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From the Vestry— A Reflection

As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday, Episcopalians are uniquely positioned to honor our nation's history while keeping our ultimate allegiance rooted in Christ. This semi quincentennial milestone invites us to celebrate our civic freedoms, acknowledge our ongoing pursuit of a more perfect union and pray for continued grace and unity.

As we mark this 250-year milestone, we can look back with gratitude for the liberties we enjoy and democratic ideals the founders set in motion.

Our Heavenly Citizenship

While we give thanks for our earthly country, our faith reminds us that our highest calling is to the Kingdom of God. In a highly polarized era, the 250th birthday is an opportunity for the Church to model the radical love Jesus taught.

A Legacy of Faith and Freedom

Our Episcopal heritage is woven deeply into the American story. Many of the nation's founders – including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison – worshipped in the Anglican tradition. Episcopal parishes, like the Falls Church Episcopal in Virginia, which historically reads the Declaration of Independence to the public, played an active role in the dawn of our republic.

Patriotism at its best does not mean ignoring our nation's flaw; rather, it means celebrating our foundational ideals while honestly acknowledging the work yet to be done to ensure equality, justice and dignity for all of God's children. The semi quincentennial serves as a powerful reminder that the work of building a compassionate and free society is an ongoing journey.

Presiding Bishop:

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

A Prayer for the Nation:

As you celebrate this semi-quincentennial year, you might incorporate the traditional Book of Common Prayer collect for Independence Day into your personal devotions:

Lord Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and every. Amen.



FROM THE VESTRY

“A REFLECTION ON SERVING”

It is summer, a time of picnics, swimming, family gathering, and celebrations. It is also a time to rest, reflect and recharge our “batteries” after a very busy church season.

Serving the Lord with gladness is an invitation to experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from loving others as God loves us. It is a call to use our gifts for His glory, to build meaningful worship and relationships to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

No matter which ministry you serve, every ministry matters. Now is a great time to reflect on your unique gifts and talents God has given you and where you might use those gifts. Prayerfully consider how you can serve, to be the hands and feet of Christ, embrace the call to serve with gladness, and let it transform your life and the lives of those you touch keeping our ministries active and alive.

With God’s Grace,

Nancy

Please consider volunteering and using your many Gods given gifts for:

Acolyte ++ Lems ++ Altar Guild ++ Bible Study ++ Christian Education/Sunday School

Coffee Hour ++ Choir ++ Communications ++ Flower Guild ++ Lector ++ Office volunteer

Summer Movie Night/Refreshments ++ Ushers ++ Vestry ++ Youth Mentor ++ Day School

Alleluia, Alleluia!



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

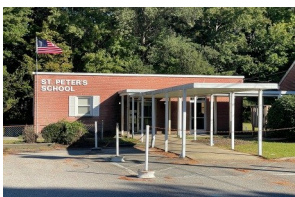


The Ladies Luncheon-The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:30 PM on July 13th at Village Inn, 313 Independence Blvd., Va. Beach. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell 757-469-5887 or m.jlc@cox.net.

The Altar Guild Ministry is still making a plea for additional help. There are currently 4 openings, which women **as well as men**, could fill as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday Services, Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals. Please prayerfully consider applying for this critical ministry job today! **We need your help!!!** If you would like to hear more about our responsibilities please contact Millie Coward 757-469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry—The Prayer Shawl Ministry is taking a summer break. We will not be meeting in July and August. However, we continue to work on much needed items for organizations that we support. Our membership is small but we work hard to furnish these items to needy folks. Our next meeting will be on September 1st at 10:00 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for the fellowship as well. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. Or if you prefer, you may supply items from the comfort of your home. Just call, email or text me and I will be happy to pick them up for distribution. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887 or m.jlc@cox.net. If you know of an organization that would benefit from our talents with please let me know. I'll be glad to contact them.



St. Peter's Day School is not just another building — it is ministry in action!

