

MAY 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.

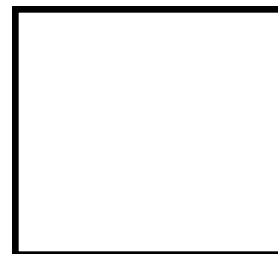
1st	.....	John's surgery. Prayer Shawl group, 7PM
6th	.....	Morning Prayer at both services
13th	.....	Guest preacher, The Rev. David Davenport
14th	.....	Ladies Lunch at Plaza Azteca, 12:30PM
15th	.....	Asian Night 5-7PM
17th	.....	Finance meeting, 7PM
20th	.....	Pentecost (remember to wear red to church) Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
27th	.....	Patriotic Sunday
28th	.....	Memorial Day, Office and Day School closed

“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

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 meet Wednesday evenings. The womens group meet at 6:15PM and the mens grouping begins at 6:30PM.

Co-ed Bible Study Group also meet on Wednesdays. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. The study begins at 7:15PM. They are using the Forward Day by Day daily meditation books and accompanying scripture readings. They read, reflect and respond to the scriptures.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet May 1st 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, sweaters for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery.

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. Thank you for your support!

Please keep these people in your prayers

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	Steve
Leslie	Josephine
Karen	Dale
Florence & Howard	Fidelma
The Benn Family	Sarah
Brenda	Liz
The Daugherty Family	Susan
Laurie	Charlie



May 2018

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

Happy Birthday

Bobbi Bowery	2nd
Kelly Olliges	6th
Zachary DeLoatche	13th
Daniel Laine	25th
Bruce Comfort	25th
Charlie Pfeifer	27th
BJ Neaves	30th

Happy Anniversary

Karen & Steve Kakol	17 th
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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

MAY

"LADIES LUNCH BUNCH"



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, May 14th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Plaza Azteca Restaurant" on Providence Road in Va. Beach. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. 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 deadline for articles for the June issue of The Call is:

May 15th

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

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)	

ASIAN NIGHT

May 15th, 5-7PM

Menu: Fried Rice
Lumpia (egg rolls)
Pancit
Adobo Chicken

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Tickets: Adults \$8
Children 4-10 \$4
Children under 4 Free

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. As the summer approaches the needs for the homeless change. Items needed include jeans—women’s & mens, sneakers, T-shirts, large black trash bags, baby wipes, lip balm, sunscreen and bug spray. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!

Many thanks to all those who donate items, and to those who dedicate their time in preparing lunches for the needy every month. Thank you all!

AN EASTER SURPRISE for the residents at Leigh Hall.



St. Peter's Children's Ministry surprised the residents at Leigh Hall Memory Center with Easter goodie bags filled with chocolate, oatmeal pies, pretzels and other delicious goodies. Thank you to all who helped by donating items for the bags. Check out the thankyou card in the parish hall, signed by some of the residents at Leigh Hall.

REMINDER...Sunday, May 20th is PENTECOST.
Remember to wear red to church!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW... This year Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday, July 16th through Friday, July 21st. More information later.



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.



St. Peter's Day School is currently accepting registrations for the 2018/19 school year. We teach children ages 2 through 5. School hours are 9am -12Noon. Before and after school care is available from 7am—6pm.

We are also accepting registrations for Summer Camp. Children ages 3—6 are allowed to attend. Summer Camp makes for a "fun filled" summertime. Special guests visit and entertain the children, fun activities each day, and "Water Day" every Friday.



Camp begins June 18th and runs through August 31st. Please call the office at 466-9392 for more information about these programs.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8PM AA meeting Prayer Shawl meet 7PM	2 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	3	4 Softball game 8:45/9:45PM Princess Anne Park #4	5
6 MORNING PRAYER AT BOTH SERVICES 10am Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	7	8 8PM AA meeting	9 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	10	11 Softball game 8:45/9:45PM Princess Anne Park #4	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. The Rev. David Davenport preaching	14 Ladies Lunch Bunch meet at 12:30PM at Plaza Azteca on Providence Rd.	15 ASIAN NITE 5-7PM 8PM AA meeting	16 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	17 Finance Committee meeting 7PM	18 Softball game 8:45/9:45PM Princess Anne Park #4	19
20 PENTECOST 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Vestry meeting	21	22 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	23 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	24	25	26
27 PATRIOTIC SUNDAY 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Day School Board meeting	28 Office & Day School closed for Memorial Day	29 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	30 6:15PM Mens/Women's Cursillo Grouping 7:15 Coed Bible Study	31		

