Easter Sunday**, Baptisms, Flowering of the Cross  
2nd/3rd ..... Day School and Office closed  
9th ..... Ladies Lunch. Meet at Applebees, 12:30PM  
12th ..... Finance Committee meeting, 7PM  
15th ..... Vestry meeting, 11:30AM  
20th-22nd .... Cursillo #164 at Chanco on the James  
22nd ..... Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM

**“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



## APRIL 2018

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

### *Happy Birthday*

Roland Midgette	4th
Abigail Sigler	11th
Tony Fry	11th
Amanda Weisiger	12th
John Belote	13th
Larry Laine	13th
Tony Antonik	17th
Allan Monette	19th
Haley Glaeser	23rd
Ann Ekberg	25th
Stephanie Eidam	25th
Barbara Olliges	27 <sup>th</sup>
Corrin King	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Truxell	29 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan Diffenbaugh	30 <sup>th</sup>

### *Happy Anniversary*

Laura & Michael Kallestad	4/3/93
Florence & Howard Belote	4/4/59
Leanne & Ricki Wright	4/25/87
June Faye & Joe Sanderlin	4/27/57
Patsi & Joe Walton	4/28/62

### ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV</b>
<b>Rector</b>	<b>The Rev. John M. Eidam</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Elizabeth Miller</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carolyn King</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Kevin Bates</b>

### VESTRY MEMBERS

<b>Bonnie Rennick -</b>	<b>Sr. Warden</b>	<b>('19)</b>
<b>Bruce Comfort -</b>	<b>Jr. Warden</b>	<b>('18)</b>
Nancy Comfort	('18)	Robert Olliges ('20)
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Charlie Pfeifer ('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve ('20)
Jim Jimeno	('20)	

### 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 deadline for articles for the May issue of The Call is:

April 15th

Send articles to [vel@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:vel@stpeters-norfolk.org) or call the church office at 466-9392

## APRIL

### "LADIES LUNCH BUNCH"

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, April 9th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Applebees Restaurant" in the Janaf Shopping Center in Norfolk. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. For more information contact: Millie Coward at 455-5887



## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

**Men's Bible Study**— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Psalms. They meet in the meeting room beside Children's Chapel. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

**Women's Bible Study**—The Women's Bible Study group meet on Wednesdays at 1PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. The Rector leads the class. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Bring a friend and your Bible.

**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 Group** meet Wednesday evenings. The womens group meet at 6:15PM and the mens grouping begins at 6:30PM.

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** also meet on Wednesdays. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. The study begins at 7:15PM. They are using the Forward Day by Day daily meditation books and accompanying scripture readings. They read, reflect and respond to the scriptures.

June Faye	Mary Lou
B.J.	Hazel
Joe	Mary
Lois	Kara
Sebastian	Joyce
Tom & Family	John
Xander & Family	Maurice
Johnny & Nancy	Christine
Debbie & Kenny	Niko
Angie & Peter	Cheryl
Al & Millie	Emily
Clay & Wanda	Daniel
Jessica	Bonnie
Bert & Ann	Steve
Leslie	Josephine
Karen	Dale
Florence & Howard	June
The Benn Family	John
Brenda	

## **THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet April 3rd at 7PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. The ladies make prayer shawls, that are given to our sick and shut in members, hats and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, sweaters for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery.

For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



**A REMINDER...** St. Peter's Youth Group is collecting spare change to help support the homeless in Norfolk. Please use the jar located in the parish hall to make your donations. Thank you for being faithful and generous.

Our Day School is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please bring your box tops to church and place them in the box provided in the parish hall. A reminder to pick up a 1.2.3.4 Community Farm Fresh key tag. Every time you use your key tag our school receives points which enable us to buy educational equipment for the school. Thank you for your support!

## GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”. (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Joey

David

Kyle

Christopher

Jared

Bucky

Bob

Mike

Jennifer

Courtney



## SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The Veteran’s Administration in Hampton is accepting the following items for the veterans: **Toiletries, Clothing, Candy, Games, etc.** Please bring your donations to



### 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!



### The “Feed The Hungry” Ministry

We work with Blankets for the Homeless” supplying lunches, sweets, water, fruit and drinks. If you would like to join our ministry, or make a meal or monetary donation, please contact Ricki Wright at (757)724-0594 or email [rickiwright@cox.net](mailto:rickiwright@cox.net)

**The homeless are always in need of socks. Now that the weather is colder they need hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you for your continued support!**

Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!



**ACOLYTE FESTIVAL TRIP TO  
NATIONAL CATHEDRAL,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OCTOBER 6, 2018 (UP & BACK IN ONE  
DAY)**

If you are interested in going to the Acolyte Festival, you will find a sign-up sheet posted on the Parish Life bulletin board in the parish hall. We need to determine how many will attend which will assist us in deciding which type of bus to reserve for the trip. This may seem early, but the buses do become unavailable if booking isn't done early. We will continue our fund-raising efforts and appreciate the parish support! Any questions please contact Nancy Comfort.

