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From the Vestry— A Reflection

A May Reflection: Spirit, Sacrifice, and Love

May is a month that invites us to remember, to celebrate, and to be renewed in God's grace.

On Mother's Day, we give thanks for those who have nurtured life in us. Scripture reminds us, "*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you,*" (Isaiah 66:13). In their care, we glimpse the tenderness of God—steadfast, patient, and life-giving.

At Pentecost, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the Church as tongues of fire (Acts 2:1–4). The Spirit gathers us, as our baptismal covenant proclaims, to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people." We are not left alone; we are empowered to live the Gospel with courage and joy.

And on Memorial Day, we remember those who gave their lives in service to others. Our Lord tells us, "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*" (John 15:13). In their sacrifice, we are called to honor not only their memory, but the way of love that Christ sets before us.

In the words of the Book of Common Prayer, we pray to be made "instruments of [God's] peace." This May, may we

remember with gratitude, be renewed by the Spirit, and live lives marked by a love that nurtures, serves, and endures.

A Prayer

Gracious God, whose love is revealed in the care of those who nurture us, the courage of those who serve, and the fire of your Spirit poured upon your people:

Kindle in us, we pray, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened to love as Christ loves, to serve as he serves, and to walk in the way of sacrifice and peace.

Comfort those who mourn, bless those who have given of themselves for others, and guide us all in the paths of justice and compassion.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessings to all,
Charlie Pfeifer

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

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 11th at Plaza Degollado Mexican Grill, 198 Newtown 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 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- Our membership is small but we work hard to furnish items to needy folks. This is what we contributed to various organizations in the month of April- 4 adult hats, 1 scarf, 7 prayer pocket shawls, 6 pairs of booties, 4 pairs of mittens, 4 washcloths, 4 headbands and 6 breast prosthesis. We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet and loom for these organizations. We can use your talent. If you would like to help us supply much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom, mark your calendar for 10:00 A.M. May 5th and join us at our meeting in the Diffenbaugh Library. 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. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for the fellowship as well. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/ m.jlc@cox.net. For the months of June, July and August we will be taking a summer break from our meetings but not from working on these much needed items. 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.

Thank You, Thank You

Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to thank so many of you for the prayers, thoughts and precious cards sent to me and Bruce for the remembrance of my mom, Joan Snyder. Each card I opened was filled with messages of care and love for my mom. She was an amazing woman whose gift was caring for others throughout her life, it was truly her God given gift. She was the wife to my dad Bob and mother to myself, brothers John and Brian.

I was given a card once with this quote which has meant much to me: "Hold tight to your memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and remember how much you are loved." Adding lean on God and your parish family makes this quote complete for me.

With love,

Nancy



Upcoming Local Diocesan Workshops

Racial Healing Workshops (for vestries, clergy, church staff, search committees, among others)

May 30 at St. Thomas, Chesapeake

Specialized Safe Church Training (for vestries, church staff, ministry leaders, among others)

June 13 at Emmanuel, Virginia Beach

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 May 14-17, 2026 at Chanco on the James. Allen Cersely 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.*



MAY 2026

May 3 Acts 1:12-26 Matthias is chosen to replace Judas

Wendy Glaeser/Debbie Whitehorne

May 10 Acts 2:1-13 The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost
Mother's Day

Wendy Glaeser/ Debbie Whitehorne

May 17 Acts 2:14—41 Peter addresses the crowd

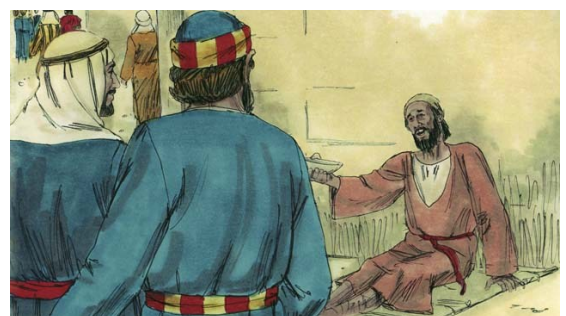
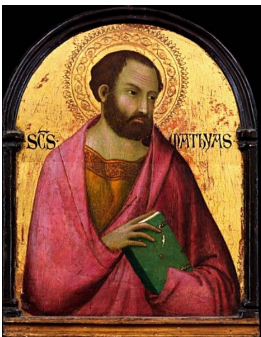
Debbie Whitehorne/Josie Jimeno

