

OCTOBER 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.

1st	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
6th	Fall Picnic, Noon
10th	Finance meeting, 7PM
13th	Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
	Blessing of the Animals, 4PM
14th	Ladies Lunch at Ruby Tuesday's, 12:30PM
20th	Commitment Brunch, Noon
27th	Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM
29th	Fall 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



Please keep these people in your prayers

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

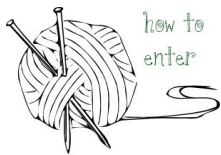
Men's Bible Study— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Psalms. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

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 October but will resume in November. 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. Ruth & Esther, 1 Peter & 2 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 on **October**

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, scarves and hats for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. 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!

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	Fidelda	Joy
Nancy & David	Tommy	Kathie
Karen & David	Kerry	

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION Our Day School is still collecting Box Tops for Education until they expire. Please see the new format for collecting box tops in this newsletter. You will be able to use your cell phone when collecting using the app on your phone. Thank you for your continued support.

OCTOBER LADIES LUNCH



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, October 14th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Ruby Tuesday's" on Military Highway in Norfolk.

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

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

Happy Birthday

Jacob Pickurel	3rd
Tami Walton	4th
Peggy Pfeifer	6th
Caden Nash	10th
Maurice Caldwell	11th
Jeffrey Pfeifer	12th
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

Judy & Jim Eller	10/3/98
Kristian & Amanda Mattson	10/6/06
Tami & Scott Walton	10/15/04
Kathleen & Sebastian Plucinski	10/15/05

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

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)

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.



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

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.



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!

FOR SALE

Beautiful baby shawls!

White, finely knitted shawls. Approximately 4 1/2 square.
\$50 each. Call the church office if interested 466-9392.
Perfect Baptism shawls. Limited quantity available.



Due to a family emergency, “Blankets for the Homeless” will not be collecting items until further notice. 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! Call 466-9392 for more information.

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!

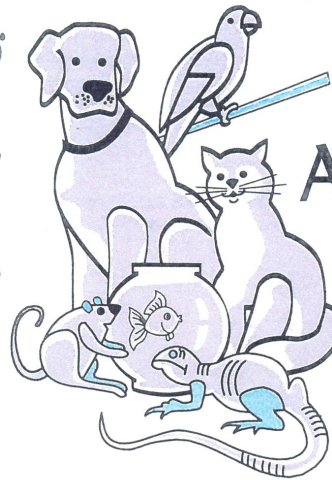
St. Peter's
Finance Committee and Vestry

invites you
to attend our
Commitment Sunday
Brunch
October 20th, 2019
following the
10am service



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday,
October 13,
4PM



Our Annual Blessing of the
Animals service will be held on the front porch.
All pets and their families are
invited. Refreshments for all!!! The offering
taken at the service will be donated to the SPCA.





EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of Southern Virginia

The Rev. Susan B. Haynes elected 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia

The Diocese of Southern Virginia elected the Rev. Susan B. Haynes as its 11th Bishop at its Special Council in Dinwiddie on September 21.

One of six nominees, Haynes was elected on the eighth ballot. Haynes, the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mishawaka, Indiana, received 94 votes in the clergy order and 148 votes in the lay order. Seventy-four clergy votes and 128 lay votes were necessary for election on that ballot.

Haynes earned her Master of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is married to the Rev. Thomas Haynes, and they have two grown daughters.



"I am really excited and looking forward to making the transition to Southern Virginia," Haynes said, addressing Council via Zoom after accepting the election. "Until I can get there I'm going to be saying my prayers and immersing myself in scripture and I would like to ask everyone in Southern Virginia to do the same so that when I get there we can all hit the ground running, doing the work of Jesus Christ and making him present in the Diocese of Southern Virginia."

Pending consent of a majority of the church's bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Haynes will be ordained and consecrated on February 1, 2020, with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as the chief consecrator.

[Click here](#) for complete balloting results and to watch video of Bishop-elect Haynes greeting Council.

