

MARCH 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.

4th	.....	Lent III, Staff meeting, 11:30am
6th	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7pm
8th	.....	Finance meeting, 7pm
11th	.....	Lent IV, Vestry meeting, 11:30am
12th	.....	Ladies Lunch Bunch meet at 12:30PM, Logans
18th	.....	Lent V, Day School Board meeting, 11:30am Day School Open House, 4-5PM
24th	.....	Work Day, 8AM
25th	.....	PALM SUNDAY Blessing of Palms, 9:45am Procession of the Palms, 10am
29th	.....	MAUNDY THURSDAY , Seder Dinner 6pm, Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm, Tenebrae 7:30pm
30th	.....	GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy at Noon, Way of the Cross, 7pm

“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



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Please keep these people in your prayers

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 will not meet through Lent. They meet again on Wednesday, April 4th. The women's grouping begins at 6:15PM and the men meet at 6:30PM.

Co-ed Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 4th in the Diffenbaugh Library. They will not meet through Lent. The study begins 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.

June Faye	Mary Lou
B.J.	Hazel
Joe	Mary
Lois	Kara
Sebastian	Joyce
Tom & Family	John
Xander & Family	Maurice
Johnny & Nancy	Christine
Debbie & Kenny	Niko
Angie & Peter	Cheryl
Al & Millie	Emily
Clay & Wanda	Daniel
Jessica	Bonnie
Bert & Ann	Mike
Leslie	Josephine
Karen	Steve

WORK DAY Time to get the church building and grounds ready for Easter!
A "Work Day" is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th beginning at 8AM. plenty to do inside and out! Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. Lunch will be served at noon.



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!

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

Happy Birthday

Debbie Whitehorne	3rd
Joseph Kallestad	4th
Al Coward	4th
Joe Walton	5th
David Belote	13th
Katy & Kara Kakol	17th
Carys Shreve	18th
Dot Pierce	29th

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

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

VESTRY MEMBERS

Bonnie Rennick -	Sr. Warden	('19)
Bruce Comfort -	Jr. Warden	('18)
Nancy Comfort	('18)	Robert Olliges ('20)
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Charlie Pfeifer ('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve ('20)
Jim Jimeno	('20)	

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet March 6th 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.

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.



MARCH "LADIES LUNCH BUNCH"



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, March 12th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Logan's Restaurant" 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 April issue of The Call is:
March 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!



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. Thank you!



ACOLYTE FESTIVAL TRIP TO NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

OCTOBER 6, 2018 (UP & BACK IN ONE DAY)

If you are interested in going to the Acolyte Festival, you will find a sign-up sheet posted on the Parish Life bulletin board in the parish hall. We need to determine how many will attend which will assist us in deciding which type of bus to reserve for the trip. This may seem early, but the buses do become unavailable if booking isn’t done early. We will continue our fund-raising efforts and appreciate the parish support! Any questions please contact Nancy Comfort.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Staff meeting	5	6 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7pm Prayer Shawl meeting 8PM AA meeting	7 6PM Supper 7pm Evening Prayer 7:30 Lenten Study	8 Finance Committee Meeting 7PM	9	10
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someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Mar 4th – Third Sunday in Lent**
Birthday Blessings
Lesson: John 2:13-22 Jesus Clears the Temple
- ❖ **Mar 11th – Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Lesson: John 3:14-21 For God so Loved the World...
- ❖ **Mar 18th – Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Lesson: John 12:20-33 Jesus Predicts His Death
- ❖ **Mar 25th – Palm Sunday**
Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 Imitating Christ's Humility – The Passion According to Mark

CHAPEL CHILDREN SING IN CHURCH

10:00 am service

March 29th – Maundy Thursday

March 30th – Good Friday

Lesson: John 18:1-19:42 – Jesus' Death and Burial

Happy Birthday Carys Shreve!

(March 18th)



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm *branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory*, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, *it represents the humble arrival of*

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Wow! Can't believe it's already the third month of the year! The Youth Group has a lot of stuff in the making and we are so excited.

We have decided to partner with ***ForKids*** ; An *Organization Breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children.*

- **March 3rd: 10:00-1:00** : Volunteering at the thrift store. Meet at church at 9:20 a.m.

Stay Tuned for more events coming up this year!

ASSIGNMENTS

March 4—3rd Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Valerie Sasser, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Steve Kakol
Lector at 8AM	James Benn
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Bobbi Bowery
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Wendy Glaeser

March 7th—Lent

Ushers	Larry Shreve
Lector	Laura Kallestad
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

March 11th—4th Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Danny Nowland, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Bruce Comfort
Lector at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve, Bonnie Rennick
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Vivien Valentine

March 14th—Ash Wednesday

Ushers	Larry Shreve
Lector	Tony Antonik
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

March 18th—5th Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Olivia McGinty, Bonnie Rennick
Ushers	Steve Galford, Coach Sigler
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Amanda Weisiger

ASSIGNMENTS continued

March 21st - Lent

Ushers
Lector
Altar Guild Duty

Larry Shreve
Jeffrey Pfeifer
Vel Shreve

March 25th—Palm Sunday

Acolytes
Ushers
Lector at 8AM
LEM at 8AM
Lector at 10AM
LEMS at 10AM
Altar Guild Duty
Nursery Attendants

Gabi McGinty, Nancy Comfort, Isabel Nowland, Corrin King
Steve Kakol, Vicky Martin
Tony Antonik
Maurice Caldwell
Judy Eller
Kimberly Truxell, Roger Rennick
Judy Eller, Dot Pierce
Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