May 24 Acts 2:42—47 The fellowship of the believers
Memorial Day

Debbie Whitehorne/Carys Shreve

May 31 Acts 3:1—10 Peter heals a lame beggar

Wendy Glaeser/Josie Jimeno





happy



mother's day



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 5 th Sunday of Easter	4	5 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 A.M. Cancelled AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	6 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	7 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	8	9
10 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. Happy Mother's Day The 6 th Sunday of Easter	11 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.	12 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	13 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	14 Ascension Day Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	15	16
17 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 7 th Sunday of Easter—The Sunday after Ascension Day	18	19 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	20 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	21 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	22	23
24 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday	25 REMEMBER THE COST 	26 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	27 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	28 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	29	30
31 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 1 st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday						

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 3 -

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



MAY 10-

Acolyte: Eric Evans

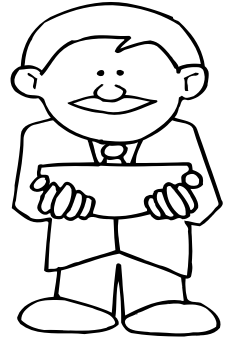
Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

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

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

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



MAY 17-

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

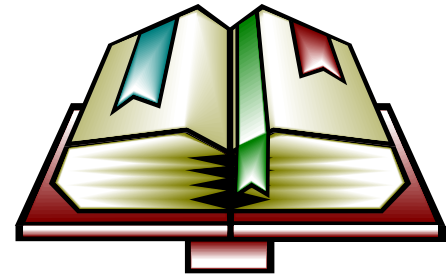
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



MAY 24-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

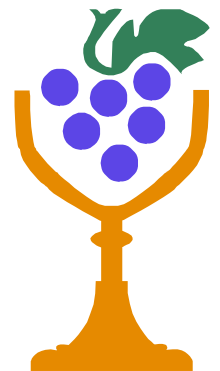
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00-Charlotte Corbett; 10:00 - Larry Shreve

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

Altar Guild: Josie Jimeno, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



MAY 31-

Acolyte: Judy Eller/Brody Whitehorne

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

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

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



A P R I L

happy
birthday

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

MAY

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

Steve & Karen Kakol 17th

Marianne and Steven Rudis 10th

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.

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

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
Rodger & Barbara Bowser	



TIDE'S FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

AT THE BALL PARK!

PLAN TO ATTEND...

JUNE 23, 2026

Tickets are \$13.00 each

Let's make a plan to attend once again and enjoy an evening of baseball, fellowship and food at the ball park.

Take the "Tide Tram" which is free with your purchased ball game ticket.

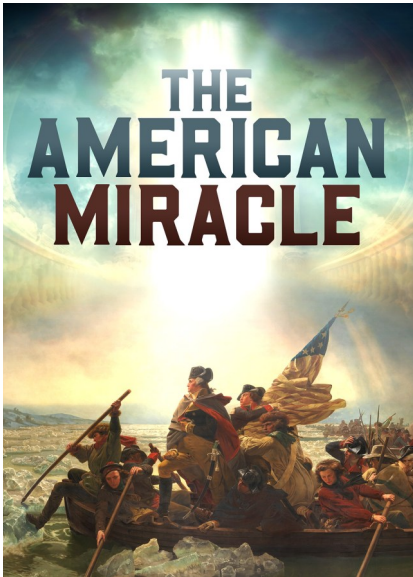
Look for the sign up sheet on bulletin board.