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6th - FALL PICNIC NOON		1 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7PM Prayer Shawl 8PM AA meeting	2 Cursillo Grouping 6:15pm Co-Ed Bible Study 7PM	3	4	5
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						Sunday School Altar Guild Acolytes Lector/LEMS Ushers Drama

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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What are Saints?

Saints are people who love Jesus and share his love with others. We can all live like the saints even while we are still on earth.

Saints were people just like us. They felt hungry, tired, angry, and disappointed sometimes, just as we do. But the saints did difficult things even when they didn't want to because they loved God. Think of one thing you will do today because you love God.

In your heart, promise God that you will do it even if it is hard.



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

Spencer: What plants like Halloween the most?

Tanner: Which ones?

Spencer: Bam-BOO!

John: Why didn't the skeleton like the Halloween candy?

Mark: Why?

John: He didn't have the stomach for it!



Dates to Remember

October 6th: **Birthday Blessings**

Luke 17:5-10 - Increase our faith

Fall Picnic - following the 10:00 am service

October 13th: Luke 17:11-19 - Ten healed of leprosy

October 20th: Luke 18:1-8 - The Parable of the Persistent Widow

October 27th: Luke 18:9-14 - The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Upcoming events:

All Saints Day!

All Saints day will be celebrated **November 3rd** 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 Thebarger: October 4th

