

# SEPTEMBER 2021

## 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.*

5th.....Birthday/Anniversary Blessing at 9AM  
6th.....Labor Day, Office and Day School closed  
7th.....Day School opens at 7AM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7PM  
12th.....Rally Day– The beginning of the new  
Christian Education year! Following  
9AM worship. Picnic and fun and games!  
13th.....Day School Open House, 7:30PM  
20th.....Vestry meeting, 7PM  
27th.....Day School Board meeting, 7PM

**“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



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings, on the 1st Sunday of the month

## *Happy Birthday*

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

SAVE THE DATE...

**RALLY DAY** Sunday,  
**September 12th**

**Mark your calendars now. Join us  
to "kick off" the new Christian  
Education year!!! See the insert  
for more information.**

### THE NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Monday, September 13th, at 12:30pm.  
They meet at the Ruby Tuesday's  
Restaurant on Military Highway in  
Norfolk. For more information  
or to RSVP, call Millie Coward  
455-5887



## ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes
Priest in Charge	The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Charlie Pfeifer
Sexton	Kevin Bates

### VESTRY MEMBERS

Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden ('23)

Howard Belote, Jr. Warden ('21)

Charlie Pfeifer	('21)	Nancy Comfort	('22)
Linsey Shreve	('21)	Charlotte Corbett	('22)
Susan Sigler	('21)	Ana Nowland	('22)
James Benn	('22)	Jason Nowland	('22)
Bruce Comfort	('22)		

### **A September Prayer**

Dear God. Please protect my  
family and friends. Bless  
them as they go about their  
day, in school and work, and  
let no harm come to them.  
In Jesus' name. Amen

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

## Studying the Lessons

Wednesday Night Bible Study continues at 7PM, in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! We study the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

**Would you like to receive Holy Eucharist at home?**

**During this difficult time of the pandemic, Father Jesse, will bring Eucharist to you at home .**

**You need to call the church office to request a visit 466-9392**



## *Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye & Joe	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jessica
Audrey	Wayne	Josephine
Patsi	Jeff	Kathy
Joyce	Joy	Billy
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Lisa
Debbie & Kenny	Barbara	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Chris	Carol	Dewey
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Buddy
Katie	Tark	Teresa
Debbie H.	Bobbi	Patti
Beverly	Mark	Debbie
Carl & Janice	Bob	Clarice
Bernadette	Rod	Millie

## "ACTS OF KINDNESS"

This ministry started out of need to the community, to serve those who would appreciate a little 'cheering up'. Gifts were made and given to residents of Providence Place Nursing Home, the Vets at the VA Hospital and to the children in St. Peter's Summer Camp! Anyone interested in joining this ministry is welcome. Please contact Nancy Comfort 480-0316 or Charlotte Corbett 474-2214

The Veterans are always in need of: Toothbrushes, tooth paste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (mens & womens), new clothing (no used clothing), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food or drinks at this time.

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



## MANY THANKS

**To Jason and Ana Nowland for the Summer Movie Nights they presented last month!!! And also for the delicious snacks! Great evenings enjoyed by all!**

## ST. PETER'S DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, September 13th

7:30PM

A great time to visit the school  
and meet the teachers

## SUMMER CAMP & SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2021/22 school year. We teach children ages 2-Kindergarten. Great rates! Before and after school care available.



School begins September 7th. Call the office for more information or to reserve your spot 466-9392.



Our Day School is looking for an aide to work in the classroom and in our before and after school program. If interested please call Vel at 466-9392

*MANY THANKS* to those who came out to help get the Day School ready for the new school year. Your help was greatly appreciated!

## **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



## **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet again for the first time since the pandemic, on Tuesday, September 7th at 7PM. Meanwhile keep on knitting, crocheting and looming. In July and August the group made 7 infant hats, 92 preemie hats, 2 homeless hats and 2 preemie blankets. If you would like to join this ministry or for more information call Millie Coward at 455-5887



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

## September 2021

### September 7<sup>th</sup> - First day of School!



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Mark 9:38-50

*Stumbling Blocks - By Dr. Dan Wuori*

Do you know the word barrier means? A barrier is something that blocks something from happening.

