

# DECEMBER 2020

## 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.*

6th.....2nd Sunday in Advent, Advent monologue

13th.....3rd Sunday in Advent, Advent monologue

Angel Tree gifts due in to church

14th.....Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM,

18th.....Last day of School

20th.....4th Sunday in Advent, Advent monologue

24th.....CHRISTMAS EVE worship, 7PM

31st.....Worship at 11:30PM

**“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



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## Birthday & Anniversary blessings December

### *Happy Birthday*

Diane Wicker	1st
Ron Monte	3rd
Michael Kallestad	7th
Todd Eidam	9th
Howard Belote	11th
Megan Whitehorne	12th
Brandy Gibson	12th
Jimmy Eller	12th
Steve Belote	13th
Patsi Walton	13th
Scott Walton	14th
Isabel Nowland	15th
Ella Spruill	18th
Buddy Spruill	22nd
Vel Shreve	23rd
Jessica Fry	23rd
Carole Price	25th
Sebastian Plucinski	26th
Justin Pickurel	28th
Charles Bolding	31st

### *Happy Anniversary*

Charlie & Peggy Pfeifer	12/19/71
Bob & Kathy Vanderslice	12/30/

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes</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>Sr. Warden:</b>	<b>Bruce Comfort</b>	<b>( '22)</b>
<b>Jr. Warden:</b>	<b>Linsey Shreve</b>	<b>( '20)</b>

Jim Jimeno	( '19)	James Benn	( '22)
Robert Olliges	( '20)	Nancy Comfort	( '22)
Charlie Pfeifer	( '20)	Charlotte Corbett	( '22)
Howard Belote	( '21)	Ana Nowland	( '22)
Susan Sigler	( '21)	Jason Nowland	( '22)

### VESTRY NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021 VESTRY

*If you would like to nominate someone for the 2021 vestry, please pick up a yellow form from the table in the parish hall or call the office 466-9392 and a form will be mailed to you. It's important to get permission from the person you're nominating and you both sign the form.*

*The vestry election will be held at the Annual Parish meeting in January. Thank you.*

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

Send articles to :

vel@stpeters-norfolk.org

### LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 14th, at 12:30PM. They meet at the Outback Restaurant in Kemps River Shopping Center, in Va. Beach



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

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Men's Bible Study**– Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM **if the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.** The men are studying the Minor Prophets. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They meet again once restrictions are lifted. 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** will meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.** They meet at 6:15PM

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** will resume Wednesdays when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted** They meet at 7PM. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye & Joe	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jess
Audrey	Wayne	Josephine
Patsi	Vickie	Penny
Maurice & Joyce	Joy	Fidelma
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Peggy E.
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Florence & Howard	Kathy	Bonnie M.
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Billy
Katie	Steve	Chris
Teresa	Kerry W.	Bobbi
Carol	Tark	

The church has purchased a **Zoom account** for use by our ministries. I would encourage all ministry leaders to consider contacting your group—**Sunday School, Bible studies, Acolytes, etc.** and connect using the Zoom meeting tool. Contact your Sr. Warden, Bruce Comfort to obtain details on using Zoom.

## **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 1st at 7PM, in the Diffenbaugh Library. Masks are worn and social distancing encouraged

The group make prayer shawls, that are given to our sick and shut in members. Hats and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, and sweaters. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887. Each month the Prayer Shawl Ministry publish the items made the previous month. In November they made 7 infant hats, 29 preemie hats, and 35 chemo hats.

If you are interested in this ministry please join us. If you know of anyone who would like to have a 'one of a kind' cap, please let us know.

**If you have any yarn at home that you don't need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!**

## 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  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank  
Jonathan  
Aaron



**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 church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital.

**Toiletries are needed the most.** Donated items may be placed in the container in the parish hall. Thank you for your support!

### ALL TYPES OF CLOTHING Women's and Men's is needed at the Veterans 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!



A reminder...St. Peters Youth Group is still collecting loose change to help support the “4 Kids” organization. Please place any loose change in the jar provided in the parish hall and as always **THANKYOU** for supporting our youth!

