

OCTOBER 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.

4th.....Blessing of the Animals. 4PM
6th.....Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
8th.....Finance Committee meeting, 7PM
11th.....Vestry meeting
12thLadies Lunch, 12:30PM
Columbus Day, School and Office closed
25th.....Vestry meeting

Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist Rite I on the first Sunday of the month.

Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9AM on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

The service continues to be live streamed every week at 9AM

“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



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

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

We are hoping in the near future to be able to “zoom” our Bible Studies and gatherings. Stay tuned! More information to follow.

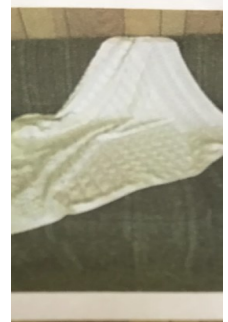
THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 7PM, in the Diffenbaugh Library.

They 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 August/September we made 13 infant hats, 58 preemie hats, 100 chemo hats and 2 baby blankets. **We had a donation of 26 baby shawls which we are selling for \$40. 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!



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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
Tami & Scott Walton	10/15/04
Kathleen & Sebastian Plucinski	10/15/05

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)

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.



St. Peter's Altar Guild

are 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.



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

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 begins 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 .





Note of Appreciation

As you know my husband, Al, passed away on August 1st. I wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for being so supportive of not only Al but me, as well, during his long journey with dementia. I can't even begin to tell you what it has meant over the years to receive your visits, phone calls and cards. Al would also have been so grateful to know that so many donations to our beautiful church were made in his name. He was so proud to be part of St. Peter's church family. We knew when we stepped through the door, all those years ago, that we had found our church home and each of you are responsible for that. I don't know how we could have handled this journey without God and you being there by our sides. I will be forever grateful that God blessed us with you and my prayers continue to give thanks for you. May God continue to bless each one of you for your Christian kindness and friendship.

With much appreciation and hugs,

Millie Coward

LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, October 12th, at 12:30PM. They meet at the Azalea Inn, on Little Creek Road in Norfolk. For more information or to RSVP, call Millie Coward at 455-5887



**LADIES LUNCH AT
BRICKHOUSE DINER IN AUGUST**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 4th, at 4PM

The service will be held outside
the front doors of church
(weather permitting) .

Bring your pet for a blessing by
Papa John



ASSIGNMENTS

October 4—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers	Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno
Lector	Susan Sigler
Altar Guild Duty	Lynne Monette, Jessica Trochanowski

October 11—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers	Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve
Lector	Janet Chauncey
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Nancy Comfort

October 18—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers	Larry Shreve, Sean McGinty
Lector	Jeffrey Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward

October 25—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers	Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve
Lector	Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Dot Pierce

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.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 4PM Blessing of the Animals	5	6 PRAYER SHAWL GROUP meet 7PM	7	8 FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting 7PM	9	10
11 9AM Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist Rite II Vestry Meeting	12 COLUMBUS DAY Office & Day School closed LADIES LUNCH 12:30PM	13	14	15	16	17
18 9AM Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist Rite II Day School Board meeting 11:30AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9AM Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist Rite II Vestry Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31

Services now begin at 9AM

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Have you ever been to a friend's birthday party? Can you tell me some things that you did to get ready for the party? Maybe brought food, maybe bought a gift and wrapped it. Another thing that you did, that maybe you don't think about too much, is that you made the time and effort to BE at the party.



So in today's scripture story, Jesus tells a story about how the Kingdom of God is like a party. But in that story, even though there's a really great party happening, a lot of people say they won't go to the party. The reasons the people give for not going to the party are that they think it won't be fun, they think it's not important, and they are planning to do other things instead.

Jesus then says, "It is too bad that these people chose to not attend. They will miss a really big and exciting party – everyone is invited to this party." This invitation, by the way, includes you, me, everyone in the congregation and everyone in the whole world! We are all invited to God's party!

But - and this is very important! - we have to remember that even though parties are fun, there are some things that we have to do to get ready for them. The way we get ready for the Kingdom of God party is by learning how to be at God's party. We learn how to be at God's party by reading and talking about the scripture stories, by coming to worship, and by talking and listening to God (we call that "prayer" and we can do that alone and with other people).

As we keep doing these things, we start to see and understand that God's party is happening right here and right now in the life that we are living. And once we start to see and know how God's party is happening right here and right now, then we start to see and know how to live God's party.

Then, when we know how to live God's party, we also start to know how to share God's party by inviting others to join us and helping them see how to attend. And this is the good news for today: **God is having this great party and we're invited to it!**

CLOSING Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus who
teaches us about your
party, the Kingdom of God.
Please help us live and
share your party.

Amen



Dates to Remember

- October 4th: Matthew 21:33-46 – The Parable of the Tenants
- October 11th: Matthew 22:1-14 – The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
- October 18th: Matthew 22:15-22 – Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar
- October 25th: Matthew 22:34-46 – The Greatest Commandment



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

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

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BUSINESS
CHIEF
DESTROYED
DISPATCHED
ELDERS
ENRAGED
FARM
FEAST

GUESTS
HEAVEN
IGNORED
INVITATION
KILLED
KING
KINGDOM
MISTREATED

PARABLES
PRIESTS
SERVANTS
SUMMON
TROOPS
WEDDING

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.

Letter from the Senior Warden

As the words of a Bob Dylan song say “Times they are a Changin’”, couldn’t be more true. At the beginning of this year I never would have believed we would be at the place we are right now. But I have to believe that God has a plan for us as a community and a Church. Now its our job to find God in this and move forward with clarity and purpose. And that takes us as a community to come together and support each other with determination and foresight, as well as many, many prayers. None of us can do it alone, with all the rules and regulations we must follow to keep this pandemic at bay we must come together and work as a team to get it done. As Bishop Haynes has said many times, the church as we know it has changed and will probably never be the same again, but that doesn’t mean we can’t embrace those changes and hold tight to the things that bring us joy and hope for the future. So please pray for our church and each other as we continue to work to find an interim Priest to lead us into the future. I have attached the schedule for the next few weeks so everyone will know where we are and what we are doing. Be safe, pray, A LOT. And be patient, we as your vestry are trying as hard as we can to make this transition as painless as possible.

Bruce Comfort
Senior Warden

Sundays in October

October 4th: Morning Prayer Rite I/Eucharist in church and streamed at 9AM

October 11th: Morning Prayer Rite II/Eucharist in church and streamed at 9AM

October 18th: Morning Prayer Rite II/Eucharist in church and streamed at 9AM

October 25th: Morning Prayer Rite II/Eucharist in church and streamed at 9AM

At present I have only been able to find a supply priest for the Oct 4th service, I’m still trying. So, we will be having Morning Prayer when there is no priest available. I will post that info. as soon as possible.

A reminder to bring your own Prayer Book from home. If you don’t have one, we will give you one that you can take home and bring back each week. Also, there are no bulletins in church. You can find a copy on the web page. Print it out and bring it with you.