

ST. PETER'S CHURCH **STAFF**

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. **Haynes**

Interim Rector:

The Rev. Dr. James W. Hunter

Secretary:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer



Cs a boy, serving as an acolyte, I used to love watching the seasons of the Church year progress from Advent through Pentecost and the "long green season" following the gospel throughout the Pentecost. I admit, I used to get bored during that "ordinary time," it seemed so long. The colors of the seasons heightened my awareness of something happening, even if I didn't fully understand what was happening. There was something very special about it all. I eventually came to understand more about what was happening and what the colors represented. In the 1960s, purple was used for the seasons of Advent and Lent, representing the solemnity of the seasons and, especially in Lent, the penitential nature of the season. Christmas brought the white altar, pulpit, ty, light, joy and feast is most and ambo hangings, representing the purity, innocence, divine grace, and joy of

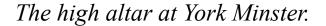
Christmas. Epiphany's color is green, representing life and growing. So, green is also used after Pentecost representing the growth of the Church as the apostles spread world. Purple has been used in Lent to mark the penitential nature of the season as the faithful prepare themselves for Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week, though definitely still a part of Lent, is marked by the color red because of the suffering and passion of Jesus during that week. In this case red represents the blood of Jesus for his passion and death on a cross. Black. denoting death, is used on Good Friday, the only day of the year it is used. Easter brings the joy of the resurrection and Jesus' victory over sin and death. White, which symbolizes resurrection, puriappropriate for Easter, funerals, Trinity Sunday, and All Saints' Day.

The day of Pentecost commemorates the Holy Spirit being given to the Church as we are told in the book of The Acts of the Apostles, "... there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them [the apostles]," (Acts 2:3). Red represents, not only blood, but the fire of the Holy Spirit, and is used at ordinations and other times to make this association.

In recent decades, blue has been growing in use in the Church during Advent, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. Blue is a color of hope and anticipation. During Advent we look forward to the birth of the Christ Child in a manger but also to the coming of Christ at the end of time in hopeful anticipation, something church nerds call the "eschaton." (Yes, I am a nerd.) It has grown in popularity because Advent is not Lent and using blue is a beautiful way to distinguish between the two seasons. Advent is a time to quietly contemplate one's life and one's relationship with Jesus. It is a solemn season, yes, but it does not have the more penitential aura of Lent. To help make a clearer distinction, many churches are using blue for Advent.

In recognition of this distinction between Lent and Advent, the Worship Committee at St. Peter's has decided to use blue this year during Advent. As was mentioned at our beloved "Coach's" burial service, donations made in his memory were to be used for the purpose of purchasing these blue altar hangings. Unfortunately, it may not be until the second or third Sunday of Advent that the blue hangings and chalice burse and veil will arrive. After ordering the hangings, we realized that we needed to make a few changes, which pushed the delivery date back a couple of weeks. However, they will be here and we will have them for years to come. The Worship Committee prays that everyone will be blessed with a renewed appreciation of the Advent season as we approach the blessed birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.









WELCOME!

LAURA KALLESTAD

Let's, take a moment or two and welcome **Laura Kallestad**. As of July 5, 2022 Laura has taken over the duties as Parish Secretary and Day School Administrator for Vel Shreve who retired on July 1st.

Here's a little history about our new Parish Secretary and Day School Administrator.

Not a native of Norfolk, Laura was born overseas thanks to the U.S. Navy. Her family came back to the states when she was about 8 months (she even had her own passport). Her father was stationed at the Pentagon, where they lived in Annadale, VA. Her father was then transferred to Little Creek Amphibious Base where they lived in Va. Beach. Her father was transferred again to NOB-Port Services, and they moved to a house near the base. When she was 4 they moved to the only house she can remember and that's where they stayed after her father retired as XO of Norfolk Naval Base.

