

NOVEMBER 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.....All Saints Sunday. Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9AM with our guest minister, The Rev. Sue Reid .

Daylight Savings Time ends

3rd.....Election Day. Don't forget to vote!
Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM



5th.....Finance meeting, 7PM

8th.....Vestry meeting via Zoom

9th.....Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM

15th.....Day School Board meeting, 10:30AM

25th..... Thanksgiving Eve worship service, 7PM

26th.....Thanksgiving 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



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Happy Birthday

Birthday & Anniversary blessing November 1st

Bruce Baker	7th
Ricki Wright	15th
Joe Sanderlin	19th
Sandi Nash	24th
Edward Klaus III	30th

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes
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)

St. Peter's Altar Guild

is in need of new members. Would you like to join us in this very important ministry? Please call Vel at 630-4831 or 466-9392 for more information.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please call the church office 466-9392. We **are** allowed to have fresh flowers on the altar through the pandemic.

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



LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, November 12th, at 12:30PM. They meet at the Plaza Azteca Restaurant in the Providence Square Shopping Center in Va. Beach



For more information or to RSVP, call Millie Coward at 455-5887

VESTRY NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021
VESTRY ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. YOU CAN CALL THE OFFICE FOR A FORM OR DOWNLOAD IT FROM THE WEB PAGE. PLEASE READ THE FORM AND WHEN NOMINATING SOMEONE, BE SURE TO HAVE THEIR PERMISSION.
THE NOMINEES WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN JANUARY.
THE NEW VESTRY WILL BEGIN THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS IN JANUARY (hopefully in person).

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**

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
Maurice & Joyce	Joy	Fidelma
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Peggy E.
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Florence & Howard	Kathy	Bonnie M.
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Billy
Katie	Steve	Chris
Teresa	Kerry W.	

The church has purchased a **Zoom account** for use by our ministries. I would encourage all ministry leaders to consider contacting your group—**Sunday School, Bible studies, Acolytes, etc.** and connect using the Zoom meeting tool. Contact your Sr. Warden, Bruce Comfort to obtain details on using Zoom.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd at 7PM, in the Diffenbaugh Library. Masks are worn and they socially distance

The group 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 October they made 2 infant hats, 2 preemie hats, 6 hats for the homeless and 100 chemo hats.

We are still selling baby blankets. If you would like to purchase one, they are \$40 each. They sell for \$120 in the stores. They are beautiful! Please call Millie or the church office if you would like one.

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

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



A reminder...St. Peters Youth Group is still collecting loose change to help support the “4 Kids” organization. Please place any loose change in the jar provided in the parish hall and as always **THANKYOU** for supporting our youth!

Registrations for the 2020/21 school year at St. Peter’s Day School are currently being accepted. We teach 2,3,4 and Kindergarten age children. School began September 8th. Although class sizes are limited to ten this year, we are hoping class sizes will increase by the new year. Call now to reserve your spot. Please call the office 466-9392 for more information.

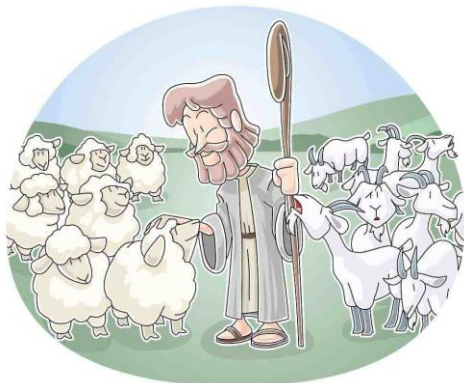


November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Daylight Savings Time ends	2	3 Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM	4	5	6	7
8 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30AM Vestry meeting	9 Ladies Lunch 12:30PM at Plaza Azteca in Va. Beach	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY Office and Day School closed	12	13	14
15 9AM Morning Prayer 10:30AM DS Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9AM Morning Prayer	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7PM	26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Office and Day School closed	27	28
29 9AM Morning Prayer	30					

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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Sheep or Goats?

Scripture - Matthew 25:31-46 Key Verses:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." Matthew 25:31-33 (NIV).

Who can tell a sheep from a goat?

Do you think Jesus can tell the sheep from the goats?

Well, that's what our Bible lesson is about today. One day Jesus was speaking to a group of followers about the day when the Son of Man would come in all his glory. (Son of Man was a title Jesus used for himself.) He said, "He will sit on his throne and all of the nations would be gathered before him. He will separate the people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." How did he know the sheep from the goats?

Jesus went on to explain, "He will say to those on his right, 'I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

"When did we do that?" the righteous ones will ask.

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

"Then he will turn to those on the left and say, 'I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will ask, 'When did we refuse to help you?'