ASSIGNMENTS

May 6th—6th Sunday of Easter—Morning Prayer

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Nancy Comfort, Isabel Nowland

Coach Sigler, Jim Jimeno

James Benn

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Jessica Trochanowski, Judy Eller

Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

May 13th –7th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Sarah Weisiger, Christine Truxell

Sean McGinty, Larry Shreve

Drew Midgette

Maurice Caldwell

Lynne Monette

Kimberly Truxell, Nancy Comfort

Dot Pierce, Jessica Trochanowski

Vivien Valentine, Wendy Glaeser

May 20th—Pentecost

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Magdalena Kress, Bronwyn Shreve, Gabi McGinty, Olivia McGinty

Steve Kakol, Coach Sigler

Tony Antonik

Bruce Comfort

Judy Eller

Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort

Nancy Comfort, Bobbi Bowery

Karen Kakol, Amanda Keller

May 27th—1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Patriotic Sunday

Valerie Sasser, Corrin King, Jeffrey Pfeifer,

Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Vivien Valentine

James Benn

Laura Kallestad

Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick

Bonnie Rennick, Lisa Kieser

Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

May 2018



After his resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to his disciples during a period of forty days. He spoke to them about God and the future that he had prepared for the people: the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). Forty days after Easter Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' ascent to heaven, or "Ascension".



His disciples spent the days after Ascension in prayer (Acts 1:14). Just like us, they were looking forward to the arrival of the Helper or Comforter, the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised (Jn. 17:7, Acts 1:9-11). Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter. This is the day when we celebrate the entry of the Holy Spirit into the life of Christians. The Apostles were so filled with the Holy Spirit, that they felt compelled to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

Mom's Dictionary

AIRPLANE: What Mom impersonates to get a 1-yr.-old to eat strained beets.

BATHROOM: a room used by the entire family, believed by all except Mom to be self-cleaning.

JUNK: Dad's stuff.

EAR: A place where kids store dirt.



Special Message

Thank you all who helped with our Easter Egg Hunt. A special thanks to the Youth and the Teachers!!

Dates to Remember

- ❖ **May 6th – 6th Sunday of Easter**
Birthday Blessings for May
Lessons: John 15:9-17 Greater love has no man than this...
- ❖ **May 13th – Ascension Sunday**
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Lessons: Luke 24:44-53 Jesus' Ascension
- ❖ **May 20th – Pentecost Sunday/Baptisms**
Lessons: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 The work of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **May 27th – Trinity Sunday**
Chapel Children sing at the 10:00 am service
Lessons: John 3:1-17 Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School - **July 16th - 20th**



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

May 2018



Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Mothers | 6. Holiday | 11. Respect | 16. Giving |
| 2. Day | 7. Loving | 12. Thoughtful | 17. Special |
| 3. Moms | 8. Caring | 13. Family | 18. Happy |
| 4. Kids | 9. Children | 14. Considerate | 19. May |
| 5. Parent | 10. Grandmother | 15. Honor | 20. Spring |



**Before We Know it
Summer will be here!
Here's a brief look at what
May has in store!**

UPDATES:

Every **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**, will be a **Bring Your Own Friend (BYOF)** to church Sunday! We will have snacks and the message will be tailored to new comers! So bring a friend and let's share the love of Jesus!

YOUTH SUNDAY: JUNE 3rd

The Youth will be involved in carrying out the many ministries it takes to hold the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock service. They will be lemming and reading, and some will even share a short sermon! Hope to see you there to support our Youth!

LASER QUEST: MAY 12

Stay Tuned for Times!

FOR KIDS: ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We will be collecting household items for a family that has just come out of homelessness. Attached is the flyer of items!