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>8am</b> Holy Eucharist Rite I Flowering of the Cross <b>9am</b> Intercessory Prayer <b>10am</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II Baptism/Flowering of the Cross Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. <b>12Noon</b> Easter Egg Hunt	<b>2</b> <b>Office and Day</b> <b>School closed</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Office and Day</b> <b>School closed</b>  <b>Prayer Shawl</b> <b>group meet 7PM</b>	<b>4</b> IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. <b>11:30am Staff meeting</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Ladies Lunch</b> <b>Bunch meet</b> <b>12:30PM at</b> <b>Applebees in</b> <b>Janaf</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	<b>11</b> IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	<b>12</b> Finance Committee meeting 7PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. <b>Children sing in Church</b>	<b>30</b>					

## ASSIGNMENTS

### April 1st—EASTER SUNDAY

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Isabel Nowland, Bronwyn Shreve, Magdalena Kress, Nancy Comfort

Larry Shreve, Sean McGinty, Coach Sigler, Steve Kakol

James Benn

Maurice Caldwell

Laura Kallestad

Jason Nowland, Kimberly Truxell

Vel Shreve, Lisa Kieser, Millie Coward

Wendy Glaeser, Karen Kakol

### April 8th –2nd Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Judy Eller, Gabi McGinty

Vicky Martin, Jim Jimeno

Vivien Valentine

Maurice Caldwell

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick

Judy Eller, Dot Pierce

Amanda Keller, Yvonne Authement

### April 15th—3rd Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Christine Truxell, Olivia McGinty

Larry Shreve, Coach Sigler

Drew Midgette

Bruce Comfort

Judy Eller

Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort

Vel Shreve, Nancy Comfort

Wendy Glaeser, Vivien Valentine

### April 22nd—4th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Valerie Sasser, Danny Nowland

Steve Kakol, Sean McGinty

Tony Antonik

James Benn

Bonnie Rennick

Kimberly Truxell, Charlie Pfeifer

Bobbi Bowery, Bonnie Rennick

Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

## ASSIGNMENTS Continued

### April 29th—5th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes	Sarah Weisiger, Corrin King
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Calwell
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Roger Rennick, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Lisa Kieser, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Amanda Keller

### **"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" Easter Sunday Services**

8AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I with Flowering of the Cross
9AM	Intercessory Prayer
10AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism and Flowering of the Cross
12Noon	Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to all those who donated Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was greatly appreciated!

**St. Peter's Day School** is currently accepting registrations for the 2018/19 school year. We teach children ages 2 through 5. School hours are 9am -12Noon. Before and after school care is available from 7am—6pm.



We are also accepting registrations for Summer Camp. Children ages 3—6 are allowed to attend. Summer Camp makes for a "fun filled" summertime. Special guests entertain the children, fun activities each day, and "Water Day" every Friday.

Camp begins June 18th and runs through August 31st.

Please call the office at 466-9392 for more information on either of these programs.





**I can't believe it is already April! The Youth Group has some exciting things coming up this month, but first lets recap:**

We partnered with **ForKids** last month and helped them organize and distribute items at their thrift store called *Good Mojo*. We had a blast and hope to continue partnering them with different projects throughout the year!

We also had a **worship/fellowship** night at the youth leaders home, where we got to enjoy community and connect with one another. More of these to come!

We also cooked dinner for one of our **Wednesday nights in Lent services**, and we enjoyed coming together to serve our church!

#### **UPDATES:**

Every **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**, will be a **Bring Your Own Friend (BYOF)** to church Sunday! We will have snacks and the message will be tailored to new comers! So bring a friend and lets share the love of Jesus!

We are hoping to plan a **Youth Sunday** in the future, so stay tuned for updates on when that will be!

In Sunday school, we are continuing to learn about the **different characters in the Old Testament** and just how God used them for his purposes! We are learning how God can do the same with us!

That's all for now!

Keep us in your prayers

If you have any suggestions or ways you want the youth to be involved, feel free to reach out!

XOXO



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

**April 2018**



## Dates to Remember

### ❖ Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – EASTER DAY/Baptisms

Lesson: John 20:1-18 – The Empty Tomb

Bring flowers for the Cross

**CHAPEL CHILDREN SING IN CHURCH**

**10:00 am service**



Easter Egg Hunt @ **11:30 am**

### ❖ Apr 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter 2

Lesson: John 20:19-31 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

### ❖ Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – Easter 3

Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

### ❖ April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter 4

Lesson: John 10:11-18 The Shepherd and His Flock

### ❖ April 29<sup>th</sup> – Easter 5

Lesson: John 15:1-8 The Vine and the Branches

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## ***The Flowering of the Cross***

The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians.