"He will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'

"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

The point of this lesson is not that doing good things will get people to heaven. The point is, if we truly belong to Jesus, we will show love for others as Jesus shows love for us. That is how Jesus can tell his sheep from the goats.

Our Father, help us to show love for others as you show love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Dates to Remember

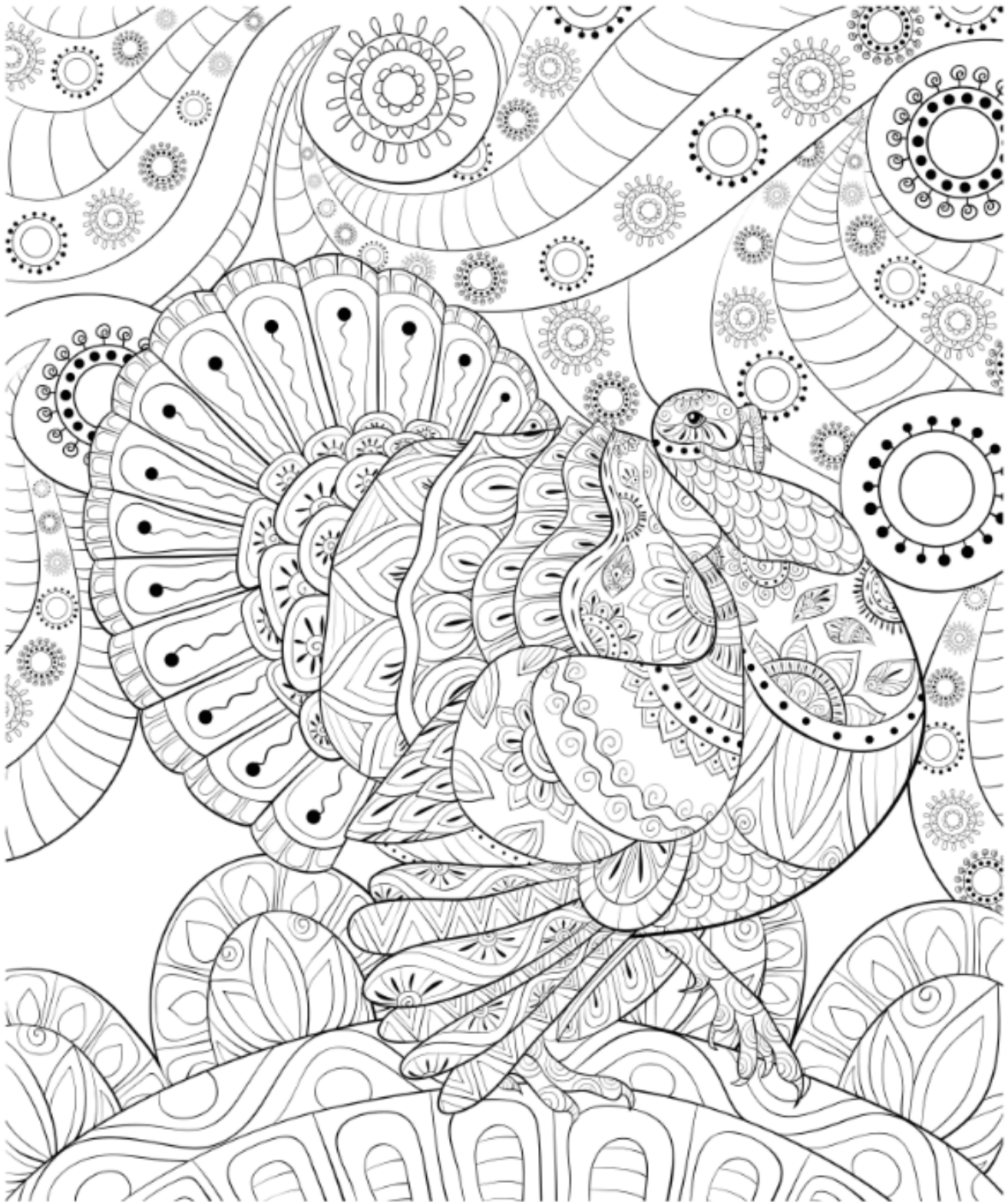
- ❖ Nov 1st - Matthew 5:1-12 – The Sermon on the Mount
 - *Daylight savings time ends, turn clocks back!*
 - **Birthday Blessings**
- ❖ Nov 8th - Matthew 25:1-13 – The Parable of the Ten Virgins
- ❖ Nov 15th – Matthew 25:14-30 – The Parable of the Bags of Gold
- ❖ Nov 22nd - Matthew 25:31-46 – The Sheep and the Goats
 - Nov 26th - **THANKSGIVING DAY!**
- ❖ Nov 29th - First Sunday of Advent
- Mark 13:24-37 –The Day and Hour Unknown

