

# NOVEMBER 2019

## 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.*

3rd	.....	Daylight Savings Time ends
5th	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7pm
11th	.....	Veteran's Day, Office & Day School closed Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden in Janaf, 12:30pm
14th	.....	Finance meeting, 7pm
17th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30am
24th	.....	Day School Board meeting, 11:30am
27th	.....	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship , 7:30PM</b>
28th	.....	Thanksgiving Day, Day School and Office closed
29th	.....	Day School and Office 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



*Please keep these people in your prayers*

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

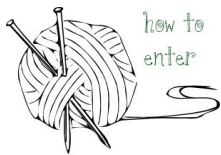
**Men's Bible Study**— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Psalms. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

**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** meet at 6:15pm in the Diffenbaugh Library.

**Cursillo Grouping for Women** the group will not meet in November but will resume in December. They meet at the Whitehorne's home every Monday at 1pm.

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** meet Wednesdays in the Diffenbaugh Library at 7PM. They are studying both the Old and New Testaments. They are currently studying 1 Peter. Bring your Bibles and bring a friend!



## **THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet next on

November 5, 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, scarves and hats for World Vision. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.

**If you have any yarn at home that you don't need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!**

Thank you!

June Faye	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	June
Lois	Sebastian	Jacob
Tom & Family	Rick	Wayne
Xander & Family	John	Audrey
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Vickie
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
Donald & Teresa	Niko	Bob
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Teresa
Al & Millie	Jessica	Rachel
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Faye
Maurice & Joyce	Bonnie	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Clay	Corey
The Preston Family	Leslie	Patsi
The Long Family	Josephine	Dawn
Florence & Howard	Penny	Ella
Chris & Family	Fidelma	Joy
Nancy & David	Tommy	Kathie
Karen & David	Kerry	Matt
The Kuppireddy Family	Peggy E.	Jess

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Our Day School is still collecting Box Tops for Education until they expire. You will be able to use your cell phone now when collecting box tops by using the app on your phone. Thank you for your continued support.

## **OCTOBER LADIES LUNCH**

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, November 11th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "The Olive Garden Restaurant" in the Janaf Shopping Center in Norfolk.

Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending or call Millie Coward at 455-5887.



## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 27th 7:30PM

Come, give thanks to the Lord for your many blessings



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**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!**



**Many thanks to BJ Neaves who continues to support us by counting and rolling coins ready for deposit. Thank you BJ!**

**We are also making plans for the Thanksgiving Drive for "For Kids".**

**Our Youth Group attendance has increased, but there is always room for more!**

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

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

## NOVEMBER 2019

Join us for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on the 1st Sunday of the month

### *Happy Birthday*

Bruce Baker	7th
Mindy Galford	8th
Jane Monte	8th
Ricki Wright	15th
Joe Sanderlin	19th
Sandi Nash	24th
Edward Klaus III	30th

### 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:	Bonnie Rennick	('19)
Jr. Warden:	Charlie Pfeifer	('20)

Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Robert Olliges	('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve	('20)
Jim Jimeno	('19)	Howard Belote	('21)
		Susan Sigler	('21)

**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.

St. Peter's Day School is accepting registrations for the 2019/20 school year. We have openings in our 3, 4 and Kindergarten classes.



We teach children ages 2 through Kindergarten age. We offer full and part time hours and the rates are very affordable.

Please call the office 466-9392 for more information.

### **November Commissions:**

Nov. 3rd.....	Ushers
Nov. 10th.....	Drama

The deadline for articles for the December issue of The Call is:  
November 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  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank



**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!

Due to a family emergency, “Blankets for the Homeless” will not be collecting items until further notice.

Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts off the Angel Tree will be accepted as usual.

Thank you all for your support with this ministry

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** We have an immediate need for Sunday School teachers for our children. If you enjoy caring for children and have the desire to help them grow in their faith, please contact John. No previous experience is necessary, just a love for children! Call Linsey Shreve 581-1123 or the church office 466-9392 for more information.



# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. <b>11:30am Staff Meeting</b> <b>Daylight Savings time ends</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study <b>7PM Prayer Shawl</b> 8PM AA meeting	<b>6</b> Cursillo Grouping 6:15pm Co-Ed Bible Study 7PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

November 2019

## Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank you, Lord,  
For all you give; the food we eat,  
The lives we live.  
And to our loved ones far away,  
Please send your blessings,  
Lord, we pray.  
And help us all to live our days  
With thankful hearts  
And loving ways.  
Amen

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## Blessed, what does that mean?

We use the word bless a lot but maybe don't know what it means.

If someone sneezes, we usually hear someone say, "bless you!" It's not completely clear why we say that but the word bless is a positive word.

To be blessed is to be more than happy. Life doesn't always go our way, sometimes we get sick or someone gets hurt and of course this doesn't make us happy but being blessed is being full of joy on the inside even if things aren't perfect.

It's a deeper joy because we know, as believers, that the spirit of God lives in us and we will live with him in heaven someday.



## Special Thank You

Thank you all that were part of organizing St. Peter's Fall Picnic. We are truly *blessed* to have you!