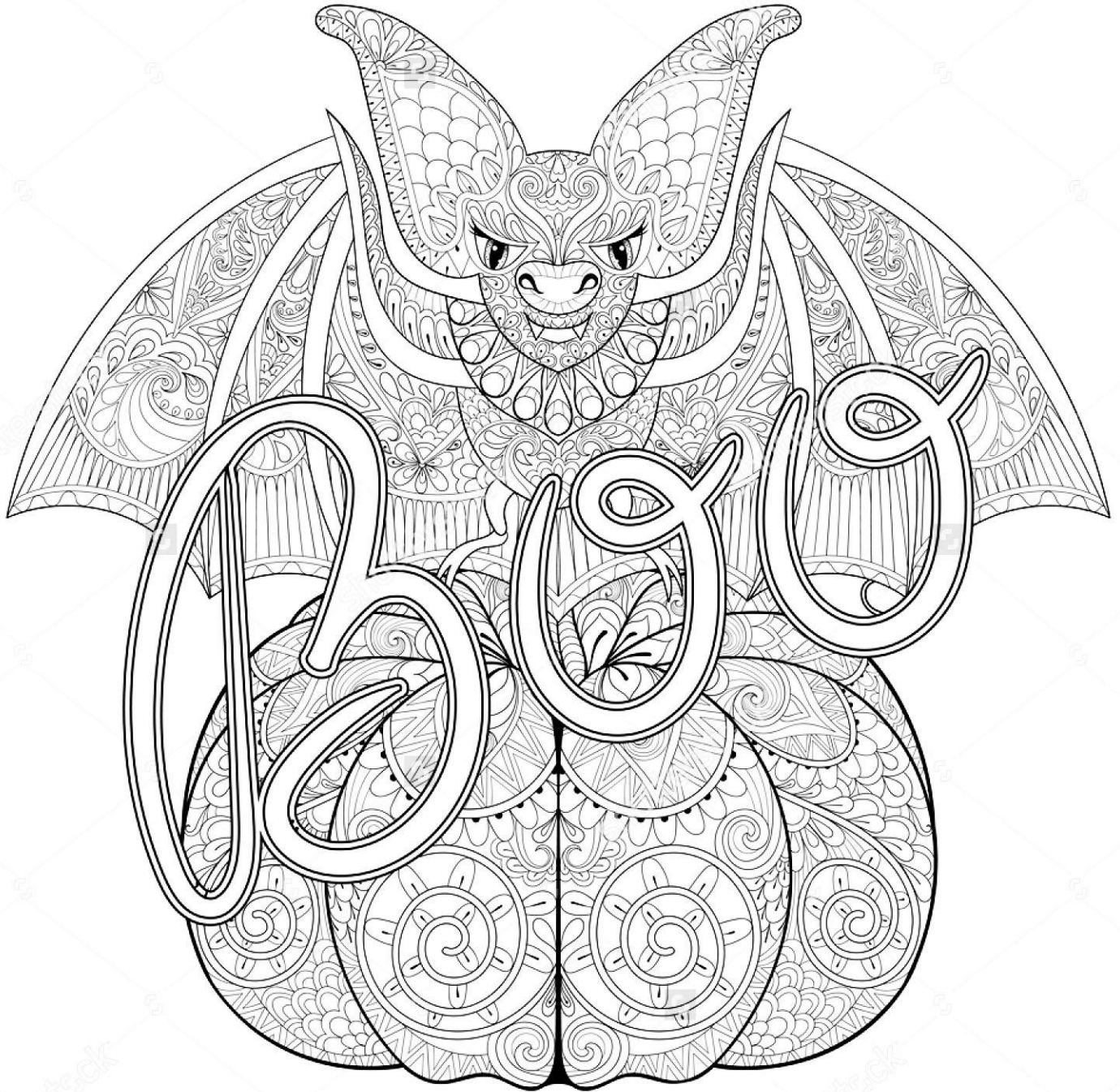
Corrin King: October 28th

Ava Keller: October 17th



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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ASSIGNMENTS

Oct. 6—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Bronwyn Shreve, Kimberly Truxell
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Roger Rennick
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Debbie Whitehorne
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Lynne Monette
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Keller

Oct. 13—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Tony Forstall
LEMS at 10AM	Kimberly Truxell, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Bonnie Rennick
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Debbie Whitehorne

Oct 20—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Corrie King
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Susan Sigler
Lector LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Tony Forstall
LEMS at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick, Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Bobbi Bowery
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Yvonne Authement

Oct. 27 –20th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Judy Eller, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Coach Sigler, Sean McGinty
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

FROM THE RECTOR

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

* Approved the August Financial Report which included-

In August, our income was \$789 less than budgeted.

In August, our expenses were \$1,006 more than budgeted.

Thus far, for 2019, we are \$6,394 under budget

+ Approved a bid from New Image Lawn Care for quarterly weeding around church gardens and shrubs.

+ Awarded contract for kitchen inspections to CINTAS.

+ John and Charlie shared their impressions of Bishop Walkabouts

+ Linsey Shreve has agreed to be the new Sunday School Director.

+ Discussed plans and assignments for the Fall Picnic on October 6.

+ Approved the 2020 Stewardship Campaign Schedule.

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!*

+ Our new Sunday School Director- *Linsey Shreve!*

+ A great start to our new Day School year!

+ 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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

In Search Of 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 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.

Tuesday, October 1- Our fall Stewardship Campaign will begin 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 6- Our annual Parish Picnic 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 a corn-hole tournament. Don't forget to wear red to church that day!

Sunday, October 13- Our annual service of the Blessing of the Animals will be held at 4 PM.

Critters of all kinds are welcome. Please have your animal leashed or caged as is appropriate for them. The service will take place on the patio outside the front door of the church.

Sunday, October 20- 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, 2020. Detailed instructions about this will be included in the Stewardship packet you will receive in early October. A *Celebration Brunch* will be held this 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.

October and November will also be the months in which we commission our worship ministries for another year. The schedule will be as follows:

Sunday, October 6	Sunday School (children and youth) and Nursery
Sunday, October 13	Altar Guild
Sunday, October 20	Acolytes
Sunday, October 27	Lectors and LEMs
Sunday, November 3	Ushers
Sunday, November 10	Drama Team

Each of these ministries could use more members. As you think and pray about your stewardship efforts this month, I hope you will prayerfully consider serving in one or more of these ministries in the coming year.

Peace and love,

John+