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ST. PETER'S CHURCH
STAFF

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

Interim Rector:

The Rev. Dr. James W. Hunter

Secretary:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer



Jim's Corner

When I awoke on January 1st this year, 2022, none of us could have

imagined that I would be your Interim Rector by July, but that's what happened. I believe the Lord brought Jeannine and me to St. Peter's for a purpose, though, at the time, I didn't know what that purpose was. After Supplying a few times in 2021 and 2022, and after Jeannine had visited on a few Sundays, we felt most welcomed and invited to be with you. Jeannine transferred her membership from Galilee Church to St. Peter's in March, making her officially a member. When Fr. Jesse announced his resignation on April 18th, I sensed that I might be of service to St. Peter's and, as the saying goes, "the rest is history."

The title "Interim Rector" indicates a temporary position.

By contract, the duration of my time in this position is up to two years starting July 16, 2022.

I am, as I write this report, engaged in Interim Ministry Training. The first part of this training, called "The Work of the Leader," I took between October 18 and 21. I will take the second part of the course, "The Work of the Congregation," on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 17-19 and 22-24. After this, there will be some "field work" within the parish. This requirement will be clarified during the second part of the course. This does not mean that work on discerning the next rector cannot begin now. In fact, I have asked Bruce Comfort to organize a Transition Team of between 3 to 7 individuals, recommended by the congregation, to work with me as we move forward.

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This work will involve congregational involvement as the congregation uncovers and discovers its heritage/history, purpose, and vision for the future.

In the meantime, the work of the parish continues. I have been busy getting to know as many of you as possible. As I just told you a little bit about Jeannine's and my story in the first paragraph, I want to learn about your personal stories, your hopes and dreams for St. Peter's, how you came to this parish, and why you stay here. Each of our stories is unique and important.

Some of the work we will do together is to pay attention to five Focus Points developed by the Center for Congregational Health: **Heritage/History**, *reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed*; **Leadership**, *reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership*; **Mission**, *defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction*; **Connections**, *discovering all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself*; and **Future**, *developing congregational and pastoral profiles*. Reflecting upon these five Focus Points will help us answer these three questions: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? and What is God calling us to do? Answering these questions will lead us to develop a parish profile to give to candidates who may be discerning a call to St. Peter's. From July on, I have been concentrating on the worship life of the parish, learning my responsibilities to the Day School, the pastoral care of our folks, and getting acclimated to this position. I have made numerous hospital and rehabilitation center visits. I have been working with Nancy Comfort, the leader of the Acolytes, and Millie Coward, the leader of the Altar Guild, to provide the best worship experience possible. I put together a Worship Committee of nine persons to plan the worship for the seasons of the Church year. It has been a very busy time.

I look forward to the coming year as we engage in the "work of the congregation" and listen to what the Holy Trinity is calling us to be and to do. My prayer is that we will **all** participate in this process and be blessed in our work together. This is an exciting time!



TRANSITION TEAM CRITERIA

St. Peter's is in the process of putting together a Transition Team to help Fr. Jim guide our parish in its discernment process for our next clergy leader. The Transition Team is one of the key components of the Intentional Interim Ministry process. It is important to have a specific group that has no other agenda than to assist the Interim Minister and the congregation as they seek to use the time between settled ministers effectively. The members of the Transition Team advise and consult with the Intentional Interim (Fr. Jim) on a regular basis, communicate and bear witness to the fact that transition is ultimately work of the congregation, and be available to hear the concerns of members of the congregation. You, the members of St. Peter's, are being asked to nominate individuals of the congregation for this Transition Team whom you trust, who are approachable, and who you believe will best serve to help us as a congregation uncover and discover our vision and how to get there.