March 29th—Maundy Thursday

Acolytes
Ushers
LEMS
Altar Guild Duty
Nursery Attendants

Judy Eller, Christine Truxell
Sean McGinty, Jim Jimeno
Charlie Pfeifer, Bruce Comfort
Bobbi Bowery, Nancy Comfort
Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

March 30th—Good Friday

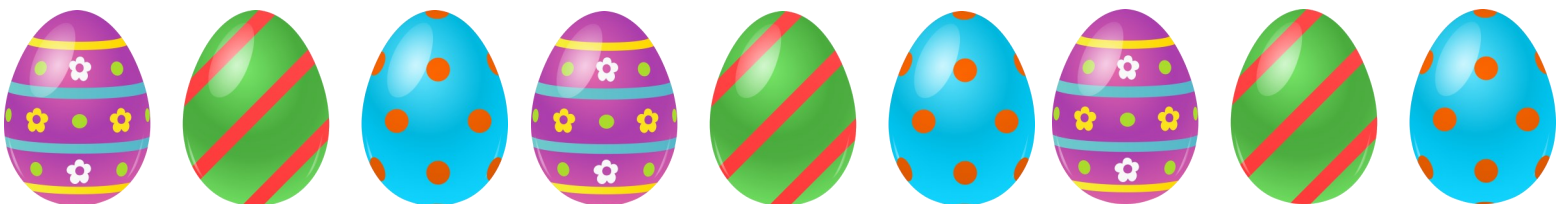
Lector at Noon

Larry Shreve



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st at Noon

If you would like to help by donating wrapped candy or stuffed eggs, please bring them to church by Sunday, March 25th. Thank you in advance!



FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their February 11th meeting, the Vestry:

+ Approved the January Financial Report which included-

In January, our income was \$1,358 less than expected.

In January, our expenses were \$3,031 less than expected.

Thus far, we are \$1,673 under budget

+ Bonnie Rennick announced that she would be stepping down as Senior Warden due to health reasons.

+ Bruce Comfort reported that Kitchen renovations are progressing.

+ Reflected upon the Staff/Vestry Retreat held the two previous days.

+ Special Lenten offerings will be given to two organizations:

Blankets for the Homeless

Canterbury Center at ODU (College Ministry)

+ Finalized Commission Assignments and Contact Lists.

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*

+ Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*

+ A Holy Lenten Season 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.

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

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

+ A very successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

+ My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*

+ A very successful Staff/Vestry Retreat at Chanco on the James.

+ Our new staff members- *Elizabeth Miller* (Organist) and *Jodi McGinty* (Children's Ministries)

+ Those volunteers working hard to renovate our kitchen- led by *Bruce Comfort*

+ The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.

+ Less snow!

+ The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account*.

+ Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Christian and Doubting

An elderly woman named Maude had a window seat on a big jetliner that had just taken off for Rome. She was excited about her trip, but it was her first flight and so she was nervous. *"O Lord, what am I doing up here?"* she kept repeating to herself. Even the presence of four bishops seated behind her didn't help. Well, she had finally managed to settle herself and looked out the window just in time to see one of the plane's four engines break loose from the wing and disappear into the clouds below. Maude sounded the alarm: *"We're going to die! We're going to die!"* she cried out. One of the flight attendants immediately consulted with the pilot who came on the intercom and assured the passengers that he could fly the plane back to New York and land safely on three engines. But, poor panic-stricken Maude continued to cry out, *"We're going to die! We're going to die!"* The flight attendant went to her and said in a calm voice, *"Don't worry, my dear, God is with us. We have only three engines, but look, we have four bishops."* Maude looked behind her at the bishops and replied, *"I'd rather have four engines and three bishops!"*

There may be times in our lives when we will go through seasons of doubt, despair, and feelings of spiritual defeat. Anyone whose Christian faith is worth anything has or will. But, God's promises are sure; and in our hour of need, He will reveal Himself in some way- it may be through a passage of Scripture, or through the actions of another person, or an encouraging word from a friend, or the singing of a favorite hymn. Be assured, God will give us peace. His mighty arm will never fail us.

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch Christian. She and her family hid Jews in their home during the Holocaust. Corrie and her sister (Bessie) spent some time in the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp when an informant turned them over to the Germans. In one of her many books she wrote about her experiences. Corrie told the story of how (as a child) she went to her father one day and said, *"Papa, I don't think I have the faith to handle real trouble. I don't know what I would do if you should die. I don't think I have the faith that some people have to face trouble."* Corrie's father looked at her tenderly and then said, *"Corrie, dear, when I say I will send you to the store tomorrow, do I give you the money today? No, I will give it to you when you are ready to go to the store. Or if you are going on a train trip and need money for a ticket, would I give you the money when you decide to make the trip? No, I would give it to you when you are at the depot, all ready to buy your ticket. Corrie, God treats us the same way. He doesn't give you the faith until you need it. When you need it, He will certainly give it to you."*

Do you have doubts? Questions? Fears? It's not a sin to doubt. I believe that it is within the will of God that we should struggle with our faith from time to time because that is how we grow and mature. Our questions, our doubts, and our fears are, I believe, ways in which God calls us toward an ever-growing understanding of who He is and who we are and what He would have us be and do- Trust Him and walk in the power of His Holy Spirit. That's what disciples do. Are you doing that? Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Peace and love,

John+