Laura attended Norfolk public schools, where her mother was a Speech Pathologist, until she finished the 5th grade. She was transferred to Norfolk Collegiate in the 6th grade from where she graduated in 1980. Laura went on to attend Longwood College (now Longwood University). She has worked in Human Resources as Assistant to the Director of Human Resources at a local shipyard (MHI) in Norfolk. She was later an Accounting and Order Processing Secretary for a major flower bulb distributor in Chesapeake until she returned home to care for her two children in 1998.

While looking for a place for her daughter, Anna, to attend pre-school, she discovered an ad for St. Peter's in the "Tidewater Parent" paper. A cradle Episcopalian (home church was Church of the Advent), it seemed like the right fit, (says Laura). She hadn't attended church for some time but felt both of her children should have a foundation in the Episcopal church. The three of them started attending St. Peter's in 1999. Anna her first, had already been baptized at Advent but Joseph was baptized at St. Peter's. Both were subsequently confirmed at St. Peter's. Anna tried choir and was a nursery helper, Joseph was an acolyte and Laura worked in the nursery and Sunday School for many years. Anna graduated from Kindergarten at St. Peter's in June of 2000.

Laura started working in the Day School when Joseph began the 4-year-old program in September of 2002. She was a teacher's aide and mid-year became a teacher in the 3-year-old program. Joseph graduated from Kindergarten at St. Peter's in June 2005.

In September of 2006, she went back to being a teacher's aide and realized that was where she wanted to stay. After many supervisors of Extended Care came and went (the last one being Nancy Comfort) Laura stepped in on July 1, 2014. She became the Extended Care Supervisor/Summer Camp Supervisor and Teacher's Aide and that is where she stayed until Vel retired.

Laura, we are so excited for your new Journey at St. Peter's and know you have big shoes to fill. But...we know you can do it! And thank you for saying yes to being our new Parish Secretary and Day School Administrator.





NOVEMBER

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings are performed on the 1st Sunday of the month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Amiversary!

If we have missed your anniversary, please let us know.

Bruce Baker 7th
Ricki Wright 15th
Sandi Nash 24th
Edward Klaus 30th



The deadline for articles for the December issue of 'The Call' is November 14th.

Send articles to: laura@stpeters-norfolk.org or call the church office 757-466-9392.

The 2022 Flower Chart is located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall. If you would like to donate flowers to the church any Sunday through the year, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, sign the flower chart beside the Sunday you wish to give. The flowers are \$72 or \$36 if two people give on the same day.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Tuesday of every month. We meet in the Diffenbaugh Library November 1st at 7:00 P.M. We are very busy knitting crocheting, and looming adult and baby hats, scarves, baby blankets, chemo caps, wash cloths, soap sacs and prayer shawls. We would love for you to join us. If you can not attend, please call or email Millie Coward for more specifics about what we are making and maybe you can help us by working at home. Millie Coward: (757)469-5887/m.jlc@verizon.net.

Christmas is coming! Need a gift? The Prayer Shawl Ministry can help you with your shopping this season! We still have a few beautiful white shawls that may be used for with a baby blanket or lap cover, They are \$40 each and all proceeds go back to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to help cover the cost of yarn. If you are interested, please contact Millie Coward at (757)469-5887 or m.jlc@verizon.net.





The Altar Guild is looking for new members. Any man or woman that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church is welcome to join the Altar Guild. We prepare the altar for celebrations of worship such as weddings. Baptisms, and typical Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Millie Coward at (757)469-5887 or m.jlc@verizon.net.

The Acolyte Ministry welcomes a new member. Our newest member is Eric Evans. Eric will join us on various Sundays, assisting Fr. Jim during the 10:00 A.M. service. St. Peter's Acolytes' purpose is rooted in our love of God, our faithfulness is seen in our willingness to serve responsibly, and our loyalty is demonstrated in how carefully we carry out our duties. Love, faithfulness, and loyalty are the virtues we seek to perfect. We invite others to join us as we serve to the Glory of God.





St. Peter's Day School is looking for a Teacher of 3-year-olds and an Extended Care Aide/Teacher Aide. Teacher and Teacher Aide hours are 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., Monday through Friday and for Extended Care, hours will vary, Monday through Friday. Contact the office if you or someone you know might be interested.

