

AUGUST 2022

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.

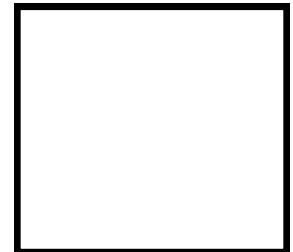
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| 1st—5th | Vacation Bible School, 9am– 12pm |
| 1st | Finance Meeting, 7 pm |
| 8th | Ladies lunch—12:30 pm |
| 8th | Vestry Meeting, 7 pm |
| 15th | Day School Board Meeting, 7 pm |
| 28th | Altar Guild Meeting after Church |

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway
Norfolk, VA 23502



AUGUST

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings , on the 1st Sunday of the month

Happy Birthday

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| Bryan Whitehorne | 1 st |
| Michael Kress | 4 th |
| Pat Pierce | 5 th |
| Bob Vanderslice | 11 th |
| Ashley Pierce | 12 th |
| Bronwyn Shreve | 17 th |
| Lois DeLoatche | 17 th |
| Madison Pierce | 27 th |
| Lynne Monette | 28 th |

Happy Anniversary

Elizabeth & Chuck DeLoatche 8/3/91

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

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| Bishop | The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes |
| Supply Priest | The Rev. Dr. James W. Hunter |
| Secretary | Laura Kallestad |
| Organist | Elizabeth Miller |
| Treasurer | Charlie Pfeifer |

VESTRY MEMBERS

Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden - ('23)
Debbie Whitehorne, Jr. Warden— ('24)

Susan Sigler ('22) Bruce Comfort ('22)
Charlotte Corbett ('22) Register—Peggy Pfeifer

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen

St. Peter's Day School

is currently accepting registrations for the new 2022/23 school year. We teach children ages 2 through Kindergarten. School hours are 9-12 noon. We also offer Before and After School Care.

Our Day School is a ministry of the church. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive early childhood developmental program , that reflects traditional Christian principles and ideals, and seeks to foster within each child, an appreciation of and respect for self, family, home, church and country. If you would like more information about our school, please call the office, 466-9392.



The deadline for articles for the September issue of The Call is August 15th.

Send articles to:

laura@stpeters-norfolk.org
or call the church office at 466-9392

BIBLE STUDY

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE:

Now meeting on Thursdays at 10:30AM, in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! . Bring a bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



The Altar Guild is looking for new members. We welcome both women and men that are confirmed in the Episcopal church to join us. This ministry prepares the sanctuary and Altar for all celebrations of worship i.e., Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, funerals, Lenten services, etc. If you would like more detailed information about the Altar Guild responsibilities, please contact Millie Coward, 757 455-5887 (land line), email m.jlc@verizon.net or text 757 469-5887. Your help is needed so please consider joining this very essential ministry of St Peter's.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is selling beautiful shawls. They are white and may be used as a baby shawl or a lap cover. They are \$40 each and all proceeds go to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please call Millie Coward at 757 455-5887 if you would like to purchase one.

Please keep these people in your prayers

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| June Faye | Joan | Charlie |
| BJ | Hazel | Niko |
| Lois | Sebastian | Jessica |
| Patsi | Wayne | Becky |
| Xander & Family | Kathy | Bill |
| Johnny & Nancy | John | Kathie |
| Debbie & Kenny | Lisa | Brian H. |
| Clay & Wanda | Bob | Dewey |
| Bert & Ann | Daniel | Dolores |
| Mary | Dylan | Eastin |
| Teresa | Robyn | Megan |
| Cheryl | Tommy | Jonathan |
| Myles & Family | Sarah | Diane |

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry will be taking a short hiatus through the summer months. They will not meet in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th at 7PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They ladies continue to knit, crochet and loom infant hats, preemie hats, homeless hats and scarves, baby blankets and prayer shawls.

Don't know how to knit, crochet or loom??? They'll teach you!

They have yarn, needles, crochet hooks and looms so you don't need to buy anything while your learning. If you would like to join this ministry or for more information call Millie Coward at 757 455-5887 or email her at m.jlc@verizon.net



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)

**Joe
David
Kyle
Mario**

**Chloe
Courtney
Michael**

**Hannah
Frank
Allan**



The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, tooth paste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (men’s & women’s), new clothig (no used clothing at this time), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food or drinks right now.

Please bring your donations to church and place in the box provided in the parish hall.
Thank you all for your continued support!

Faith & Family Night with the Norfolk Tides

Tuesday, Aug. 2nd

First pitch 6:35pm, gates open 5:30pm. Tickets are \$10.

If you plan on attending,
please sign the list in the
parish hall with the number
of people in your group.

