

OCTOBER 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.

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| 2nd | Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM |
| 4th | Finance meeting, 7PM |
| 6th | Acolytes trip to the National Cathedral, 4:45AM |
| 7th | Blessing of the Animals, 4PM |
| 8th | Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM |
| 13th | Safe Churches, St. Aidan's |
| 14th | Fall Picnic, 11:30AM |
| 21st | Bishop Magness visits for Confirmation |
| 28th | Commitment Sunday with Brunch |
| 30th/31st | Clergy Conference |

“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



OCTOBER 2018

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

Happy Birthday

| | |
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| Jacob Pickurel | 3rd |
| Tami Walton | 4th |
| Peggy Pfeifer | 6th |
| Caden Nash | 10th |
| Maurice Caldwell | 11th |
| Jeffrey Pfeifer | 12th |
| Royden Snuffin | 17th |
| Ava Keller | 17th |
| Christine Truxell | 23rd |
| Scott Rennick | 24th |
| Eric Baker | 24th |
| Jacob Shreve | 25th |
| Sierra King | 25th |
| Janet Chauncey | 29th |
| Wendy Glaeser | 29th |
| Jonathan DeLoatche | 31st |

Happy Anniversary

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| Judy & Jim Eller | 10/3/98 |
| Tami & Scott Walton | 10/15/04 |
| Kathleen & Sebastian Plucinski | 10/15/05 |

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

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|------------------|--|
| 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 |

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) | |

FALL PICNIC

October 14th

**The Rally day Picnic
was postponed due to**

**Hurricane Florence. October 14th is
the new date!.**

The picnic follows the 10AM worship service.

Bring a dish to share. We provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Sno-cones, popcorn and fun and games for all ages.

OCTOBER "LADIES LUNCH BUNCH"

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, October 8th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Smokey Bones Restaurant" in the Pembroke area of Va. Beach. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887



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

October 15th

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

PRAYER AND 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!

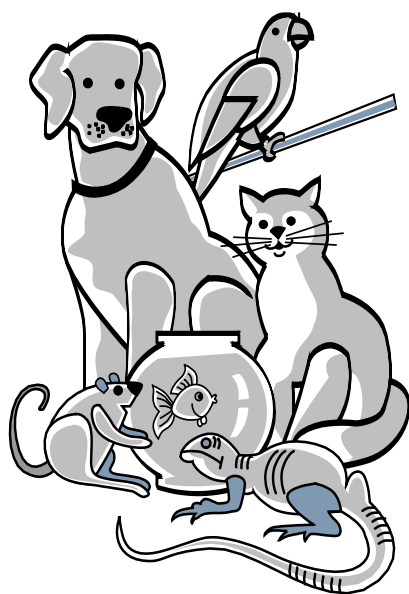
The Intercessory Prayer Group Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

Men's & Women's Cursillo Group meet each Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at 6:15PM .

Co-ed Bible Study Group also meet on Wednesdays. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. The study begins at 7PM. They are studying the NOOMA series created by Rob Bell. A short video will be followed by group discussion. Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

Please keep these people in your prayers

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| June Faye | Joan |
| B.J. | Hazel |
| Joe | Sebastian |
| Lois | Steve |
| Tom & Family | John |
| Xander & Family | Maurice |
| Johnny & Nancy | Christine |
| Debbie & Kenny | Niko |
| Angie & Peter | Cheryl |
| Al & Millie | Emily |
| Clay & Wanda | Daniel |
| Maurice & Joyce | Bonnie |
| Bert & Ann | Jessica |
| Leslie | Josephine |
| Karen | Penny |
| Florence & Howard | Fidelma |
| The Benn Family | Sarah |
| Kevin | Holly |
| Brenda | Liz |
| The Daugherty Family | Susan |
| Charlie | Joy |
| June | Wally |
| Chris & Family | Claire |
| Nathan | Tereca |
| The Long Family | Alma |
| Fred | Jackson |
| Barbara | Peggy |
| Brenda Jo | |



BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS
Sunday,
October 14,
4PM

The service will be held outside the front entrance to church. All pets and their families are invited.
Refreshments for all!

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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!

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. Now that the weather is warmer the needs for the homeless change. Items needed include jeans—women’s & men’s, sneakers, T-shirts, large black trash bags, baby wipes, lip balm, sun-screen 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!



