

# JULY 2021

## 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.*

4th	.....	Independence Day
5th	.....	Office & Day School closed
10th	.....	Acolyte training, 10AM
11th	.....	Vestry meeting, 10:30AM
17th	.....	Bonnie Rennick Memorial Service, 11AM
24th	.....	Maurice Caldwell Memorial Service, 1PM

**“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



## WEDNESDAY STUDY PROGRAM

Father Jesse will be leading a study on Morning and Evening Prayer, every Wednesday evening at 7PM, beginning June 30. This is an in-person study and will also be streamed on Facebook. Go to [stpeters-norfolk.org](http://stpeters-norfolk.org)

A **Memorial Service** will take place Saturday, July 17th, at 11AM, to celebrate the life of our long time member,

**Bonnie Rennick**

**May she Rest in Peace!**



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A **Memorial Service** will also take place Saturday, July 24th, at 1PM in loving memory of

**Maurice Caldwell**

**May he Rest in Peace!**

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye & Joe

Joan

Charlie

BJ

Hazel

Niko

Lois

Sebastian

Jessica

Audrey

Wayne

Josephine

Patsi

Vickie

Steve

Joyce

Joy

Billy

Xander & Family

John

Kathie

Johnny & Nancy

Debra

Lisa

Debbie & Kenny

Barbara

Karen

The Benn Family

Cheryl

Jessica

Bonnie M.

Chris

Jeff

Clay & Wanda

Daniel

Ruth

Bert & Ann

Mary

Buddy

Katie

Tark

Teresa

Debbie H.

Bobbi

Patti

Carol

Rosanna

Kathy

Carl & Janice

Rod

Mark

Bernadette

Beverly

Clarice

## "ACTS OF KINDNESS"

This ministry started out of need to the community, to serve those who would appreciate a little 'cheering up'. Gifts were made and given to residents of Providence Place Nursing Home and the Vets at the VA Hospital. They are also planning to give a Summer Box to the residents of Providence Place. Anyone interested in joining this ministry is welcome. Please contact Nancy Comfort 480-0316 or Charlotte Corbett 474-2214

The Veterans are in need of: Toothbrushes, tooth paste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (mens & womens), new clothing (no used clothing), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food or drinks at this time.

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



## **Letter From the Senior Warden**

As we leave the season of the great Covid pandemic, I thought I would talk a little about understanding and patience. We started this year with a lot of changes. We have a new part time Priest in Charge who came to us in the midst of this pandemic, from two services every Sunday to one service, no music, and a lot of confusion and misunderstanding. Added to that the fact that Father Jesse has to serve two churches every Sunday. I think a lot of us, including myself, don't take the time to try and understand how difficult it must be to balance all that out and still try and keep people focused on our goal, a relationship with God.

Some of the changes that have been made were necessary to accommodate trying to keep both parishes afloat and active. Will there be more? Probably. Are people going to be upset? Probably. The thing we must embrace and understand is that nothing is going to be the way it was. We will always be St. Peter's, but we will look different and that's ok. We are a Family and families don't always agree. But we can agree to disagree and work through it to become stronger and better. But that will take understanding and patience on everyone's part.

Let us all take a step back, nice deep breath and open our minds and hearts to the important issue, coming together and worshiping as a Christian family with that one goal, being in relationship with God and each other! We have to put aside our own wants and needs and understand what is important in building up our church to do God's work. Please pray for our Parish and each and every member of our church family. Peace and love to each of you.

Bruce Comfort

Senior Warden



Would you like to  
receive Holy Eucharist  
at home?

During this difficult time of  
the pandemic, Father Jesse,  
will bring Eucharist to you  
at home . You need to call  
the church office to  
request a visit  
466-9392

## SUMMER CAMP & SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for  
the 2021/22 school year and also  
for Summer Camp. We teach  
children ages 2-Kindergarten.  
Summer Camp begins June 21st  
and school begins September  
7th. Call the office for more  
information or to reserve your  
spot 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  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank  
Jonathan  
Aaron



Now that things are returning to normal in church, we are looking to ‘reboot’ our  
ministries! If you are interested in joining any of our ministries, please contact the  
ministry leader or call the church office, 466-9392.

**Acolyte** - Nancy Comfort, Judy Eller

**Acts of Kindness**— Nancy Comfort, Charlotte Corbett

**Sunday School**—Linsey Shreve

**Altar Guild**—Vel Shreve

**Lector/LEM**— Susan Sigler

**Outreach** -

**Ushers** - Larry Shreve

**Youth Group**—James Benn

## **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet again for the first time since the  
pandemic, on Tuesday, September 7th at 7PM. Meanwhile keep on  
knitting, crocheting and looming. In June the group made 17 baby hats  
and 47 preemie hats. If you would like to join this ministry or for more  
information call Millie Coward at 455-5887

They are still collecting yarn. If you have yarn you do not need please  
consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!





# JULY 2021

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

### *Happy Birthday*

John Eidam	1st
Lucas Mikulka	6th
Gabi & Olivia	7th
Millie Coward	16th
Chrostopher Wicker	18th
Catherine Price	20th
Michelle Wicker	23rd
Mary Laine	24th
Christina Sigler	25th
Taylor Glaeser	26th

### *Happy Anniversary*

Vel & Larry Shreve	7/6/68
Joyce & Bruce Baker	7/8/78
Nancy & Bruce Comfort	7/25/70

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes</b>
<b>Rector</b>	<b>The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Elizabeth Miller</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Charlie Pfeifer/Carolyn King</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Jeff Buckner</b>

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

Saturday, July 10th at 10am. Training includes lighting & extinguishing candles assisting Father Jesse with Eucharist preparation, Procession and Recession, Gospel duties, offering plates, and vestments.