**Registrations for the 2020/21 school year at St. Peter’s Day School are currently being accepted. We teach 2,3,4 and Kindergarten age children. School began September 8th. Although class sizes are limited to small amounts this year, we are hoping class sizes will increase by the new year. Call now to reserve your spot. Please call the office 466-9392 for more information.**



## **ADVENT WAITING AND WATCHING SLOW DOWN. QUIET. IT'S ADVENT TWENTY SIX DAYS TO FOCUS ON FOLLOWING JESUS**

Dear St. Peter's Families and Friends,

An **Advent** Calendar is posted on the bulletin board for you to enjoy and focus on following Jesus during **Advent**. Each day on the calendar has helpful information to use during your Advent journey. The children will enjoy a copy to color, read their Bible and Book of Common Prayer, and talk to others about this "Good News"

For the adults, a bulletin insert will be provided on our website for you to view or print.

Also, a poster invitation, "Holy Doodling" by artist Sybil MacBeth will bring the words of **Advent** to life, and give you another way to pray. The poster will be displayed near the bulletin board in the parish hall. The children will have a copy at home to color, creating a beautiful piece of art work during **Advent**. Be sure to check the poster border each day during **Advent**, for the special Word of the Day.

Our wish for you during the **Advent** season is to slow down, find quiet, and check in with each other. We miss each of you that are not able to worship with us at this time. We hope you will enjoy these twenty six days to focus on following Jesus!

Sending **Advent** Blessings,  
Your St. Peter's Church & Sunday School Family

From "Waiting and Watching" **Advent** Word Reflections  
Forward Movement





# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

## December 2020

### "Nothing is Impossible"

Sunday School Lesson from Luke 1:26-38



Before Jesus was born, God made two things that weren't possible, become possible. God chose two special women to become pregnant and have babies.

The first woman was Elizabeth, who became the mother to John the Baptist. Elizabeth was very old, much too old to ever become pregnant. Plus, she was barren, which means it was physically impossible for her to get pregnant and have babies. But that didn't stop God. God wanted Elizabeth to be the mother of John the Baptist, so did just that. Even though she was much too old, and her body said 'NO', Elizabeth got pregnant and gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

But that's not all. God chose Mary too. God wanted Mary to get pregnant and give birth to baby Jesus, so He did just that. Mary wasn't too old – she was just the opposite – Mary was too young, and it was physically impossible for her to get pregnant yet. That didn't stop God though; God wanted Mary pregnant, so Mary got pregnant, and gave birth to baby Jesus.

It can be difficult to understand sometimes how something that is impossible can suddenly become possible. When we think about the impossible,

that's it; our thinking ends right there. I cannot run 100 mph. You cannot sprout feathers and fly home. But there is something very important missing there. Do you know what it is?

God! Mary didn't just get pregnant – GOD made it that way. Elizabeth didn't just get pregnant – GOD made it that way.

If God wanted you to sprout feathers, you would. And if God wanted me to run 100 mph, I would be getting ready for the Olympics. Because if God if wants it that way, God will make it that way.

**Because NOTHING is impossible with God!**

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### Important Dates

- ❖ Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - Advent 2: Mark 1:1-18; *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*
- ❖ Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Advent 3: John 1:6-8, 19-28; *John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah*
- ❖ Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Advent 4: Luke 1:26-38; *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*
- ❖ Dec 27<sup>th</sup> - Christmas 1: John 1:1-18; *The Word Became Flesh*

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### Happy Birthday!

Isabel Nowland (December 15<sup>th</sup>)



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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## Christmas Word Search



AN  
FR  
YJWZ  
KZ IY  
TWKPEY  
KFUDCV  
XJOLLYGJ  
GMYSJVSL  
GBUBLMJZSC  
DHVSLPXVIG  
TRQOPERHLHBA  
TFINTBCWPJNL  
RSYZOKIBMOSOIZ  
ETYL PWOA EURUUT  
CEJCYITTJLUHCLPP  
NDCVDUGKAI VPFQBT  
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PKIGFAI IWUSSQEHVVR  
TREEXSYESWZTPOBJGSLP  
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IQPNLFEKELEGGNOGOFTMIX  
AYGSRZDJLEQVNT OJGXSBBN  
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WREATH  
ELVES  
SLED

