

JANUARY 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	.....	Happy New Year
2nd	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
7th	.....	The Magi visit at 10AM
		Annual Parish Meeting 11:30AM
11th	.....	Finance Committee meeting, 7PM
14th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
15th	.....	ML King Day, Office & Day School closed
21st	.....	Pre Council meeting at St. Andrews, 2PM

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Norfolk, VA 23502
Phone: 757-466-9392



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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 Wednesdays. The women's grouping begins at 6:15PM and the men meet at 6:30PM.

Co-ed Bible Study Group meet in the Diffenbaugh Library every Wednesday at 7:15PM. They are using the Forward Day by Day daily meditation and accompanying scripture readings. They read, reflect and respond to the scriptures.

Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Laurie	Shirley
B.J.	Sebastian	Patsi
Paul	Fred	Chelsea
Lois	Joe	Jacob
Mary Lou	Melissa	Hannah
Tom & Family	Hazel	Chris
Xander & Family	Joan	David
Johnny & Nancy	Al & Millie	Mary
Debbie & Kenny	Cheryl	Scott
Angie & Peter	Betty	Kathy
Alison	Brenda	Susie
Susie	Lynette	Corey
Jeannie	Barbara	James
Clay & Wanda	Joyce	John
The Baird Family	Jessica	Melissa
Ginny	Niko	Joyce
Christine	Betty	Eva
Bert & Ann	Jan	Linda
Randy & Betty	Dale	Kara
Tommy & Judy	June	Emily

"Acolyte Corner" On Saturday, October 6, 2018 the Acolyte Festival will be held at the National Cathedral in Washington DC. Last year the acolytes expressed interest in attending the 2017 festival, however, we realized we needed more time for planning and fundraising to accomplish this goal to attend the 2018 festival.

We have decided to raise money for the Acolyte 2018 Festival by selling Krispy Cream donuts, having bake sales (January 14th) and possibly a dinner. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

The following activities are scheduled for January 2018:

January 14th - Some acolytes will receive their next level crosses from Papa John+ at the 10am service. Acolytes move up after a year's service, those who have not served a year will receive their crosses later in 2018. Wood cross (first year) silver cross (second year) and acolyte cross (third year.) Please congratulate the following:

Silver cross: Judy Eller, Gabi & Olivia McGinty, Isabel Nowland, Bonnie Rennick, and Bronwyn Shreve.

Acolyte Cross: Corrin King and Danny Nowland

January 14th – Between services (8 and 10am) the acolytes will provide information on our ministry. We will have an Acolyte table and provide everything anyone would like to know about acolytes. We would love others to become acolytes because it's a great opportunity to serve God plus there is no age limit to serve!

January 14th – Bake sale items will be on sale in the parish hall after the 8am and 10am services.

2017 has been a great year together and we look forward to accomplishing our goals and serving God. We would like to thank each acolyte for their dedication and enthusiasm to serve as St. Peter's Acolytes. Each of you along with your parent/guardian have been part of acolytes in one way or another. We are thankful for your commitment, responsibility to serve or find a replacement, to assist with snacks and of course a heart to serve God!

Peace, Ms. Nancy and Ms. Bonnie



JANUARY 2018

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

Happy Birthday

Michael Caldwell	1st
JC Spruill	3rd
Robert Whitehorne	3rd
Marissa Weissner	3rd
Shirley Marz	3rd
Susie Johnson	10th
Larry Shreve	13th
Marissa McGinty	17th
Anna Kallestad	20th
Jordynne Wicker	20th
Floyd Parker III	22nd
Nancy Comfort	23rd
Linsey Shreve	26th
Judy Eller	29th

Happy Anniversary

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

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Joyce Baker
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Ana Nowland -	Sr. Warden	(‘17)
Bruce Comfort -	Jr. Warden	(‘18)
Nancy Comfort	(‘18)	Kimberly Truxell (‘19)
Isaac Weisiger	(‘18)	Rob Truxell (‘19)
Bonnie Rennick	(‘19)	

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

FOLLOWING THE 10AM SERVICE. THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE ELECTION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS AND A REVIEW OF THE 2018 OPERATING BUDGET. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

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.



JANUARY LADIES LUNCH BUNCH



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, January 8th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Olive Garden" 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

The deadline for articles for the February issue of The Call is:
January 15th
Send articles to vel@stpeters-norfolk.org or call the church office at 466-9392

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 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!



THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet January 2nd 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, and sweaters for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



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

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. .

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!

ASSIGNMENTS

January 7—Baptism of our Lord

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Bronwyn Shreve, Bonnie Rennick, Isabel Nowland, Corrin King

Steve Galford, Vicki Martin

Vivien Valentine

Larry Shreve

Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick

Bonnie Rennick, Lisa Kieser

Amanda Keller, Karen Kakol

January 14—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector/LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Gabi McGinty, Nancy Comfort

Larry Shreve, Sean McGinty

Drew Midgette, Maurice Caldwell

Judy Eller

Kimberly Truxell, Jason Nowland

Vel Shreve, Jessica Trochanowski

Wendy Glaeser, Vivien Valentine

January 21—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Olivia McGinty Christine Truxell

Steve Kakol, Isaac Weisiger

J Benn

Bonnie Rennick

Roger Rennick, Bruce Comfort

Millie Coward, Judy Eller

Yvonne Authement, Amanda Weisiger

January 28—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Valerie Sasser, Danny Nowland

Jim Jimeno, Steve Galford

Tony Antonik

Bruce Comfort

Laura Kallestad

Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort

Nancy Comfort, Dot Pierce

Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Keller

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30AM Men's Bible Study PRAYER SHAWL 7PM 8PM AA meeting	3 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Women's Cursillo Group 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15PM Co-Ed Bible Study	4	5	6
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28 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. Children sing in church	29	30 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	31 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Women's Cursillo Group 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15PM Co-Ed Bible Study			

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

January 2018



*When Jesus put the little child in the midst of His disciples, He did not tell the little child to become like His disciples; He told the disciples to become like the little children.
Said by Ruth Bell Graham*

Did You Know?

The Sunday school children put together stockings with snacks and candy to the 24 seniors at Leigh Hall in the memory care center for Christmas.



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you so very much Carolyn King for directing the Christmas Play – 12 Symbols of Christmas and Nikki Beck for playing Mom. Thank you to all the Children and Youth for their gifts and talents. You all did an AMAZING job and everyone in the congregation loved it!

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **Jan 7th** – Epiphany Sunday
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings
The Magi visit Children's Chapel.

Fun Facts about Jesus' Birth

Jesus did not have a last name like us in the 21st century. Christ is not his last name, but a title that means "the anointed one"

Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, means "house of bread"



Happy Birthday - Marissa McGinty!
(Jan 17th)

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

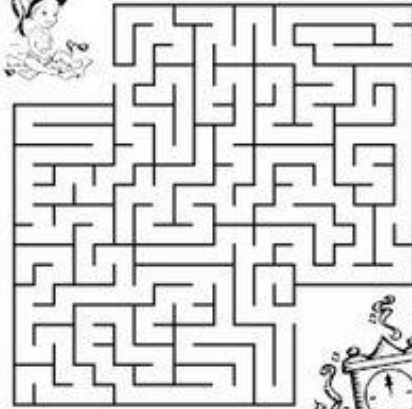
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Happy New Year!

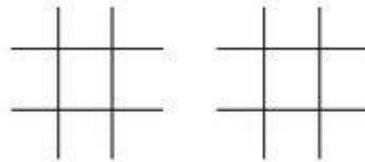
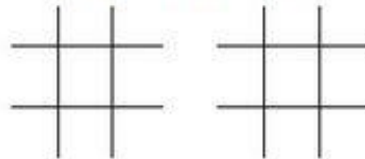
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On the lines below, see how many words you can make from

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Our Youth Group is beyond excited to step into another new year and to see what God has in store for us.

This January in Sunday school we are taking a look at some of the characters in the Old Testament and seeing how we can learn from the people God has used in the past to fulfill his purposes!

More events and activities to come! Keep a lookout for what's coming next!

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their December 12th meeting, the Vestry:

+ Approved the November Financial Report

In November, our income was \$472 less than expected.

In November, our expenses were \$4,491 more than expected

Thus far in 2017, we are \$12,468 under budget

+ Approved the 2018 Operating Budget of \$239,235

+ Kitchen renovations are continuing as expected.

+ Approved Day School Furnace repairs.

+ All agreed that the Community Thanksgiving Eve service was a huge success!

+ John+ gave an update on the search for a church organist

+ 3 nominations for the 2018 Vestry have been received thus far:

Linsey Shreve, Jim Jimeno, and Charlie Pfeifer

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 Happy and Healthy New Year for all.

