

SEPTEMBER 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.

Labor Day is the first Monday in September. It is the creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. In 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Norfolk, VA 23502
Phone: 757-466-9392



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Happy Birthday

Jody Baggett	3rd
Marlissee Snuffin	6th
Florence Belote	8th
Justine Winder	16th
Laura Kallestad	16th
LeeAnne Wright	21st
Danny Nowland	21st
Robert Truxell	23rd
Hunter Johnson	28th
Luke & Reid Walton	29th

***Please pray for the family of
Betty Lou Olliges
Betty Lou passed away on July 4th-
She was a long time member of
St. Peter's, a Day School teacher ,
and a choir member.
No other information is available at
this time.***

Rest in peace Betty Lou

LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, September 14th, at 12:30PM. They meet at the Brickhouse Diner, in the Providence Square Shopping Centre in Virginia Beach.

Call Millie Coward to RSVP or for more information 455-5887



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)

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!

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. So if you would like to see the flowers you've given, tune in to the Morning Prayer service on line.



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

**The deadline for articles for the
October issue of The Call is:
September 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
Florence & Howard	Katie	Steve
The McAndrews Family		

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. They meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**. They meet 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, 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 February/March we made 3 infant hats, 25 preemie hats, 1 hat for the homeless, and 13 chemo hats. We also had a donation of 26 baby shawls. We are selling these beautiful shawls 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!



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!

LABOR DAY.....”Find something you love to do and you’ll never have to

work a day in your life” —Harvey Mackay

“Nothing will work unless you do” —Maya Angelou

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!



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 .

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

September 2020

September 8th - First day of School!





Matthew 18:21-35
Granting Forgiveness
By Dr. Dan Wuori

When we forgive others we make a decision to stop being hurt and angry – and we move on. We don't just tell the other person that everything is okay – we decide in our hearts to let things be over. Sometimes that's hard, isn't it?

When people are unkind it can hurt our feelings. Sometimes it's easier to solve the problem than to truly forgive someone who has hurt us. But Jesus tells us that we must. Not only must we forgive but we may even have to keep doing it over and over.

In today's lesson Peter asks Jesus just how many times we need to be ready to forgive someone. He even makes a suggestion. Peter asks if seven times is enough? That seems like a lot. What do you think? If someone was unkind to you do you think you could forgive them for it seven times? It would be hard, wouldn't it? But Jesus tells Peter that even seven times isn't enough! Instead he tells him that we need to forgive 77 times! (And do you know what? I think that even that isn't what Jesus really

means. He means that we need to keep forgiving and forgiving...as many times as it takes.)

Shall we pray for the patience to forgive?

Dear God,
Forgiving those who hurt us can be so hard. Give us the strength to forgive – just as you forgive our own shortcomings.

Amen.

September Schedule

- 6th - Pentecost 14 - *Matthew 18:15-20*
Dealing with sin in the Church
- 13th - Pentecost 15 - *Matthew 18:21-35*
The Parable of the unmerciful servant
- 20th - Pentecost 14- *Matthew 20:1-16*
The Parable of the workers in the vineyard
- 27nd - Pentecost 16 - *Matthew 21:23-32*
The authority of Jesus questioned

Special Message

Some of you may like learning on line, some of you may not like it so much but whatever your feelings are about this situation please know that God is with you and that you have what it takes to overcome anything that comes your way. I invite you to welcome this new school year with a positive attitude and with God in your hearts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 21st - Danny Nowland



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Back to School



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alphabet	Drama	History	numbers	Science
Art	elementary	homework	pencil	Social Studies
backpack	English	Language Arts	Physical Education	Spelling
books	friends	learn	reading	students
classroom	Geography	library	recess	subjects
crayons	grades	Math	school	teacher
desk	Health	Music	scissors	writing

Letter from the Senior Warden

The coronavirus has drastically changed our world. But the uniqueness of this situation is that we are all facing the same thing together, while being apart. The physical distance we are experiencing can be a great challenge. Schools, business, and churches have closed their doors for an indefinite period of time. But faith leaders from across America have a message of hope for us. What shall we as Christians say amidst such difficulty and troubling times? How can we find hope and encouragement? The diverse voices of news and media are loud and contradictory, and confusion abounds. We are consumed by hearing anyone and everyone's opinion of what to do and how to think in the COVID-19 crisis. And yet the Psalmist describes an uncommon posture, "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him." Silence is undoubtedly a forgotten practice in this generation. If we embrace slowing down and stepping into silence with God, we will grow in our confidence of tomorrow's reality and take hold of hope. Furthermore, it is not just hope we find; we find God, the source of all hope, in our silence. We must remember that God is in control! He is the Lord of history and Creator of everything which exists. There is nothing which escapes Him. Not a drop of rain falls nor a blade of grass buds without Him knowing it. His power and knowledge know no limit; and He has promised to use that omnipotence for us. I pray that we as a Christian community will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Bishop and her staff so we can work on regathering sooner rather than later. The vestry and I continue to meet regularly and decide what steps to take to make regathering possible. Please pray for your vestry and the church staff and all those who are suffering during these trying times, keep the faith and maintain contact with your vestry members and voice your concerns and needs so we can be united in our efforts. Feel free to contact me if you have specific needs or concerns. We will continue to live stream the services each Sunday, and while we do have some technical issues, we will overcome them and persevere. Be sure to check the website for future updates in information.

Bruce Comfort

Senior Warden

Report from the Junior Warden

Church maintenance continues through the pandemic, and we always need help! There is always plenty to do., it's ongoing! If you would like to help us please call me 518-0058 or contact Bruce Comfort 630-0737, or call the church office, 466-9392.

The parish hall needs some tender loving care, so a group of helpers volunteered!

Many thanks to Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort, Charlotte Corbett and Lynne Monette, for the endless hours spent on painting the stage front and painting the trim. There is still plenty of painting to do.....the remaining trim, and the coffee cart also needs painting.

Windows have been cleaned and the curtains washed

New blinds have been installed

Doors were cleaned, washed and painted

Air vents were cleaned and also the fan blades!

The kitchen was not ignored. Wax build up around the doors was scraped off.

The refrigerator was emptied (a lot of expired moldy foods were thrown out)
A reminder to all to please mark the food you leave in the fridge e.g. Youth, Bible Study etc.. Any left over food needs to be thrown out after a week.

The fridge was cleaned thoroughly.

Now that our Kitchen Angel, Ms. Bonnie is no longer with us, its up to us to keep the kitchen clean and cared for.

The sinks need to be cleaned on a regular basis.

Help is still needed with the following:

- Picking up pine cones and pine straw in the parking lot
- Repairing the leak in the steeple
- Pine tree trimming
- Once church opens. And the pews are sanitized., help is needed to wipe down the pews and all wood surfaces.
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If any of these jobs appeal to you, please call me at 518-0058.

Thank you,

Linsey
Jr. Warden

REMINDER:

GUIDE LINES 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 Morning Prayer service can be found on our web page, and the readings for each Sunday may be found on line at lectionary.com. You may also download the service onto your tablet or cell phone and bring that to church
- Keep social distancing at all times. Walk where the blue crosses are on the floor
- Sit in the pews marked with a blue crosses 6 feet apart. Families are allowed to sit together.
- 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 door beside the bathrooms.
- One person allowed in the bathroom at a time. Wait in the hallway and please social distance.