

JUNE 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.

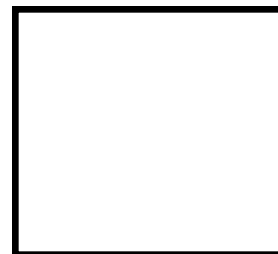
**Don't forget
to wear your mask
when out in public!**

“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



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Please keep these people in your prayers

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!

June Faye & Joe	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jess
Audrey	Wayne	Josephine
Patsi	Vickie	Penny
Bonnie	Rick	Joy
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Tim
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Henry
Al & Millie	Jessica	Lally
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Billy
Maurice & Joyce	Ruth	Peggy
Bert & Ann	Leslie	Janet
Florence & Howard	Mary	Fidelma
Marie	Jason	Scott
Kathy	Leslie	Katie
Nancy	Steve	

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**. They meet 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 more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887. Each month the Prayer Shawl Ministry publish the items made the previous month. In February/March we made 3 infant hats, 25 preemie hats, 1 hat for the homeless, and 13 chemo hats. We also had a donation of 26 baby shawls. We are selling these beautiful shawls for \$40. Please call Millie or the church office if you would like one.

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

Do you have a button box? If you would like to donate some buttons to the ministry, please bring them to church. Also if you have any yarn at home that you don't need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



The Youth have not met since the Covid 19 outbreak but meetings will resume once the restrictions are lifted.

The youth will be cleaning up the church grounds, getting rid of trash and debris once they are able. As always if there is anything you need from the youth, please let me or my great partner, Carolyn King, know.

We will begin studying the Book of Romans in our Sunday School time.

God will continue to provide and continue to bless this Youth Group with the help of our St. Peter's Family.

**Please place your spare change in the jar on the table in the parish hall. All donations are used to help the homeless in Norfolk.
Thank you!**

Please encourage your children/grandchildren or neighborhood kids to come to church and join our Youth Group! We always need more kids and we have a great time!

We thank everyone in church for supporting us and for their generosity with donations. Thank you all!

In God's love,

James Benn

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please sign the flower chart beside the Sunday you wish to give. The flower chart can be found in the vestibule between the parish hall and the church.

The flowers are \$60 each week, or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday.



KITCHEN NEWS Anyone who works with food in the church kitchen is required to take a **Food Handling class**. You can take it on site or on line. If you decide to take the class on line there is a link below which will take you to the page for the class. The cost is \$15 and takes approximately 90 minutes. Once finished you will be able to print your card. Please provide a copy to Vel for church record keeping.

If you want to attend the class, the cost is \$10 and is held at the Dept. of Public Health in downtown Norfolk.

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Join us for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on the 1st Sunday of the month, when restrictions are lifted

Happy Birthday

Chuck DeLoatche	2nd
Joyce Baker	4th
Linda Ekberg	4th
Joyce Caldwell	4th
Kristy Pickurel	6th
Michael Monette	7th
Vicky Martin	10th
Jonathan Shreve	16th
Andrew Dieck	21st
Sean McGinty	22nd
Bryan Pfeifer	23rd
Hilda Monte	26th
Karen Kakol	27th
Audrey Edmonds	28th

Happy Anniversary

Kimberly & Rob Truxell	6/1/91
Janet & Bob Chauncey	6/8/02
Ana & Jason Nowland	6/15/02
Aley & Pat Pierce	6/19/99
Mary & Larry Laine	6/2/62
Jodi & Sean McGinty	6/23/07
Cathy & Andy Midgette	6/25/88

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes
Asst. Bishop	The Rt Rev. Jay Magness
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden:	Bruce Comfort	('22)	
Jr. Warden:	Linsey Shreve	('20)	
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)

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

MANY THANKS to those who continue to send their pledges and tithes to church. This helps us keep current with our bills and expenses. 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!

LADIES LUNCHES TO

BE DETERMINED

We will notify you when the next lunch is scheduled.



**Father’s Day
June 21st**

**Many thanks to all the
Dad’s in our lives!**

**UNTIL SERVICES RESUME IN OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, PLEASE
CONTINUE TO WORSHIP WITH US WHEN JOHN HAS MORNING PRAYER
ON FACEBOOK EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 10AM. ON OUR WEBSITE
stpeters-norfolk.org**

THERE ARE DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GET TO THE SERVICE.

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June 21st is Father's Day

Remember to celebrate your dad on this day! Let him know how much you love him and appreciate him.



