

MAY

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The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

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Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

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Charlie Pfeifer



From the Sr. Warden

When I was reminded, I had to provide my article for May's Call I was unsure of what I wanted to communicate, but then I checked my email and found Bishop Susan's Easter message in Tidings. The Tidings is the weekly newsletter from our diocese. I was not sure how many of you subscribe to the newsletter and really liked the message Bishop Susan wrote so I am sharing it with you, my church family.

Bishop Susan Haynes:

"A little over five years ago, just prior to Lent, we shuttered our church buildings and entered a time of pandemic exile where we tried to do church — physically scattered and spiritually fraught, frightened and lonely. We missed our sacred spaces, we missed our holy liturgies and most of all, we missed the physical presence of each other — our communities. It took a long time for us to come together again; and when we did, things were not what we expected. We wanted and looked for the same church we had left. Instead, most of us found fewer numbers of people, strained budgets, and divided opinions about how to proceed.

Today, most of us can agree on one thing, that the church we came back to after Covid is not the same church that we left. What is our reaction to that? For many of us, the reaction is to be afraid.

When faced with uncertainty, we naturally revert to fear. Why is that? Neuroscientists tell us that fear is an instinctive thing that gets activated without our even willing it. We've all experienced being confronted with a threat only to feel instinctively that we should fight, flee, freeze or sometimes appease. These kinds of instinctive survival reactions can override higher levels of thinking and completely take over our responses. We do things without thinking. When we experience fear, it is hard to hope. Hope is not a feeling that gets instinctively activated.

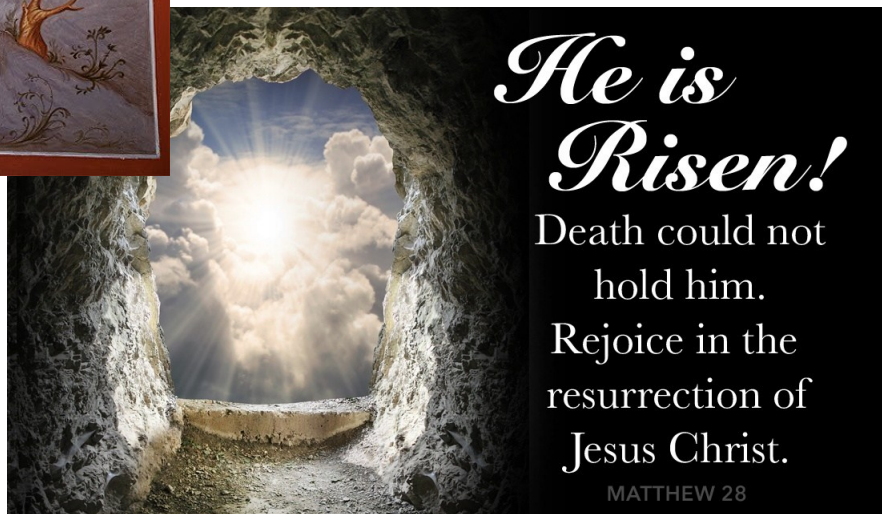
Easter is a time to remind us of our hope. We live in a culture of fear these days...fear and

anger that grips us and activates that part of our brain that is reactive and instinctive. **However, we are an Easter people.** Throughout Scripture, angels and prophets exhort us not to be afraid...to choose life over death...hope over fear. Easter is a reminder that Death has lost, and Life has won.

When Mary approached the tomb on Easter morning and discovered the stone rolled away and the body gone, thinking that the grave had been robbed, her instinctive reaction was to be afraid. Even when she talked to the “gardener,” she was so distraught and afraid that she couldn’t see him for who he was. She was only able to be restored to hope when Jesus called her by name: “Mary!” The Jesus who knew her intimately spoke her name and activated that part of her brain that could connect with hope.

We celebrate Easter because we need to hear Jesus speak our name and be reminded that death does not have the last word. We are called to life. Many of us are afraid that our churches are dying. But Hope compels us to understand that the Church is not dying. It is quite possible that the churches we thought we had are dying. Perhaps they ARE going away, never to return. But the Church that God is giving to His Easter people today is not dying. The Church, the Body of Christ, is speaking Life as the last word, not Death.

Listen for Jesus to speak your name. Embrace hope as he tells you to get to church where He is headed to meet you. As you are going, speak the names of those you encounter and invite them along. Everyone is longing to be known and for their name to be spoken. Everyone is longing to be enfolded intimately into the circle of Christ – the Church. This is the Church and the Hope that Christ gives us. Alleluia!”