CELEBRATE  
EGGNOG  
TREE  
JOLLY  
SANTA

MERRY  
MISTLETOE  
CHIMNEY  
REINDEER

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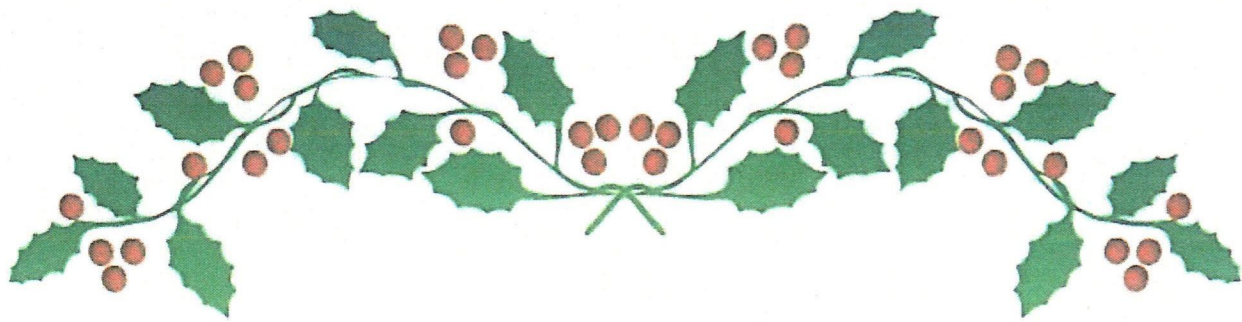




# ALL SAINTS DAY AT THE DAY SCHOOL







**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**FROM THE STAFF & VESTRY of**  
**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

Charlotte Carbett

James Peter Bern

Charlie Phipps

Nancy Comfort

Ben & Emma

Linsey David Bate

Jim Jimms

Ana  
John N. N.

Carolyn Perry

Robert  
Ollives

Peggy  
Ryder

Bliss

Howard Belote

Val



# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM  8PM AA meet	2	3	4	5
6 <b>ADVENT II</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  St. Nicholas visits	7	8  8PM AA meet	9	10	11	12
13 <b>ADVENT III</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer  Angel Tree gifts due	14 Ladies Lunch 12:30PM at Outback Restaurant in Va. Beach	15  8PM AA meet	16	17	18 Last school day	19
20 <b>ADVENT IV</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer	21	22  8PM AA meet	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  7PM  Children & Adults	25	26
27 9AM Lessons & Carols	28	29  8PM AA meet	30	31 Midnight worship/ Eucharist /Evening Prayer 11:30PM		

## ASSIGNMENTS

### December 6—2nd Sunday of Advent

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Coach Sigler

Lector

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Bobbi Bowery, Millie Coward

### December 13—3rd Sunday of Advent

Ushers

Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector

Laura Kallestad

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward

### December 20th -4th Sunday of Advent

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

Lector

Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty

Bobbi Bowery, Jessica Trochanowski

### December 24th—Christmas Eve

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol, Sean McGinty, Vicky Martin

Lector

Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Dot Pierce, Millie Coward, Bobbi Bowery, Vel Shreve

### December 27—1st Sunday after Christmas

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Susan Sigler

Lector

Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Charlotte Corbett

## PLEDGE TIME

**In order to work on the 2021 Church Budget, we are asking folks ,who plan on pledging for the year, to bring in or mail in their pledge cards as soon as possible please. If you need a pledge packet, they can be found on the table in the parish hall, or you can call the office 466-9392 and we will mail one to you. Thank you!**

### ***MANY THANKS***

To all those who continue to send their pledges and tithes to church. This helps us keep current with our bills and our expenses. Thank you!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please call the church office 466-9392. We **are** allowed to have fresh flowers on the altar through the pandemic. The flowers are \$60 each week, or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday.



# A Prayer during the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Heavenly Father, as our nation and our communities, and the whole world live in fear and anxiety as the COVID-19 Virus continues to spread; we pray that you would put your divine touch upon your creation and heal us completely in body, mind and spirit.

Give us the grace to seek your face and to seek your guidance and direction in all we do. Help us to draw strength from the faith you've given each of us, and protect us from all undue fear, anxiety and depression.