Bible Study meeting is on Thursdays at 10:30A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.





The ladies of St. Peter's meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. On November 14th, we will meet at 12:30 P.M.at Peter Chang located in Landstown Commons, 3364 Princess Anne Rd., #505, Va Beach. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information please call Millie Coward (757)469-5887 or email: m.jlc@verizon.net. 5

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



ACTS OF KINDNESS MINISTRY

We would like to thank our parish family and friends for their generous gifts in support of the AOK ministry at the recent bake sale. The bake sale was a great success and will allow us the availability to provide much kindness both financially and in-kind gifts.

Our goals for the remaining year are:

Fire Prevention Week October 9th - In appreciation, cards will be sent to our parish members.

In honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11th - We will provide a \$50.00 donation to the Veterans Kitchen who help the homeless veteran have a fully equipped kitchen. Small flags and signs will be placed at the flagpole and cards will be sent to our St. Peter's active duty and veterans. A few flag pins will be available after the Sunday service Nov. 13th.

Rev. John Eidam's Homeless Ministry - A \$50.00 donation will be given in support of this ministry. A box will be provided on the "Giving (Donation)" table with a list of items soon.

Thanksgiving – We will assist delivery of the Day School donations from the children to be delivered to Church of the Advent Episcopal Food Pantry. Christmas - We will provide coloring books to the Day School children. ODU Canterbury Episcopal Center – We will provide a \$50.00 donation. January 25, 2023 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser; stay tuned for more information.

Memorial Day – We will donate to Operation Blessing which honors the service of our Military and First Responders by creating opportunities to express gratitude. We will collect items after the first of the year 2023. Look for the box in the parish hall; more information will be forthcoming. Summer Camp Children 2023—We will provide a gift bag of coloring books, crayons and other small items.

Of course we continue to give to our "at home folks" or those ill, in the hospital etc.; we will have other opportunities to give to those in need and will keep you up dated as God ebbs and flows in this ministry.

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All Saints' Sunday		Fr. Jim's				
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10:00 A.MRite		8:00 P.M. AA MEETING		Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.		
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Veterans Sunday		Fr. Jim's				
8:00 A.M Rite I	Finance and Vestry	He will not be in the office.				
10:00 A.MRite II	Meeting 6:30/7:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M. AA MEETING		Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.		
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Christ the King Sunday						
8:00 A.M Rite I				Thanksgiving Holiday		
10:00 A.MRite	Day School Board Meeting—7:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M. AA MEETING				
27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2	3
The First Sunday of Advent						
8:00 A.M Rite I				Diblo C4d. in 4b		
10:00 A.MRite		8:00 P.M. AA MEETING		Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.		

<u>Looking ahead</u>—December 2nd from 7:00—8:00 P.M. we will have a <u>Polar Express Night</u> for the children of the Day School, Church members and any friends you would like to bring along. Chocolate milk, cookies and the story of the Polar Express. Come in your PJ's and have some fun!

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Nov. 6—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Jim Jimeno

Lector: Jeffrey Pfeifer LEM: Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty: Jessica Trochanowski, Judy Eller

Nov. 13—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Lector: Larry Shreve

LEM: Judy Eller

Altar Guild Duty: Elizabeth Miller, Charlotte Corbett

Nov. 20—Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Acolytes: Carys Shreve, Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin

Lector: Susan Sigler

LEM: Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty: Dot Pierce, Ashley Pierce, Millie Coward

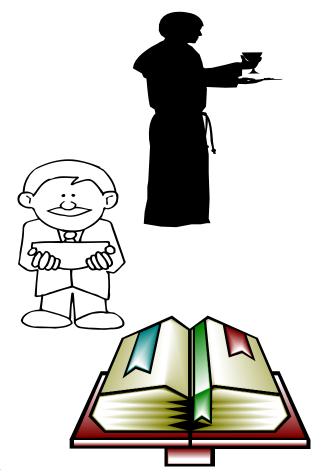
Nov. 27—First Sunday of Advent

Acolyte: Kimberly Truxell

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector: Bruce Comfort LEM: Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild Duty: Vel Shreve, Nancy Comfort