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!

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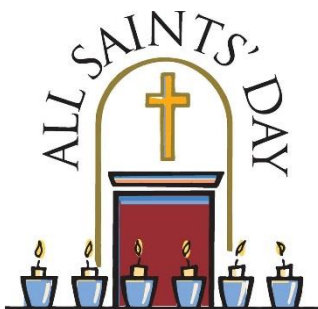
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| | 1 | 2 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7PM Prayer Shawl meeting 8PM AA meeting | 3 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study 7PM | 4 Finance Committee meeting 7PM | 5 | 6 Acolyte Festival in Washington DC. Meet at church 4:45am |
| 7 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30AM Vestry Meeting 4PM Blessing of the Animals | 8 Ladies Lunch Bunch 12:30PM at Smokey Bones in Va. Beach | 9 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting | 10 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study 7PM | 11 | 12 | 13 Safe Churches at St. Aidan's Va. Beach |
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St. Peter's Children's Ministry

October 2018

All Saint's Day

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. We go to church and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.



We pray in thanksgiving to God for the gift of the saints. They teach us how to share God's love. Blessed be God forever.

Corny Humor

Q: Why did the skeleton go to the prom alone?
A: Because he couldn't find any "body" to go with.



Q: What do they teach in witching school?
A: Spelling.

Q: What's a ghost's favorite fruit?
A: Booberries.



Dates to Remember

- October 7th: **Birthday Blessings**
Lesson: Mark 10:2-16 (Jesus on Divorce)
- October 14th: Lesson: Mark 10:17-31 (The Rich Young Man)
Fall Picnic - following the 10:00 am service
- October 21th: Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (The request of James and John)
- October 28th: **Chapel Kids Sing at 10:00 am service**
Lesson: Mark 10:46-52 (Blind Bartimaeus)

Upcoming events:

All Saints Day!

All Saints day will be celebrated **November 4th** so start thinking of the saint you would like to dress up like.

Happy Birthday to You!

Christine Truxell: October 23rd
Sierra King: October 25th
Michael Trey Theborge: October 4th
Corrin King: October 28th
Ava Keller: October 17th



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

October 2018



ASSIGNMENTS

October 7th—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort

Roger Rennick, Jim Jimeno

Drew Midgette

Charlie Pfeifer

Bonnie Rennick

Jason Nowland

Nancy Comfort, Bonnie Rennick

Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

October 14th—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Valerie Sasser, Corrin King

Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol

Vivien Valentine

James Benn

Judy Eller

Nancy Comfort

Vel Shreve, Millie Coward

Karen Kakol, Vivien Valentine

October 21st— 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Bronwyn Shreve, Nancy Comfort, Olivia McGinty,

Gabi McGinty, Bruce Comfort

Sean McGinty, Larry Shreve

Tony Antonik

James Benn

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Kimberly Truxell

Bobbi Bowery, Jessica Trochanowski

Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

October 28th—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEM at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Magdalena Kress, Bronwyn Shreve

Coach Sigler, Roger Rennick

Vivien Valentine

James Benn

Larry Shreve

Charlie Pfeifer

Lynne Monette, Judy Eller

Amanda Keller, Wendy Glaeser

ACOLYTE FESTIVAL



First, the Acolytes would like to thank everyone for their generosity in accomplishing over our goal to attend the festival on October 6, 2018! We are excited and look forward to the upcoming trip with each of you.

Acolytes and those attending meet in the church parking lot at 4:45AM. The bus leaves promptly at 5AM. Bring breakfast and snack items. These may remain on the bus in the parking garage. Lunch and drinks are provided.

Guests may be seated in the cathedral, and acolytes will line up to process in. Holy Eucharist begins at 10AM followed by workshops, special behind the scenes tours, outdoor labyrinth walks, vendors, food and games.

Check in is at 9AM. The Grandest of Processions begins at 10AM. Acolytes, servers, clergy and vergers from across the country join in a colorful procession from the Great West Doors and down the center aisle. This is the sixth largest cathedral in the world.

Lunch is at 1PM on the lawn. You may pack a lunch or purchase one there.

The bus returns to St. Peter's at approximately 7:30PM. Don't forget to arrange a ride home!