As you consider individuals you might nominate, before you nominate them, ask them if they would be willing to serve in this capacity. Also, keep the following criteria for nominating and selecting those individuals in mind:

- * Trustworthiness and Integrity; people who are widely trusted and respected
- * Regular in their attendance and financial support of the congregation
- * Ongoing commitment to the congregation and its future
- * Willingness and ability to invest the necessary amount of time
- * Acceptance of the general principles of an Intentional Interim Ministry
- * Sense of creativity and openness to change – willingness to serve as a change agent
- * Diversity of age, gender, and length of membership
- * Able to “Speak the Truth in Love” (Ephesians 4:15) to the Interim and other members of the congregation
- * Willing and able to listen to all persons and perspectives without becoming defensive of anxious
- * Accessibility for all major constituency groups (such as women's, men's, youth, music programs, education groups, and social action groups); while this is not a representative process, the ability to have open communication is essential
- * At least one person from the congregation's governing body (the Vestry).

We all want to see St. Peter's thrive, so the composition of this team is vital to our moving toward a new beginning. After speaking with the individual(s) you are nominating, give the name (s) to Fr. Jim for prayer and consideration. Remember, also, that church staff are not eligible to serve on this team. The outcome will affect all of us, so please pray before making a nomination.



JANUARY

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings are performed on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Happy Anniversary!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Dana & Brad Bolding
Ron & Hilda Monte

1/4/2003
1/26/2020

Michael Caldwell	1st
Robert Whitehorne	3rd
Marissa Weissner	3rd
Jim Hunter	6th
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



The 2023 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 \$72 or \$36 if two people give on the same day.

The deadline for articles for the February issue of 'The Call' is January 13th.

**Send articles to :
laura@stpeters-norfolk.org
or call the church office
757-466-9392.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Tuesday of every month. We will meet in the Diffenbaugh Library January 3rd at 7:00 P.M. We are very busy knitting, crocheting, and looming adult and baby hats, scarves, baby blankets, chemo caps, wash cloths, soap sacs, and prayer shawls. We would love for you to join us. If you cannot attend, please call or email Millie Coward for more specifics about what we are making and maybe you can help us by working at home. Millie Coward: (757)469-5887/m.jlc@verizon.net.



Need a gift? We are selling beautiful white shawls that may be used as a baby shawl or a lap cover. They are \$40 each and all proceeds go to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to cover the cost of yarn for this ministry. If you are interested in purchasing a shawl call Millie Coward at (757)469-5887 or email m.jlc@verizon.net.

The Altar Guild is looking for new members. Any man or woman that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church is welcome to join the Altar Guild. We prepare the altar for celebrations of worship such as weddings, Baptisms, and typical Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Millie Coward at (757)469-5887 or m.jlc@verizon.net.



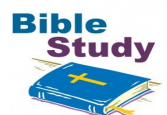
The Acolyte Ministry's purpose is rooted in our love of God, our faithfulness is seen in our willingness to serve responsibly, and our loyalty is demonstrated in how carefully we carry out our duties. Love, faithfulness, and loyalty are the virtues we seek to perfect. We invite others to join us as we serve to the Glory of God. Please see either Nancy Comfort or Judy Eller for more information. Let's start the New Year together!

Acts of Kindness would like to let everyone know with the success of the bake sale and donations we were able to donate money to The Veteran's Kitchen, ODU Canterbury Center, and Rev. John Eidam's Homeless Ministry. (\$50) to each one. Plus, we gave coloring books and crayons to the children at the Day School. Please let us know if you know of someone who needs an act of kindness in 2023, and thank you for your generous support!



St. Peter's Day School is looking for another Teacher of 3-year-olds. Hours for this position are 8:45 A.M. until 12:15 P.M., Monday through Friday. Contact the office if you or someone you know might be interested.

Bible Study meeting is on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



The ladies of St. Peter's meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. On January 9th, we will meet at 12:30 P.M. at the Macaroni Grill in Pembroke, Va Beach. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information please call Millie Coward (757)469-5887 or email: m.jlc@verizon.net.