+ 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.

+ Our 2018 Vestry members.

+ Our new organist- Elizabeth Miller as she transitions into her position.

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

+ A huge turnout at our Annual Parish Meeting (January 7th).

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

+ My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*

+ The more than 30 years of music ministry by Joyce Baker.

+ 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.

+ Those who have made financial commitments to our church for the coming year.

RECTOR'S LETTER

A Time of Transition

One of the joys (and sometimes the challenges) of any new year is the sense of beginning something new- it may be a new hobby, a new job, or a desire to change or start something new in life, or change a mannerism or behavior. We typically call these things New Year's resolutions. Whatever you want to call them, they represent change and change can sometimes be unsettling and challenging for some. Most changes require a time of transition as we say goodbye to the familiar and welcome the new. As many people have discovered, this time of transition can be joyful and full of wonderful surprises. St. Peter's is about to enter a time of transition as we make some significant staff changes to two of our parish ministries.

Joyce Baker's last Sunday as our Organist/Choir Director is December 31st when we will celebrate the Christmas season with our annual Service of Lessons and Carols at the 10 AM service. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the parish hall. I think all of you would agree that Joyce has been a blessing to so many and for so many years. Her considerable musical talents have enhanced our worship and have brought joy to all of us. Her talents in directing the choir, despite some unique challenges, has just been amazing. While Joyce and Bruce will still be part of our parish family, we will miss her in her role as our Director of Music.

The following Sunday, January 7th, we will welcome our new organist, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller. Many of you know Elizabeth as she has been a teacher in our Day School for the past 14 years. She has also supplied for Joyce several times in past years. Elizabeth has a solid background in Episcopal church music. She began playing the pipe organ for daily Morning Prayer services while in high school. She studied both pipe organ and piano at the Eastman School of Music and Arcadia University. She taught music at St. Mary's Hall for 16 years and has directed children's, youth, and adult choirs. She also ran her own piano studio for 5 years and gave pipe organ lessons.

Elizabeth has extensive experience in playing for Sunday services, having played at St. Matthew's in Maple Glen (PA), Church of the Redemption in Southampton (PA), Grace Church in Hulmeville (PA), and Christ Church, Riverton (N.J.) Elizabeth knows our Episcopal liturgy and is familiar with both our church organ and piano. She is well qualified and I am very pleased that she accepted my invitation to be our organist.

There is another transition in our music ministry. Beginning in January, we will not have a weekly choir providing music for our worship services. Several of our current choir members have indicated to me that, for a variety of reasons, they will no longer be able to make the commitment to sing at services on a weekly basis. Some of these are due to health issues, others through changes in life circumstances. We will attempt to form a choir for special occasions such as Tenebrae, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas and Easter Cantatas. Whether or not we have these special offerings will depend upon the willingness of folks to commit their time and talents to needed rehearsal time and to the programs themselves.

I am so grateful to our choir members for their willingness to offer their time and talents over the years to make our worship more beautiful and meaningful for us. They will be greatly missed. But I look forward to hearing their joyful voices singing along with the rest of the congregation in the pews.

RECTOR'S LETTER

A Time of Transition (Continued...)

A time of transition is also coming to our Children's Ministries. Debbie Whitehorne has, for so many years, been our volunteer Director of Children's Ministries. Debbie's love and compassion has been very evident as she has faithfully served our children through coordinating and/or supervising our Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Chapel, and Vacation Bible School programs. In short, she has been wonderful!

Debbie is stepping down from her position at the end of December and Jodi McGinty will assume that position beginning in January. Jodi has served as a volunteer in several of the ministries mentioned above and will bring high levels of energy and creativity to these ministries. Jodi and her husband, Sean, and their three daughters, Gabbi, Olivia, and Marissa have been active in our church for many years. I am excited about the possibilities in the coming year in our children's ministries.

As I said, transition times can be both challenging and joyful. As a parish family, we have handled transitions very well in the past and I suspect we will do just as well with these changes. I ask you to be as supportive of Elizabeth and Jodi in their new positions as you have been in the past with Joyce and Debbie.

St. Peter's has always been and will continue to be a healthy and joyful church with quality worship services and excellent children and youth ministries. We will also continue to serve God, our community and ourselves faithfully, knowing God will bless us richly as we do so.

Peace and love,

John+