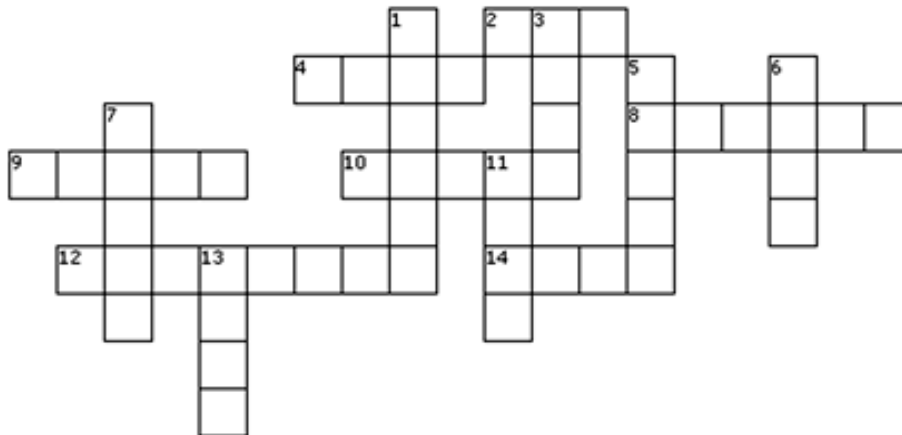


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*He is not here. He has risen!*

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

## DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

## Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

# FROM THE RECTOR

**Vestry Highlights:** At their March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

- + Approved the February Financial Report which included-
  - In February, our income was \$822 less than budgeted.
  - In February, our expenses were \$1,025 more than budgeted.
  - Thus far, for 2018, we are \$2,264 over budget
- + Bonnie Rennick announced that she would continue as Senior Warden.
- + Bruce Comfort reported that Kitchen renovations are progressing.
- + Discussed final versions of:

Vestry Meditation Schedule  
Vestry Contact Lists  
Vestry Commission Assignments

- + Reviewed the goals established at last month's Staff and Vestry Retreat.
- + John announced he will have knee replacement surgery on May 1st.
- + Discussed Holy Weeks worship services.

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

- + Our Diocese and our Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Herman (Holly) Hollerith*
- + Our Assisting Bishop, *The Right Rev. Jay Magness*
- + Our Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- + A full church on Easter morning!
- + The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + St. James Holiness Church and their pastor, Elder Gavin Wainwright.
- + The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.
- + Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.
- + No more snow!

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

- + My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*
- + Those volunteers working hard to renovate our kitchen- led by *Bruce Comfort*
- + The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.
- + The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account*.
- + Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.
- + A holy Lenten experience!
- + The ministry Groups who hosted our Wednesday Evenings in Lent suppers.

# RECTOR'S LETTER

## Resurrection Power- The Power to Transform Lives

Throughout the past week (Holy Week) we have observed the final hours of Jesus as he hung upon the cross. Jesus died on that cross. His body was placed in a borrowed tomb, a stone was rolled in place to close the entrance to it, a Roman seal was placed upon it, and Roman soldiers guarded the entrance to the tomb. Do you remember the voices from Holy Week, the nay-sayers: *"He saved others, but he cannot save himself. He performed mighty miracles for others, but now He lies there helpless in death."* His disciples went about the streets, weeping, and saying, *"It's all over now. All the dreams, all the promises, the glorious future, it's all over now, He is dead."*

But death could not hold Jesus. A tomb of stone cannot imprison the Son of God- the almighty Christ. Friday night went by, Saturday, and Sunday morning came. In the early dawn some women who loved him came to the tomb. And to their amazement, the stone had been rolled away! They entered the tomb, filled with fear that someone had defiled the grave of their friend and stolen his body. They encountered angels with a very important message. It was the message of the empty tomb: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"*

This is the greatest message ever given to the world. Jesus is alive! Death could not hold him! The tomb is empty, and he is alive! This is the Easter message- we serve a risen Lord! A new and brighter day has dawned for those with eyes to see it. But many of us, as fallible human beings, tend to want to hold on to the old reality-what we know - what's comfortable, and we hold on to those things with fierce determination- and so we don't know the gift of **resurrection power**. But we have the Bible, and we have the personal testimonies from 2,000 years of church history. We have the evidence of changed lives- transformed by the **resurrection power** of Jesus- We can know that **resurrection power**!

Do you know the **resurrection power** of Jesus? Are you experiencing that power in your life right now? The invitation of Easter morning, and every morning, is to come to Jesus and to ask him for that power and then to receive it. You only need to ask, and he will give it to you and you will be transformed.

Peace and love,

John+