It is an integral part of **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, bringing new families into our congregation, helping support church expenses, and serving children ages 18 months to 4 years. **Now, the school needs YOU.**

You can help by: • Helping to run our Facebook Page and Sharing on social media • Posting or distributing flyers • Spreading the word to parents and grandparents • Connecting us with businesses or neighborhood newsletters • Posting a flyer at your workplace or local gathering spots • Volunteering for the Day School Board (meets once a month). If you attend community meetings or belong to local organizations — **YOU can make a difference.**

For more information, contact: Charlie Pfeifer (Chairman), Vel Shreve, Hilda Monte, Janet Chauncey, Debra Whitehorne, Liz Kress, or Laura Kallestad (Registrar).

Support the School—Strengthen the Church.



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands! Blessings, Vel Shreve, Search Committee Chair



Outreach

The parish of St. Peter's is supporting the food pantry at Church of the Advent.

A collection basket has been placed in the parish hall for your donations of non-perishable food items. Please be sure to check expiration dates before placing items in the basket.

Your donations will be delivered to Church of the Advent's food pantry, which provides food for approximately 500 people each month.

We encourage everyone to participate in this important ministry as we seek to fulfill God's call to care for our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Corbett.



Upcoming Local Diocesan Activities

Vache Scholarship Applications Due

Tuesday, July 7

Specialized Safe Church Training

Saturday, July 11—9:00am – 3:00pm

St Barnabas Episcopal Church 4836 Cascade St, North Chesterfield, VA 23234

Zoom—Universal Safe Church Training

Thursday, July 16 - 6:30 – 8:00pm

Contact Diocesan Office for details

Diocesan Discernment Retreat

July 24 – 25, 2026

Richmond Hill, 2209 E Grace St, Richmond, VA 23223, USA

Racial Healing Workshop

Saturday, August 1 - 9:00am – 3:00pm

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 115 Jefferson Ave, Danville, VA 24541

Cursillo was a gift to you, can you share it with others? Advent, Christmas and Lent are all about giving. The Father gave the most precious gift of all, his son, and our path to eternal life. For many, Cursillo was a gift. Well beyond the economic benefit of a sponsor's donation of fees, the Cursillo gift was wrapped in God's love -- in our table groups, talks, music and the kindness of Palanca. As you reflect on gifts given and received this past Christmas, consider the precious gift of Cursillo. We honor the giver by showing and sharing our gift. As we look ahead to the new year, let us all cherish the gift of Cursillo, and consider who to bless with it. People waiting to be gifted include potential candidates, and Cursillistas that would be blessed to be invited more fully into the Fourth Day. Contact our Lay Director or any member of the Secretariat at <https://www.cursillodiosova.org/about> if you have any questions.

Our next Cursillo weekend will be October 1 - 4, 2026 at Chanco on the James. Courtney Wheeler from Ascension is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for team and candidates.

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend:

Key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.

We bring together a diverse group of people to share the richness of many modes of worship and broaden our appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the Weekend with two or three clergy members as spiritual advisors. Cursillo presumes that those who attend a Weekend are already well grounded in the faith. It isn't intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. Often, Cursillo provides new insights into our faith and fosters ministry among lay people.*



HAPPY



4TH
OF JULY



JULY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gabi & Olivia McGinty	7th
Millie Coward	16th
Christopher Wicker	18th
Michelle Wicker	23rd
Mary Laine	24th
Kristina Sigler	25th
Taylor Glaeser	26th

Vel & Larry Shreve 7/6

Nancy & Bruce Comfort 7/25

If we missed your special date, we apologize. Please contact the office so we can update our records: call 757-466-9392 or email laura@stpeters-norfolk.org.



The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.

**Send articles to :
laura@stpeters-norfolk.org
 or call the church office - 757-466-9392.**

If you'd like to donate flowers in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving for someone or something special, please place your order on our website.

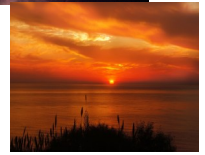
Ordering online helps prevent errors and allows our Flower Guild to thoughtfully personalize each arrangement.