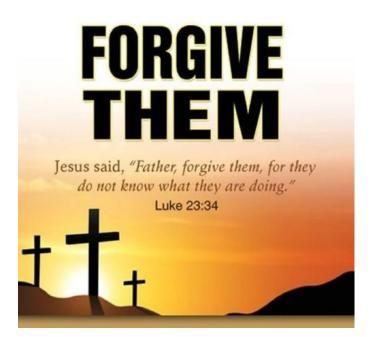






St. Peter's Children's Ministry

November 2022



"Jesus Forgives Those Who Hurt Him"

Scripture - Luke 23:33-43

Have you ever had a day where it felt like one bad thing after another kept happening? For example, maybe you were late for school and then you broke something and then at lunch you were supposed to have your favorite sandwich, but before you could take a bite, you spilled your milk all over it and made it squishy...and when you got home, your dog ate your shoe. Ever have a day like that? Where it felt like EVERYTHING was going wrong? And then, maybe what happens for you is that you start to get mad about it. And, maybe you get so mad that when someone asks you, "Hey, what's wrong?" you might yell at them, "Leave me alone!"

It's almost like, in those moments, that we try to share our bad day with others by making their day bad, too

I bring this up because in today's scripture story, we hear that Jesus is having an incredibly bad day, too. He's been arrested and punished for something he didn't do, and while he's slowly dying from that punishment, EVERYONE is making fun of him. And when I say everyone, I mean the religious leaders are making fun of him, Roman soldiers are making fun of him, even one of the criminals (who is being punished just like Jesus is) is making fun of Jesus.

It is the worst of worst days for Jesus. But, amazingly, Jesus does not get mad. Instead, Jesus does an amazing thing and asks God to forgive the people. Later on, when a second criminal, who was also having a really bad day, asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus did not say, "Go away! Leave me alone!"

Instead Jesus said, "You will be with me."

Because Jesus was seeking God's help despite having a bad day, Jesus was able to then help makes that other man's day a little bit better.

Prayer: Dear God, please help us to ask for help even on our worst days so that we can receive and share your help. Thank you and Amen

Dates to Remember

Nov 6th - Luke 20:27-38 – The Resurrection and Marriage *Daylight savings time ends, turn clocks back!*

Nov 13th - Luke 21:5-19 – The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

Nov 20th – Luke 23:33-43 – The Crucifixion of Jesus

Nov 24th - THANKSGIVING DAY!

Nov 27th - Matthew 24:35-44 – The Day and Hour Unknown

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. Let us always be aware that all gifts come from You, and may we serve Your heavenly will in everything we do. Amen.

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Thanksgiving Word Search

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on September 12, 2022. Attending the meeting were Fr. Jim, Kimberly Truxell, Susan Sigler, Debbie Whitehorne, Charlotte Corbett, Bruce Comfort, and Charlie Pfeifer, Treasurer.

<u>Vestry Meeting Opening</u>: The Vestry Meeting was opened with the beginning of the service of Evening Prayer.

<u>August 2022 Minutes:</u> The August 2022 Minutes were distributed to the vestry. Kimberly moved that the minutes be approved. Bruce seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Finance Report: Charlie reviewed the August Financial Report with the vestry.

The Cash Account Balances for August 2022 are as follows:

Operating Account: \$22,555.97

Money Market Account \$50,055.16

Composite Fund: \$65,767.11

Total Net Assets: \$135,827.51

The Financial committee has recommended that the August 2022 Financial Report be approved, and the Vestry agreed.

Senior Warden's Report:

<u>Follow-up from the Diocese</u>: Kimberly informed the vestry that a follow-up from the Diocese concerning Fr. Jim's position and the transition period has not yet been received.