*He is
Risen!*

Death could not
hold him.
Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The Third Sunday of Easter	5	6 Prayer Shawl Meets @ 10:00 A.M.	7	8	9	10
<div>May 5th - 9th Teacher Appreciation Week</div>						
11 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M. - Rite II The Fourth Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY Vestry meeting after services	12 Ladies Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.	13	14	15	16	17
18 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The Fifth Sunday of Easter	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The Sixth Sunday of Easter	26 Memorial Day - Church and Day School Closed	27	28	29 Ascension Day	30	31

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 4 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler, 10:00 - Larry Shreve

Worship Leader: 8:00-Bob Vanderslice, 10:00-Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



MAY 11-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



MAY 18 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

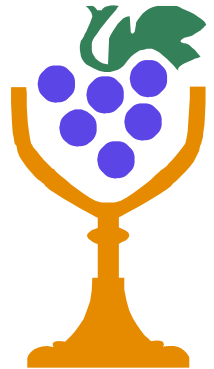
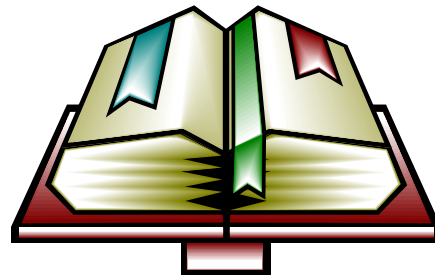
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Steve Kakol

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

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



MAY 25 -

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Hilda Monte

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce

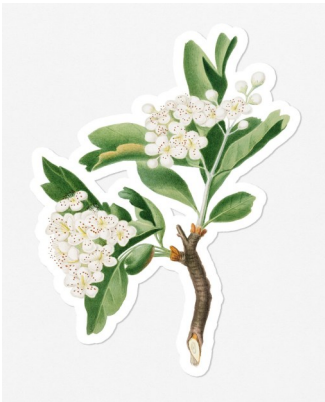




Steve & Karen Kakol 17th
Marianne and Steven Rudis 10th

Zachary DeLoatche	13th
Magdalena Kress	15th
Bruce Comfort	25th
Daniel Laine	25th
LuAnne Cattley	26th
Charlie Pfeifer	27th
B. J. Neaves	30th

If we missed your special date, we are **very** sorry. Please take some time to let the office know 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.

Please visit our website for online ordering if you would like to donate flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one or an event.

The website **eliminates mistakes** and the Flower Guild can personalize the arrangements easier.

The price is \$50 per Sunday or \$25 if two people share the date.



St. Peter's Summer Camp

June 16 - August 27, 2025

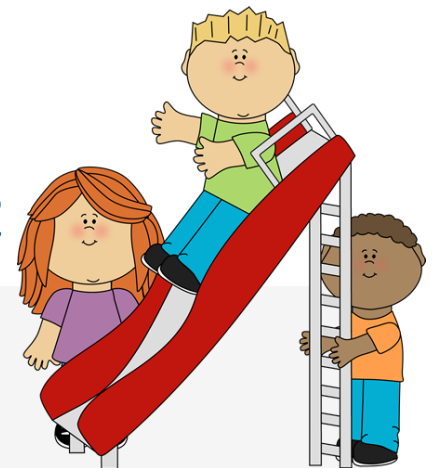
- Open 7:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.
- Full-time/Part-time hours
- Ages 3 years - Kindergarten
- Experienced Staff
- Games & Activities
- Movie Days
- Water Fun Days
- Computer play, etc.

5 days a week (M-F).....	\$750 per month
$\frac{1}{2}$ day-5 days per week (M-F).....	\$575 per month
3 days a week (M/W/F)*.....	\$550 per month
$\frac{1}{2}$ day-3 days per week (M/W/F)*...	\$375 per month
2 days a week (M/W)*.....	\$350 per month
$\frac{1}{2}$ day-2 days per week (M/W)*.....	\$175 per month

Pre-registration required - \$70 (non-refundable deposit)

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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED: June 19-20, 2024
July 4, 2024



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 May 12th at Applebee's, 1426 Kempsville Rd., 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/m.jlc@cox.net.

The Altar Guild is still looking for **HELP!!** There are currently openings for both men and women in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. 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! Contact Millie Coward 757 469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry- We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet and loom for various organizations. The following items were made in April for distribution: 7 baby blankets, 2 washcloths, 20 Preemie hats, and 2 infant hats. If you would like to help or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom please join us at our meeting May 6th at 10:00 A.M. in the library. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. 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. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for fellowship as well. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net

Bible Study will continue meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Library. Bruce Comfort leads the study on the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and bring a friend.