The suggested donation is \$50 for a Sunday, or \$25 per person when sharing a date.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Movie: "The Last Rodeo"	2	3 OFFICE AND DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	4 
5 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	6 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.	7 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	8 Movie: "Summer Snow"	9	10	11
12 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost VESTRY MEETING	13 DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.	14 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	15 Movie: "Greater"	16	17	18
19 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The 4 th Sunday after Pentecost HAPPY FATHERS DAY!	20	21 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	22 Movie: "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey"	23	24	25
26 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	27	28 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	29 Movie: "Heaven Sent"	30	31	August 1

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 5 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

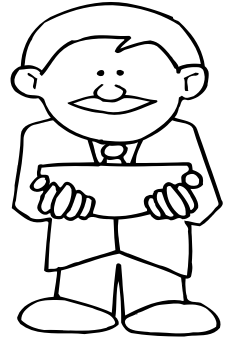
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Josie Jimeno

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



JULY 12-

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

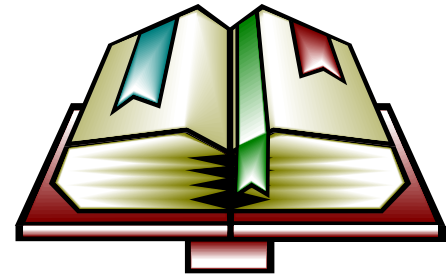
Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



JULY 19-

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

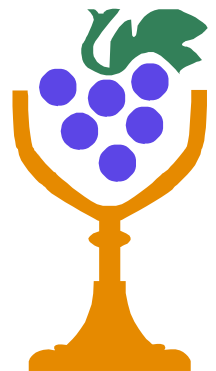
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00-Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Larry Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Hilda Monte

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte



JULY 26-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00-Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



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)



Joe, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,
Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger, Caleb, Josh



*Please keep these people in your prayers.
Notify the office to remove from or add to
these lists. Thank you.*

The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, tissues & handkerchiefs (new unopened). No candy, food, or drinks right now. They **are** accepting used clothing items again.

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



VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden - Kimberly Truxell ('27)

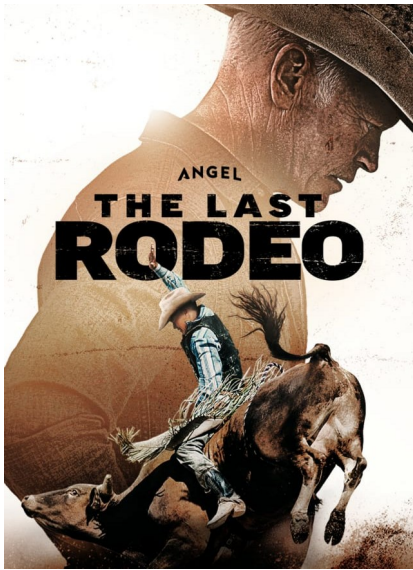
Jr. Warden - Bruce Comfort ('27)

**Charlotte Corbett ('26), Vel Shreve ('26),
Charlie Pfeifer ('26), Nancy Comfort ('27)**

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol	Foster Spruill
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Wanda Smith	Kathy Vanderslice	Edward Klaus III
Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus	Sarah Kakol
Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell	Howard Belote
Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II	Mitchell Bentley
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Karleen Smith	Dianne McKnight	Bob Alford
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Yvonne Authement	Joan Wilson	Bill Naylor
Barbara Bowser	Easton Young	Mike Jones
Michael Chapman		
Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson	
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Teresa & McKinley Kerns	
Leslie & Charlie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny	
Steve & Betty Jane Baxter	Myles & Family	
Jodi & Sean McGinty	Sarver Family	
Mary & Larry Laine	Dee & Glen Smith	
Wade & Karen Freidt	Sheila & Tom Lambert	
Evans Family	Tark & Carol Tarkington	
Wayne & Loretta Radford	Janet & Bob Chauncey	

St. Peter's Movie Night 2026 !!!