In Sunday school, we are continuing to learn about the **different characters in the Old Testament** and just how God used them for his purposes! We are learning how God can do the same with us!

That's all for now!

Keep us in your prayers

If you have any suggestions or ways you want the youth to be involved, feel free to reach out!

XOXO

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their April 15th meeting, the Vestry:

- * Approved the March Financial Report which included-
In March, our income was \$674 less than budgeted.
In March, our expenses were \$189 less than budgeted.
Thus far, for 2018, we are \$2,748 over budget
- * John+ presented the Sunday worship schedule for the first two weeks of May:
May 6- Morning Prayer (Rite II) at both services
May 13- The Rev. David Davenport+ will be the supply Celebrant/Preacher
John+ will miss these two Sundays as he recovers from knee surgery (May 1st)
- * Reflected on Holy Week and Easter Sunday services- Very positive!
- * Approved a \$200 stipend for our organist for the Tenebrae service.
- * Will join with other neighborhood churches in providing resources for annual community picnic to be held by the Civic League in late June. Kimberly Truxell, Linsey Shreve, and John+ will attend a planning meeting on April 30th at 6:30 PM at Tidewater Gospel Church.
- * Cost estimates are being reviewed for a new outdoor church office sign
- * Set June 3rd as the date for Youth Sunday.

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*
- * Our Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- * 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.
- * Those who need God's healing touch in their lives right now.
- * Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

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

- * My incredibly talented and hardworking *Church Staff!*
- * Those volunteers working hard to renovate our kitchen- led by *Bruce Comfort*
- * The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.
- * The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account*.
- * Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.
- * A wonderful Lenten season!
- * Those who participated in our Tenebrae Service- it was beautiful!
- * Our Altar Guild members and others who made Palm Crosses this year!
- * Those who took part in the Passion Story on Palm Sunday!
- * The more than 200 people who attended our Easter Sunday services!
- * To those who donated and who hid the eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

RECTOR'S LETTER

Growing Through Conflict and Trouble

Back when I was teaching elementary school, I had a sign hanging in my office that read, *"Anyone who stays calm around here just doesn't understand the situation."* The principal had one in his office that read, *"You don't have to be crazy to work here, but it sure helps."* That was more than 40 years ago, but these are still signs of the time, are they not? Stress is so much a part of our work life, our home life, our community life, even our church life. Psalm 47 declares, *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* If so, then where is the Lord of Calm? The storm rages all around us, and God seems to be either asleep or absent. We may sometimes wonder if God even cares. Well if the Bible is right, our God is not only the God of Peace, Joy, Happiness, and Serenity. He is also the God of the Whirlwind, the Fire, the Storm, of Trouble, of Conflict, of Stress, and of Distress. Faith in a personal God who loves us and cares for us, is deepened and strengthened, not by having us removed from life's troubling and difficult situations, but rather because of them. This is one of the great paradoxes of the Christian faith. In other words, when there is conflict and when there is turmoil, the Lord goes with us into battle- strengthening us and giving us purpose. When there is trouble in life, the Lord doesn't promise to remove the trouble, but rather gives us Himself as an abiding and comforting companion so that we don't have to face trouble all alone.

We all want lives of peace and harmony. But those things don't come to us by avoiding conflict, but rather by facing it passionately and with a purpose, and, above all, facing it knowing that Spirit of God (the companionship of Jesus) is with us at every turn, and that He will never, ever abandon us. A genuine faith costs us. We have to give up a lot of self-reliance, we have to learn to surrender, and we have to learn to do what we can. But we must also pray to have the courage to turn over to God what we cannot do ourselves. Faith is easy when things are going well for us. That kind of faith, however, tends to be lukewarm. A really strong and vital faith is reserved for those who will experience life's problems. God can and will calm the storms in our lives, but we may have to face them squarely first. And that can be quite frightening and God can seem so far away. But He's not. We may have to be at our wits end before we finally realize that, all along, God was with us. All we needed to do was call upon Him. Perhaps, someday, we'll learn to call on Him first, instead of last.

Peace and love,

John+