

# JANUARY 2019

## 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.*

2nd	.....	School begins
6th	.....	Epiphany. The Magi visit Annual Parish Meeting 11:30AM
7th	.....	Ladies Lunch Bunch meet at 12:30PM at Plaza Azteca in Va.Beach
8th	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
10th	.....	Finance meeting, 7PM
13th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
20th	.....	Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM
21st	.....	M.L.King Day, School/Office closed

**“Celebrating and**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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



## ***JANUARY 2019***

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

### ***Happy Birthday***

Michael Caldwell	1st
Robert Whitehorne	3rd
Marissa Weissner	3rd
Susie Johnson	10th
Larry Shreve	13th
Marissa McGinty	17th
Anna Kallesta	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
Ron & Hilda Monte	1/26/

### **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)		

### **JANUARY LADIES LUNCH**

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, January 7th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Plaza Azteca" in the Providence Square Shopping Center in Virginia Beach.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, 2019**

The meeting will follow the 10AM worship service. The meeting will include the election of new Vestry members and a review of the 2019 Operating Budget. We will discuss issues currently affecting the Diocese of Southern Virginia and the Episcopal Church at large. This meeting is very important, please make every effort to attend. Thank you!

## PRAYER AND 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!

**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 each Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at 6:15PM. The women also meet at Debbie Whitehorne's, home on Mondays at 1pm. Call Debbie for directions 499-7034

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** also meet on Wednesdays. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. The study begins at 7PM. They are studying the NOOMA series created by Rob Bell. A short video will be followed by group discussion. Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

## **THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet January 8th 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, scarves and hats for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



## **OUR WONDERFUL ST' PETERS KIDS**

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye	Joan
B.J.	Hazel
Joe	Sebastian
Lois	Steve
Tom & Family	John
Xander & Family	Maurice
Johnny & Nancy	Christine
Debbie & Kenny	Niko
Angie & Peter	Cheryl
Al & Millie	Emily
Clay & Wanda	Daniel
Maurice & Joyce	Bonnie
Bert & Ann	Jessica
Leslie	Josephine
The Long Family	Penny
Florence & Howard	Fidelma
The Benn Family	Sarah
The Daugherty Family	Susan
Chris & Family	Claire
Donald & Teresa	Brenda
Madeline & Alex	Liz
Charlie	Kevin
June	Holly
Joy	Karen
Wally	Brenda
Nathan	Susan
Chris & Family	Tereca
The Daughtry Family	Fred
The Long Family	Jackson
Barbara	Claire
Donald & Teresa	Peggy
Madeline & Alex	Rick
Vickie	Ray
Debra	

## 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



## 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



**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 changing the needs for the homeless change. Items needed include coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, jeans, caps and travel size toiletries. They no longer accept food that has to be prepared. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!** Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you! Many thanks to all those who donate items, and to those who dedicate their time in preparing lunches for the needy every month. Thank you all!



**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. Thank you for your support!

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





# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study 7PM	3	4	5
6 <i>EPIPHANY</i> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Magi visit Christian Ed. 11:30am Annual Parish Meeting	7 Women's Cursillo Grouping at the Whitehorne home 1PM	8 7:30AM Men's Bible Study <b>7PM Prayer Shawl meeting</b> 8PM AA meeting	9 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study 7PM	10 Finance Committee Meeting 7PM	11	12
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# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

January 2019



This New Year, dear child, be messy, sticky and silly – for this means that you are having a ball as you grow in leaps and bounds each day.

This New Year may you be blessed with courage and confidence to spread your wings and turn each day into an adventure of learning and fun.



Thank you Carolyn King for directing the Christmas Pageant "A Christmas to Believe In" and to the Youth Group for their participation and enthusiasm! Thank you to the all the Sunday School volunteers for their dedication and hard work. The kids did an AMAZING job and everyone in the congregation loved it!

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Jan 6th – Epiphany Sunday  
Birthday/Anniversary Blessings  
*The Magi visit Children's Chapel.*

## The Visit of the Magi



At the time when Jesus was born, during the reign of King Herod, in a faraway land to the east, Magi (wise men) noticed a bright new star shining in the sky.

They believed the star was a sign that a new king had been born, and set out on a long journey to find this king.

After the Magi had traveled a great distance, the star led them to the city of Bethlehem, and to the house where Joseph, Mary, and young Jesus lived. The Magi rejoiced to find the young child that was to be the King of kings, and they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

You can read the full story in Matthew chapter 2, verses 1 to 11.

**Happy Birthday** - Marissa McGinty!  
(Jan 17<sup>th</sup>)





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## The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H  
K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B  
W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R  
O V N R T E A C H E R S R O G  
R W Q G X T R V E K S A O M D  
S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E  
H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H  
I S T Y L O O U G I E E H C Q  
P H H U A D U O B L E B R Y J  
E I E Y Z V S E H N M A G I D  
D P R O N Y E T V A E G H L Q  
G B O R N H E E A S T R I B T  
T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E  
P M W I C I N E J Y C S T A R  
M M B Q D D L V M V T X L X Y

PRIESTS

GOD

STAR

WORSHIPED

MYRRH

CHILD

MAGI

EAST

BETHLEHEM

HOUSE

TEACHERS

SEARCH

KING

INCENSE

WORSHIP

BORN

CHRIST

MARY

MOTHER

HEROD



# Youth Group

Happy New year to everyone!

First off, my name is James Benn and I am the new director of the Youth Group here at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. I would like to thank Nikki Beck for her years of work here and the way that she helped to foster the love of Christ in this youth group.