We pray for protection for, and give thanks for, all those who daily make themselves vulnerable and put their lives on the line to help us, heal us, and keep us safe: for all doctors, nurses and others who staff our hospitals and nursing homes and health care offices and facilities; for all first responders, for police officers, firefighters, National Guard units, and other military service people. For the employees of all food stores, home improvement centers, pharmacies, and restaurants that remain open to serve us in the midst of this crises.

For those around the world – the scientists and medical staffs who are working endless hours, using the knowledge and wisdom you have given them to find answers on how to stop the spread of this virus and to develop a vaccine to prevent it. Bless their efforts, Lord, and protect them.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, our country, and our communities; that they would look to you for guidance and direction as they make decisions about relaxing restrictions and how best to care for the people you've placed in their care.

Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember that you are the Sovereign Lord of the universe and that you rule over heaven and earth and are in charge of all things, and that you have promised to walk with us each minute of each day. Help us to trust you and to find peace in that promise. **Amen.**

# Reminder:

## Guidelines for Church services

### PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH

- Do not come to church if you have had a fever within 24 hours
- Face coverings or masks **must** be worn
- You will enter church through the front door and exit through the red door beside the bathrooms
- Bring your Prayer Book from home. There are no books in the pews. If you do not have a Prayer Book we will provide one for you. Take it home, and bring it with you next time you attend. The worship service bulletin can be found on our web site. You may want to print it and bring it to church. There are no bulletins available in church
- Keep social distancing at all times. Walk where the blue crosses are on the floor
- Sit in the pews marked with a blue cross, 6 feet apart. Families are allowed to sit together
- Please place your offering in the plate at the door to the parish hall, as you leave.
- No socializing in the parish hall, no coffee, no sitting. Exit through the red door beside the bathrooms.
- One person allowed in the bathroom at a time. Wait in the hallway and please social distance.

# Letter from the Senior Warden

## December 2020

### Seasons Greeting from your Senior Warden

As we enter into this Thanksgiving and Christmas season the coronavirus has profoundly shaken my daily routines, like it has for many of us. But through my faith, I have found this "new normal" actually gives me hope for our future. We at St. Peter's are weathering the storm and trying to find some normalcy to this pandemic. We are holding services with supply Priest's and attempting to provide spiritual strength and guidance each week. We are continuing to live stream each week for those who cannot attend church, and working hard to get it right. The vestry is working with the diocesan staff to identify an interim Priest or Priest in charge so we can get back to a normal service schedule, whatever that will look like in the future, and we are making progress. Please continue to pray for our Church and parish family. This Holiday season will be hard on many of us and we need to come together and provide support for each other. This new normal is a reminder that we are not in control. COVID-19, just like 9/11, reminds us that when there is nowhere to run and nowhere to hide, we turn to God. It's more than ironic that the two ships deployed to give aid to potentially overrun hospitals are called "Mercy" and "Comfort." These two words accurately summarize our prayer for God to have mercy and for God to provide comfort. For people of faith, we needn't be alarmed. Wise? Yes. Alarmed? No. As believers in Jesus, our hope isn't in this world. Therefore, we can live with an eternal focus and hope. Further, we can point our family, friends, and neighbors to look higher than COVID-19. Our help comes from the Lord. And through him, we must remember that we are often the help he sends. We should comfort those who are depressed, discouraged, and mourning. We should help and protect the weak, the disabled, the elderly, and the frail. We should exercise patience with everyone and resist retribution and retaliation. Simply put, we are called to pursue what is good for family, for neighbors, for country, for all. And finally, we should rejoice ... always. Praise God that this crisis and every crisis does not take him by surprise, and he has it under control and will use it for his purpose. This is why we pray without ceasing. It is wise to seek him with all of our heart, all of our minds, and all of our strength ... all of the time. When we do this, we will love our neighbor — even the one who is masked, gloved, and coughing—as ourselves. Seeking God and loving our neighbor in prosperity and in crisis would be a good "new normal." May God hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land. Remember to wear your mask, maintain social distancing and PRAY!

Peace and Love,

Bruce Comfort