

# MARCH 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.*

1st	.....	Staff meeting, 11:30AM
3rd	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
4,11,18,25	.....	Wednesdays in Lent, Supper 6PM, Worship 7PM, Study 7:30PM
5th	.....	Finance Committee meeting, 7PM
8th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
9th	.....	Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM
22nd	.....	Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM

**“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



## **MARCH 2020**

Join us for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on the 1st 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**

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness</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**

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)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, sign the flower chart in the vestibule, beside the Sunday you wish to give.

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



**A REMINDER...** St. Peter's Youth Group is collecting spare change to help support the homeless in Norfolk. Please use the jar on the information table in the parish hall to make your donations.

The youth thank you for being so faithful and generous in your giving.



## **EASTER CANDY**

We are asking for donations of candy, stickers or very small toys, to stuff in the Easter eggs for the Annual Egg Hunt on April 12th. Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, April 5th and place in the box provided in the parish hall.

Thank you for your support!



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS



**February has been a very exciting month for the Youth group! We have averaged at least six youth each Sunday. We've welcomed three visitors also. We are going to continue to grow in God's love, when His wonderful youth bring in more youth to help grow our group and our church family.**

**The youth will be cleaning up the church grounds, getting rid of trash and debris once the ground is no longer wet. 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**

**TIDEWATER ULTREYA** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd. in Norfolk. The evening begins with a potluck dinner at 6PM followed by Ultreya at 7PM. Please bring a dish to share. Musicians bring your musical instruments, share your gift by leading us in song and melody! Everyone bring a friend! Please come share our common bond with each other—CHRIST!



**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.

<https://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=157>

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Men's Bible Study** – Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. 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. 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.

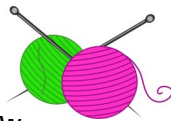
**Men's & Women's Cursillo Group** will not meet this month, but will attend the supper, worship and the Lenten Study, beginning at 6PM.

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** will not meet this month due to the Lenten schedule that begins with supper at 6PM.

### **THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet next on March 3rd 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 will publish the items made the previous month. In January & February we made 16 infant hats, 34 preemie hats, 5 baby blankets, 6 hats for the homeless, 70 chemo hats, and a pocket shawl. 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. If you have any yarn at home that you don't need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!**

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

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	Anna
Nancy	Steve	

### **MARCH LADIES LUNCH**



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, March 9th, at 12:30PM.

They meet at "Hair of the Dog" in Virginia Beach

Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending or call 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

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **March 1 —1st Sunday in Lent**

Acolytes	Bruce Comfort, Gabi McGinty
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Coach Sigler
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Debbie Whitehorne
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEMS at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick, Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authemet

### **March 4th—1st Wednesday in Lent**

Usher	Larry Shreve
Lector/LEM	Larry Shreve
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

### **March 8th—2nd Sunday in Lent**

Acolytes	Kimberly Truxell, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Susan Sigler, Sean McGinty
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Susan Sigler
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer, Debbie Whitehorne
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Bonnie Rennick
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Wendy Glaeser

### **March 11th—2nd Wednesday in Lent**

Usher	Coach Sigler
Lector/LEM	Laura Kallestad
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

### **March 15th—3rd Sunday in Lent**

Acolytes	Olivia McGinty, Corrin King
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol
Lector/LEM at 8AM	Bob Vanderslice
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

### **March 18th—3rd Wednesday in Lent**

Usher	Vicky Martin
Lector/LEM	Susan Sigler
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

## ASSIGNMENTS continued

### March 22nd –4th Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Coach Sigler
Lector/LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Jessica Trochanowski
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Keller

### March 25th–4th Wednesday in Lent

Usher	Jim Jimeno
Lector/LEM	Judy Eller
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

### March 29th –5th Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Judy Eller, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Susan Sigler
Lector/LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

## 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!

### 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!



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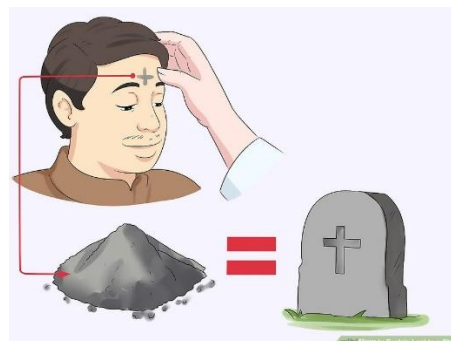
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>LENT I</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/ Christian Ed. 11:30AM Staff meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7PM Prayer Shawl meeting 8PM AA meeting	<b>4</b> 6PM Supper 7PM Evening Prayer 7:30PM Lenten Study	<b>5</b> 7PM Finance Committee meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>LENT II</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/ Christian Ed. 11:30AM Vestry meeting	<b>9</b> 12:30PM Ladies Lunch at "Hair of the Dog" in Va. Beach	<b>10</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	<b>11</b> 6PM Supper 7PM Evening Prayer 7:30PM Lenten Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>LENT III</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/ Christian Ed. 11:30AM Day School Open House	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	<b>18</b> 6PM Supper 7PM Evening Prayer 7:30PM Lenten Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>LENT IV</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/ Christian Ed. 11:30AM Day School Board Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	<b>25</b> 6PM Supper 7PM Evening Prayer 7:30PM Lenten Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>LENT V</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/ Christian Ed.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	6PM Supper 7PM Evening Prayer 7:30PM Lenten Study			

# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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The drawing of the cross is meant to be a reminder of the main focus of lent – Jesus.



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## What is Lent?

Lent last for 40 days because that's how long Jesus wandered in the desert, fasting while he resisted Satan's temptations. You have the opportunity during the 40 days of lent to be like Jesus. You too can resist temptations and use this time to become closer to God.