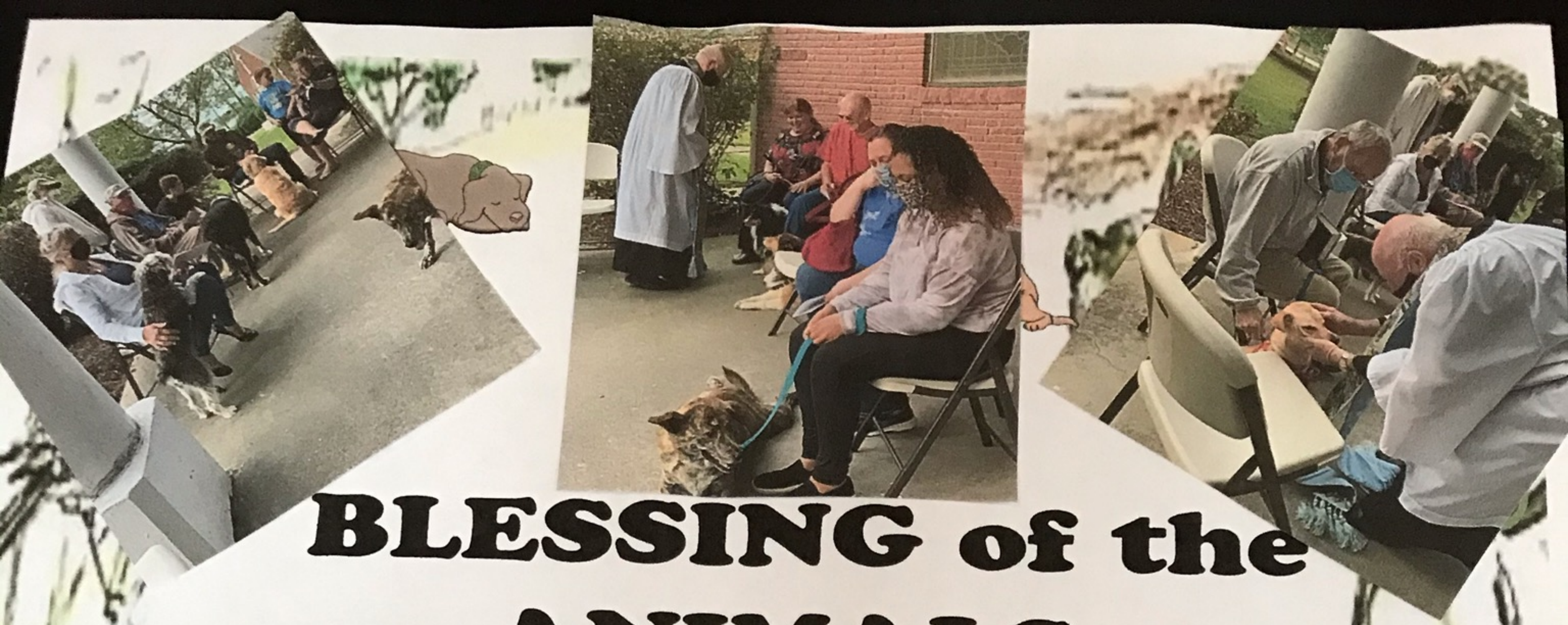
Happy
Thanksgiving

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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Happy Thanksgiving!





BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th



ASSIGNMENTS

November 1—All Saints Day

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Larry Shreve, Coach Sigler

Kimberly Truxell

Jessica Trochanowski, Dot Pierce

November 8—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Larry Shreve

Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward

November 15—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

Drew Midgette

Vel Shreve, Bobbi Bowery

November 22—Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve

Nancy Comfort

Millie Coward, Vel Shreve

November 25—Thanksgiving Eve

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Larry Shreve, Coach Sigler, Susan Sigler, Sean McGinty

James Benn

Dot Pierce, Millie Coward, Vel Shreve

November 29—1st Sunday of Advent

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Jessica Trochanowski, Charlotte Corbett

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 25th, at
7PM. Come and give thanks to



Clocks “fall” back Sunday,
November 1st. Remember to
set your clock back one hour
Saturday night before bed!



MANY THANKS

To all those who continue to send their pledges and tithes to church. This helps us
keep current with our bills and our expenses. Thank you!

Reminder:

Guidelines for Church services

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH

- Do not come to church if you have had a fever within 24 hours
- Face coverings or masks **must** be worn
- You will enter church through the front door and exit through the red door beside the bathrooms
- Bring your Prayer Book from home. There are no books in the pews. If you do not have a Prayer Book we will provide one for you. Take it home, and bring it with you next time you attend. The worship service bulletin can be found on our web site. You may want to print it and bring it to church. There are no bulletins available in church
- Keep social distancing at all times. Walk where the blue crosses are on the floor
- Sit in the pews marked with a blue cross, 6 feet apart. Families are allowed to sit together
- Please place your offering in the plate at the door to the parish hall, as you leave.
- No socializing in the parish hall, no coffee, no sitting. Exit through the red door beside the bathrooms.
- One person allowed in the bathroom at a time. Wait in the hallway and please social distance.