Contact Nancy Comfort for
more information.



LADIES LUNCH

The next lunch will be Monday,
August 8th at 12:30PM. They will
meet at Smokey Bones, Pembroke,
4590 Virginia Beach Blvd., Va. Beach.

For more information or to RSVP
please call Millie Coward at 455-5887

Also, please remember to sign the list
in the parish hall if you plan on
attending.



New Eucharistic Vestments and Altar Guild Necessities

In one of those wonderful God moments, Fr. Jim received a text message from Ms. Mary Lovell Swetnam, Senior Warden at St. Bride's, Chesapeake, informing him of an opportunity to obtain four chasubles and matching stoles, and a stunning funeral pall. Vel Shreve followed up with Mary Lovell and was able to obtain 4 purificators, 2 corporals, 2 lavabo towels, a credence table cloth, 2 silver trays, an additional stole decorated with children's faces, a bread box, 2 patens, and a brass missel stand. The diocesan office is moving to a new location and the space limitations of the new location brought about the need to give away, *for free* these items to any parish needing them. Thank you Mary Lovell for bringing this to our attention.



The 2022 Flower Chart is located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall. If you would like to donate flowers to the church any Sunday through the year, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, sign the flower chart beside the Sunday you wish to give. The flowers are \$70 or \$35 if two people give on the same day.

WE ARE HIRING!

St. Peter's Day School is currently in search of few good people to fill some empty slots at the Day School for this coming school year. These positions do not require a degree, just a love of children and learning.

1. Teacher—Pre-K4: The children are learning to print upper and lower case letters, the number 0– 25, shapes, colors, sequencing, opposites, coloring, gluing and cutting skills. It is from 8:45 - 12:15, Monday - Friday. All federal and religious holidays observed.
2. Extended Care Aide - The children in extended care (ages 3—6) attend 7-9 am and 12-6 pm Monday thru Friday (before and after school care). The aide may be asked to work all or only part of those hours. We always have at least two aides and this number will increase as needed. We will work with you on scheduling to best fit everyone's needs.
3. Teacher Aide—2 year old class - This position would be from 3—6 pm, Monday—Friday and maybe as substitute teacher if a teacher is absent. In this class, the children are just learning social skills, and potty training.

If you are interested or know someone who would be, please send them our way!



August 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <i>1</i> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7PM Finance Meeting | <i>2</i> 8PM AA meeting | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> Bible Study Cancelled | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>7</i> 9am Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. | <i>8</i> Ladies Lunch at Smokey Bones 12:30 pm 7PM Vestry Meeting | <i>9</i> 8PM AA meeting | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> Bible Study 10:30AM | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i> |
| <i>14</i> 9am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. | <i>15</i> 7PM Day School Board Meeting | <i>16</i> 8PM AA meeting | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> Bible Study 10:30AM | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> |
| <i>21</i> 9am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> 8PM AA meeting | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> Bible Study 10:30AM | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> |
| <i>28</i> 9am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. Altar Guild Meeting after service | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> 8PM AA meeting | <i>31</i> | | | |
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St. Peter's Children's Ministry

August 2022

Luke 12:32-40 Where Is the Treasure?



Helen Keller is a woman who was born in 1880. When she was one and one half years old she had an illness that caused her to be blind and deaf. She could not see and she could not hear. We can hardly imagine how difficult life would be for such a person. She was unable to communicate with anyone. She could not hear words that were spoken to her therefore she had no way to learn how to speak words. Because of this she became an unruly child and others thought she was unable to learn.

When Helen Keller was six years old her parents hired a teacher, Anne Sullivan who came to live with the family and work with Helen. Usually a person who is blind is taught to use Braille, a system of small raised dots that represent letters and numbers. When the dots are touched they can be translated into words which allow a sight impaired person to read.

People who are unable to hear learn sign language. Hands and fingers are positioned in various ways to represent specific letters, words or phrases. Facial expressions and body language are also used to help hearing impaired people communicate.

In Helen's case, since she could neither see nor hear, it seemed there was no way to teach her sign language or Braille. Anne Sullivan, Helen's teacher, was very persistent and caring. She worked with Helen every day for many hours. One day there was a breakthrough. Helen and Anne were outside near a water pump. Anne Sullivan, ran water over Helen's hand and at the same time moved Helen's hand in sign language, demonstrating the word for water. At that moment Helen learned there were names for things. There was now a way she could learn to communicate with others.

Helen Keller was a remarkable woman who went on to graduate from college (Radcliffe) with honors, wrote

many books, traveled all over the world and met world leaders. In spite of her disabilities she accomplished many things and was an inspiration to others. One of the most profound things she said was, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart."