May 31st - Pentecost Day



What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a Christian holiday, it is the 50th day after Easter. It is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot. It is to remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the book of Acts in the Bible, as Jesus had promised after he rose from the dead. About 3,000 people were baptized that day, which to many, makes it the real start of the Christian Church.

****Parents, please read this kids sermon to your kids****

Children's Sermon on Pentecost

Today we are going to hear about the church's birthday!

Jesus promised to send the disciples a special present that would help them share about the news of the Gospel. Well, the disciples were waiting for this present, and they were hanging out in a room in Jerusalem. There were actually a lot of people in town at the time, because they were having a special celebration called the Feast of Weeks, or the Feast of Tabernacles.

This was an important time that all Jewish people had to honor, and they would come to Jerusalem to celebrate it. So there were people from all over the place there, and the disciples were patiently waiting. Then, all of a sudden, there was a big sound like a rushing wind!

And then, there were little bits of fire that appeared! This was a special fire that did not burn up or catch their hair and clothes into flames, but showed that God's spirit was present. A lot of times in the Bible, God appears as fire (think Elijah, burning bush with Moses, etc.).

Here was the Holy Spirit! Now, the Holy Spirit is sort of a special go-between...it is the spirit that makes all things possible. Sometimes we don't know what to say or how to pray...the Holy Spirit comes in to help. Well, the Holy Spirit came to these disciples and appeared as flames above their heads!

And then another amazing thing happened. The disciples started speaking in other languages. There were people in Jerusalem that spoke a lot of languages, but the disciples didn't have their dictionaries and translators with them...yet they were able to just talk automatically in other languages!

And they started eagerly sharing the story of Jesus. Some people criticized them, but Peter assured everyone that they were not drunk or crazy. They were full of God's love! And with that, they all continued talking about the story of Jesus and sharing the amazing things He had done. A lot of people came to believe, and after that, the disciples

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began meeting together regularly. They shared everything with other believers, and continued meeting and sharing and caring for one another.

So at Pentecost we get to celebrate the birthday of the church! It was the start of an amazing way that God allows us to serve and love each other. And that is the truly exciting thing... Once we are "on fire" and have received the light of Jesus, we can take that to other people and "light up" their lives as well. God wants us to share His story and His love with the whole world. It only takes a spark or a single candle to get others going. Let's celebrate, and let's share with one another! Shall we thank God for that?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your Word the Bible

Thank you for your church!