<u>Two Services:</u> The return to two services on Sundays began on September 11th and was well received by the congregation with eight attending the 8AM service and forty attending the 10AM service. In addition, several members returned who had not recently been attending a Sunday service at St. Peter's.

Junior Warden:

Lawn Care: More yard work is being scheduled especially mulching and tree trimming.

Cleaning Service: Rugs have been cleaned in the office wing.

Filter Cleaning: No further action has been taken.

<u>Day School AC:</u> The down payment has been made. The work will take two days and cannot be done on a weekend.

<u>City Storm Water</u>: We are still having trouble communicating with the city on this subject.

<u>Grease Trap</u>: Bruce informed the vestry that he has purchased a professional grease drain cleaning product and will see if it is sufficient to keep our kitchen odor free.

Old Business:

<u>Counters:</u> It was decided that St. Peter's should resume having volunteer counters for the Sunday collections beginning with the new year. The congregation should be informed of this through the Sunday Bulletin, The Call etc. so that the schedule can be filled.

September Vestry Minutes cont.

Bathroom Stalls: Vel is looking into the work needed on the bathroom stalls.

Computer for Laura: Laura has received a new upgraded computer.

New Business:

<u>Kitchen Rental:</u> An organization outside of the church has requested to rent the kitchen and Parish Hall for a one-time youth event. After some discussion, it was determined that more information was needed concerning this event. However, Bruce moved that if that event were approved, a fee of \$200 would be required and would include stipulations as to clean up etc. Kimberly seconded the motion, and the motion was passed. It was also suggested that a set of basic contracts for such events might be established for future rental requests from outside the church.

<u>Kitchen Mangers:</u> Bruce reminded the Vestry that an authorized Kitchen Manager is required to attend such a rental event, and therefore, we need to have more church members trained to qualify for this position.

<u>Christian Ed:</u> Linsey is resigning as the Sunday School Superintendent as of the end of October and a replacement will be needed

<u>LEMs and Lectors:</u> Susan reminded the vestry that with two services now, a new schedule will be needed for filling these positions on Sundays.

Communion: The Vestry decided not to return to using the common cup for Eucharist at this time.

<u>Passing the Peace:</u> The vestry decided to encourage a return to personal greetings, handshakes etc. during the Passing of the Peace.

Formation of Search Committee: The formation of a Search Committee was discussed. It was determined that the Search Committee with at least five church members including a variety of ages and interests should be established soon. Elise Balcom could serve as a consultant. A current Parish Profile needs to be done and for this, the committee could also draw from past profiles and surveys such as the recent Holy Cow Survey.

Other Business:

New Lights: Bruce informed the Vestry that he has installed new LED lights on the front of the church.

<u>Payroll Direct Deposit</u>: Charlie informed the Vestry that payroll is now being switched to a new system of direct deposit.

Signing Authority: Fr. Jim will soon be established with full signing authority for all church accounts.

<u>Day School Financial Assistance</u>: St. Peter's continues to investigate all possible financial assistance for the Day School.

Tax Exempt Status: St. Peter's has established a tax-exempt status with Amazon

<u>Altar Guild storage</u>: The Altar Guild is looking for a secure storage space that they can access within the church.

<u>Christmas Party</u>: Kimberly reminded Fr Jim and the vestry that it was not too early to decide where and when the Staff and Vestry Christmas party will be held.

There being no further business, Kimberly moved to adjourn. Bruce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned and closed with "The Prayers" portion of The Evening Prayer service followed by The Lord's Prayer.

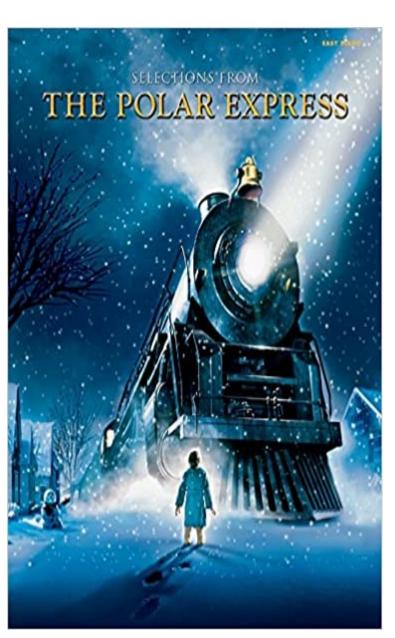
Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pfeifer

Registrar

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A Family Night at St. Peter's!