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet October 4th 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, sweat-ers, scarves and hats for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



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The “Blankets for the Homeless” ministry are collecting school supplies for children in need. Please bring your donations to church and place in the box provided in the parish hall. Items needed include: loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, crayons, glue, notebooks, rulers and erasers.



St. Peter's Day School

is still accepting registrations for the 2018/19 school year.

We teach children ages 2 through 5. School hours are 9am -noon. Before and after school care is available from 7am-6pm. Affordable rates. Call the church office for more information 466-9392.



FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their September 16th meeting, the Vestry:

- * Approved the August Financial Report which included-
In August, our income was \$4,372 more than budgeted.
In August, our expenses were \$507 less than budgeted.
Thus far, for 2018, we are \$198 under budget
- * Discussed progress of shrubbery trimming/mulching-will continue in the fall
- * John+ announced that James Benn will begin as Youth Director in mid-October
- * Kitchen and Pantry improvements continue. Some plumbing still needs to be done
- * Tabled until Jan. further discussion about church pews and handicap accessibility
- * John+ confirmed that Bishop Jay Magness will visit on Sun. Oct. 21 (10 AM only)
- * Nancy Comfort reported that all is ready for the Acolyte Festival in Wash. D.C.
- * Re-scheduled the parish picnic. It will be held on Sunday, October 14th.
- * Moved the date of the Commitment Sunday Brunch to October 28th.
- * Moved the date of the next Vestry meeting to Sunday, October 7th

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

- * For all those affected by last week's hurricane, as they recover and grieve.
- * 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.
- * A big turnout for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 14th
- * A successful fall Stewardship Campaign.
- * Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.
- * James Benn as he becomes the new Director of our Youth Ministry
- * Safe journey to and from the National Acolyte Festival on October 6th.
- * For those being Confirmed and Received into the church on Sun. Oct. 21st

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 successful start to a new Day School year!
- * To those who donated funds for the shrubbery trimming/garden mulching.
- * To God, for all the ways He has blessed our church and our church family.

RECTOR'S LETTER

A Slow October?

It wasn't too many years ago that the month of October was considered a "slow" month in the church. There was a lull in the number of activities and events planned as everyone took a breather of sorts after a hectic September and before the busy-ness of Thanksgiving and the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons. All that seems to have changed the past several years as October has become a "very busy" month for many churches- St. Peter's included. In fact, this October will be one of our busiest on record. To wit:

Saturday, October 6- More than thirty of us will travel by bus to the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. for the National Acolyte Festival. Our acolytes will be vested and participating in the grand procession (a spectacle not to be missed). Following a service of worship and a boxed lunch they will take part in a number of workshops offered as part of the day. It will be a long and tiring day, but well worth it.

Sunday, October 7- Our fall Stewardship Campaign will be in full swing as each of us, once again, will be asked to prayerfully consider making a new commitment of our time, talent, and finances to God's work in our church. Commitment packets (with instructions) will be mailed to church members in early October.

Sunday, October 14- Our annual Parish Picnic (originally scheduled in September, but rained out) will take place in the courtyard at 11:30 AM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish to share. There will be games and activities planned for folks of all ages- including, for the first time, a corn-hole tournament. Don't forget to wear red that day!

Sunday, October 21- Our Assisting Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness will be at the 10 AM service to Celebrate, Preach, Confirm and Receive. The Bishop will also be asked to share his thoughts about "Times of Transitions" at a congregational meeting at 9 AM. All are invited and encouraged to attend that meeting. A Bishop's visit is a big day in the life of any parish, so I hope you will make every effort to attend church that Sunday.

Sunday, October 28- This is Commitment Sunday, a day on which all of us will be asked to submit a card indicating our intention to commit part of our time, talent, and finances to the work of our church in the coming year, 2019. Detailed instructions about this will be included in the Stewardship packet you will receive in early October. A *Celebration Brunch* will be held that day at 11:30 AM in the parish hall. It will be hosted by the Vestry and the Finance Committee. Bring only yourself and your enthusiasm to be part of the life and ministry of this parish family.

So, as you can see, October is chockablock full of activities and events; and you are invited to take your part in all of them. Perhaps a busy October is simply another indication that we are a lively and thriving church family....the very thing Jesus calls us to be!

Peace and love,

John+