St. Peter's Day School Summer Camp enrollment is currently underway. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Please pass it along to anyone you know that may be interested in finding a safe, economical and caring environment for their preschooler. Registrations for the school year are also available. Pass the word and help support this ministry of St. Peter's Church! Flyers are available in the office.

Our next Cursillo weekend will be May 15-18, 2025 at Chanco on the James. St. Peter's own **Ana Nowland** is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for this weekend.



The Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our parish. Whatever progress is made during our search, it will be conveyed to you in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers.

Vel - 757-630-4831



May 2025

May 4 **Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser**

“Doubting Thomas”

May 11 **Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne**

“Mother’s Day – Special Mothers in the Bible”

May 18 **Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement**

“The Great Commission”

May 25 **Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne**

“Pentecost”





Parish Announcements

ACTS OF KINDNESS



This Photo by

We recently gathered and made plans to provide a “Gift of Kindness” to at home parishioners. Our first gift was to BJ Neaves in the form of an Easter basket. BJ was thrilled with all the “goodies” and thanks all of St. Peter’s family! We have another planned giving following Easter...we cannot wait to see the smiles on those who receive the gifts, stay tuned for our next giving.



“TAKE ST. PETER’S OUT TO THE BALL GAME!”

Faith and Family Night June 24, 2025

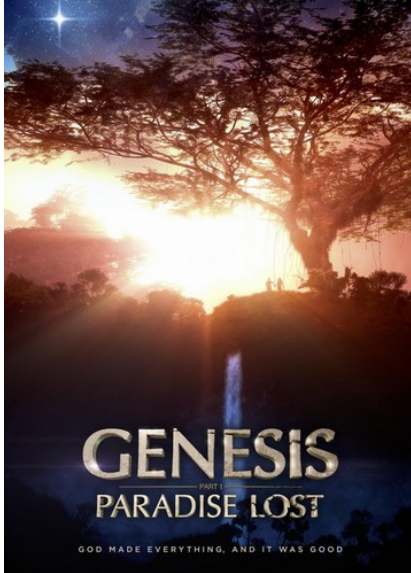
Please join us for a night out with St. Peter’s family and friends! All you must do is sign up to attend the Tide’s game with St. Peter’s! Tickets are \$13.00 each. Payment in advance is requested so Nancy Comfort can procure the tickets. We need 20 tickets sold to confirm our reservation. Sign up by June 15th and your tickets will be available the following Sunday, June 22nd. *Please plan to ride THE TIDE, there is limited parking due to construction.*

Gentle Reminder: Restroom Cleanliness

In our effort to keep our church facilities clean and welcoming for everyone, we kindly ask that any personal hygiene items, including adult incontinence products, be disposed of in the outdoor trash receptacles rather than in the restroom bins. This helps us manage odors and maintain a fresh environment for all who use the space.

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St. Peter's Movie Night 2025 !!!



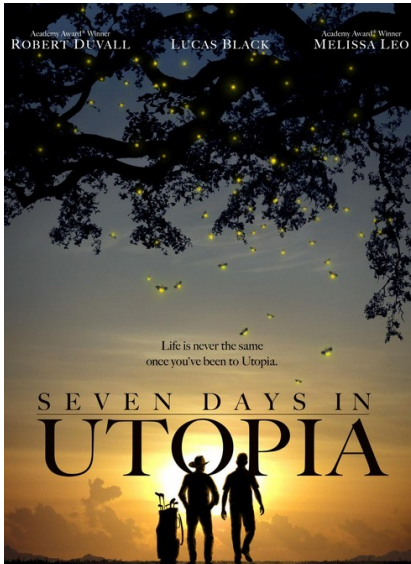
Genesis: Paradise Lost

June 25

Film length: 2 hours; 10 minutes

We kick off this year's movie night a week early this year, with an educational documentary on creation. What exactly happened at the "Creation," at the "Beginning?" Genesis: Paradise Lost captures the Creation week with cutting-edge cinematography and biblical accuracy bringing the first chapter of Genesis to life! Using vivid CG animation, stunning visual effects, epic orchestration, the latest scientific and historical research, and interviews with experts and PhD's, this epic film delivers an incredible, thought-provoking investigation into the hotly debated topic of our origins.

In the beginning...God!



Seven Days in Utopia

July 2

Film length: 1 hour; 40 minutes

Luke Chisholm (Lucas Black) is a young golfer who's about to take a swing at the big time. Luke, however, has a big blowup that makes national news, drives away his father/coach, and seemingly scuttles his once-promising career. While driving along a Texas backroad, Luke crashes through the fence of eccentric rancher Johnny Crawford (Robert Duvall). Johnny makes Luke an irresistible offer: spend a week with him in the tiny town of Utopia and see if Luke can change his life.