Acts of Kindness Will Host
A

SPAGHETTI DINNER

WHERE?: St. Peter's Episcopal Church

WHEN?: Saturday, January 28, 2023

5:00-7:00 PM

*Come and sit awhile at your table with family and friends,
enjoy an "Italian" atmosphere and meal for the evening!*

Adults \$8.00 each

Child's Plate (ages 7-12) \$3.50 each

Children 6 and under - eat for free



Menu: Spaghetti and
Sauce, Salad, Bread,
Dessert, & Beverages

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning the first
Sunday in January. Please see Nancy Comfort for more
information.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	2	3 <i>Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00 PM</i> 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	4	5 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	6	7
8 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II ANNUAL PARISH MEETING— 11:30 A.M.	9 Vestry Meeting 7:00 P.M.	10 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	11	12 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	13	14
15 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	16 Fr. Jim's Interim Ministry Training - Day School Board Meeting—7:00 P.M.	17 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	18 He will not be in the office.	19 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	20	21
22 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	23 Fr. Jim's Interim Ministry Training -	24 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	25 He will not be in the office.	26 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	27	28
29 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	30	31 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING				

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Jan. 1—I Christmas/Holy Name of Jesus

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00—Susan Sigler, 10:00—Larry Shreve

LEM: Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty: Judy Eller, Millie Coward



Jan 8—First Sunday after Epiphany

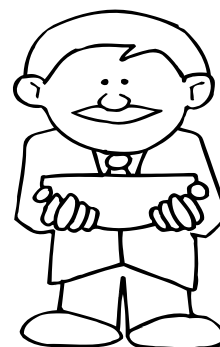
Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Jim Jimeno

Lector: Bruce Comfort

LEM: Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty: Elizabeth Miller, Vel Shreve



Jan 15—Second Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes: Eric Evans, Judy Eller

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Howard Belote

Lector: Susan Sigler

LEM: Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild Duty: Millie Coward, Nancy Comfort



Jan 22— Third Sunday after Epiphany

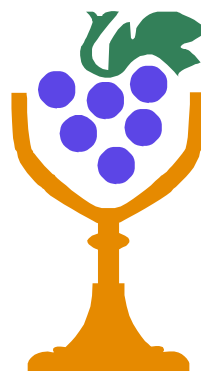
Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

Lector: Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM: Judy Eller

Altar Guild Duty: Jessica Trochanowski, Ashley Pierce



Jan 29—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00-Susan Sigler, 10:00-Janet Chauncey

LEM: Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild Duty: Dot Pierce, Charlotte Corbett



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Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on November 14, 2022. Attending the meeting were Fr. Jim, Kimberly Truxell, Debbie Whitehorne, Charlotte Corbett, Bruce Comfort, Susan Sigler and Charlie Pfeifer, Treasurer.

Vestry Meeting Opening: The Vestry Meeting was opened with the beginning of the service of Evening Prayer led by Bruce.

October 2022 Minutes: The October 2022 Minutes were distributed to the vestry. Bruce moved that the minutes be approved. Kimberly seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Finance Report: Charlie reviewed the October Financial Report with the vestry.

The Cash Account Balances for October 2022 are as follows:

Operating Account: \$26,117.13

Money Market Account \$50,059.34

Composite Fund: \$62,911.85

Total Net Assets: \$143,514.92

The Financial committee has recommended that the October 2022 Financial Report be approved, and the Vestry agreed.

Financial Committee Report: Charlie reported that he has been depositing all open-plate cash into the Discretionary Account. Fr Jim is recommending that open-plate cash should only go to the Discretionary Account on the first Sunday of the month. It was agreed that we will shift to only the first Sunday of the month starting in December. The vestry agreed to the proposal.

Rector's Report: Fr. Jim reported the following activities during the last month:

He made two hospital visits.

He distributed \$400 through Discretionary Fund.

He attended Cursillo with Rev John Eidem on Oct 18-21.

He conducted Memorial Service for Joe and June Faye Sanderlin on October 28th.

Senior Warden's Report:

Follow-up from the Diocese: Kimberly informed the vestry that an agreement has been signed with the Diocese concerning Fr. Jim's position as interim at St. Peter's.

Junior Warden:

New AC: The new AC has been installed but needs to be inspected by the city. No date has been set yet for this inspection.