As we embark on a new year we will continue to try and grow this wonderful youth group. We have some upcoming events that we will be doing this year both as an outreach and as new ways to minister to our community. If your child is not attending Sunday School let me personally invite them to come. If you have any ideas for outreach events or places you think the kids would like to go to minister to those in need please let me know, so that we can grow the army of Christ as well as the family here at St. Peter's.

In Christ

James Benn

## ASSIGNMENTS

### January 6—Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Nancy Comfort, Bronwyn Shreve, Isabel Nowland, Jasmine Price

Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Tony Antonik

Maurice Caldwell

Judy Eller

Kimberly Truxell

Millie Coward, Jessica Trochanowski

Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Keller

### January 13—1st Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Gabi McGinty, Corrin King

Jim Jimeno, Sean McGinty

Vivien Valentine

James Benn

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Charlie Pfeifer

Vel Shreve, Judy Eller

Yvonne Authement, Karen Kakol

### January 20—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector/LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Sarah Weisiger, Olivia McGinty

Steve Kakol, Coach Sigler

Charlie Pfeifer

Janet Chauncey

Jason Nowland

Bonnie Rennick, Bobbi Bowery

Vivien Valentine, Wendy Glaeser

### January 27—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector/LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Valerie Sasser, Danny Nowland

Roger Rennick, Vicky Martin

James Benn

Larry Shreve

Bruce Comfort

Nancy Comfort, Dot Pierce

Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

# FROM THE RECTOR

**Vestry Highlights:** At their December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

- \* Approved the November Financial Report which included-
  - In November, our income was \$122 more than budgeted.
  - In November, our expenses were \$2,932 less than budgeted.
  - Thus far, for 2018, we are \$5,278 under budget
- \* Approved the 2019 Operating Budget of \$226,231.60
- \* Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jodi McGinty (Sunday School Director)
- \* Approved a pledge of \$5,000 to our Diocese of S. Virginia (same as last year)
- \* Kitchen and Pantry improvements continue.
- \* Susan Sigler and Jason Nowland have been nominated for the 2019 Vestry.
- \* Members shared reflections on the Community Thanksgiving Eve worship service.
- \* The 2019 Vestry Meeting Schedule was distributed.

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

- \* A happy, safe, and healthy New Year 2019 for all!
- \* Our Diocese as we seek to call a new Bishop in 2019.
- \* Our Interim Bishop, *The Right Rev. Jay Magness*
- \* Our Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- \* 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.
- \* A successful fall Stewardship Campaign.
- \* Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

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

- \* *My incredibly talented and hardworking Church Staff!*
- \* Lots more Day School registrations in the new year!
- \* Those who performed Advent monologues in December: *James Benn, Jason Nowland, Sierra King, and Kimberly Truxell.*
- \* *Bruce Comfort and Charlie Pfeifer* who gave Stewardship testimonies.
- \* A wonderful Christmas Pageant in December directed by *Carolyn King.*
- \* 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.
- \* The commitments of time, talent, and treasure received thus far.

# RECTOR'S LETTER

## Because This Is What Disciples Do!

A new year brings with it new beginnings and new possibilities. I would like to remind you of an old Biblical concept that I believe needs a new emphasis here at St. Peter's in 2019- Christian Discipleship. A disciple is literally a "*follower*." A Christian disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship carries with it a number of responsibilities. I'd like to briefly describe those responsibilities.

First, a disciple is **committed**. When we are committed to someone or something, we are prepared to make *sacrifices* in order to remain faithful to that commitment. Some of these sacrifices may be small, others larger. Some will be easy, while others may be painful. Some will involve time and effort, others will involve money. We all make commitments to a number of things in our lives. A Christian disciple's primary commitment (whatever it takes) is to Jesus Christ. A Christian disciple also accepts the responsibility to **learn** (and when possible) to teach others about Jesus. It's impossible to follow someone effectively unless you know something about them. You need to spend time with them in order to understand their thoughts, ideas, and dreams and where they intend to lead you. In the same way a Christian disciple cannot follow Jesus Christ unless he/she learns about him- what he taught (by studying the Gospels) and spend time with him regularly (in prayer). This goes back to being committed to taking the time to do these things- even when it may be inconvenient to do so.

And a Christian disciple is committed (there's that word again) to **spending time with other Christians**. There is no such thing as a *Lone Ranger* Christian. We were created by God to be in community with others and Jesus prayed that his disciples would be "**one in Him**." (John 17:21)

Christian disciples need to be together to offer support and encouragement to one another, and to worship together and teach one another. A Christian disciple, therefore, joins a Bible Study Group, or a Support Group or a Team ministry of some kind. Sunday mornings will always find the Christian disciple in church- no excuses (short of illness).

So, how are you doing with your Christian discipleship? Take some time to assess yourself. Are you committed to Jesus Christ? Are you spending time with him, learning from him? Are you "**in the Bible**" on a regular basis (daily)? Do you attend worship services every Sunday (even when it's inconvenient)? Do you spend time with other disciples? Do you give sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure to the work of Christ in the world? If you call yourself a disciple of Jesus Christ, then your answer should be "**Yes!**" to all of the above. You need to be doing these things **because this is what disciples do!** If your answer is "**No**" to even one of the above, I invite you to join me in the coming year to learn anew what it means to be a **disciple** of Jesus Christ. It will be an exciting journey, but I warn you now, it will be full of challenges and some hard work. But in the end, it will be worth it. Jesus told some of his listeners that he had come so that "**[his disciples] might have life and have it abundantly**." (John 10:10) I am of the opinion that we can't begin to experience that "**abundant life**" until we give our lives to Christ and commit ourselves to becoming his disciples.

Peace and love,

John+