Cabrini

July 9

Film length: 2 hours; 22 minutes

After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.



Disciples in the Moonlight

July 16

Film length: 2 hours; 6 minutes

A reluctant leader heads up a team of seven Christians intent on smuggling Bibles to underground churches in a future America where the Bible is illegal and danger is around every corner.



Christmas in July #1

I Heard the Bells

July 23

Film length: 1 hour; 50 minutes

I Heard the Bells is the inspiring, true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and the song's author, America's beloved poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Known as America's Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow leads an idyllic life...until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith.



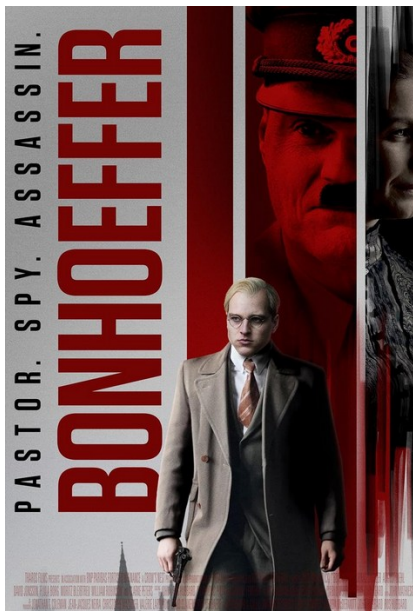
Christmas in July #2

Lucy Shimmers and the Prince of Peace

July 30

Film length: 1 hour; 27 minutes

Second chances start when a hardened criminal crosses paths with a precocious little girl who is helped by an angel to change hearts during the holiday season.

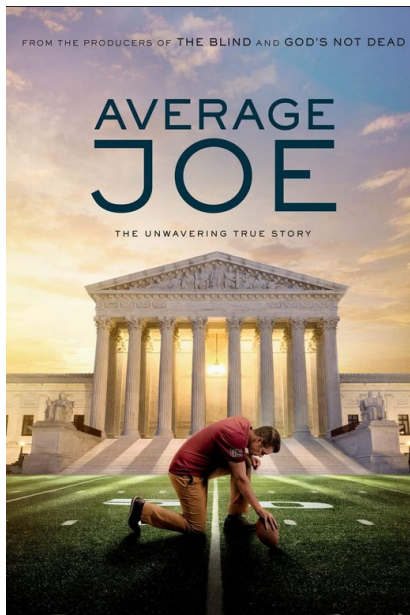


Bonhoeffer

August 6

Film length: 2 hours; 13 minutes

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide. Will his shift from preaching peace to plotting murder alter the course of history or cost him everything?



Average Joe

August 13

Film length: 1 hour; 50 minutes

High school football coach Joe Kennedy has always been a fighter. He had no other choice. Abandoned by his biological mother, Joe spent his childhood fighting through the cold realities of foster care and group-home life. At 18, he finally found a home for his warrior spirit: in the Marine Corps, where he served in the Gulf War. Following a distinguished career in the Corps, he returned home not realizing that his biggest battle was yet to come. After retiring from the Marines, Joe felt led by God to help coach high school football--where he could pour into a generation of young men the love and guidance he so desperately sought at that age. Retired, happily married, building into kids as a strong role model... it all was finally coming together for Joe. Until he prayed. Joe was fired. For praying. Silently. By himself. After the games.



His Only Son

August 20

Film length: 1 hour; 44 minutes

His Only Son recounts one of the most controversial moments in the Old Testament--when Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac on the mountain of Moriah. While traveling with Isaac and two servants, Abraham is flooded with vivid memories from the years he and Sarah spent longing for the son they were promised--the son he must now lay upon the altar.



Heaven's War

August 27

Film length: 1 hours; 34 minutes

HEAVEN'S WAR is the story of freshman U.S. Senator Jonah Thompson. Jonah's work as a senator gets him caught up in a battle between real demonic forces and the forces of good, including the angel Gabriel. Will Jonah recognize his life's true savior, or will he give in to temptations and sin? The supernatural battle of good versus evil described in the Bible is dramatized in the movie. Christian viewers will recognize Christian theological orthodoxy in the teaching of Gabriel.

Refreshments are served beginning at 6:30pm
Film begins at 7pm



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,
Hannah, Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger



*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)

Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Linsey Shreve ('25), Vel Shreve ('26), Charlotte Corbett ('26), Judy Eller ('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.