Some barriers are good. On the road you might notice that sometimes there are barriers (walls or cables) between the cars going one direction and the cars going the other. And there are barriers at the zoo aren't there? Dangerous animals are kept in cages or behind glass to block them from getting out or hurting anyone.

But sometimes barriers make it hard to follow the rules and do what's right. We sometimes call those "stumbling blocks" – because they trip us up and keep us from doing what we're supposed to.

When I was your age, I sometimes had problems doing the right thing at school when I would sit with certain friends. I knew the rules, but it was so tempting to talk and be silly when certain friends were right there with me. Can you guess what my teachers did when that happened? You're right: They moved us apart. They helped me to do the right thing by taking away the problem – or stumbling block – that was making things so difficult for me.

In today's Gospel story Jesus talks about stumbling blocks. He tells the disciples that if something is getting in your way and keeping you from making good choices you need to get rid of it. So this week I want to challenge you to be on the lookout for stumbling blocks. If you find yourself doing less than the right thing, ask

yourself, "what's my problem here? What's making it harder for me to follow the rules?" And if you can find a barrier – or a stumbling block – figure out a way to move it aside or get rid of it altogether so that you can get back to work doing what's right. Will you try? Great. Let's pray.

Dear God,

Sometimes life's stumbling blocks can get in our way and make it difficult to follow your example. Help us to find them and to move them out of the way.

Amen

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### September Schedule

5<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost 15 - James 2:1-10(11-13), 14-17

*Favoritism Forbidden*

12<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost 16 - Mark 8:27-38

*Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah*

19<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost 17- Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time*

26<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost 18 - Mark 9:38-50

*Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us*

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### Rally Day

Please join us to kick off our new Christian Education Year!

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

- ❖ Burgers and hotdogs will be provided
- ❖ Please bring a side dish to share
- ❖ The vestry will provide dessert
- ❖ Bounce house, adult cornhole tournament, tattoos, games and lots of fun!

Remember to wear read

**BRING A FRIEND!**



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Danny Nowland





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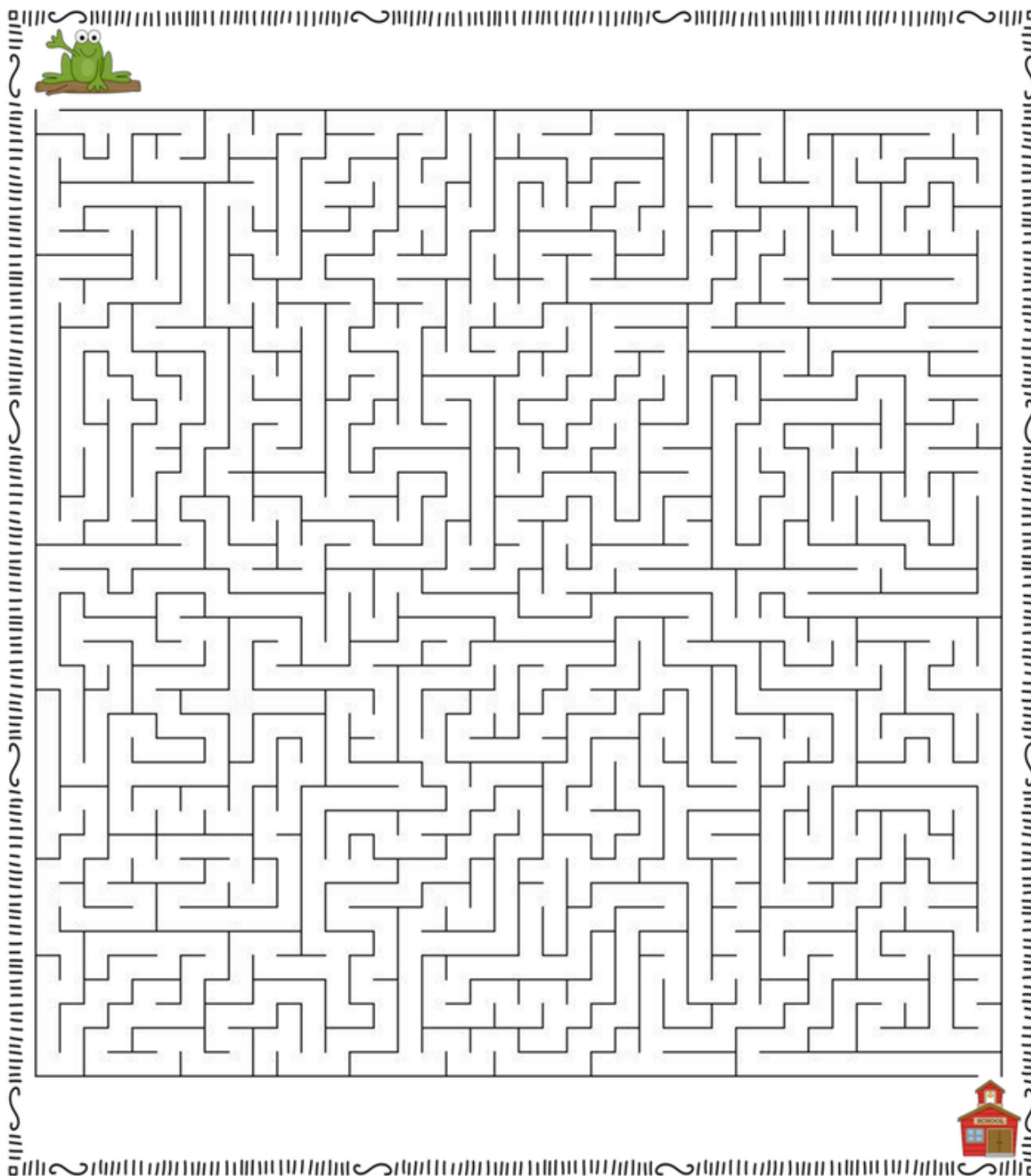
September 2021