Signs: It has been suggested that more signs are needed at the entrance to the church.

Church Security Meeting: Several church members attended an informative Church Security Meeting held at Galilee Episcopal Church. Security at St. Peter's was discussed.

Drainpipe: The vestry discussed the fact that Tri-State could clean out or replace the drainpipe outside the Day School.

Thermostats: After some discussion, Kimberly moved that St. Peter's install five new Honeywell thermostats in the church. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lenten Offering: Debbie reminded the vestry that Shelly Ann's cathedral needed extensive repairs and suggested that St. Peter's Lenten offering in 2023 go toward this effort. The vestry agreed.

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022- cont.

Old Business:

Memorial Wreaths: The vestry previously decided to provide wreaths to Horton National Cemetery in Suffolk, but funds had not yet been approved. Bruce moved that twenty wreaths be purchased at \$15 each for a total of \$300 to be taken from the Taylor donation. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pledge Drive Schedule:

Pledge Letter: The 2023 Pledge Letter/pledge card is now being mailed to church members.

Commitment Sunday: Commitment Sunday will be the first Sunday in December.

Testimonials: Bruce and Nancy Comfort will give a testimonial on November 20th. Charlie will give one on the following Sunday.

Vestry Nominations:

Nominations Needed: Saint Peter's is still accepting nominations for the 2023 Vestry. Information sheets concerning the nominating procedure and responsibilities are available now. It was also suggested that information be put in *The Call* and bulletins. At least an eight-member vestry is desired. Voting will take place at the Annual Church Meeting to be held on the second Sunday in January.

New Business:

Christmas Season:

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree will be up on the first Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Tree Trimming: Tree trimming with brunch provided by vestry is scheduled for Nov 27th.

Christmas Party: The Staff and Vestry Christmas Party will be held at the Hunters on Dec. 9 from 6-9.

Christmas Sunday: There will be one service at 10A.M. on Christmas Day.

Distribution of *The Call*: The goal is to have *The Call* on the website and also emailed to everyone.

Council Delegates: Bruce and Nancy Comfort will be our delegates to the 2023 Diocesan Council, and Charlotte and Debbie will be the alternates.

Laura's Wish List: Laura has asked that the vestry investigate the following items:

A second phone line to the church

Installing a security lock on the exterior white door

Inspect the church for possible additional security and possibility of a grant for these improvements.

Parish Hall Steeple: Bruce informed the vestry that the steeple over the parish hall was leaking and in need of repair or removal. Options were discussed concerning this problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was moved to be adjourned. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with conclusion of The Evening Prayer service followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pfeifer

Registrar

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 - Chloe - Hannah - David - Courtney -
Frank - Kyle - Michael - Allan - Mario**



The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (men’s & women’s), new clothing (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!



VESTRY MEMBERS

Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden - (2023)

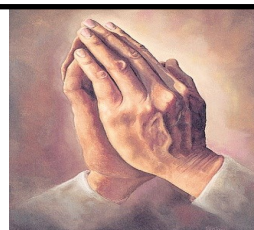
Debbie Whitehorne, Jr. Warden— (2024)

Susan Sigler (2022) Bruce Comfort (2022)

Charlotte Corbett (2022)

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.



Please keep these people in your prayers

Joan	Charlie	Eddie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jessica
Patsi	Wayne	Becky
Kathy	Bill	Laura
Johnny & Nancy	John	Kathie
Debbie & Kenny	Lisa	Brian H.
Clay & Wanda	Bob	Dewey
Bert & Ann	Daniel	Dolores
Mary	Dylan	Eastin
Teresa	Robyn	Megan
Jonathan	Diane	Sarah
Myles & Family	Howard	Susan
Hannah	Evie Hill	Charles
Nancy	Gary	Charlotte
Elma	Jim & Nancy D.	Luanne
Perry & Mary	Charlie & Leslie	Toby & Debbie
Kathy & Tim	Tammy	Rick
Paul & Lee	Hollister Family	Bryan

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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*

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