A Prayer during the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Heavenly Father, as our nation and our communities, and the whole world live in fear and anxiety as the COVID-19 Virus continues to spread; we pray that you would put your divine touch upon your creation and heal us completely in body, mind and spirit.

Give us the grace to seek your face and to seek your guidance and direction in all we do. Help us to draw strength from the faith you've given each of us, and protect us from all undue fear, anxiety and depression.

We pray for protection for, and give thanks for, all those who daily make themselves vulnerable and put their lives on the line to help us, heal us, and keep us safe: for all doctors, nurses and others who staff our hospitals and nursing homes and health care offices and facilities; for all first responders, for police officers, firefighters, National Guard units, and other military service people. For the employees of all food stores, home improvement centers, pharmacies, and restaurants that remain open to serve us in the midst of this crises.

For those around the world – the scientists and medical staffs who are working endless hours, using the knowledge and wisdom you have given them to find answers on how to stop the spread of this virus and to develop a vaccine to prevent it. Bless their efforts, Lord, and protect them.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, our country, and our communities; that they would look to you for guidance and direction as they make decisions about relaxing restrictions and how best to care for the people you've placed in their care.

Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember that you are the Sovereign Lord of the universe and that you rule over heaven and earth and are in charge of all things, and that you have promised to walk with us each minute of each day. Help us to trust you and to find peace in that promise. **Amen.**

A NOTE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

October was an interesting month, with inspections of our Day School, our fire equipment and our kitchen, all of which passed with glowing results!

A special thank you to Lynne Monette and Charlotte Corbett for the endless hours they spent cleaning all the chairs in the parish hall. They look so much better!

Many thanks to Nancy Comfort for keeping up with our bulletin board in the parish hall. The board is always very informative and interesting. It looks great! Thank you Nancy!

A big THANK YOU to Dot Pierce for keeping our flower borders looking so beautiful!

Many thanks to BJ Neaves for counting and rolling the coins found in the coin jar in the parish hall. The money is donated to our youth for their various charities. BJ also counts the coins from the soda machine.

Special thanks to Bob Vanderslice and Bryan Pfeifer for continuing to live stream our services each Sunday.

Thanks to Kevin, our janitor, for the time spent sanitizing the church and parish hall weekly, and the Day School daily.

A new A/C unit for the parish hall has just been installed.

Many thanks to Larry Shreve for 'adopting' the Witchduck Road area and the park, in the name of St. Peter's. He picks up trash and keeps the road clean on a weekly basis. Next time you're in the area notice the St. Peter's signs at the intersections!

And last, but certainly not least, MANY THANKS to BRUCE COMFORT, our Senior Warden, for holding everything together for us in the absence of a minister. He has a very difficult job! His plate is always full! Please take a minute to thank him for the terrific job he's doing!

There is always plenty to do in our church. If you would like to help at any time, please call me at 581-1123. We appreciate all the help we can get. There are many "angels" in our church that work without recognition, special thanks to them.

Thank you and God Bless,

Linsey Shreve

Jr. Warden

Letter from the Senior Warden

November 2020

"We celebrate our life in Jesus Christ, proclaim our faith in Him through word and deed, and create a loving and caring environment that draws people to Jesus and equips them for ministry"

Greetings in Christ!

These past few months have been a tremendous challenge in so many ways for individuals, families, churches, and of course, our Nation and World. While we as a church have seen challenges along the way as we have been dealing with the situation, we are happy to report that God is faithful! He has proven Himself over and over again through the faithful, consistent giving of people just like you! We as your vestry realize, of course, there are many whose finances have not been the same. Some have been unable to give of Tithes and Offerings like they regularly do. We are praying that God will "open the floodgates of Heaven" in a powerful way very soon. Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). The Episcopal Church and we at St. Peter's sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity. This pandemic has truly put a dampener on building the relationships that bring us closer to Christ, but that doesn't mean He hasn't been in the midst of us. As we begin to gather again at church with worship and Eucharist I hope you will continue to pray for your vestry and staff as we attempt to find some kind of normalcy in trying to begin to build those relationships that do bring us closer to Christ. Your vestry, with the help of the diocesan are working very hard at finding an interim rector to carry us through until we can find a replacement for John. So, I am asking you to please, don't give up on our Church or your fellow parishioners, we need your prayers and support.

Peace and Grace to you,

Bruce Comfort
Senior Warden