Contact Nancy Comfort for further information.

Hope to see you there!



St. Peter's Movie Night 2026 !!!

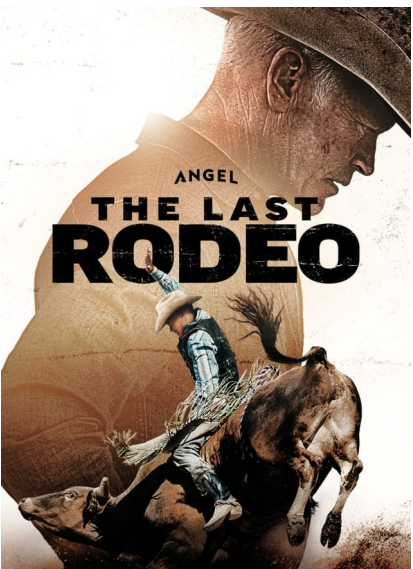


The American Miracle

June 24

Film length: 2 hours; 14 minutes

What if the establishment of the United States of America was no accident? What if God's Divine Hand guided the steps of the Founding Fathers, due to their faithfulness to Him and belief in His Providence? What if America *is* a miracle? The history of the American Experiment is a fabric woven of countless instances of improbable, unimaginable success. Whether it is the supernatural protection that surrounded George Washington — the Father of our Country — throughout his life, the mysterious weather conditions that favored the movements of the Continental Army at critical battlefield junctures, or the unique, longstanding success of a revolution unlike any other in recorded world history; it is difficult, nearly impossible, to explain the outcome of any of these, and so many more events like them, without allowing for divine intervention. Join us as we kick off this year's movie nights with a celebration of America's 250th anniversary!



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.

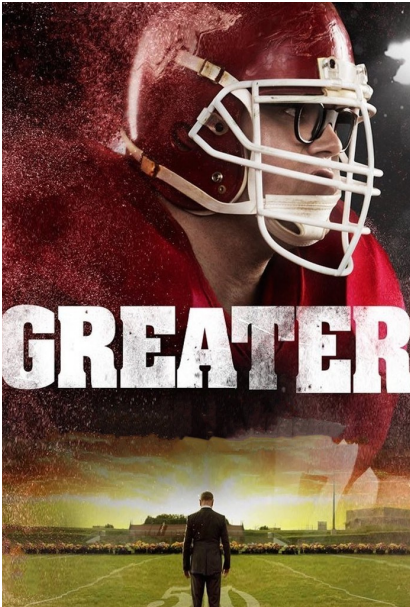


Summer Snow

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

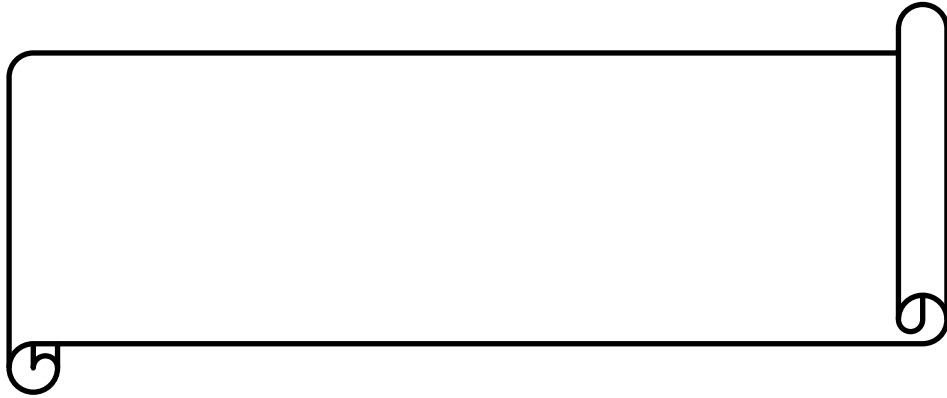
August 26

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