Fasting during Lent may not always involve food. There are other ways to practice sacrifice and strive for closeness with God. Here are some examples:

- Limit the amount of time you spend on playing video games
- Donate to a food bank
- Read the bible as a family
- Help others



## Starting Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which includes a symbolic drawing of a cross with ashes on the forehead. The ashes are meant to remind everyone of human mortality "ashes to ashes, dust to dust".

## Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday In Lent**  
**Birthday Blessings**  
Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is tested in the wilderness
- ❖ **Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday in Lent**  
Lesson: John 3:1-17 Jesus teaches Nicodemus
- ❖ **Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Lent**  
Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13 Jesus' Temptation
- ❖ **Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Lesson: John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind
- ❖ **Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
John 11:1-45 The death of Lazarus

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**Happy Birthday Carys Shreve!**

(March 18<sup>th</sup>)



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

Resurrection

Love



## Things to Give Up for Lent

- Give up grumbling. Constructive criticism is okay - but moaning, groaning, and constant complaining are not Christian Virtues. **Instead**, try to follow the Apostle Paul's admonition to "...in everything give thanks."
- Give up 10-15 minutes in bed. **Instead**, use that time in prayer, Bible Study and personal devotion.
- Give up looking at other people's flaws. **Instead**, concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It's a lot easier to expect people to overlook our shortcomings - when we overlook theirs first.
- Give up speaking unkindly. **Instead**, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Check that sharp tongue at the door.
- Give up television or computer games one evening a week. **Instead**, visit some sick or lonely person. There are those who are isolated due to illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube" or a computer screen.
- Give up your hatred of anyone or anything. **Instead**, learn the discipline of love because "...love covers a multitude of sins."
- Give up buying anything but the essentials for yourself. **Instead**, give the money you would have spent for luxuries to a shelter or food bank. That money could help someone meet their basic needs. We are called to be "stewards" of God's riches - not just consumers.
- Give up your worries and anxieties. **Instead**, entrust them to God. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about - like tomorrow. Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.
- Give up judging by appearance and by the standards of the world. **Instead**, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge - **Jesus Christ**.

# FROM THE RECTOR

**Vestry Highlights:** At their February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

\* Approved the January Financial Report which included-

In January, our income was \$1,918 less than budgeted.

In January, our expenses were \$2,003 more than budgeted.

Thus far, in the year 2020 we are \$3,921 over budget

- + Approved removal of the courtyard trees for the price of \$3,000
- + Will receive estimates to deal with drainage and flooding sidewalk issues.
- + Reviewed goals set at last week's Staff and Vestry Retreat.
- + The Rev Roy Hoffman (Diocesan Staff) will attend the April Vestry to discuss the search process that will begin in July.
- + Reviewed estimates submitted for installation of a new roof on church building

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

- + Our new Diocesan Bishop- The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes
- + Our Presiding Bishop, *The Most Rev. Michael Curry*
- + A successful Staff and Vestry Retreat (Feb. 7-8)
- + A successful Diocesan Council weekend (Feb.28-29)
- + A Happy and Healthy New Year 2020 for all!
- + The work of our 2020 Vestry Members.
- + The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + Our friends at St. James Holiness Church.
- + The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.

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

- + My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*
- + A very successful Staff and Vestry Retreat held on Feb. 7-8 at Chanco
- + The Consecration of The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes- a wonderful worship service!
- + Our newly elected Vestry leaders!
- + Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.
- + 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 Season of Lent

The Christian Church's season of Lent is a period of time set aside to help us prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent prepares us for Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent sets aside 40 days (not counting Sundays) to review, evaluate, and change our lives and practice new behavior appropriate for members of God's family. This is *repentance*. Repentance is an act of contrition. It is to feel such regret or dissatisfaction over what you have done (or failed to do) that you change your attitude or change your ways.

Among the early Christians, Lent was a period of intense instruction in the Christian faith for "*penitents*" leading to baptism on the eve of Easter. Today, during Lent, all Christians are invited to adopt a penitential attitude-to conduct a "*spiritual housecleaning*"- giving up self-serving ways, and practicing new behavior appropriate to God's baptized people.

The Lenten season has been described as a journey taken each year with stops at traditional points along the way. These stops include: Ash Wednesday, The 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent, Palm (or Passion) Sunday, and Holy Week. All these lead to Easter and the gift of resurrection through our Lord Jesus' triumph over death. Of course on any journey you'll find signs along the way. Some of the "*signs*" of Lent include:

- + The disappearance of "*alleluia*" from our worship services beginning Ash Wednesday. It is believed that in medieval times some Christians actually placed an "*alleluia puppet*" in a casket in the church until Easter when the puppet (and the word *alleluia*) were resurrected in the service.
- + The "*mark of ashes*" on the forehead (Ash Wednesday). The Jews used ashes as an outward sign of repentance, a practice continued by early Christians- but discontinued by many of the Church reformers. So, while ashes today may remind us of dust and our own mortality, it is more in keeping with Lent to see ashes as a sign of our repentance- turning away from sin and being faithful to the Christian faith.
- + The display of the *colors purple and black* in church. Purple (or violet) represents repentance and is used during most of Lent. Black represents mourning and is used on Good Friday.
- + *Lenten self-denial*- This is usually thought of as "*giving up something*" for Lent rather than "*practicing giving*" for Easter. But when you "*give up*" sinful, self-serving ways, you should also "*take on*" new ways to give time and energy and forgiveness to one another, as Christ gave himself for us. This is the heart of the Easter message and the heart of Lenten preparation.

And so, my friends "*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent....*" I hope you will choose to participate in as many ways as is possible for you. I promise that your Easter celebration will be more joyous and take on a deeper meaning if you do.

Peace and love,

John+