Hot Chocolate with marshmallows, cookies, cozy pajamas, a fun craft and a good book! Sounds like a wonderful start to the countdown to Christmas.

December 2, 2022 all this and more can be found at St. Peter's when we host

Polar Express Family Night!

The Day School and the Church will combine to have a wonderful, family oriented night together. The Day School is such an integral part of our church, but we never seem to come together and have some fun. *That is changing*. Please take the time to attend this function orchestrated by Charet Thill and Laura Kallestad. We need your support and company to make this a success. Other activities throughout the year are being planned to help bring us together and if you would like to help on any of our future projects that would be appreciated but not expected. Let's just HAVE FUN!

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)

Joe - Chloe - Hannah - David - Courtney - Frank - Kyle - Michael - Allan - Mario





The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (men's & women's), new clothing (no used clothing at this time), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food, or drinks right now.

Please bring your donations to church and place in the box provided in the parish hall. Thank you all for your continued support!



Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden - (*23) Debbie Whitehorne, Jr. Warden— (*24)

Susan Sigler (*22) Bruce Comfort (*22) Charlotte Corbett (*22) Register—Peggy Pfeifer

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen



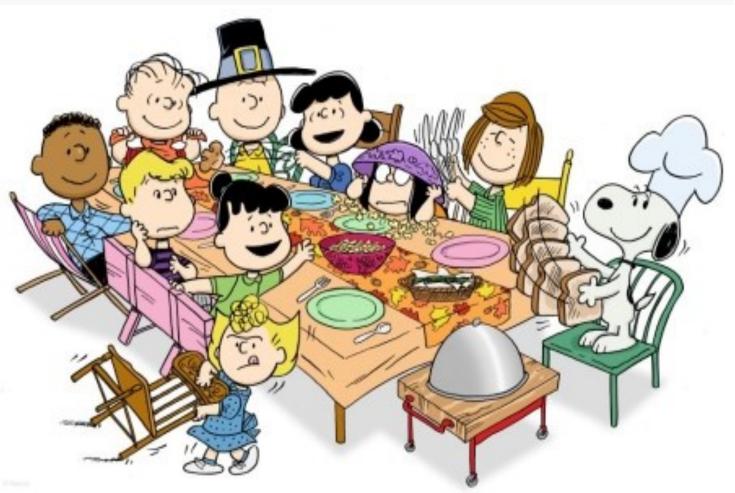
Please keep these people in your prayers

Eddie	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jessica
Patsi	Wayne	Becky
Kathy	Bill	Laura
Johnny & Nancy	John	Kathie
Debbie & Kenny	Lisa	Brian H.
Clay & Wanda	Bob	Dewey
Bert & Ann	Daniel	Dolores
Mary	Dylan	Eastin
Teresa	Robyn	Megan
Jonathan	Diane	Sarah
Myles & Family	Howard	Hannah

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Evie Hill

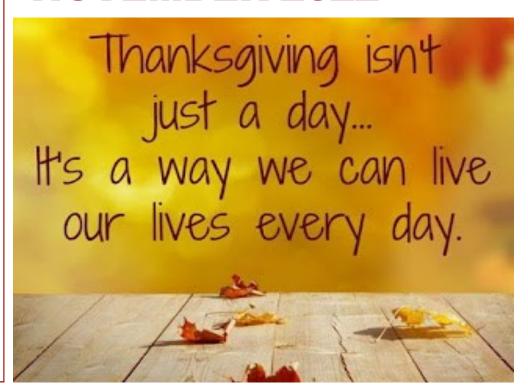




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St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886.
This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in



"Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!"

"THE CALL"

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