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## Dates to Remember

- ❖ Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - All Saints Sunday/Baptisms  
Luke 6: 20-31 - Blessings and Woes
  - Daylight savings time ends \* Turn clocks back!
  - Birthday Blessings

*Parade of Saints at the beginning of 10:00am church service.*
- ❖ Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - Luke 20:27-38 - The Resurrection and Marriage
- ❖ Nov 17<sup>th</sup> - Luke 21:5-19 - Signs of the End of the Age
- ❖ Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - **THANKSGIVING DAY!**
- ❖ Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - John 6:25-35 - I am the bread of life...

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## Corny Humor



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## THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH



Y C T G S V K L Q A U B H U M R Z X X Z C Y R  
E B N S R X P U F X I Y E K R U T I P H R L F  
M K N B A A J R J H P P H B C N T W L A M O S  
Z U O J X E T A W U G G O G M P E T Y R B D V  
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R U I D K A B R K W A S T Q Z Q M L M A I T F  
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X C R A N B E R R Y U X H V H R Z H L R U F G  
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B G R E G N Y L B L E S S I N G S N J C U Y A

Blessings

Corn

Cornucopia

Cranberry

Family

Feast

Gather

Gratitude

Harvest

Indians

November

Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie

Stuffing

Sweet Potatoes

Thanksgiving

Tradition

Turkey



## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Nov. 3—21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Kimberly Truxell, Judy Eller
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer, Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Amanda Keller

### **Nov. 10—22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Susan Sigler, Jim Jimeno
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Debbie Whitehorne, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Bonnie Rennick, Jessica Trochanowski
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

### **Nov. 17—23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Steve Kakol
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Susan Sigler
LEMS at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Karen Kakol

### **Nov. 24—Last Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Judy Eller
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Amanda Keller

### **Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Eve**

Acolytes	Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Coach Sigler, Vicky Martin, Sean McGinty
Lector	Drew Midgette
LEMS	James Benn
Altar Duty	Dot Pierce, Vel Shreve

# FROM THE RECTOR

**Vestry Highlights:** At their October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

\* Approved the September Financial Report which included-

In September, our income was \$6,059 more than budgeted.

In September, our expenses were \$1,605 less than budgeted.

Thus far, for 2019, we are \$14,058 under budget

- + New Image Lawn Care will weed church gardens and shrubs next week.
- + The Staff and Vestry Retreat is scheduled for Feb. 7-8, 2020 at Chanco.  
The Rev. Roy Hoffman (Diocesan Staff) will attend the retreat to review Diocesan policies pertaining to a Rector search process.
- + Discussed impressions of recent Fall picnic.
- + Approved the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Sexton.
- + Discussed the feasibility of funding a new roof for the church buildings.
- + Discussed plans for the Commitment Sunday Brunch on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

- + Our new Bishop-elect, The Rev. Susan Haynes
- + Our Presiding Bishop, *The Most Rev. Michael Curry*
- + Even more registrations for our Day School- especially kindergarten.
- + a successful 2020 Stewardship Campaign.
- + 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!*
- + All those who have joined our Children's Sunday School staff!
- + A very successful Commitment Sunday Brunch on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- + The ministries of our church members and their 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 those who donated funds for the shrubbery trimming/garden mulching.
- \* To Almighty God, for all the ways He has blessed our church family.

# RECTOR'S LETTER

## Thanksgiving

I wonder if you've ever heard of a man named Martin Rinkert. Martin Rinkert was a Lutheran minister in the little town of Eilenburg in Germany some 400 years ago. His family was poor, but somehow Martin managed to work his way through a theological education. Finally, in the year 1617, Martin was offered the post of Archdeacon in his hometown parish. He humbly accepted the call. Just one year later, what would become known as the *Thirty Years War* broke out. Martin's little town of Eilenburg was caught right in the middle.

Then, 20 years later (in 1637), the *Bubonic Plague* that had swept across Europe hit Eilenburg. In all over 8,000 townspeople died, and the man called upon to bury most of them (sometimes as many as 40-50 a day- including his own wife) was Archbishop Martin Rinkert. Martin himself died about 11 years later, just one year after the conclusion of the *Thirty Years War*. Martin Rinkert's ministry spanned 32 years, all but the first and the last of which were overwhelmed by the war and plague that engulfed his home town. It was difficult for Martin Rinkert to be grateful- but somehow, he managed to be. Listen to what he wrote just a short time before his death:

***Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices;***

***Who wondrous things have done, in whom his world rejoices.***

You may recognize those words as part of the first verse of a hymn (397) we sing, typically around Thanksgiving. Martin Rinkert was able to write those words in the midst of the darkness of the *Thirty Years War* and the *Bubonic Plague* and personal tragedy because he understood what it meant to be truly thankful. He had learned to live his life without letting conditions control him. He could be content because his happiness was not based upon circumstances; it was based upon his relationship with God. He knew that as long as he had God, he had all he needed within him, for it was God who gave him the strength for life.

This attitude is a way of life with which we as Christians should be very familiar. It's important, I think, for us to pause every now and then and contemplate this and remember what we have and to thank God for those things because they come to us through His grace. Being thankful takes our mind off our wants for a while and focuses them on what we have- our blessings. May we be forever thankful!

*Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. While in past years we have taken part in a community service with other local churches, this year we will take a break from that and hold our own service here at St. Peter's. I hope you will join us as we give thanks to Almighty God for the many ways he has blessed our church and our families.*

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Peace and love,

John+