I'm glad I am part of your family

Help me to share your love

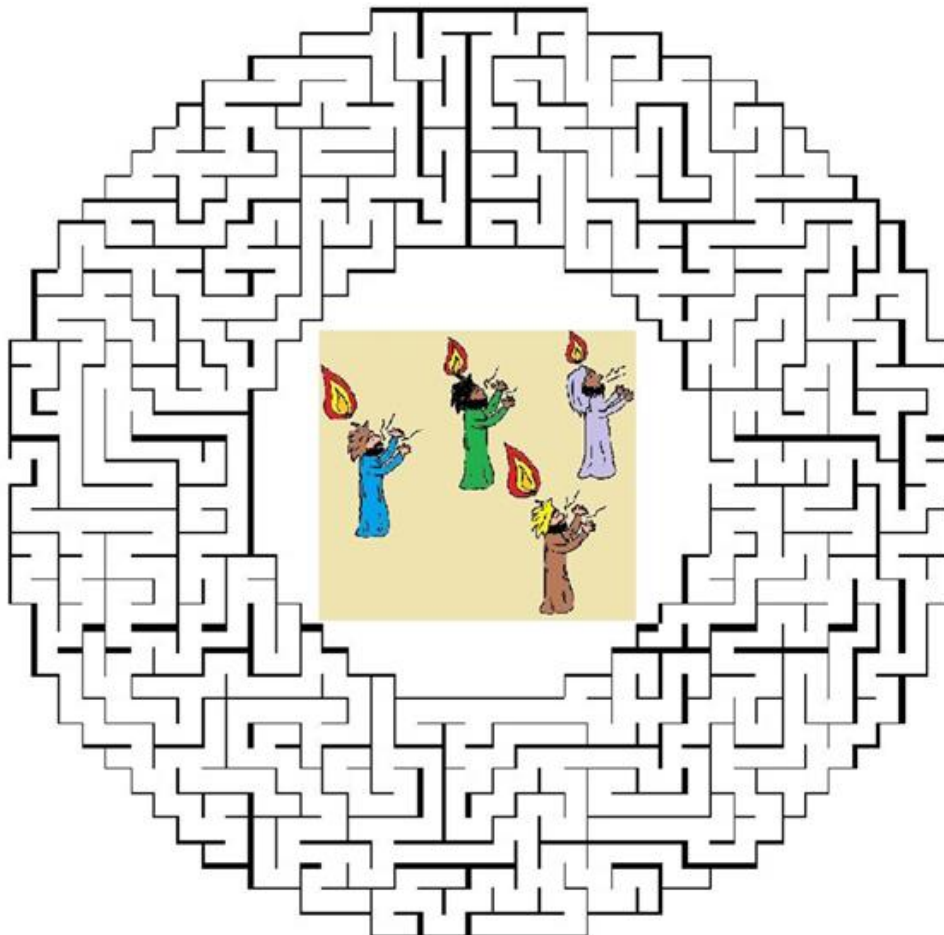
And tell others about Jesus

I love you, God! Thanks for loving me

In Jesus' name, amen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY St. Peter's!





ASSIGNMENTS

June 7—1st Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Corrie King
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol
Lector at 8AM/LEM at 8AM	Bob Vanderslice
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Charlotte Corbett

June 14—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Judy Eller, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Sean McGinty
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Dot Pierce

June 21—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Nancy Comfort, Judy Eller
Ushers	Susan Sigler, Coach Sigler
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Bruce Comfort
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Charlotte Corbett

June 28—4th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Bruce Comfort, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgett
LEM at 8AM	Bob Vanderslice
Lector at 10AM	Lynne Monette
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Bobbi Bowery

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their May 17th ZOOM meeting, the Vestry:

- + Approved the April Financial Report which included-
 - In April, our income was \$1,948 more than budgeted.
 - In April, our expenses were \$6,586 less than budgeted.
 - Thus far, in the year 2020 we are \$2,377 over budget
- + Awarded a contract to New Images Lawn care for monthly outdoor maintenance.
- + The sidewalk repairs (Red Door) have been completed by Bruce Comfort
- + Insurance has reimbursed us for cost of new gas line to the Day School
- + Bishop Haynes is forming a committee to establish guidelines for re-opening
- + Live streaming services have proven to be successful
- + Discussed electronic alternatives to receiving pledges and donations.
- + We are receiving estimates to deal with drainage and flooding sidewalk issues.

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

- + Our Diocesan Bishop- The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes
- + Our Presiding Bishop, *The Most Rev. Michael Curry*
- + The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + For the more than 100,000 souls who have died from the COVID 19 virus.
- + Safety for all from the COVID 19 virus and other illnesses.
- + The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments as they make decisions about relaxing COVID 19 restrictions; for God's guidance.

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

- + All those making special efforts to keep in touch with our church family members
- + For all those keeping their financial giving current.
- + My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*
- + Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.
- + For Bob Vanderslice and his technical help in our "*live stream*" services.
- + Those who have made commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our church.
- + To Almighty God, for all the ways He continues to bless our church.

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Doctrine of the Trinity

I believe the Doctrine of the Trinity (one God in three persons, three persons in one God.) is one of the most complex and mysterious doctrines that exist in the Christian faith.

I think the Doctrine of the Trinity is difficult for so many because we want it to do what it is not capable of doing. We want it to explain God. It can't do that. No man-made doctrine can describe God. The Trinity can only help us to better understand what God has revealed about Himself through Scripture. But, to describe the tip of the iceberg above the water is not to describe the entire iceberg. And so we Christians affirm the Trinity- not as a full and complete explanation of God, but simply as a way of describing what we already know about Him through the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The word *Trinity* cannot be found in the Bible, but it is implied numerous times. The earliest Christians discovered that they simply could not speak about God without speaking about the three ways in which He had revealed Himself to them - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As Episcopalians, we profess that belief in both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- the "**blessed Trinity**" as one of our church's favorite hymns expresses it.

As individuals, most of us have a favorite "**person**" of the Trinity- the way in which we envision God. My challenge to you this morning is to get to know the other two. You will be blessed and your faith will be strengthened because you will come to understand that:

(1) we have a God who is big enough to cope with the enormous environmental, political, and economic issues that face our world as well as dealing with our personal hurts and fears. (2) We serve a God who is powerful enough to create the entire galaxies in an instant and yet who can hear our individual prayers and answer them. (3) We have a God who can confound the wisest philosopher, but who takes delight in teaching us practical lessons for living. My friends, we have a God who is big enough and who invites us to worship Him in all of His Trinitarian splendor- who invites us to worship Him as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Peace and love,

John+