The Last Rodeo

July 1

Film length: 1 hour; 56 minutes

A retired rodeo legend risks it all to save his grandson. Facing his own painful past and the fears of his family, he enters a high-stakes bull-riding competition as the oldest contestant ever. Along the way, he reconciles old wounds with his estranged daughter and proves that true courage is found in the fight for family.

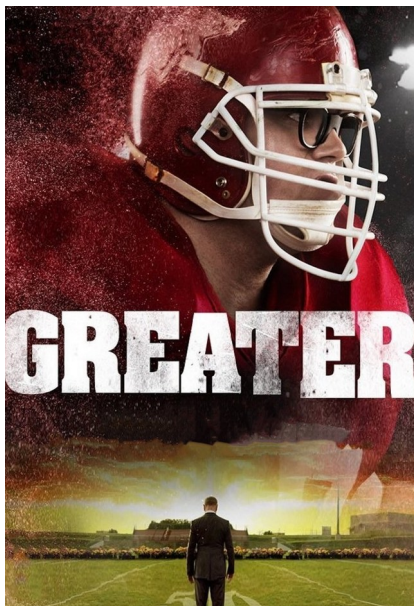


Summer Snow

July 8

Film length: 1 hour; 29 minutes

Hallie Benson is a small girl with a big heart. Unfortunately, her creative ways of helping often create a mess. Dan Benson doesn't cook, do hair, or know how to help his three children without his beautiful wife and her unshakable faith in God.



Greater

July 15

Film length: 2 hours; 10 minutes

The true story of Arkansas Razorbacks walk-on offensive lineman Brandon Burlsworth (Christopher Severino). Devoutly Christian and ridiculed for his portly appearance, Burlsworth defies the odds to make the Razorbacks' squad in 1994, and ultimately develops into an All-American player and top NFL prospect.



Christmas in July #1

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

July 22

Film length: 1 hour; 31 minutes

When a broken hearted boy loses the treasured wooden nativity set that links him to his dead father, his worried mother persuades a lonely ill-tempered woodcarver to create a replacement for him, and an unlikely bond forms between them while he constructs the figurines.



Christmas in July #2

Heaven Sent

July 29

Film length: 1 hour; 27 minutes

An 8-year-old runaway angel from heaven takes it upon herself to rekindle the love between a couple on the verge of divorce.



Just Let Go

August 5

Film length: 1 hour; 46 minutes

After surviving a drunk driving accident that killed his pregnant wife and two kids, Chris Williams struggles to 'just let go' and forgive the young man who caused it.



Sound of Freedom

August 12

Film length: 2 hours; 11 minutes

God's children are not for sale. Every parent's worst nightmare is a reality for some. The incredible true story of a former government agent turned vigilante who embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue hundreds of children from traffickers. "Sound of Freedom" is based on the true story of Tim Ballard, a former Homeland Security agent who rescues children from sex traffickers. Jim Caviezel does an amazing acting job—as always—in his portrayal of Ballard.



Between Borders

August 19

Film length: 1 hour; 30 minutes

The true story of the Petrosyan family, Armenian Christians who flee persecution in Azerbaijan and Russia during the Soviet Union's collapse, seeking refuge and hope through their faith.



The Reason

August 26

Film length: 1 hours; 22 minutes

When a mysterious man appears in a small town, unexplained miracles start to occur, changing the lives of everyone he meets. There's a mother whose five-year-old boy has leukemia, two doctors — one an atheist haunted by his past, the other a brilliant young oncologist who places all her hope in the power of modern medicine — and a blind pastor whose son hasn't spoken a single word in 38 years. All of them will be brought together by the presence of this stranger, who teaches them the true meaning of faith and hope.

Refreshments are served beginning

at 6:30pm—Film begins at 7pm



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“THE CALL”

We *celebrate* the love of Christ and *proclaim* our faith by *welcoming* and *servng* all.

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Organized in 1885, St. Peter's Church laid its cornerstone on October 5, 1886—a historical building that still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk, VA.

Worship at our current site began on Christmas Eve 1959 in the parish hall, and the present structures were completed in 1965.