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## Find the Way to the School

**Directions:** Help Froggie get to school.



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Bible Study 7PM	2	3	4
5  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed	6  <b>LABOR DAY</b>  Office & Day School closed	7 First day of School  Prayer Shawl meeting 7PM  AA meeting 8PM	8  Bible Study 7PM	9	10	11
12  <b>RALLY DAY</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.  Picnic and Games follow worship	13  Ladies lunch 12:30PM  Day School Open House 7:30PM	14  AA meeting 8PM	15  Bible Study 7PM	16	17	18
19  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed	20  Vestry Meeting 7PM	21  AA meeting 8PM	22  Bible Study 7PM	23	24	25
26  9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed	27  Day School Board meeting 7PM	28  AA meeting 8PM	29  Bible Study 7PM	30		

# SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

## **Sept. 5th—15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Charlie Pfeifer, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Susan Sigler
Lector	Kimberly Truxell
LEMS	Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Jessica Trochanowski

## **Sept. 12th –16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Gabi McGinty, Olivia McGinty
Ushers	Coach Sigler, Larry Shreve
Lector	Larry Shreve
LEMS	Kimberly Truxell, Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Bobbi Bowery

## **Sept. 19th—17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Carys Shreve, Judy Eller
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Sean McGinty
Lector	Susan Sigler
LEMS	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Millie Coward, Vel Shreve

## **Sept. 26th—18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Acolytes	Kimberly Truxell, Jeffrey Pfeifer
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Vicky Martin
Lector	Kimberly Truxell
LEMS	Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Lynne Monette, Charlotte Corbett



# Priest's Letter

## September in Ordinary Time

With the spirit of going back to school, St. Peter's is entering into an exciting season of growth and development. To help us in this process, a church consulting company has provided us with a Congregational Assessment Tool that will aid myself and the vestry in casting the vision for the future of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. This tool comes to us in the form of a survey that will be given to members of St. Peter's who are currently active and sixteen years of age and older. The survey will be made available September 13 and will be available online or, if you prefer, a paper option will be available. PLEASE PROVIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR BEST EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE.

If you prefer the paper option, please contact the church office. The survey is comprehensive and compiled by professionals with many years of experience. You might not agree with all the questions asked, I certainly did not. However, we are trusting the process to yield results for our future.

After we have received all the surveys, Canon Lynn Farlin from the Diocese of Southern Virginia will interpret the results to the vestry. Your participation in this is crucial to the ministry of St. Peter's. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (386.566.1967 or [jesseraylassit@gmail.com](mailto:jesseraylassit@gmail.com)).

God's grace and peace be with you all,

Fr. Jesse+