*“...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”
James 5:16*

Edward Klaus III	BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Wayne Radford	Kathy Vanderslice	John Eidam
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell
Howard Belote	Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Teri Stephenson	Marlena Spiva	Karleen Smith
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Temperance Robinson	Holly Robinson	John Miller
Susie Manning	Dianne McKnight	Joan Wilson
Betty Hayden	The Rev. Canon Ross Wright	

Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Clay & Wanda Smith
Leslie & Charlie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny
Steve & Betty Jane Baxter	Myles & Family
Brian & Brenda Hallman	Jodi & Sean McGinty
Kathy & Tim Sarver	Mary & Larry Laine
Dee & Glen Smith	Wade & Karen Freidt
Sheila & Tom Lambert	Evans Family

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2025

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library following the 10:00 A.M. service on March 9, 2025. Attending the meeting were: Kimberly Truxell, Judy Eller, Bruce Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer, Vel Shreve, Charlotte Corbett, Nancy Comfort, Liz Kress and Peggy Pfeifer. Linsey Shreve was absent. This meeting began with a meditation by Nancy Comfort at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes: The minutes from February 9, 2025, were read and a motion from Judy Eller was made accept the minutes and was seconded by Bruce Comfort. It was passed by acclamation.

Financial Report: Charlie presented February's Financial Report. There was an annual contribution from the Harold and Margery Taylor Fund today that is not included in this report. Charlie also somehow made a double payment to Insurance and Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$7845.00. The double insurance payment will be applied to the next quarter and the Worker's Compensation was refunded and that will be shown in next month's Financial Report. The Pancake Supper donations netted \$352.00. Vel Shreve motioned to accept the financial report and budget, and Liz Kress seconded. All approved.

Senior Warden's Report: Kimberly Truxell announced that Fr. J.K. Maher III will be here to celebrate with us on March 23rd and 30th. She has asked if he could commission the Vestry on the 30th so if everyone could be in church that day it would be appreciated. He is also contracted to be here on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Future dates will be announced as they are confirmed. The Vestry will be tasked with the Wednesday night Lenten dinner on March 19th, a list of supplies needed was passed around. April 6th, the parish will celebrate Dot Pierce's 90th birthday in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 A.M. service. Kimberly confirmed that the next meeting would be April 13th – Palm Sunday – as there shouldn't be any conflicts.

Junior Warden:

Sexton is still working out.

Lawn care – Bruce has talked with the current lawn service, and they have agreed to continue maintaining the grounds. Bruce will be in contact with them to sign a new contract.

The one furnace in the church was repaired by Climatemakers for a final cost of \$758.98.

Old Business:

The safety walkthrough with Church Insurance was completed on 2/18/2025 without complaint.

New Business:

Vel announced that she had heard we were not supplying palm crosses to the children in the Day School. The Vestry was notified that the children will begin school break the Monday following Palm Sunday and the palms would not be delivered to the church until late Friday (the last day of school before break). Vel volunteered look into purchasing the palms elsewhere just for this purpose and they would make them up for distribution before the last day.

The next Vestry meeting will be on April 13, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and then adjourned.

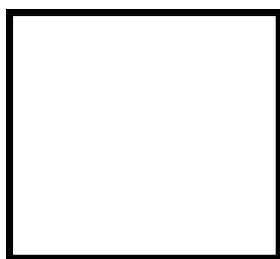
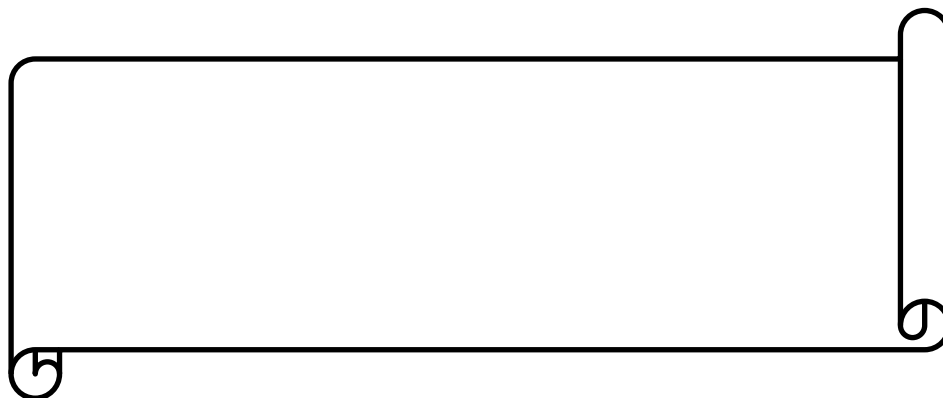
Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

Registrar

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“THE CALL”

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St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated October 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk, VA. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.