Father Jesse will have 'circle time' to talk with all acolytes and get acquainted. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Parents are allowed to stay or leave and return by 11:30AM. For more information contact Nancy Comfort

### THE NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Monday, July 12th, at 12:30pm. They meet at Smokey Bones, in Town Center, Virginia Beach. For more information or to RSVP, call Millie Coward at 455-5887



The deadline for articles for the August issue of The Call is:  
July 15th,

Send articles to :

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

### VESTRY MEMBERS

<b>Bruce Comfort, Sr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Howard Belote, Jr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>
<b>Charlie Pfeifer</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>
<b>Linsey Shreve</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>
<b>Susan Sigler</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>
<b>James Benn</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Nancy Comfort</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Charlotte Corbett</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Ana Nowland</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Jason Nowland</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Kimberly Truxell</b>	<b>(‘23)</b>



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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Wishing you all a great summer!  
Stay safe enjoy the freedom that comes  
with living in America!

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## A Prophet in His Own Land

Mark 6:1-13



Jesus went to his hometown, Nazareth, and his disciples followed him. Then Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people started to talk among themselves. "How did he get this power and wisdom? Why can he do these miracles? Isn't he carpenter's son? We know his brothers and sisters."

The people were angry and wouldn't listen to Jesus. Maybe they were jealous that someone they knew had power they didn't have. Sometimes your family and friends don't always think what you are doing is important or special. Jesus was surprised that they wouldn't listen to him. He couldn't do his miracles there and he sent his disciples out to share God's message in other places.

Sometimes people in a church are like the people in Jesus's hometown. We forget that God has all the power.

We don't always trust God to guide us. We don't admit that we need healing and changes in the ways we have always done things. God wants us to stop worrying about our pride, forget old hurts and disagreements, and be open to new ideas. God can use the challenges a church may face to help us understand that we should rely on God's power and trust in his grace. When we trust in God's power, amazing things can happen and God can work through us do things that none of us can do alone.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please help remember that you have the power and grace to help us when we trust in your love and grace. Amen.

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## Dates to Remember

- July 4: **The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Mark 6:1-13 – *A Prophet Without Honor*
- July 11: **The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Mark 6:14-29 – *John the Baptist Beheaded*
- July 18: **Pentecost 8**  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 - *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand*
- July 25: **Pentecost 9**  
John 6:1-21 - *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand*

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## Announcement

The nursery and Sunday School are now open. We look forward to seeing your little ones at church!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 7<sup>th</sup> - Olivia McGinty  
July 7<sup>th</sup> - Gabi McGinty





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 PATRIOTIC SUNDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  9AM Holy Eucharist Rt. I Sunday School/Nursery	<b>5 OFFICE &amp; DAY SCHOOL closed</b>	6	<b>7 Morning &amp; Evening Prayer Study with Father Jesse 7PM</b>	8	9	<b>10 ACOLYTE TRANINING 10AM</b>
<b>11</b>  9AM Holy Eucharist Rt. II Sunday School/Nursery  Vestry Meeting 10:30AM	<b>12 LADIES LUNCH at 12:30PM “Smokey Bones” Town Center in Va. Beach</b>	13	<b>14</b>  Morning & Evening Prayer Study with Father Jesse 7PM	15	16	<b>17</b>  Bonnie Rennick- Memorial Service 11AM
<b>18</b>  9AM Holy Eucharist Rt. II Sunday School/Nursery	19	20	<b>21</b>  Morning & Evening Prayer Study with Father Jesse 7PM	22	23	<b>24</b>  Maurice Caldwell Memorial service 1PM
<b>25</b>  9AM Holy Eucharist Rt. II Sunday School/Nursery	26	27	<b>28</b>  Morning & Evening Prayer Study with Father Jesse 7PM	29	30	31



# **JULY ASSIGNMENTS**

## **July 4—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Bronwyn Shreve, Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort, Carys Shreve
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve
Lector	Laura Kallestad
LEMS	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Vel Shreve

## **July 11 –Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Jeffrey Pfeifer, Judy Eller
Ushers	Susan Sigler, Coach Sigler
Lector	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS	Jason Nowland, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Bobbi Bowery

## **July 18—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Judy Eller, Bronwyn Shreve, Carys Shreve
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin
Lector	Susan Sigler
LEMS	Charlie Pfeifer, Debbie Whitehorne
Altar Guild Duty	Charlotte Corbett, Lynne Monette

## **July 25—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Kimberly Truxell, Charlie Pfeifer
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol
Lector	Larry Shreve
LEMS	Bruce Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Millie Coward

# Priest's Letter

## July in Ordinary Time

**Be on the look out!!!!** One of the first rooms that I saw when I toured St. Peter's was your beautiful, newly refurbished kitchen. The moment I laid eyes on all the new appliances my mind soared through visions of big fancy meals, cooking for new friends, and of course eating delicious food.

Now that we can hang out in person, my wife Sophia and I would **LOVE** to cook for you! This summer, Sophia and I are going to nail down several recipes. Once we feel confident that we can scale our cooking while retaining a maximal amount of deliciousness, we will offer a sign-up sheet for several families at a time to come to St. Peter's for a family style meal prepared by myself and Sophia.

We are excited to get to know each of you better! In each of the Gospel accounts, Jesus can mostly be found either eating with people or traveling to eat with people. We would like to follow our Lord's example by sharing our love of cooking delicious food and by sharing our stories.

Be on the lookout the next couple of weeks for a list of menus!

The Lord bless you and keep you safe this summer,

Fr. Jesse+