In the Bible Jesus talked about this very thing when he said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (12:34). The things that are really important are not the things we have, but the love we feel in our heart. It is love that comes from God and it is ours to give to others. *Where is the treasure? It is in your heart.*

Dates to Remember

- Aug 7: **Pentecost 9**
Luke 12:32-40 – *Watchfulness*
- Aug 14: **Pentecost 10**
Luke 12:49-56 – *Not Peace but Division*
- Aug 21: **Pentecost 11**
Luke 13:10-17 - *Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath*
- Aug 28: **Pentecost 12**
Luke 14:1, 7-14 - *Jesus at a Pharisee's House*



Announcement

VBS August 1-5
"Kingdom of the Son"

From 9AM – Noon each day

Mid- morning snacks. Fun while learning!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kostek Trochanowski - 7th
Bronwyn Shreve - 17th



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

August 2022

The Treasure is in your Heart!



AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 7— 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Magdalena Kress

Ushers Vicky Martin, Jim Jimeno

Lector Howard Belote

LEM Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty Hilda Monte, Charlotte Corbett

Aug. 14—10th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Judy Eller

Ushers Steve Kakol, Coach Sigler

Lector Janet Chauncey

LEM Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild Duty Millie Coward, Vel Shreve

Aug. 21—11th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Carys Shreve

Ushers Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve

Lector Lynn Monette

LEM Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty Ashley Pierce, Dot Pierce

Aug. 28—12th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Kimberly Truxell


Ushers Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Lector Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty Jessica Trochanowski, Lynne Monette

Jim's Corner

s an update to where the Vestry of St. Peter's and I are on my status as your permanent Supply Priest, we are still waiting on the Canon to the Ordinary (Bishop Susan's Canon), the Rev. Canon Roy Hoffman, to finalize the decision to change my status to Interim Rector. I am deeply humbled and honored by the prospect of being your Interim Rector, and by the trust the vestry will be placing in me to fulfill this role. This is a significant decision as it signals the vestry's intention to start the hard work of the discernment process of calling our next rector. I expect this discernment process to take from between eighteen to twenty-four months, though, possibly and hopefully, it will be a shorter timeframe. In that time, there is much to be done.

In order to give a prospective candidate for the position the clearest understanding about St. Peter's, I believe a parish profile will need to be drafted. This profile will include a history of St. Peter's; a good demographic profile of the parish; clear parish mission and vision statements; a financial statement including an annual budget; a presentation of the various ministries offered in the parish; some key photos and a possible diagram of the plant layout; a statement of what the parish expectations of the candidate are; an itemization of annual parish events and discussion of parish family life; a presentation of Norfolk and Hampton Roads and what the area has to attract the candidate including area amenities, attractions, hospitals, educational opportunities for a family and other information. Don't let this overwhelm you. It is a lot of work, but the reward for the work is a clear self-understanding of the parish and an honest presentation to anyone looking at the position.

To obtain this information, the Search Committee will employ various methods. Your help will be essential in answering a probable questionnaire and returning it to the committee. Some committees use parish meetings as a means of gathering information. Your willingness to participate in these gatherings will be vital to the success of the effort. Some of you will be asked to help publicize the data gathering instruments, analyzing the data, and compiling it into a useful document. My prayer is that if you are asked to help in this effort, you will readily and enthusiastically respond to the call (pardon the pun on the name of the newsletter). Each one of you is an important member of St. Peter's and I am confident that you want to see the parish thrive under new leadership. That does not happen all by itself.

Another element of your support is required. In order for St. Peter's to thrive, your attendance at regular, sustained Sunday worship and parish activities is a sign of the health of the parish. The Average Sunday Attendance is a piece of data that is included in the parish profile, and the Annual Parochial Report. One could argue that the ASA and the amount of financial support of the congregation reflects the spiritual vitality of a church. What brings us to church? Why do we give our hard-earned money to the support of St. Peter's? What motivates us to go, give, and share? James K. A. Smith tells us in his book *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation*, that "we worship what we love," p. 26. Who or what is the focus of our worship? The answers to these questions are, fundamentally, spiritual in nature. They reveal who we are as disciples of Jesus and how we live out our faith. How we spend our time and money reflect our priorities. Financial guru, Dave Ramsey, tells us if we look at our checkbook register, we will see what is important to us.

We are entering a time of self-reflection and honest evaluation. I believe this can be an exciting, life-giving opportunity to discern our future and clarify our vision. I invite you to join me, and the vestry, in this new adventure. Let's look forward, not with apprehension, but with anticipation in where the Holy Spirit is leading us.